

HARRER CASE IS CLOSED BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Final testimony in the D. B. Harer "water meter case" was taken before the state corporation yesterday. Six witnesses were heard on behalf of the petitioner, and Avery Thompson, superintendent of the water department, on behalf of the city.

The case was taken under advisement by the commission and no date set when a decision will be rendered as it is considered a precedent. The question must be settled in the state, however, according to P. A. Jones, chairman of the commission, as the same condition is said to exist in Tucson, Douglas, and other cities in Arizona. The controversy also may extend to gas, electricity and street railways.

Mr. Harer has complained to the corporation commission because the Phoenix water department refused to furnish him water to his home outside the city limits except through a meter.

Avery Thompson, superintendent of the water department, testified that there had been some 250 consumers of city water outside the city limits when the order to install meters was made, and that some 15 of them discontinued the service. The others installed meters, with the exception of three or four who could ill-afford the expense and pleaded for time.

It was conceded by Mr. Thompson that the people outside the city limits had been treated differently from those inside and at the same time had been served practically in the same way as those in the city, a practice that is condemned by the state law, according to the commission.

One witness testified that he owned a six-room house with bath on a 60-foot lot on Grand avenue outside the city limits and had been served with water for seven years at a flat rate. He also owned four houses within the limits using no more water. A demand had been made upon him to install a meter for the out-of-limits house. He had declined and resorted to well water. Concerning the four houses in the city

EDITH JACKSON ASKS HEARING

Edith Sanberg Jackson of Graham county, has filed an appeal in the supreme court against the Lebanon Reservoir and Ditch company of that county, protesting against the amount of water the court has decided must suffice for her lands by that company.

The case originated when the Lebanon Reservoir and Ditch company secured a judgment against George N. Campbell and others alleged to have diverted water from the Mercedillo Wash that otherwise would have watered the land of the reservoir company. The court attempted to adjust the matter by designating the amount of water each person interested should receive. Upon notice of Campbell and others that they would appeal, the court modified the judgment. Edith Sanberg Jackson is dissatisfied with the latest ruling of the court and appeals.

JUDGE GODDARD IS DEAD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DENVER, May 21.—Luther M. Goddard, aged 79, former justice of the Colorado supreme court, died at his home here late today, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy sustained last Wednesday. Justice Goddard leaves a widow, two sons, Frank, of Hotchkiss, Colo., and George, of Salt Lake City; two daughters, Mrs. Walter C. Boylton of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Lucille Goddard Hewitt, of Denver, and three brothers, Edwin, of San Diego, Cal.; Dr. C. C. of Leavenworth, Kas., and Byron, of Bixby, Okla. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow. Justice Goddard served two terms on the supreme court bench, being elected to the first in 1892 and being appointed to the second in 1905 by Governor Peabody.

EXECUTIVES OF STATE COUNCIL PLAN MEETING

The executive committee of the Arizona Council of Defense meets at the council's headquarters, state house, Wednesday. The members of the executive committee are as follows: Thomas E. Campbell, governor; Dwight B. Heard, chairman; R. E. Moore, treasurer; George H. Smalley, secretary; John C. Greenway, John L. Donnelly, T. A. Riordan; D. H. Claridge; D. T. MacDougal; L. H. Manning and C. E. Mills.

Letter from W. L. Kerr, Kingman, Arizona, states that a rancher on the Sandy has successfully dried pumpkins and cantaloupes for his own use. He told Mr. Kerr that he did not attempt to dry large quantities for fear that there would be no market. He admitted, however, that he had a market he could get rich as he could afford to move his crop dried where he could not afford to move it green. That the market will be good for all dried vegetables there can be no reason to doubt, and farmers are requested to write to Dr. R. H. Forbes, University of Arizona, Tucson, member of the committee on production, conservation and distribution of food supplies of the Arizona Council of Defense, for particulars regarding this branch of food conservation.

In the movement to extend agriculture in Arizona, District Forester Ringling has supplied the Arizona Council of Defense with a list of all lands which have been surveyed and are now available for filing in the United States Land Office at Phoenix, located in the Coronado and Chiricahua National preserves. The land, water and seed are furnished without charge, that total Council's headquarters, room 303, state house, Phoenix.

