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ELECTION FACES LEGAL TANGLE

CONFLICT OF STATUTES MAY BE BASIS OF ACTION TO NULLIFY RESULT

VOTERS IN PRECINCTS ARE LIMITED

New Law Provides But 300 May Cast Ballot in Any One Division, Yet Forbids Readjustment at Present

A conflict of state election laws, resulting from the passage by the 1913 legislature of an act governing the size of precincts, may interfere with the special referendum election scheduled for November 4, and may be the basis of an attack through the courts of the results of this balloting. Such, at least, is the opinion of attorneys and others who have been looking into the matter or who have been retained by those opposing some of the measures upon which the people will be asked to place the stamp of their approval.

In providing for the referendum the legislators decreed that an election was to be held upon certain measures on November 4. This election, presumably, is to be held under the general election laws; in fact a statute says so. The general election laws were amended by the 1913 legislature, however, so as to provide that there should be a readjusting of precincts throughout the state so that in no precinct should there be more than approximately 300 legal voters. The law that provided for this further set forth, that such readjustment should not be made until the December preceding the next general election, and as the law went into effect 30 days after its passage, it is now operative.

December, Time Limit. This law now being in force, there are many attorneys and students of the state code who declare that no perfectly legal election can be held until after December, as not until then is any county court empowered to change the precinct lines so as to conform with the new requirements of the statute; and any election held in which precincts contain more than approximately 300 voters cannot comply with the law. As no county court can readjust precinct lines until next December, and do it legally, the forthcoming election must be held with the former precinct divisions; and, in nearly every case, owing to the admission of women to the privilege of the ballot, present precincts contain an excessive number of voters.

Those who raise this point admit that it is a technical objection, yet at the same time they point out that oftentimes in the past elections have been declared void owing to even more trivial technicalities. In the present case it is said that should the foes of any of the measures up for referendum so desire to do, they could obtain a court injunction against the effectiveness of any law or other election result solely upon these grounds. Whether or not this technical conflict will be invoked to controvert the result of the election is not now known; but if the bitterness of the fight upon the university appropriation matter is any criterion, there are many who believe that this point will be raised by the enemies of that institution should the people approve the measure.

Dry's Also Interested. The fact that in many precincts the home-rule amendment will also be invoked to set a "wet or dry" vote, adds interest to the possibility of legal conflict following the election. Should there be any great gain on the part of prohibitionists in the forthcoming election, it is thought not at all unlikely that the liquor interests will challenge the legality of the election on the grounds set forth above. Should such an attempt be made to balk the result of popular vote, the first result would be the deferring of the en-

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STUFFY M'INNIS.

Fast Moving First Sacker of the Philadelphia Athletics.



Photo by American Press Association.

ROYAL BREAD
Wholesome
Nourishing
Baked to a turn
Fresh every day at
HARRIS' Grocery

WOMEN PLAN TO EDUCATE GIRLS

HAVE PROGRAM TO AID DESERVING ONES AND TO GIVE SUPPORT

BUILD ARCH AT PARK ENTRANCE

First Meeting of Year to be Held Today—Baptist Society Outlines Work for the Next Few Months

The Woman's club has just issued a very attractive Year Book for 1913-14. The cover design is green Oregon grape, which has been chosen for the club flower, and the little book throughout is very creditable.

The Oregon City Women's club is affiliated with the Oregon Federation, and is working with it along many lines, particularly the education of deserving girls who need encouragement and support.

Among the plans for this year is an arch at the entrance of McLoughlin park. Perhaps no one thing that the club has accomplished has been so much appreciated as the restoration of the old McLoughlin home, and they deserve much credit for the manner in which it is maintained.

The first meeting for the year will be held this afternoon at the home of the acting president, Mrs. Duncan M. Shanks in West Linn.

The Philathea club of the Baptist Sunday school met last evening at the home of Miss Anna Conklin, where they perfected plans for their Christmas box to one of the Baptist mission schools.

The regular meeting of the Missionary society of the Baptist church took place yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. John Loder, was in charge, and plans were outlined for the coming year. In connection with the benevolent work, this society will read "Following the Sunrise," a most interesting history of missions for the past one hundred years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perkins and little daughter Garnet, of Baker, Oregon, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Meldrum. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Meldrum are sisters.

Mrs. J. Hulbert, of Gladstone, left last night for an extended eastern trip. She will visit for some time with her daughter and other relatives near Omaha.

Mrs. Whitcomb, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Parker, of Gladstone, leaves today for her home in Minneapolis. Mrs. Whitcomb is completing a tour of the world.

