

JACKSON BAR ASSOCIATION ASKS PROOF

Demand Made Judge C. M. Thomas Prove Alleged Delay Accusation—Looker Presents Resolution at Meeting.

A resolution was passed at the Jackson County Bar association meeting Saturday night, demanding that Judge C. M. Thomas prove an accusation he is alleged to have made regarding certain attorneys maliciously delaying justice in the local courts. The resolution, which was presented by W. J. Looker, follows:

"Whereas, on or about the 2nd day of November, 1928, Judge C. M. Thomas published a statement over his own signature, and referring to the attorneys practicing in the First Judicial district of Oregon, the following statement:

"For a long period prior to January 1, 1923, there existed a practice on the part of a few attorneys of this district of keeping cases on the docket for years with the deliberate purpose of obtaining real estate titles and compelling settlement in case of sale. This was nothing short of blackmail, and it has been terminated. A party has no right to use the courts to annoy or harass his neighbor."

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Southern Oregon Bar association demands that said Judge C. M. Thomas file with the secretary of the association within ten days from this date, a statement showing the names of the attorneys referred to in said statement, the titles of the cases referred to therein, and such other facts as are necessary to enable the association to determine whether or not such statement is true, because, so far as this association is advised, the statement is not true, and the association hereby calls upon Judge Thomas to so disclose whatever information he has tending to support the allegation or to retract the same in writing.

"Resolved, further, that a copy of this resolution be forthwith served upon Judge C. M. Thomas, either by registered mail or in person, as the secretary shall find convenient.

"Resolved, further, that the association meet on the fifth day of January, 1929, at the hour of 6:30 p. m. for the purpose of considering such statement as may be filed by said Judge C. M. Thomas; or if none be filed in compliance with this resolution, then for taking of such action as shall be proper under the circumstances.

"Dated this 1st day of December, 1928."

LOW TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Clear skies and an easterly wind gave promise of a cold night in Portland. The minimum dipped two degrees below freezing this morning, and indications were for colder weather tonight.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—The lowest temperature of the year was reached here Sunday morning when the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees. The cold snap continued last night.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—First zero weather of the winter was reported in eastern Oregon this morning. Zero was registered at Kamela at midnight, also at Elgin and North Powder, during the early morning.

Three passengers anywhere in city. See Black and White Club, Page 62. 260

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U. S. ARMY HAS BEST TRAINING FOR AVIATORS

Secretary of War Claims Supremacy in Annual Report—Stabilization Policy Resulted in Progress—Standard Elevated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—An aviation training system second to none in the world is claimed for the army by Secretary Davis in his annual report to President Coolidge.



While the strength of the army corps is below that authorized for the first increment of the five-year expansion program, the Secretary of War said aircraft construction had been going through a period of standardization and that improvement in existing lines might be anticipated in the future rather than changes in equipment. The numerical decrease in equipment, he said, had been offset by increase in quality.

Final determination of the strength of the combatant branches of the army, a solution of the promotion question, and completion of the housing program will give the United States, in the opinion of the Secretary, "a permanent military establishment unequalled in morale and in professional effectiveness of a high ratio to its small numbers."

The aim of a stabilization of policy during the last four years, Mr. Davis told the president, has resulted in unanticipated internal progress with gratifying results. All elements of the army have progressed markedly. Progress has not been confined to the distinctly military activities of the War department but has been quite general in all the varied non-military projects.

Reduction Seen
With an aggregate of 127,837 commissioned, warrant officer and enlisted strength, exclusive of the Philippine Scouts, at the close of the year, Mr. Davis said the strength of the overseas garrison could not be depleted to provide increment for augmentation of the air corps. If further reductions are necessary, and one probably will be during this year, they must continue to be made in the personnel branches within the United States.

"It is with grave concern," Mr. Davis said, "that the War department contemplates further reductions in branches which within the United States total but 60,105 soldiers for an area of 3,000,000 square miles and a population of over 120,000,000."

"There has been a distinct elevation of the standards of units and individuals," he said. "Many hundreds of officers of the permanent establishment have completed courses in the splendid system of service schools. More maneuvers of varied type and extent have been held. Many have been conducted in conjunction with the navy; practically all have combined the use of air and ground troops."

"Outstanding points in Mr. Davis' report were:

"The essential material need of the army, from the viewpoint of possible participation in war, is the development and improvement of weapons and material—a continuous effort to assure, should emergency so demand, the availability for production of material of types of last-minute development and existence of lig., kuages, and dies essential for the speedy manufacture of such types. The War department has been unremitting in its efforts toward this end."

"Types improved
"In each branch of the army boards of officers have under continuous investigation every potential means for the increased effectiveness of units and of material. Improvements in types have been well-nigh innumerable; the army keeps well in the van on all modern development.

"Action toward adequate housing of the personnel of the regular army has resulted in a gradual but very satisfactory progress."

"Increasing the subsistence allowance of enlisted men has been recognized throughout the army as one of the outstanding moves of the last decade for the maintenance of a high state of morale."

"The National Guard has attained the highest plane of military effectiveness in the peace-time history of this element of our national defense forces. The National Guard now is more highly organized, more completely equipped, and more thoroughly trained than at any period in the past. Its standards have never been higher."

"The popular success of the citizens' military training camps has far exceeded the fondest expectations of those broad-visioned leaders who were so urgent in their demands that the national defense act give full legal recognition to this project for the physical betterment and military instruction of America's youth."

Old Western Rite Taken Up By Keio Japanese Students

TOYKO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—College spirit, in manifestations already familiar with the west, but somewhat new in Japan, has reached Tokyo. In the first game of a crucial series between Keio and Waseda universities, in the fall tourney of the intercollegiate baseball league, Keio won.

