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OUR NEW JUDGE.

Judge H. K. Hanna, after 22 years' service as judge of the First judicial district, has resigned. Judge Hanna's resignation has been expected for some time on account of the failing health of Mrs. Hanna. As the Mail Tribune has been credibly informed, Governor Benson has named F. M. Calkins, court reporter, to succeed him.

The indecent haste which Acting Governor Benson has used in filling this vacancy, the almost complete ignoring of Jackson and Josephine county bars and the lack of courtesy to the attorneys, certainly shows that he has used good judgment in refusing to become a candidate for governor.

The promotion from court reporter to judge is certainly novel and somewhat rapid. His excellency might have designed to get a little insight into the fitness of Mr. Calkins by consulting the residents of this district, and especially the attorneys. He could no doubt have learned of several county clerks or deputies who would like to have the position and who were as well qualified for the place. There are several able lawyers in this district who would have accepted the position were it considered, but they have all been passed over.

What is the reason? Can our noble executive give one? The bench is what many lawyers look forward to after experience has qualified them for the place, as a post of honor. Hereafter those who aspire to such position need not expect to achieve it because of their legal experience and attainments through actual practice.

Mr. Calkins could not have been selected because of his ability as a lawyer. Since he came into the district he has been court reporter. It is true he has kept an office and had some office practice. He has also of late tried some cases, principally default divorce cases, and some jury cases, acting in double capacity of court reporter and attorney, a disregard of the ethics of the profession that certainly is not to be commended.

Governor Benson's action in this case may be based on a personal belief that the lawyers of this district are a lot of cheap shysters who would not have the intelligence to aid him in his selection. His haste in the matter would indicate that view. The resignation of Judge Hanna is to take effect February 1. This gave the governor 20 days in which he could investigate and receive information. The haste was not only indecent, but an insult and an affront to the lawyers and citizens of the district.

This journal had no candidate and it has no animosity towards Mr. Calkins. It does not believe him qualified for the place by experience, practice or knowledge. Mr. Calkins must doubt his own qualifications. The bench is no place to educate lawyers. It is too expensive to litigants and taxpayers. Oregon has been cursed by too many incapable judges and prosecuting attorneys, who caused the public vast unnecessary expenditures.

But the appointment could be endured if it had been made as an honest mistake, after investigation and after some opportunity had been given to an expression of opinion on the part of the lawyers and citizens. It is too important a place to be disposed of on the whispered suggestion of some political friend or boon companion.

ROOSEVELT CONDOLES WITH MRS. JOHNSON

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14.—Written with a pencil on a sheet of note paper, a letter was received today by Mrs. John A. Johnson from former President Roosevelt under date of November 15 saying he had just heard of Governor Johnson's death and offering sympathy. The letter follows:

On Safari, near Mount Elgon, Central Africa, November 15, 1909.

—Mr. Dear Mrs. Johnson: While out here, far from all chance of hearing news with any speed, I have just learned of the death of your honored and distinguished husband. I trust you will not think me intrusive if I write a word of respectful sympathy. I greatly admired your husband as an upright and honorable public servant and as one of those Americans who we like to believe are typical of our people as a whole. He is a loss to us all; a loss to good citizenship.

With assurances of my profound sympathy and respect, believe me, Very sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The son of F. B. Lobier, who has been ill for some time, is reported dying at his father's home, west of Medford, near the vinegar factory.

PLAN TO CHRISTIANIZE WHOLE OF MANKIND

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement is to be held in this city next week. It is in connection with a world-wide movement which will culminate in May in Chicago. It is unconnected with any church, and is in the hands of laymen. Its avowed object is the Christianizing of the entire world within the present generation.

A sum of \$30,000,000 has been asked for and every Christian country has assumed a part of this burden. It seeks to aid both native and foreign missions, and to work through existing missionary agencies. It has not created any new organizations and neither collects nor administers funds, but it endeavors to arouse members of the different churches to support the missions already sent out by their own bodies. The idea behind the movement is that the history of the world is moving in such a way as to open the door to missions, and that if the opportunity is not seized at once no such favorable opening may again be offered.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McDowell of Faulkton, N. D., are in Medford on a tour of investigation.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES

A Two Foot Rule.



Henpeck—Say, Maria, is there a foot-rule anywhere about the house?
Mrs. Henpeck—Yes. You just wipe yours on that mat before you dare enter this room.—Harper's Weekly.

A Double Disappointment.



He—I suppose, then, we may as well break the engagement and say we have both been disappointed in love?
She—There seems to be no other conclusion. You thought I had money, and I certainly thought you had.—Baltimore American.

A Narrow Escape.



—Harper's Weekly.

Wisdom of Youth.



"Here's a dime, my boy. Now, what will you do with it?"
"Why, I'm goin' ter hustle right off ter some trust company, of course, an' buy a thousand dollar first mortgage bond!"—St. Louis Republic-Dispatch.

The Legal Fee.



Newly Wed—What's the damage for hitches, parson?
The Parson—Well, the law allows me \$1, but you can pay what you like.
Newly Wed—Well, here's a quarter. That makes a dollar and a quarter.—Browning's Magazine.

The End of the Recitation.



"And I—I am that little chap, curly and brown."

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. Fisher deceased, by the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, and is now duly qualified therein. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified according to law, to the undersigned at Medford, Oregon, six months from the date hereof. Dated January 13, 1910. WM. M. COLVIG, Administrator A. Fisher Estate.

If that vacant store, or flat, or house, or room is desirable, a classified advertising campaign will do the rest.

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THE DEVIL OBJECTS.

(Jacksonville Post.)

The Portland Oregonian in a recent issue devotes considerable of its valuable space to an article intended to ridicule the people of southern Oregon and northern California in general and the Press association in particular. The article in question is simply twaddle of the silliest kind, without point or bearing on the subject its author pretends to discuss. People who heretofore never favored the division of the state may now be moved to advocate division in order to escape from a jurisdiction containing such imbeciles as the author of the effusion referred to.

In regard to the sneering allusion to "the printer's devil from Jacksonville" we feel like the boy who was kicked by a jackass, and consider the source, but will say that if our devil, or any employe of this office would offer such a screed for publication he would be promptly fired, possibly to obtain a situation upon the editorial staff of the Oregonian.

THOUGHT WATCHMAN A ROBBER; KILLS HIM

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Jan. 14.—Harry Bruce, a nightwatchman, was shot and killed early today by Albert Kinlay, a contractor, who mistook him for a robber.

For a long time the members of the Kinlay family have been annoyed by anonymous communications which were said to have made threats against them. Recently the house was robbed and Bruce was engaged to guard the place at night.

At 3 o'clock this morning Kinlay was awakened by a noise in the yard, and thinking that another attempt was being made to gain an entrance, he secured a revolver and waited in the shadows of the front door. In a few minutes Kinlay saw Bruce coming toward him in the darkness, and thinking he was the supposed robber, fired at his point blank.

Bruce dropped with a bullet in his heart. He had been making his rounds of the yard.

Mesdames Clancy and Canon will entertain the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church next Tuesday, January 18, at the home of Mrs. Clancy, 720 West Eleventh street.

SPECIAL 3 ROUND BOUT 3 Kid Dalton of Victoria, B. C.

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