

MUST HAVE LEGAL PROOF

NATURALIZED CITIZENS STRIKE A SNAG OVER REGISTRATION.

Clerk Holmes, Until Otherwise Instructed, Will Insist on Seeing the Original Papers.

Foreign-born citizens in Multnomah county and persons who have declared their intention to become citizens are required to produce their papers before being registered by Clerk of the County Court Holmes. Clerk Holmes has thus construed the following provision of the law regarding facts to be elicited from applicants for registration:

If naturalized, the time, place and court of naturalization or declaration as evidenced by the legal proof thereof, exhibited by the voter.

The clerk, in interpreting the law in this manner, has encountered another snag. Numerous persons have already appeared who assert that they have lost or mislaid their naturalization papers, and among these are several old residents. When informed they must produce the original paper or write to the court of naturalization and obtain a copy, the decision is accepted with no very good grace. It is possible that some of the applicants cannot now remember the exact year in which the final paper was obtained, or the name of the court, and in such instances a copy cannot be secured. Just how the clerk will finally proceed in such cases has not yet been determined.

Referring to the matter yesterday, Mr. Holmes said: "I am making them produce citizens' papers, or declaration of intention papers, and if they have lost them, to obtain copies. Where the papers are lost, and copies cannot be had, I will advise them to go to the court of naturalization and obtain a copy. This is a new law, and these questions have just come up. I shall probably ask for an opinion from the district attorney, and as to other matters."

Yesterday Clerk Holmes sent the following letter to District Attorney Sewall relative to the questions at issue:

Having commenced the registration of electors, as required by an act of the legislature, passed at its last session, I am desirous of construing the meaning of the act strictly in accordance with the law, and, while in section 1 of said act the several facts required to be obtained by the clerk before registering an elector seem to be fully laid out, there is one question which has already arisen between the elector and the registering officer, viz., as to the portion of said section specified as "Fact No. 8," requiring legal proof to be exhibited by the elector regarding his naturalization or declaration, the difference of opinion being as to what the legal proof shall properly consist of, whether simply taking the oath to the facts as stated by the elector, or whether it will require an official copy of some competent authority.

There is also another matter which has come up, which does not seem to have been provided for in the act, as it now reads, viz., whether it is necessary for the elector to be a citizen of the United States, whose father at the time of their birth, or before they became of age, was a naturalized citizen of the United States, to produce before the registering officer any evidence of such citizenship, further than the ordinary oath which is required to be taken before registering.

I will you kindly look into this matter for me, and advise me as to what you consider the proper construction of the law.

Mr. Sewall will submit an answer soon.

COLLEGE MEN ENTERTAIN.

Fine Programme by University of California Glee Club.

The university of California glee and mandolin clubs last night at the Marquam Grand theater fully sustained their high position held in the minds of Portland music-lovers. These college boys are good entertainers and sweet singers, and for two hours last night kept their hosts of friends present highly pleased with their college music, and amused by their spirited fun. The programme was a varied one—the glee, mandolin and banjo club members being interspersed with solos on the violin and cello, a mirth-provoking monologue and a sketch team with a strong Teutonic accent. Encores were demanded for every number, and the result was just as spontaneously, always being selections of the lighter vein.

Prediction was the distinguishing feature of work throughout both in the vocal and instrumental departments. The singing of the glee club boys was decidedly superior to their distinctions of enunciation being far above the average male chorus. The banjo and mandolin clubs were equally well drilled, and the success of their performance reflects great credit upon their leader, "Brick" Morse.

The first number on the programme was the college ode, "Fair California," set to the music of the "Russian National Hymn," which rendered a young artist of next came the mandolin club, with a catchy Austrian dance, giving as an encore a rhythmic Spanish air. A negro ballad, "Sleep, Pickaninny, Sleep," by the glee club, was one of the best efforts of the evening. The banjo club's selections were rollicking marches, and each time met with hearty applause. Hugo G. Polheim, in his violin solo, showed himself to be a young artist of rare taste and talent. During the intermission George W. Hays, a remarkable young rag-time pianist, tore some of the popular airs of the day to tatters. It was quite a shock to hear "Home, Sweet Home" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" done in rag-time. Milton H. Schwartz and Richard W. Tully, in their sketch, "General Oth," proved clever dialect comedians. Edward G. Kasse, who had appeared to good advantage in his selection and encore. Elmer B. Harris won the audience by his clever and pointed monologue. His jokes were new and his local hits popular. He had a good song brought the entertainment to a fitting close. Another feature of the concert that should not be overlooked was Arthur C. Nahl's artistic accompaniments in the solo work of the evening.

STREET-CARS BUILT HERE.