"That night Keio students celebrated along the Ginza, Tokyo's 'Great White Way,' and imbibed too much, wrecked a cafe or two and a score or more found themselves in a Japanese hoosegow. A Keio dean obtained their release for disciplining by the university authorities. All very Occidental."

he deducted the capabilities and limitations of mechanization of military forces.

"A protracted delay in the settlement of the promotion question will result in many resignations by officers who have recently entered the service and upon whose professional education the government has expended a great sum of money. For a lifetime of service to the government, it is but just that officers who have foregone the manifest financial and other advantages of a civil career be assured a reasonable reward. Certainty of promotion after definite terms of service appears to be the most just reward."

SHASTA TRAIN DERAILED

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who was on his way to Klamath Falls took her on to Medford.

"I was looking out the window and saw the front part of the train leave the track," she said, describing the accident. "The next thing I knew I was on the floor with my head on my suitcase. The car was lurching around so that it was impossible to stand. I could hear the wheels groaning and screeching, and finally our car landed over against a gravel bank, on its side. The windows were free. Some people wanted to jump from the car thru the windows, but the officials wouldn't let them. If they had, they'd have landed in a ditch below.

"The car began to fill with smoke and steam. Everyone was talking at once, and nobody paying attention to what was being said. As soon as the whole train stopped jerking, the officials let the passengers leave the train thru the regular doors. Almost everyone who came out of the car ahead of us was cut or bruised or injured in some way. Several had fainted.

"But on the whole the people remained very calm under the circumstances. Some were too shocked or stunned to speak much, but the rest realized that there was no real danger, after they once got outside. Passing motorists carried many of the passengers on to their destinations, or to hotels in Roseburg where they could wait for the next train thru."

CONGRESS CONVENES

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Vice President Dawes named the two party leaders and incidentally the two men who fought for his job in the last campaign, Senators Curtis of Kansas and Robinson of Arkansas, as the committee to represent the senate in notifying President Coolidge that congress was in session. Adjournment followed shortly thereafter.

Women Present
All four women representatives were on the floor. Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, California; Mrs. Katherine Langley, Kentucky; and Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Massachusetts, Republicans; and Mrs. Marty T. Norton, New Jersey Democrat. All of them were dressed in black. They had difficulty making their voices heard above the din of conversation in answering the roll call.

Many crowded into the well in front of the speaker and dozens of members climbed the steps to shake hands with Speaker Longworth.

After the house roll call which showed 374 members present, seven new ones were sworn in to serve out unexpired terms. They were Lafayette L. Paterson of Alabama, and John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, Democrat, and Earl W. Cinvirt, Iowa; Richard B. Wigwagsorth, Massachusetts; Francis D. Calkin, New York; Robert R. Butler, Oregon, and James Wolfenden, Pennsylvania, Republicans.

Committees were then appointed to notify the president and the senate that the house was in session and after resolutions of regret over the deaths of several members were adopted the house adjourned after being in session one hour. Then the membership went to their offices to prepare, as did the senators, for the trying task ahead.

Democratic Whip
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Representative John C. Rusk, of Jacksonville, Texas, today was selected as Democratic whip to succeed Representative William A. O'Daffield of Arkansas, who died recently.

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EZRA MEEKER TRAIL PIONEER ON LAST TREK

Ninety-Seven Year Old Ox Team Pilgrim Passes in Seattle—Traveled Oregon Trail in 1852 and 1906

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Ezra Meeker, 97, one of the last of the survivors of the era of the covered wagon, died here this morning after several months' illness.

Meeker clung tenaciously to life until the end, holding on by sheer will power after physicians and relatives had given him up. The pioneer had been at the point of death in a Detroit hospital for two months before returning here eight weeks ago. He had grown gradually weaker and when his condition became alarming it was impossible to move him to a hospital.

He was bitterly disappointed because his illness in Detroit had prevented him from returning here in time to register for the recent general election. It was the first he had missed since he voted in the first territorial election in Washington in 1854 and he was the last known survivor of that election.

The pioneer, who brought his bride and their seven weeks old baby west over the old Oregon trail by ox team in 1852, had intended to begin a second automobile tour of the trail when he was forced to enter the Detroit hospital in the first serious illness of his long and eventful life.

Meeker was born at Hillsville, Ohio, on December 29, 1830. After a boyhood there was an apprenticeship in a printing shop in Indianapolis, Ind., he married in 1851 and struck out by ox team for Iowa to homestead a farm. A severe winter induced the young couple to join a wagon caravan for the far west of Oregon and California in 1852. Months of hardship led them to the Meeker car reached Portland, Ore., in October of that year. Trail instinct kept the Meekers on the move until they settled at Fort Steilacoom, south of the present site of Tacoma, where Meeker kept a store from 1855 to 1862. Then the Meekers moved to Puyallup, where the pioneer became interested in hop growing.

Meeker was the author of several books on pioneer life, although he had but four months schooling in his life.

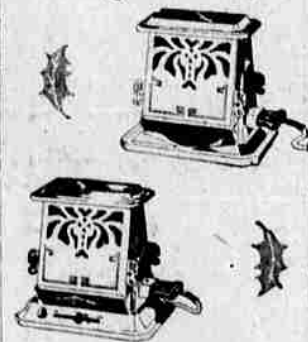
Meeker retraced the Oregon trail with an ox team in 1906 and four years ago flew over the route in an airplane piloted by Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelley.

His last years were spent in obtaining recognition of the heroism of the Oregon trail pioneers by inducing communities along the route to erect suitable markers.

Best results in curing fence posts are realized when the air is allowed to circulate freely about each post. Posts which are piled close together or allowed to lie on the ground will often decay rather than cure.

Klamath Man Fined

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Robert Rieland was fined \$100 and given three months in jail today in federal court for liquor sale on the Klamath Indian reservation.



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