

COW LAW VETOED.

THE MAYOR THINKS IT GOES IN FORCE TOO SOON.

Ordinance Vacating a Public Square for a School House Site Passes Unanimously.

The mayor did up the cow ordinance Monday night with a veto. The reason given in the veto message was the insufficient time allowed the owners of cows to dispose of their animals so that they could comply with the terms of the ordinance without hardship. Without the veto the ordinance would have become law October 23. The mayor thought to raise the cattle off the streets so suddenly would work injustice, hence the veto. He subsequently explained that it was in favor of the measure of it could be made to take effect a sufficient time after passage so that every one would have due notice of its provisions and ample time to prepare for its enforcement. He was in favor of cleanliness and improvements.

Immediately upon the reading of the ordinance O'Connell moved that the ordinance pass notwithstanding the mayor's veto. Cochrane thought the veto was a good ground, and, as it had been his own contention from the beginning, he would support the veto. Noble said it was near time when cows should be put up anyway and he thought the mayor's veto a slimy excuse. Wilkinson thought the mayor had some heart and that the councilmen who voted for the ordinance did not. The council was as merciful as the czar of Russia. "Give it till next April," said he, "and there will be a procession leaving Oregon City the equal of which has not been seen since the children of Israel came out of the wilderness." On the motion to pass over the veto the council broke in the same place as when the first veto was had. O'Connell, Randall, Porter and Noble voting aye, and Chairman, Cochrane, Laurotte, and Wilkinson, no. A two-thirds vote being required to carry, the motion was lost.

Monday night's meeting was for the special purpose of considering the ordinance vacating a portion of the public square south of Seventh and east of Harrison for a site for a public school building. James Winston, who owns four lots across Harrison street from the square, appeared and registered his objections to the passage of the ordinance. He traced the history of the title of his property and deduced the conclusion that when he paid \$1000 for his four lots a part of the consideration for his money was the fact that the public square was there and it should remain a public park. He believed it his right to insist that the square be not diverted from the purpose of a public park "and" he exclaimed "I will fight for my rights, dead or alive." Alderman C. D. Laurotte then asked for light on the legal aspect of the case and the counsel for the school board, D. C. Laurotte, was asked to make a statement upon that point. He said the statute gave the council the right to dispose of the public squares as it saw fit, that the provisions of the law had been complied with in every respect and that there appeared to him to be no legal objection to the passage of the ordinance. As to the constitutionality of the statute, that was a matter that would have to be passed upon by the courts.

Cochrane thought a fine school building on that site would be of great advantage to Mr. Winston in increasing the salability of his lots but Mr. Winston differed very decidedly from that opinion and emphasized his statement that there were some things that money could not buy and that his right to build a home on his property and enjoy an open park in front of his premises was one of these. The question was at length called for and the ordinance passed unanimously.

After the veto of the cow ordinance was sustained the ordinance for a sewerage system was read, but the feeling of deep disgust that had settled upon the anti-cowites made them in no frame of mind to transact further business and a motion to adjourn was carried by a viva voce vote that was not very decisive.

BUSY DAY AT THE LAND OFFICE.

More Money Received for Homesteads than Ever Before.

Last Monday was a lively day at the Oregon City land office. Township 1 south, range 6 east was opened for filings on that day and eighty-one persons suffering from land hunger were on hand to file applications for entry of land in the newly surveyed township. The land lies a few miles to the southward of Bridal Veil on the Columbia river. It is so mountainous, high and cold that it is almost impossible to till any portion of the tract with success. The elevation is 3000 feet, more or less, and snow covers the ground in many places from the first of November to the middle of June. Still settlers have lived and prospered on portions of the township a number of years and they claim that it is valuable for homesteads.

