

CRAWFORD WOULD TEST RECALL LAW

Attorney General May Take Lane County Cases to Supreme Court in Order to Get a Ruling on Popular Law.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—When Attorney General A. M. Crawford was told that petitions for the recall of H. W. Thompson, county judge, assessor of Lane county, were ready for filing but were being held up because of his opinion that the recall is not self-executing, he expressed a strong desire that such petitions would be filed in order that the matter may be tested.

"Although I am of the opinion that the law has not provided the machinery necessary to placing the recall in operation," he said, "the issue is of sufficient importance to warrant a test case being brought. If the Lane county clerk refuses to file the petitions a mandamus suit should be brought to either compel him or establish the fact that he does not have to do so."

The gist of the opinion by Attorney General Crawford in which he ruled that the recall law is not self-executing is contained in the following paragraph from the opinion:

"In the matter under discussion, the people may be said to have reserved to themselves by said amendment, the right to recall their public officers, but they have restricted themselves in the exercise of that right to the payment of the campaign expenses of the officer to be recalled. Hence before the right can be exercised, the mandate to the legislature to provide for the payment of the campaign expenses, must be carried into effect. The legislature is required to enact laws upon that subject, and the right to recall is only assured when the legislature voluntarily enacts the laws necessary to provide for such payment. The necessary legislation, of course, can be enacted under the initiative."

BOULEVARD TO NIAGARA FALLS

Scenic Drive Similar to That Planned to Crater Lake Is to Be Constructed in East in Order to Make Falls More Attractive.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 23.—What promises to be the most beautiful driveway in the world is the 16-mile-long boulevard which the Ontario government and private enterprises are constructing along the Niagara river. It is an undertaking of international importance, since the millions who come to see Niagara Falls will reap the benefits of it.

Beginning near the Horseshoe Falls in Queen Victoria park, the boulevard will follow the Niagara upstream along its whirlpools and cascades and rapids on the Canadian side to a point opposite Buffalo. Already the driveway has been completed for a distance of three miles, from Niagara Falls to Chippewa.

The new boulevard has a roadway 150 feet wide and broad walks for pedestrians. For the entire 16 miles green lawns slope down to the river. Fountains, grottoes and rivulets, tributaries of the Niagara, will be edged with rare trees and hardy perennials from India, Japan and other parts of the world. The project is to line the Niagara river with a driveway park that will surpass anything of the sort ever attempted.

The building of the Niagara boulevard is pointed out as a triumph of what may be accomplished by wise co-operation between a government and private enterprise. Yearly the power companies contribute \$100,000, which is used for enhancing the scenic beauty of the surroundings at the Falls. Out of this fund the boulevard is being constructed under the supervision of the park commissioners to make the Falls and Niagara river more than ever the show place of the new world.

BROWN TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN OF CITY

Ed Brown has leased the Star theater and is preparing to entertain the children of the city on Monday afternoon with a free matinee at the theater. All of the children of the city are invited. The program will be appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Brown takes this method of extending Christmas greetings.

Attractions at the Medford Theatre

ELSIE COLBERT, THE "YAMA YAMA" GIRL IN "THREE TWINS" AT THE MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE DECEMBER 27.



Twins than in all other musical comedies combined—the dancing Yama Yama chairs, the wonderful Facograph and the gigantic electric aerial swing. Mr. Gaites has spared no expense in costuming this attraction and the gowns are said to be the handsomest in America. The music is the most fascinating ever written and the musical numbers are elaborately staged. The Cuddle Up a Little Closer, Lovey Mine, showing seven stages of cuddling is the most pathetic stage picture ever produced.

OLD BRIDGE IS BLOWN UP

Dynamite Is Used to Wreck Centennial Structure Which for So Long Has Carried People Safely Over Rogue River.

A charge of dynamite placed on the middle of the old Centennial bridge Wednesday morning was literally "the last straw that broke the camel's back," and the venerable structure that had stood so stanchly for thirty-five years with its roof and superstructure torn away and looking like a well-picked Christmas turkey, collapsed into Rogue river, over whose rushing waters it had borne so many thousands of people and so many million tons of freight in safety. It was secured by cables, so that the timbers, many of them still sound as the day they were framed, were recovered, to be used in building smaller creek bridges in various parts of Jackson county. A portion of the roof will be converted into a tying shed for farmers' teams in Gold Hill. Thus the old Centennial, having outlived its usefulness, crowded off the stage by a handsome new steel sister, will continue, like the carcass of the Christmas turkey, to be of usefulness to mankind long after its original purpose has been fulfilled.—Gold Hill News.

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WANT ITALIAN TURK WAR TO END

Pressure Is Being Brought to Bear Upon Constantinople to End Hostilities in Tripoli—Various Powers Want Turkey to Yield.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Pressure is being brought by the powers upon Constantinople, especially heavy in the case of Germany, which it is believed will result in the speedy cessation of hostilities between Italy and Turkey. The various powers are endeavoring to have Turkey yield, and the Porte has agreed to do this providing Italy pays an indemnity and the Turkish Sultan maintains his sovereignty over Tripoli.

Italy refuses the latter condition, and the powers are urging the Porte that further fighting will mean not only the loss of Tripoli, but the indemnity which Italy is still willing to pay.

STAR TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN XMAS DAY

Manager Sathers of the Star theater is preparing to entertain the children of the city on Monday afternoon with a free matinee at the theater. All of the children of the city are invited. The program will be appropriate for the occasion.

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STATE TO VOTE ON EXECUTION

West to Submit His Policy to a Vote of the People—Until They Voice Their Feeling He Will Not Hang Men.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—The question of capital punishment is to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the next election, and in the meantime such clemency as Governor West may extend capital criminals will be in the form of reprieves, staying execution of sentence until the verdict of the voters of the state is received. If that verdict be for hangings, the sentences of the courts will be promptly executed. In the bill to be submitted, and which will be recommended for passage by Governor West, there will be a provision for life imprisonment for murder, with no power of pardon by the executive except on recommendation of the supreme court. All this is announced in a statement by Governor West, in which he says:

"Capital punishment is either right or wrong. I believe it wrong and I believe I voice the sentiment of a majority of the people of the state when I say it is wrong and should be abolished. When I stated before leaving for the east, that there would be no hangings during my term of office, I did so because I had, as I now have, the firm belief that the people of this state would at the first opportunity vote to abolish it and it was my intention to submit to the voters of this state through the initiative a measure abolishing capital punishment, substituting life imprisonment and permitting the granting of pardons in murder cases only upon recommendation of the supreme court. In the meantime death sentences will not be commuted by reprieves only issued for the purpose of postponing the executing until after the people have declared their wishes.

"If they declare for hanging, their sentence shall be carried out to the letter in each and every case, but I do not fear such a verdict, as I am firm in my belief that the people will abolish this relic of the dark ages and that there will be no more hangings in this state."

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