They are Rapidly Replacing Worn-Out Rolling Stock.

A subscriber has sent the Oregonian a slightly editorial letter, complaining of the condition of the street-cars running to the southeastern section of the city. The fact is that this population and street-car business in Portland has increased so rapidly that the traffic companies have had to build more hands more than full in trying to keep up with the procession. The City & Suburban Company, as well as other corporations, have been doing a great work in the encouragement of home industry, by having their new cars built here instead of in the East, as formerly. Its car-construction works are running to their full capacity, and old cars are being replaced by new ones as fast as it is possible to build them. A car cannot be built in a day, but five new ones have recently been put on, and several more will be added as soon as they can be finished.

One of the new cars, No. 79, which has just been built here and runs to Mount Tabor and Sunnyside, is 34 feet long and cost \$200. It is equipped with two 30-horsepower motors. It is a combination car, open in front, so that the passenger can take his choice of indoor or outdoor riding. It was a good advertisement for Oregon climate yesterday, and strangers from abroad wondered at the sight of passengers preferring outside seats in January.

The subscriber referred to happily has no further cause for complaint for the old car No. 48, that he caustically criticized, made its last trip yesterday. It has been replaced by new car No. 48 on the Wavely and Woodstock run. This new

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TIMBERS WERE ROTTEN.

Dangerous Condition of Madison Street Bridge at Last Revealed.

That the Madison-street bridge was not condemned a moment too soon is proven by the condition of the timbers constituting the under chords of the span just replaced, near the east end. These were found, on being taken out, to be broken squarely in two, while the ends resting in iron sockets were rotted to the consistency of cork. Although the timbers beneath the deck have been watched constantly by those in charge of the bridge, their true condition was a revelation to Foreman Keith. It was not until the decking was torn off and the iron settings were removed that the rotten and broken portions were revealed. The foreman in charge of construction regards it as miraculous that the span in question did not collapse altogether before the piling supports were driven last summer.

Mr. Keith says there is no reason to believe that the timbers supporting the deck of the draw are in any better condition than those of the stationary spans, as they are just as old, while being of no better material than those of any other portion of the bridge. The draw, however, is not to be renewed, under the present contract.

If the contractors are not interrupted too often by the weather, the new bridge will be ready for team travel by the first of March, according to the time spent in renewing the first span, which has just been completed. The pillars were pulled up about Friday, from under this span, in order to permit about half an acre of driftwood to resume its journey down stream.

COLLEGE GLEE CLUB.

University of Oregon's Entertainers Will Be Here Saturday.

This morning the box office at the Marquam Grand theater will open for the sale of tickets for the concert given next Saturday evening by the Oregon Glee Club. The Eugene boys are now in Eastern Washington, having completed the Eastern Oregon tour at Athens last evening. The other Oregonians visited were: Oregon City, The Dalles, Pendleton, La Grande, Union and Baker City. At each concert the college boys were received by large and highly appreciative audiences.

The club is under the direction of Professor Irving M. Glen, who is always a favorite. His voice is a pleasing baritone, which is very smooth in the low register, and reaches the high notes with ease.

Allan H. Eaton appears again this season as the impersonator, and his work is up to its usual good standard. His monologues are very entertaining, his case and monologue adding greatly to the merit of the work. The pianist, Arthur L. Frazer, has studied under the direction of Professor W. Gifford Nash for three years and his work is very clever.

The personnel of the club is as follows: First tenors, Eaton, Frazer, Miller, Williams; second tenors, Battie, Gamber, Sweet, Tyree; first bass, Goodrich, Robley, Winslow; Jackson; second bass, Dutt, Moore, Straty; Norris, McEwen. The club is better than ever this year. Its repertoire is greatly augmented, and the voices blend perfectly. A genuine musical treat is in store for the theater-going public.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. C. Smith, of Fort Stevens, is at the Imperial.

Dr. J. W. Strange, of Roseburg, is at the Perkins.

J. J. Brumbach, of Ilwaco, is registered at the Perkins.

U. B. Gardner, of Palo Alto, Cal., is at the Perkins.

E. E. McKinney, of Salem, is registered at the Perkins.

P. C. Cordier and wife, of Astoria, are guests of the Imperial.

L. C. Fisher, of Sprague, Wash., is registered at the Imperial.

N. S. Skinner, of Denver, Colo., is registered at the Portland.

J. Weiner and wife, of San Francisco, are guests of the Portland.

O. E. Edson, flouring-mill man, of Harrison, Yamhill county, is at the St. Charles.

A. E. Dorse, of Oconomowoc, Wis., on a visit to the Pacific coast, is at the St. Charles.

Dr. W. J. Wisecarver and Dr. Leroy Lewis, of McMinnville, are registered at the St. Charles.

