

RETIRING JURIST SCORED BY BAR IN RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Bar association held last night at the Hotel Medford, a resolution was adopted regarding Circuit Judge Charles M. Thomas, whose term expires tomorrow, for a statement made during the last campaign. The resolution was adopted by practically an unanimous vote.

The Bar association at a previous meeting had called upon Judge Thomas for proof of his charges, and the resolution sets forth that no reply was filed, as requested. The charge, concocted by the attorneys was published in newspapers of Jackson and Josephine counties.

The association named a legislative committee headed by Attorney Newbury, subject to call to meet with the members of the legislature before that body convenes, and discuss measures for the good of the valley and the legal fraternity, and to confer with the southern Oregon representatives upon measures likely to affect this section.

The resolution adopted against Judge Thomas is as follows:

"Resolved by Southern Oregon Bar association at this January 5th, 1929 meeting, duly called and held for that, amongst other purposes, that:

Whereas Judge C. M. Thomas, judge of the First Judicial district of Oregon, on November 3, 1928, published over his own signature in newspapers circulating throughout Jackson and Josephine counties, Oregon, the following statement:

"For a long period of time 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 clouding 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."

"And, whereas, at the meeting of this Association duly held at Grants Pass, Oregon, on the last day of December, 1928, a resolution was passed by this Association demanding that said C. M. Thomas file with its secretary within ten days from the date of said resolution, a statement showing the names of the attorneys referred to in his said charges, the title of the cases therein referred to, and such other facts as are necessary to enable this Association to determine whether or not said charge is true; and

Whereas, said resolution directed a copy thereof be forthwith served upon the said C. M. Thomas; and

Whereas, it appears that said service was promptly made upon the said C. M. Thomas, and he was so delivered such copy of said resolution; and

Whereas, it was determined in said resolution that this Association should meet at this time and place for the purpose of considering such statement as might be filed by said Judge Thomas, and also, if none should be filed, in compliance with said resolution, then for the taking of such action as the Association might find proper under the circumstances; and

Whereas, said C. M. Thomas has failed to make any reply to the said demand, and has failed to supply this Association with any facts substantiating his said charges; and

Whereas, this Association knows of no fact that would in any way substantiate or tend to substantiate the charge made by said Judge Thomas, and the Association finds said charge to be false;

Now therefore, be it resolved that this Association condemn the said charge made by said C. M. Thomas as libelous and false; that the act of the said Judge Thomas in making said false publication was and is unworthy of a member of the bar, and that this Association does hereby condemn the same; that the secretary of this Association forthwith cause to be delivered to said C. M. Thomas a copy of this resolution and that he give copies thereof to the press."

Daily Meteorological Report

Sunday, January 6  
Forecasts:  
Medford and vicinity: Sunday, partly cloudy with local ground fog, continued cold.  
Oregon: Sunday, fair, but with local ground fogs, continued cold.

Local Data table with columns for Time (P.M., A.M.), Wind (Direction, Force), Temperature (deg.), Highest (last 12 hrs.), Lowest (last 12 hrs.), Rel. Humidity (per cent.), Precipitation (inches), State of weather.

Monmouth Dean Hurt.  
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Miss Jessica Todd, dean of women at the State Normal school at Monmouth, and Miss Madge McPherson, librarian, were injured last night in an automobile collision on the Dallas-Salem highway west of Salem. They were cared for at a Salem hospital and later taken to Monmouth.

Kid Seeds Currency  
HAVANA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Friends of Kid Chocolate have received ten dollar bills as Christmas presents. The "Kee" left for New York six months ago with six dollars. After a series of bouts he returned with \$20,000 and sundry lavender and green suits.

BOULDER DAM WOULD HARNESS VAST RESOURCES



Boulder Dam, the construction of which has been authorized by congress, would put a halter on the tumbling and destructive Colorado river. The dam will be a concrete wall, 560 feet high, located at Black Canyon (as in sketch above). It would impound 26,000,000 acre feet of water and store 20,000,000 acre feet. Senator Hiram Johnson (inset) of California has been chief champion of the legislation.

WEATHER NORMAL WITH RAINFALL OF 2.84 INCHES

The month of December, 1928, was practically normal as to temperature, the monthly mean being 36.6 degrees, as compared with the past average of 37. The highest recorded was 57.8 on the 26th and the lowest was 16.1 on the 23rd. Both of these values were close to the normal extremes for the month, says L. Walter Dick, meteorologist of the Medford weather station, who also gives out the following other facts of last month's weather.

The total precipitation was 2.84 inches, 55 inches above the December normal. The greatest 24-hour amount was 1.23 inches on the 21st, almost half of the total for the month. Measurable amounts of rain fell on nine days, and traces of snow on two days. The total amount of snow during the month was only a trace.

There was only one clear day during the entire month, nine days were partly cloudy and twenty-one were cloudy or foggy. Dense fog occurred on twelve days. From the early morning of the 4th to 1 p. m. of the 8th the fog was continuous. On the 17th to 19th, when temperatures as low as eleven and twelve degrees below the freezing point accompanied the fog during the early morning, an extremely heavy frost or "frozen fog" deposit formed, covering all forms of vegetation as with a coating of ice, and forming a deposit on lawns to a depth of about 4 inch.

The total wind movement was 2377 miles, giving an average velocity of four miles per hour. The highest 5-minute velocity was 31 miles per hour from the southeast and the fastest single mile of wind was at a rate of 33 miles per hour, also from the southeast, and both occurring on the 24th.

