

MAY CHANGE REGISTRATION

PLAN ON FOOT TO REHABILITATE THE MEASURE.

Movement Given Inception at Portland by Prominent Politicians.

Rehabilitation of the present registration law is to be undertaken early in the coming session of the Legislature, the aim being to simplify the system greatly. The principal change sought is in the practice of requiring electors to register every two years.

F. S. Fields, County Clerk of Multnomah County, already has drafted a bill which he proposes to introduce through the Multnomah delegation. Mr. Fields completed the details of the proposed enactment yesterday, after several months of study. He regards the present system as cumbersome, bothersome to voters and un-

necessarily expensive. Establishment of a card system is suggested in the proposed amendment as a substitute for registration books, the plan being to keep a record of each voter on a separate card, the cards of each precinct to be combined in a box of specified size.

Life Standing Allowed.

One more registration is called for in the bill, after which voters may retain their standing for life without re-registration, so long as they do not fall to vote at two general elections.

In the event of a change of residence it is provided that the voter has merely to notify the Clerk's office of the change in order to have his card changed to the case belonging to the new precinct of residence. Should the voter fail to cast a ballot at two general elections, then it becomes necessary for him to renew his card. Cards thus in jeopardy are to be held four years, it is provided, and then destroyed.

The bill also provides that registrations may be made at all times excepting 15 days immediately preceding an election, that period being required for getting the precinct sets in proper alphabetical order. It likewise is provided that registration can be taken by justices of the peace and notaries public, two witnesses being required in such a procedure.

A prescribed form of registration blank is called for in all cases. Should a voter desire to register without going to the county seat it is necessary only to hunt up a notary who has some blanks. The elector need not pay the bill of the notary, either, provision being made for the payment by the state to the notary or Justice of the Peace of 15 cents for each registration.

Much Inconvenience Saved.

This method, it is urged, will save thousands of persons much inconvenience, especially voters living at a considerable distance from the county seat. Voters residing inside the limits of a county seat are required to appear in person before the County Clerk to register.

Precautions are taken in the working out of the details of the bill to exclude any possibility of a flaw which might result in unlawful registration. Strict requirements are placed upon election clerks and judges in the handling and checking up of the registration cards at the polls. For wilful omission of any of the prescribed duties of judges, a severe penalty is prescribed, the offense being classed as a felony with a penalty of from one to three years in the penitentiary or a fine of from \$100 to \$2000 or both such fine and imprisonment.

Mr. Fields said yesterday, in discussing the bill, that he already had had assurance of hearty co-operation from several legislators. Aside from the simplification of the registration processes, he points out that the new arrangement would save the counties and voters large sums. He estimates that on an average, it costs each voter 10 cents transportation to go to the registration books, as at present conducted, which means an outlay of more than \$2000 from the voters' pockets each time that registration is required.

HYDROPHOBIA DESCRIBED

WHAT IT IS, ITS SYMPTOMS AND PREVENTIONS.

Interesting Portrayal of the Dreaded Disease now in Wallowa County.

The following description of hydrophobia, how infection is carried, symptoms and treatment, was prepared by Dr. E. T. Baker, assistant state veterinarian of Washington, and appeared in the News-Record.

What Hydrophobia is.

Definition: Hydrophobia is an extremely infectious disease of man and animals, usually transmitted by bites.

Cause: The exact cause is not known, but the virus has been demonstrated to be found in the saliva principally, as well as in other secretions, of affected animals.

Animals affected: Man, dogs, horses, cats, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, —all domesticated animals; wild animals as coyote, skunk, badger, wolves. Rabbits are very susceptible and are used in making a positive diagnosis. In this particular outbreak dogs and coyotes seem to be the principal carriers of the infection.

How carried: From one animal to another by biting.

Period of Incubation: May range from a week to ten months. Usual period is about three and six weeks. For instance, if a dog is bitten by a rabid coyote, in from three to six weeks the dog goes mad, and he in turn inoculates others, if not promptly restrained and destroyed.

Symptoms: Have three stages of disease:

(1) Premonitory, or when first symptoms were noted, as a desire to lick or eat cold smooth things, as stones; there may be an increased fondness for owner (this is particularly dangerous where children are owners of pet dogs); becoming morose, retiring, sneaking; finally the dog disappears, if not tied, and may return home in a few days, when the disease assumes the

(2) Second Stage, which may be either

(a) Furious rabies—most common and most easily recognized. The dog froths at the mouth, has a tendency to bite everything; a wild look in eye; haggard, emaciated appearance of body, drooping at mouth and hoarse, guttural bark or whine. The affectionate, well-trained animal becomes a wild, maniacal, snarling, biting creature. This form is assumed when the brain is first affected.