Clinton A. Morse, director of the California Glee Club, registered at the Portland, accompanied by 24 members.

Captain G. E. Calkins leaves this morning to visit friends in Minnesota, Michigan and New York, and will extend his trip to Hartford, Conn. He will be gone about four weeks.

A View of Stewart.

Cooks Bay News.

That return of William M. Stewart to the republican fold should be viewed with apprehension by the republicans of the senate. It will be remembered that Troy was captured through the wooden horse which the Greeks foisted upon the Trojans. Mr. Stewart is considerable of an old horse himself.

Expert Football Opinion.

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COMMERCE AND MINING

SHIPPING NEWS NEEDED FROM OUTSIDE THE COLUMBIA.

Rich Eastern Oregon Mining District Needs Geological Survey—Chamber of Commerce Asks It.

The regular weekly meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, and various matters connected with the best interests of Portland and the state were considered and pushed.

A subject closely connected with the commerce of the port was taken up, and a communication from J. H. Johannson, of Seaside, Or., was read. It was in reference to information as to ships outside the mouth of the river, such information now being very difficult to obtain. Mr. Johannson advocated the merits of a station on Tillamook rock. He said that a better situated point could not be found. He stated that he has been interested in the securing of better shipping information ever since he has resided at the mouth of the river, and took the matter up with the Astoria chamber of commerce as early as 1888.

Vice-President Taylor stated that he called upon Major Langfitt, and also Captain Tausig. Major Langfitt replied that a cable exists, but it is now broken, and no funds are available. He said that it is a difficult matter to maintain a cable to Tillamook rock, as it is liable to heavy strains. An effort was made to obtain, however, to secure the repair of the cable. Captain Tausig stated to Mr. Taylor that the lighthouse service would gladly furnish weather reports, and perhaps shipping news.

Important Mining Region.

All eyes are now on Eastern Oregon mines, and, strange to say, the great Sumpter district has never had a geological survey. The Chamber of Commerce trustees are determined that it shall have one, and have sent the following resolutions to Washington:

"Whereas, The attention of the mining world is in the direction of Eastern Oregon, and the people of Portland and its merchants are especially interested in the development of that particular territory, on account of the increased business which they must necessarily derive therefrom;

"Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Or., is advised that there has never been a United States geological survey made of the mineral districts of Eastern Oregon, particularly the camps near Sumpter; and

"Resolved, That the Portland Chamber of Commerce requests our delegation in congress to present the matter before the proper authorities in Washington, with a view of securing an early survey of the mining districts of Eastern Oregon."

For a deeper channel.

Communications were read from Representatives Tongue and Moody, acknowledging the receipt of the chamber's letter, which was addressed to the entire congressional delegation. The chamber's letter asked for support of a measure to secure an appropriation sufficient to insure a 30-foot channel from Portland to the sea. The communications both express the heartiest interest and sympathy in the project. Mr. Moody calls attention

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ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION

D. A. ST. CLAIR ADVOCATES MORE UTILITARIAN SCHOOLS.

Reception Given by W. M. Ladd at Commercial Club to a Y. M. C. A. Worker of Ohio.

D. A. St. Clair, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Dayton, O., addressed the Commercial Club on "Technical Education" last evening, at a banquet tendered him by W. M. Ladd. Preceding Mr. St. Clair's speech, at Mr. Ladd's request, H. W. Scott spoke briefly on "Why Technical Education Should Be Under Private Auspices," and H. W. Stone talked for a few minutes on "Local Conditions."

The banquet was served in the assembly-room of the club, in the Chamber of Commerce. Over 100 members and invited guests were present.

Mr. Ladd, acting as toastmaster, said that only a few days ago he heard that a young man of the Middle West was coming through Portland on his way to California, who was regarded as authority all over the country on matters pertaining to technical education, and he believed it would be a fine thing to have him say something along that line in our city. He announced Mr. Scott as the first speaker.

Opposed Paternal Government.

Mr. Scott said the particular point on which he was requested to speak was one on which he had decided views. Technical education is a subject that has a wide range and belongs to both science and art, and which is to be secured chiefly by obtaining control over the products of nature. These matters should be considered in the larger sense. Nature has, he said, unlimited forces, but they are all blind; man can make them his servants. The speaker quoted from Lord Bacon: "The thing of knowing and the thing of being is all one. The man is what he knows."

Continuing, he said: "Technical education was unknown 40 years ago, but is indispensable now. Yet the hand must do the actual work, and the education of the mind it can do all that is required of it. The great problem of the day is to teach people to work; I think we have statesmen enough."