There were only two days on which optical phenomena were observed. A solar halo was noted on the morning of the 20th and a portion of a rainbow arc was seen on the afternoon of the 11th. Both were of very short duration.

Summary for December's weather in part as follows: Table with columns for Date, Max., Min., Mean, Pch., Fog.

Guardians Sworn In  
PENDELTON, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tom Gurdane, one of the captors of William Edward Hickman, Los Angeles slayer, will be sworn into office Monday as sheriff of Umatilla county. He succeeds R. T. Cookinham.

LOCAL RESIDENT ANSWERS RADIO SLUR ON WEATHER

Walter Frazer Brown of this city has mailed the following letter to the Los Angeles "Express" radio station KNGX in reply to a remark he heard last Thursday, during a program from that station.

1922 West Eleventh Street, Medford, Oregon, January 5, 1929.

"KX"  
Los Angeles Evening Express, Los Angeles, California.  
Dear Sirs:—

In Oregon we have enjoyed some very beautiful broadcasts from southern California. We have visited southern California and have been delighted with what you have said and I am ready to acknowledge that in many ways your state has been abundantly blessed by the Creator of the universe. But this in no way accords you the privilege of saying or doing anything to divert tourists from within the boundaries of other states.

This last Thursday evening we were "listening in" to your broadcast between 7:00 and 7:30 when Tom Mitchell, soloist, was using the microphone. During the period he was on the program a statement was made which included this phrase: "way up in Oregon where it's rainy, wet and nasty."

I am compelled to say to you that whoever it was who made this assertion is not a fair-minded person and evidently has but a very limited knowledge of Oregon. We have had weather in Oregon—yes! I have been in "sunny" California when I have come in contact with bad weather too, and it was not so very far distant from the very building from which the foregoing statement was given. Life would not have the high valuation placed upon it if everything were altogether lovely all the time. If the person who gave expression to this announcement had been a visitor in Medford—the heart of the Rogue River valley in southern Oregon—the "biggest little city in the country"—Thursday, I doubt not that he would have said: "Med! but they have wonderful weather in Oregon!" It was a glorious, sunny day from beginning to end and in the evening the heavens were bedecked with millions upon millions of scintillating stars. Soon after Mr. Mitchell finished singing, some of the family went out for a walk in the neighborhood to expand their lungs with nature's life-giving ozone and refresh their minds with the wonders of astronomical phenomena. Such days as these are by no means the exception with us.

The broad-minded critic will admit that no one state has an edge on the meteorological conditions all the time to the exclusion of all the other states. They are fair and ready to concede that "There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us to speak any ill of the rest of us."

In the words of Duke Senior in Shakespeare's "As You Like It":—"And thus our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, brooks in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

Very truly yours,  
Walter Frazer Brown.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CHANGE MONDAY

If there is a blue haze epied floating over the court house in the near proximity of the county clerk's office early tomorrow morning, the public is advised not to become alarmed or notify the police department.

The haze, according to County Clerk Delilah Stevens Meyer, will be affected by natural causes, such as an accumulation of relieved sighs on the part of those shifting political responsibility, and the blueness will also be quite normal.

MANN'S ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE DRAWS SHOPPERS

Yesterday marked the opening of Mann's annual January clearance sale and shoppers from many miles journeyed to Medford to attend this special event. For 18 years, Mann's winter clearance has been one of Medford's big shopping events and this year it is being held on a scale which eclipses all past seasons. In every department, counters are piled high with winter merchandise which is being radically reduced so that room may be had for spring shipments which are now beginning to pour in.

The January sale, according to John Mann, is featured in every department of Mann's big store. The first floor, under the supervision of John Moffatt, the men's department which is managed by Dan Watson and the ready-to-wear division on the second floor, managed by John C. Mann, are all offering special price reductions which should appeal to every member of the family.

Earl Davis late yesterday afternoon sustained a broken arm while cranking a car and last evening was reported to be resting easy at the Sacred Heart hospital, where the broken bone was set. The car kicked because of too much spark.

Grow Air Minded.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—We are getting air-minded. Secretary Whiting points out that licenses have been granted to 5269 American pilots, 10,960 student pilots are in training, 5760 planes are operating and there are 1400 airports.

EX-MEDFORDITE WRITES A NOVEL ABOUT NAPOLEON

Medford's author crop is growing. Perhaps in due time it will be worth more in actual publicity than any other crop.

First, there was Col. H. H. Sargent, the author of a small library of recognized military classics. Then came Edison Marshall to win the O. Henry short story prize, and who is now one of the most successful writers of romantic fiction in the United States. A. C. Allen then burst into the limelight with a series of successful outdoor stories, and Col. C. G. Thomson followed with short stories and novels of army life in the Philippines.

A few months ago Mrs. H. H. Sargent, widow of the noted military writer, published an interesting book on her experiences in various parts of the world, and the latest Medford boy to join the ranks of full-fledged authors is Brainerd Beckwith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Beckwith, now of Seattle, but for many years prominent member of the Valley Ranch colony.

"Spinning Dust" is the title of Mr. Beckwith's book, published by Walter Heberber of Santa Barbara—and it is both thrilling and vividly written romance, with Napoleon Henri d'Ornano, officer of his guard, and the Polish Countess Marie Malewska, as the principal characters. For a first novel, "Spinning Dust" shows decided promise. What it lacks in originality and sophistication is more than compensated for by its swift moving action, thrilling plot and

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