Among the Halloween affairs being planned is the social which the Bobbie Burns society will hold October 27, at Willamette hall. Mr. William McLarty is president of this organization.

SUPPLIES ARE SCARCE IN DEVASATED ALASKAN CITY

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 8.—Some progress was made today on the task of reconstructing the wrecked city of Nome. The scarcity of supplies, however, will prevent any great improvement in the situation until relief arrives from the outside.

In response to his appeal for aid, Mayor Jones had already received assurances that everything needed would be sent at once. Many citizens who lost everything in the storm which destroyed half the town, will leave as soon as possible.

WEST LINN REQUIRES PERMIT FOR SHOWS

The new city of West Linn has already had under consideration many important matters. The council by unanimous vote chose Clarence L. Eaton, as city attorney, and ordered him to draft an ordinance licensing the carrying on of certain callings and regulating circus performances.

The ordinance which is number four of the city, provides for the payment of a license fee of \$50.00 per day by any circus, menagerie or show operating within the city, and that the management must obtain a permit from the mayor before being allowed to parade.

Under the provisions of this ordinance there will be no Oklahoma Ranch, Wild West or circus performance held on Sunday. The purpose is to avoid any possible recurrence of an attempt by the Oklahoma Ranch last August, to show on Sunday and which was only thwarted by the arrival of the governor with guards, who declared that he would proclaim martial law.

Mayor John Lewthwaite appointed the following committees: Finance, Aldermen Shadle, Michels, Tonkin; fire and water, Pickens, Shields, Humphrys; streets and public property, Michel, Shadle, Shields; health and police, Humphrys, Pickens, Tonkin.

LOCAL MAN IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN CALIFORNIA

Information has been received in the city that L. B. Talley, a former Oregon City resident, had broken his leg while at work in California and that blood poison had set in. He is now in a critical condition.

L. P. Goodnough, of Vancouver, B. C. is visiting the "states" and passed through this city Wednesday afternoon. He came from Portland by the P. R. L. & P. Co and took the Southern Pacific train south after looking over the town.

Here's a Second Roosevelt In Action on Stump; Congressman Gardner Wants to Be Governor.



Photos by American Press Association.

Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, who was recently nominated for governor in the Massachusetts state primaries by the Republicans, is picturesquely Rooseveltian in action on the stump. Gardner made a strenuous campaign before the primaries, and these pictures caught him in various attitudes during the delivery of his speeches. He defeated his opponent, Everett C. Benton, by about 6,300 majority in a total Republican vote of over 80,000. Gardner is opposed by Lieutenant Governor David I. Walsh, Democrat, and Charles S. Bird, Progressive. The gubernatorial campaign in Massachusetts is likely to attract national attention.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS; LACK OF QUORUM

The council met, discovered a lack of a quorum, and adjourned to meet again on Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Jack Albright and R. Helman reported on the sick list when the council instructed the acting chief of police, Henry Cook, to get them by telephone and notify them of the council meeting.

The question of the elevator water supply was to have been taken up by the council at this meeting, but nothing was done because of the absence of most of the members. It is probable that the matter will be discussed at the Saturday morning session and that the action of the council on the refusal of the board of water commissioners to supply the main will be taken at that time.

NEW YORK WINS SECOND GAME IN BIG SERIES

The Score R. H. E.
New York 3 7 2
Philadelphia 0 8 2

TWO WIVES TELL OF HUSBANDS' CRUELTY

Two divorces were filed in the circuit court of the county Wednesday asking the judge for the severance of the marriage ties. Both were on the grounds of cruelty and inhuman treatment.

Nellie C. Gandy brought her complaint against Clinton E. Gandy on the ground that he had mistreated her and had caused her considerable mental suffering by reflections that he is said to have made upon her in the presence of others. They were married at Vancouver, Wash. July 25, 1911.

Lillian M. Zollar brought suit against William T. Zollar on the ground that he came home intoxicated at various times and threatened to kill her with a razor until she felt that her life was actually in danger. They were married at Huron, S. D. May 18, 1903.

A soft mark is nearly always hard up. It's a shame to spill milk, but not a crying shame.

CARRY BOOKS TO THE MASSES

NOVEL SCHEME TO GIVE ALL SMALL TOWNS ADVANTAGES OF A LIBRARY

MAINTENANCE COST IS VERY SMALL

Special Levy Would Be Trivial and Yet Would Take Best of All Literature to Sparsely Settled Places

To carry education to the people through a circulating library out of Oregon City at a cost of 45 cents on the \$1500 assessment, boosters from all parts of the county are now advocating a county levy that will be submitted at the special election in November.

People in the most remote hamlets of the county and in the most sparsely settled districts will be given, under the plan, the educational advantages of a large community and the chance to gain literature that they could not buy and that would be within their reach through no other system.