The speaker said that technical schools and institutes furnished important aid, but he could not agree with some that they should be supported by the state. That condition of affairs would soon run the government into socialism. There is no knowing where it will stop. He thought the tendency is already to put the state before the individual, and that habit of depending on the state creates a habit of leaning on the government for support, and robs people of self-reliance. We ought not to have that paternal state that exists in France and Germany, where the state does everything and the individual nothing. The state has already gone too far. We must have technical schools, but the state should not support them. From teaching how to make butter and cheese is but a step to making butter and cheese. These things continue to grow until the state becomes their master or tutelary deity. Already the state has much exceeded its proper function in educational matters.

Local Conditions in Portland.

H. W. Stone next spoke briefly, and talked on "Local Conditions." He remarked that so many young men in Portland were out of employment. As times improved over the general panic, many country boys came to seek jobs and found them in Portland. He said: "The local question is, 'Will Portland absorb or give employment to the flow of population that comes to the city?' Machinery liberates boys from farms, and they come here. We have no employment to offer them, and they drift to San Francisco or to the large cities of the East."

The people in Portland have secured their wealth in three ways—by the rise in land values, by commerce and by fees. None of us are producers of wealth. I don't know of a single young man who expects to be a creator of wealth. Political economy teaches that 75 per cent of the whole people are wealth-producers; 25 per cent are wealth-exchangers, and 5 per cent are servants. To the first class belong the farmers, mechanics, miners and artisans; to the second the commercial and transportation people, and to the servant class, the doctors, the lawyers, the barbers, the newspaper men and the choropodists.

"Manufacturing cities absorb the liberated population from the country, and grow in size and wealth. If Oregon is going to grow in wealth and population, we must have manufacturers, and young brains must have the conception of making something."

Mr. Stone called attention to the night school at the Y. M. C. A. of Portland, where 300 young men were receiving instruction, and these young men were in demand. Our skilled mechanics, he said, are nearly all foreigners, except a few of the best, and these have been graduated from the technical schools of the East.

Mr. St. Clair on Technical Schools.

Mr. St. Clair, the guest and principal speaker of the evening, was then introduced by Mr. Ladd. He began by saying that he had been asked to give an invitation to come to Portland to live, but he did not accept it. However, he was glad of an opportunity to speak to Portland people on a subject in which he

DID NOT OPEN THE DOOR

STILL THE CITY IS TRYING TO CON-VICT C. A. ALISKY.

Some Careless Employee of One of His Tenants Unset a Corgulant Pedestrian.

Quite a legal battle was fought in Judge Hennessy's court yesterday afternoon over the case of C. A. Alisky, who was charged with having opened a trapdoor under the sidewalk abutting his building at Third and Morrison, and thereby violating ordinance No. 11,112.

Alisky's counsel, Adolph Gaudron, a pattern and model maker, was complaining witness, and it was only after some stubborn objection on the part of Mr. Alisky's counsel that Gaudron was permitted to testify at all, as the defendant disclaimed all knowledge or responsibility in regard to who opened the trapdoor. Mr. Gaudron was finally permitted to state that, as he was walking down Morrison street, on the afternoon of December 25, both wings of an iron trap swung suddenly upward, throwing him to the ground and inflicting bruises upon his limbs, which he offered to place in evidence, but this latter Judge Hennessy said was not necessary.

Mr. Gaudron is an elderly Frenchman, who tips the scales at 220 pounds, and coming so near "being pitched headlong into Mr. Alisky's basement," he admitted becoming somewhat excited. The sidewalk, he said, was crowded with pedestrians at the time, and the man who had flung the trapdoors wide open simply tried to excuse himself by saying, "I didn't know you were there."

Counsel for the defense still persisted that Mr. Alisky was in no wise to blame. He had leased the basement to Mr. Stebbins, who had the contract for heating the building by means of a furnace, and this door is opened only for the purpose of putting in wood for said furnace. The lease was signed January 4, 1899, and was to run two years longer. Mr. Alisky was not even in the city when ordinance No. 11,112 was passed, but was in Germany on a visit, and therefore had no more to do with the violation of said ordinance than the emperor of China.

But counsel for prosecution insisted that the words "owner or occupant" in the ordinance made Mr. Alisky responsible for the violation. He said that the defendant had leased the basement to Stebbins, who had the contract for heating the building by means of a furnace, and this door is opened only for the purpose of putting in wood for said furnace. The lease was signed January 4, 1899, and was to run two years longer. Mr. Alisky was not even in the city when ordinance No. 11,112 was passed, but was in Germany on a visit, and therefore had no more to do with the violation of said ordinance than the emperor of China.

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