There were evidences of the coming rush Saturday when a number of applicants arrived early in the day. In the afternoon there were about thirty of them who tried to form in the corridor in front of the door of the register's office with

the intention of remaining in line till the time for filing should arrive Monday morning. But the owner of the building and proprietor of the hotel which occupies most of the building would not consent to the use of the corridors and stairway for such a purpose and the police dispersed the crowd. There was then an attempt to form on the sidewalk which the police frustrated. Sunday night Chief of Police Purdom got the seekers after land to consent to take numbers which he would give them, with the understanding that each man should be entitled to the position called for by his number when the line should be formed Monday morning; but while this scheme was being carried out several applicants who occupied rooms in the hotel came down stairs and planted themselves in front of those who had agreed to receive numbers and when they were given numbers corresponding to the position they unairily assumed the others upset the whole plan. Finally Monday morning the clamoring for priority of recognition became so great that Captain Apperson announced that all the applications of the crowd then assembled would be received and treated as simultaneous filings. Under this decision the applications were presented, the first one being by Miss Hopkins for a homestead, which was promptly duplicated by J. H. Hannan who had been anxious to get a filing on the land ahead of the woman.

Of the eighty-one applications made seventy-three were for homesteads, four for pre-emption and four for timber claims. Only thirty-two filings were allowed, the remainder being contested and the right to file being left to be determined at a future hearing for that purpose. There are as many as four applications for some forty. Receiver Burch took in \$1183.75 Monday, which was the greatest day for homesteads in the history of the Oregon City land office. Actual settlers have ninety days in which to make their filings and many will make their applications hereafter.

The rush to get this land was caused by the fact that it is heavily timbered and the timber is comparatively accessible. Besides the applicants who reside in this district there was a company of timbermen from Pendleton who wanted a large slice. They brought a lawyer with them and seemed prepared to assert their full rights in the matter.

Knights of Pythias Ball.

The grand ball that was given at the armory by Achilles lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Thursday evening of last week was a very successful affair. The music was furnished by Everest & Colen's orchestra of Portland. There were present Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Latourrette, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Casfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ganong, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Charman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Casler, Mrs. T. A. Pope, Mrs. C. H. L. Burmeister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nisson, Miss Mand Pope, Miss Green, Miss Mary Williams, Miss Birdie Shaw, Miss Neita Barlow, Miss Augusta Logus, Miss Cora Harding, Miss Sophia Logus, Miss Lorena Ackerman, Misses Nellie and Bessie Lambert of Portland, Miss Mabel Ragland, Miss Annie Graham, Miss Mamie Charman, Miss Grace Miss Blanche Fitch, Miss Etta Pope, Williams, Miss Green, Miss Winnie Williams, Miss Lower of Eugene, Miss Amy Kelly, Miss Fisk, Miss Vera Pillsbury, Miss Hunter, Miss Nellie Warner, Miss Alice Raley, Miss Minnie Ackerman, Miss Lura Miller, Miss M. Smith of Portland, Miss Cadwell, Miss Stunheiser of Portland, Miss Hattie DeOrsay, Miss Josie Sinsheimer, Miss Hatch, Miss Tillie Ganong, Miss Kane, Miss Rank, Miss Brazzel, Judge J. W. Meldrum, H. E. Stevens, Frank Albright, Frank Borch, George Rinearson, L. Waddington, W. B. Wiggins, L. H. Cowing, E. R. Rinearson, I. L. Hoffman, Captain A. L. Spang, A. Leathwate, I. Ackerman, Ed. Newton, J. F. Risley, Fielding Kelly, J. W. Shaw, George Varner, William Wilson, Percy Ingalls, M. Rosenbaum, Mr. Hirsch of Portland, M. P. Baum, J. Hirsch, L. LaVenger, M. Purdom, Ralph Miller, Everett Hickman, W. Ackerman, J. P. Lovett, N. Lang, T. P. Randall, B. Greenman, W. A. Huntly, G. Jacobs, R. L. Holman, F. J. Louis, E. Briggs, J. H. Corbett, C. L. Miller, F. M. Whitesell, Creed Stratton, Cassius Barlow, Ross Logan, E. A. Smith, C. G. Huntly, E. B. Townsend, Sol Guarde, F. R. Charman, E. McDonald, and E. Mathias

Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the post office at Oregon City, Oregon, October 23, 1891:

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| Burdett, Mrs. A. J. | Malone, Mr. A. |
| Castle, Chas. L. - 3 | Mack, Levy |
| Dickens, W. D. | Mag, Ed |
| Edwards, John R. | Palmer & Middleton |
| Estes, Miss Lizzie | Seal Ed. |
| Estes, Mr. John | Smith, Mrs. Sarah A. |
| Gill, John G. | Small, E. |
| Holmes, Mr. C. | Sprigg, G. |
| Hess, H. S. | Sullivan, Paul N. |
| Karter, Mr. Joe | Williams, S. B. - 3 |
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By GEORGE L. STORY.