The Inspiration Consolidated Copper company of Miami has made allotments of land, in units approximating 50 by a 100 feet in size to be used without charge as gardens by the employees. The land, water and seed are product goes to the raiser of the same. The sole conditions attached to the allotment are that the user shall, in the judgment of the committee cultivate

CANCELLATION REQUEST MADE

Four years ago the qualified electors of the Peoria school district voted bonds for a school house and they were issued by the board of supervisors. At that time bonds were not much in demand and for some reason they could not be sold. Whether or not subsequent attempts were made to dispose of them, they have still remained unsold and yesterday a petition was filed with the board praying for the cancellation of the bonds. The matter was set for hearing on June 18. It is understood that there will be no opposition to the action of the board asked for in the petition.

The board yesterday declared a new road open from New River to Morrirstown along the line of the Santa Fe railroad. The other business of the board consisted of approving the notarial bonds of B. L. Johns and Louise Cleveland.

AMPUTATION OF SCHLAGER DONE

The forebears of John A. Messing-Schlager were too generous, they were even prodigal; they knew nothing

about the conservation of the alphabet. The name they heaped up was more than their descendant and his wife could bear so they applied in superior court yesterday for a new name or an abbreviation of the name with which they had been burdened. They asked for the name of "Messing" and their petition recites among other things that promptitude on the part of the court in performing the amputation of "schlager" will be a "great help and convenience" to them and their friends who have occasion to write or pronounce the name.

So reasonable was the request that the court at once acceded to it and henceforth the petitioner and his wife will be known as Mr. and Mrs. Messing.

FUTURE OF POLAND IS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

COPENHAGEN, via London, May 21.—The discussion in Vienna between Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial German chancellor, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, which were resumed last week at German headquarters and in which Count Czernin, the king of Bavaria, Emperor William, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, and Dr. Karl Helfferich, the German vice chancellor, are taking part, have to do, among other things, with the future of the Kingdom of Poland, according to information received from the German representatives in Warsaw to the Polish council of state.

It will be remembered that the Austro-German rescript of November 5, calling the kingdom of Poland into life, left the boundaries of the kingdom unsettled and did not name the future regent or king. The Polish council of state some time ago made representations to the Austro-German representatives as to the necessity of immediate action on these two questions.

General von Beseler, governor-general of the occupied territory in Russia, has informed the council that the



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Austro-German authorities in consultation at Grand Headquarters in Germany are concerning themselves with "the further carrying out of the rescript of November 5."

The Austrian Poles have put forth a wide-reaching program for the future, which will not fail to arouse the strongest protest in Prussia. The Polish club of the Austrian parliament, which embraces the Polish members of the reichsrat, not only has passed a resolution of lack of confidence in the present Austrian government, which disregarded Polish wishes regarding the future of Galicia and Polish representation in parliament, but also a demand put forward as the united desire of the Polish nation for the re-establishment of an independent and united Poland with access to the sea.

The club's resolution calls for a plenary congress of the reichsrat and diet at Cracow within ten days.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 21.—A mysterious explosion in the power plant of the Republic Iron & Steel company at noon today brought instant death to four men and injuries to eleven others, five being seriously hurt. The roof was blown off the building. Heavy pieces of machinery were hurled a quarter of a mile. An investigation was begun on a theory the explosion may have been caused by war plotters.

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THE ROAD TO RAY

Travel to Ray and Superior is particularly heavy just now for while it is a hard trip the run can be made in four and a half hours, by crowding, and both the Superior and Ray camps are particularly busy at this time, Superior holding over 3,000 people and Ray from 10,000 to 12,000 and mining is going on actively in both places.

Going from Phoenix, go straight to Mesa and then continue out East Main street to the last big ditch. Cross this ditch and then angle off on the most northerly of the three roads which branch from the Apache Trail highway. After passing Desert Wells there is no chance to lose the road to Superior but signs should be placed where the three roads branch off from the main highway for it is easy to go wrong here.

If the destination is Ray, do not run clear into Superior but when just in the outskirts of the town, in fact, when the first houses are reached, turn on the only road leading to the right and follow it to Ray.

No one should attempt the trip to Ray without plenty of water, for even the best of cars will boil on the hills and mountains between Superior and Ray. The grades are stiff but the road is fairly safe and in fair condition for a mountain highway. There is something like nine miles of the mountain highway and the grade is very stiff in spots, ranging up to 17 and 20 per cent. Since the steepest grade to Roosevelt is 11 per cent, the autoist will appreciate what this means.

The distance to Ray is about 80 miles from Phoenix and to Superior about 60 miles. After leaving the Mesa ditch it is desert travel to Superior, rough and crooked in spots, and rather hard on tires all the way to Ray.

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