Branch libraries would be established in each of the cities of the county and the books would be frequently changed by the authorities of the city library here. Beginning with a set of 5000 volumes, the librarian would change those that were sent to the county towns at frequent intervals and would supply the best literature that the advantages of the city library could obtain.

Cost is Small. To meet the cost of maintaining such a scheme, the county is asked to authorize the county court to levy enough money for the current expenses of the enterprise. It is estimated that the levy would amount to 45 cents on the assessment of \$1500 while the library would be under the direction of the county court.

The local expense would narrow down to the cost of room, heat, light and care of the books. Current magazines would be supplied and periodicals satisfactory to the people of each community would be furnished. Many other counties of the state have followed the course and a number of the taxpayers of Clackamas hope that the plan will be endorsed by the people at the polls next month.

Following are some who have endorsed the plan: William Andrusen, Miss Myrtle Buchanan, Mrs. Laura B. Carter, J. H. Cary, C. H. Caulfield, E. G. Caulfield, Grant B. Dimick, J. E. Hedges, Linn E. Jones, D. C. Latour.

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CITY'S BONDS WILL BE SOLD IN STORES

Oregon City may sell its \$11,980 worth of elevator bonds over the counters of drug stores and mercantile houses at \$50 each. An ordinance will be introduced in the city council within the next few days making the denominations of the bonds from \$50 to \$500 and giving the preference to buyers of the smaller denominations.

The city believes that the money for public improvement of this kind should be kept at home and that the funds necessary for the construction of the work can be raised here more readily and quickly than they could by passing through any of the eastern bond houses.

The council also believes in making the denominations small enough so the average householder can make his money in city bonds and can place his investments in securities for municipal works.

MINERS FIGHT MILITIA IN THE TRINIDAD DISTRICT

TRINIDAD, Colo., Oct. 8.—Militiamen, deputized as sheriffs, were patrolling the miners' colony at Ludlow today as a result of yesterday afternoon's pistol and rifle battle between deputies and strike sympathizers. The guard shot during the fight will recover, but fresh trouble was feared momentarily. Feeling was growing tenser today throughout the entire southern Colorado mining region.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS AND MODERN LABOR

"Christ and the Industrial Strife" of the problem of modern conditions in relation to the principles taught by Christ during His ministry, will be the subject of the church night services of the Congregational church this evening.

This discussion will center around the modern conditions of labor, brought face to face with the principle of brotherhood taught by Christ and exemplified by Him in dealing with all classes of men. Christianity as a solution of the difficulties in the labor situation and what Christian laboring men can do to relieve the conditions will be the general theme of the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by a business session of the Congregational Brotherhood to make plans for the first regular dinner October 21.

Usually the charity that begins at home is easily discerned. Even a woman seldom has cause to repent because she said too little.

HEAVY WEIGHT MASHES FOOT

SHAFT FALLS ON MAN AT WORK IN HAWLEY MILL AND BREAKS BONES

WAS CHANGING PAPER MACHINE

Now Lies in Hospital, But Limb Has Been Dressed and He Will Be Back at Old Place in a Few Weeks

A. Rosenbury is lying in the Oregon City hospital with a smashed foot as the result of a 250-pound shaft falling on his left foot in the plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company about 2:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

He was employed as a first helper and at the time of the accident was changing the roller shaft on the paper machine when the heavy shaft fell on his foot.

He was taken to the Oregon City hospital where his wound was dressed and examined. The injury is not serious, in the opinion of the doctors, and the wounded man will be able to resume his work in about two weeks.

VAN BRAKLE GETS HIS FIRST WARRANT

The first warrant of the county has been paid to Dr. J. A. Van Brakle as county health officer. It was at first thought that injunction, proceedings would be instituted against the county clerk, W. L. Mulvey, and County Treasurer Tufts to prevent their paying the warrant to the doctor.

No such proceedings has been filed however, and the warrant was paid for the time that the doctor has served as health officer of the county.

Reports have been coming in from the doctors with increasing regularity and the county officer has received the health statistics from most of the doctors now registered. The letters are all addressed simply to the county health officer and find their way to the doctor's office with his other official mail.

Though the physicians declared at first that they would make no reports to the officer and refused to recognize him as such, they have, apparently, changed their tactics and have decided to furnish the reports and conduct their campaign along other lines. At any rate, the statistics have been coming into the office for several days—by this time, almost all of the doctors have filed their statements of the births and deaths that have come under their observation.

RUBE OLDING.

Hard Hitting Left Fielder of the Philadelphia Athletics.