(b) Dumb rabies—when spinal cord is first affected. The lower jaw hangs paralyzed; he tries to move, but sinks down on his side; throat is contracted; tongue is a livid hue; and the animal is a pitiful object, yet his saliva is as dangerous as in the furious form.

(3) Third stage: Paralytic or last period. The animal shows a paralysis of hind quarters, sways when trying to walk; the lower jaw relaxes completely; the palsy gradually extends over the entire body, and finally death ensues in a day or two. Usually inside of ten days from the time the dog is noticed to be acting "queer" he is dead.

Rabid coyotes lose their natural shyness, enter towns, bite man or animals, and die in an unconscious, paralyzed condition, unless killed. Cats usually disappear and die in a short time.

Rabid horses kick, bite strike, lose appetite, tear stalls to pieces, dying in four or five days after first symptom noted.

Rabid cattle lose appetite, show great excitement, bellow loudly, paw the ground, hook and try to bite everything. Death ensues in from four to seven days.

Rabid sheep and goats present about same symptoms as cattle.

Rabid swine show great fear, restlessness, hide in litter of straw, grunt hoarsely, glaring eyes, labored breathing.

Post Mortem Findings: None. Stomach may be full of stones, sticks, etc.

Treatment: Prevention. Especially quarantining dogs. If unfortunately a person is bitten by a suspicious acting animal, immediately cauterize wound with a hot iron, carbolic acid, nitric acid or caustic potash. If possible, suck the wound. If the bite is on a limb, apply a handkerchief or scout cord as a tourniquet above wound. Send for a physician.

LOCAL THEATRES

A Bachelor's Soliloquy.

"May puppy dogs wag their tails in front, if ever I cease to love, May nice mince pies be made of flies, if ever I cease to love, May the Grand Duke Alexis ride a blind mule in Texas if ever I cease to love, May cross-eyed cats go back on rats, if ever I cease to love."

Thus joyously sang a party of bachelors to the tune of "What Shall the Harvest Be?" for it was whispered in accents low that they had met for mutual sympathy, to endeavor to solve the all important question: "Is marriage a failure, or if Mary had a little lamb, was the lamb as happy as it seemed—to a man up in a tree or down in a well? Could this party of seekers after the unknown had the privilege to hear Dr. Bancroft discourse pleasantly upon "The Ups and Downs of Matrimony, or When, Whom, and How to Love," the mystery surrounding conjugal felicity and its attainment would have been solved, and each bachelor would have become a benedict, as soon as he could have had his full dress suit pressed. The bachelors of both sexes of this city will please take notice that Dr. Bancroft has kindly consented to give a few slices of parental advice to the matrimonially inclined at the Steward on the evening of January 2nd. Now is the appointed time. Cheer up, there is yet a chance. Salt may not save you but a happy home will. Procrastination is a thief, they say, so get up on the band wagon all ye that are weary and are heavy laden. It is better to have lost and loved, than never to have lost before, ain't it?

At the Isis.

The Mexican Centennial Celebration & Selig special picture at the Isis last night attracted considerable attention from the fact that the principals of the picture, President Diaz and staff have been before the eyes of the world of late in the civil war going on in Mexico. The picture starts with the unveiling of a statue then follows the great civic parade in which can be seen the emblazoned carriages of the officials of state and all types of Mexicans from the pure Castilian to the Yaqui Indian and all kinds of carriage from the fancy kinds of carriages from the fancy Grande hose cart. The picture ends with the laying of a corner stone of a great institution, in which President Diaz officiates, and in which many American faces can be seen. The Adoption, a tale of the hills in which a prospector trades a rich mining claim for a four-year-old boy, and the association of the two brings out the paternal instinct of the man that is good to see. Love at First Sight a comical picture which starts at a fraternity house at college where a live student advertises for a wife and his advertisement is answered by a co-ed of another town. The wedding occurs of course in true impulsive school boy fashion.

At the Orpheum.

The Orpheum had a crowded house again Tuesday evening. Young and Manning continue to be the favorites in their act. A Coon's Temptation. The cock fight is well worth seeing. The minute the roosters are dumped out of the sack they go at it hammer and tongs, and the feathers fly for a few minutes. Tot Young in his banjo playing and Miss Manning in her clever singing makes a fitting climax to this act. Hashimoto, the clever Japanese water juggler and roller skater is also a general favorite, and his juggling stunts while circling the stage on the slippery rollers shows much training and practice. Cecil Gordon and company in the original Brinkley girl gets off a lot of hits that are new and right up to the minute.

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