TWO KINDS OF GOVERNMENT.

No two words are more familiar to the American people than "democracy" and "republicanism," and although they are often used interchangeably, yet they differ widely in meaning. Democracy means government by the people. It is among the older forms of government, and reached its highest perfection among the ancient Athenians and Romans whose people assembled at stated times and themselves decided the measures to be adopted by the state. Examples of this form are to be found in the town governments of New England. A democracy is only practicable in towns and cities, as it would be impossible for the people of a whole state, much less for the people of several states to assemble together to discuss measures and formulate laws.

A democracy therefore differs from republicanism very essentially, for, while in the former the people themselves act upon every measure, in the latter the various districts and states choose representatives to perform all the duties of the government according to written constitutions that have been ratified by a majority of the people. Republicanism is the most recent of all forms of government. It has become the most perfect in all respects by having all previous history to guide it, and has therefore reversed the ill-advised theories of all other forms and greatly profited by their errors. It is the outgrowth of the highest civilization yet attained by man, and its most illustrious example, the United States, proves its superiority over all other forms past or present. The origin of republicanism is due to the profound study of human nature by many of the best minds of the eighteenth century. Under its benign influence the happiness and liberties of the people have been greater than have ever before fallen to the lot of humanity.

ILLITERACY IN LOUISIANA.

The late census has brought out many facts concerning the conditions of schools and education throughout the Union. It is really astonishing how much illiteracy there is in some parts of the country. In 1880 the number of illiterate voters in Louisiana was 102,000, of which number 16,000 were whites and 86,000 were negroes. In 1888 there were 127,000, of whom 24,000 were whites and 103,000 were negroes. The per cent. of increase in illiteracy in eight years being twice as great among the whites as among the negroes. In the election of 1880 there were 11,000 out of a vote of 97,000 that could neither read nor write, and in 1888 out of a vote of 188,000, a majority were unable either to read or write. From a total of 350,000 children of school age only about 85,000 attend school. The state really provides education for only 85,000, leaving 260,000 unprovided for, and of this number 132,000 are boys, many of whom will soon reach the voting age. Education is the foundation of all free institutions, and there can be no permanent security to the liberties of a state when it is neglected in a wholesale manner as it seems to be in Louisiana.

PRIMARY TEACHING.

Leading educators are awakening to the importance of primary teaching and giving it the attention it deserves. It is in the primary department that the greatest skill in teaching is required, and more depends upon the results attained in the primary grade than in any other grade of school life. It has been accustomed to employ the cheapest teachers for primary work, many ignorantly thinking that any one can teach the little ones. It is an easy matter to hear a recitation in the higher grades where the minds of the pupils are disciplined for the work, but it not only requires knowledge and experience but a great deal of natural skill and tact to do good primary work. The impressions that will be made upon the untaught mind will be for good or evil, and it is highly important that these impressions should be made by one well skilled in the work, and that he or she be well paid for such services.

NOTES.

Mr. H. H. Hand, from Washington county, opened school at Pleasant Hill last Monday.
Miss Maggie Guttridge commenced school at Currinsville October 5th.
Miss Aggie Thompson, who recently returned from a visit to Iowa, has been employed to teach the school in district No. 69.
Superintendent Thomson started out the first part of the week on his tour of visiting schools.
Miss Minnie Harrington has resumed teaching at Mountain Home school.
Miss Neita Barlow, formerly of the Oregon City school, has been elected to fill a vacancy in the primary department of the Portland public schools.
Miss Annie Hieenbothem closed a successful term of school last week in the district west of Logan.
Night schools are becoming very popular in all the large cities throughout the country, and they are deserving of every praise, as they furnish a means of education to many who would otherwise go untaught.

Miss Wells will soon begin a term of school in district 25.
Miss Amy Taylor commences school in the Buckner district next Monday.

Miss Mumpower's school closes October 23. An entertainment will be given in the evening, and a basket supper served. A small admission fee will be charged for the purpose of raising funds to buy some maps for the school.
Miss Wilkinson, having been elected to a position in the Oregon City schools, has been succeeded in the West Oregon City school by Miss Anna Hinbothem. There are 230 normal schools in the U. S.

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