Photo by American Press Association.

PORTLAND REALLY ASLEEP

Venice 3, Portland 2.
San Francisco 3, Sacramento 4.
Oakland 7, Los Angeles 2.

Coast League Standings
W. L. PC.
Portland 100 76 569
Venice 100 91 524
San Francisco 93 88 514
Los Angeles 90 98 492
Oakland 82 109 430

Pennant Dope

Portland plays but 18 more scheduled games.
Portland's lead is now 7 1/2 games.
Venice now has a 2-game lead over Sacramento.

San Francisco is 4 games behind the first division.
CLUB HAS MEETING

The West Side Improvement club held its regular monthly meeting in the Bolton schoolhouse Wednesday evening. Judge Grant B. Dimick was the main speaker. A special entertainment was provided and the officers elected at a recent meeting were installed.

WILLAMETTE WOMAN DIES
Mrs. Sarah M. Johnson died at Willamette after an illness of but a few days. The funeral will be held at the Methodist church of this city, Rev. T. B. Ford officiating with interment in Mountain View cemetery.

COUNCIL WANTS CHARTER FIXED

BELIEVES IT SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DETERMINE ALL OF THE CITY SALARIES

PAY HAS BEEN FAR BEYOND LIMIT

Claim Made That Fathers Had no Right to Raise Remuneration Above Amount Settled By Present Law

Amendments to the charter of the city are proposed that will make the salaries of most of the city officers legal.

The city council has determined to submit to the voters of the city at a special election the question of whether or not the charter should be so amended as to enable the council to give such salaries as in its judgment, the services of the officers are actually worth.

The salaries of the chief of police, the city attorney, and the city recorder, as well as the other officials under the supervision of the council have for several years, it is said, been beyond the legal limit as allowed by the present city charter. The plan now is to have the charter changed so that the council may raise or lower the salaries of its officers as it wills and that it may pay the best men the amount they are worth to the city.

By a tacit agreement, the council has been paying these officers more than it is allowed to pay them under the provisions of the charter, it is said. The council believes that it should now take steps to make such an action legal and will ask the voters of the city to endorse such a measure when it is submitted to them at a special election.

The plan originally was to have the question voted upon next month at the regular election but the council found that the time in which referendum matters could be submitted had passed and that there was no other alternative but to wait for another election or call a special one. It is possible that the matter will be referred at the regular city election.

VOTERS HAVE CHANCE TO GET PLAYGROUND

To give the children of the city a public playground where games of all sorts are at their disposal, the city council will ask the authorization of the voters to buy the Englebrecht tract.

The city now holds an option on the property. It used the land in which to drill its test wells during its hunt for pure water. The council believes that the city should have a public playground where amusements of all sorts are offered to the children of the city. The students in the various city schools now have to go to Canemah or to Gladstone to play even a game of football and the authorities think the time has come when the city should have its own amusement park.

Before taking any steps in the matter, however, the city wants the authorization of the voters. It does not propose to take such a step unless it knows that the people of the city approve the measure in the beginning. The matter will be submitted at some special election soon to be called or at the regular city election.

TWO SCHOOLS ARE IN HARD SCRIMMAGE

Barclay school defeated McLoughlin Institute to the tune of 13 to 6 Wednesday afternoon in a football game at Canemah park. The fact that only three quarters of the game was played is causing some dispute among the rival players as to whether the results shall stand as official.

The line-up follows:
McLoughlin—Borroway, L. E.; Sontigan, R. T.; Crasier, R. G.; Roche, C.; Stauch, R. E.; Ballin, R. T.; Klemson, R. G.; Millen, Q.; Story, L. H.; Naterlin, F.; Natal, R. H.
Barclay—Halston, L. E.; Shaw, R. T.; Mattum, R. G.; Lovett, C.; Steadman, R. E.; Wilson, R. T.; Verine, R. G.; White, Q.; Bacter, L. H.; Huess, F.

BORROWED DOGS GET HIM INTO TROUBLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8.—Because he "borrowed" a couple of fox hounds belonging to District Game Warden E. F. Averill on the eve of a bear hunt which the warden and District Attorney Fred Steiwer had planned, J. M. Hartnett finds himself made the defendant in a suit for damages. The two officers were brimful of wrath when they discovered that their dogs had been taken during the night. Through Steiwer as attorney, Averill commenced suit for \$75 damages.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Three years apart but on the same day, Burt C. Boyland and his sister, Mrs. A. R. Williams were born, October 3. At a pleasant dinner at the home of Mrs. Williams, Fourth and John Adams street, the birthdays were celebrated. Mr. Boyland lives in Portland but spent the day on a visit with his sister here.