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OLDS & KING OREGON ORE TESTS

Enough Copper in the Rock to Pay All Costs of Smelting.

Enough Copper in the Rock to Pay All Costs of Smelting. PYRITIC PROCESS CAN BE USED. Result of Analyses Made in Colorado by E. T. Bradford, the Smelter Promoter.

Good news relating to the proposed Portland smelter comes from Leadville, Colo. Tests of Oregon ores, made under the supervision of Edward T. Bradford, the smelter promoter, and John S. Loder, whose process Mr. Bradford proposes to use, have been made in the plant of the Boston Gold-Copper Smelting Company, at Leadville, and have proved highly satisfactory.

RATHER LIVE IN OREGON.

Drought-Stricken California Compares the Two States. Sanford Lawrence, a former citizen of Oregon, who has been living at Elsinore, in Southern California, for the past two years, was in Portland yesterday, on his way to visit a son in Sheridan, Yamhill County. He says he considers Oregon has been obliged to get along on two inches of rain this season, and so crops are drying up where water cannot be obtained for irrigation.

"But our people live in hopes," Mr. Lawrence says, "and we think next season will be wet, and the years go in seven-year cycles, and this is the seventh of a series of dry years, which are occurring in the Pacific Northwest. Our oldest inhabitant is confident that each one of the next series will be wetter and the last will therefore culminate in a flood."

"But I would much rather live in Oregon, where people complain of rain, but not of crop failures. Oregon always produces plenty of crops, and the farmer and stock man need not sit up nights worrying about crops that are burning up in the fields. I think it more than likely that we will return to Oregon to reside permanently, and that we will settle our affairs in Southern California."

Mr. Lawrence says the orange crop of Riverside County is fine wherever irrigation can be practiced, and those favored groves are now yellow with the fruit which will be to ripen next November. "If I had 30 acres of good bearing orange trees, I would not care for the water for irrigation," he continued, "but I would not want anything better, but the water supply is the paramount question. A number of orange growers recently tapped the Elsinore Lake for the purpose of irrigating their orchards, but the water so strongly impregnated with alkali that it killed the trees."

VOTING AT PRIMARIES.

Mayor Storey Asks for Light on the Election Law. Following is the text of a communication from Mayor Storey to the Oregon Public Law Commission, which will be acted on tomorrow night:

Portland, March 27.—To the Multnomah Bar Association, Wm. M. Banks, Secretary, City-Block B, 1000 Commercial, Oregon. Dear Sir: I desire at this time to suggest to the Bar Association what I think the matter of the primary law a little attention and define, if possible, the meaning of the law, of section 5, paragraph 3, within the law, of section 5, paragraph 3, of the primary law of Oregon. Section 5 reads as follows:

"No person who is not a qualified elector under the laws of the state, or will not be so qualified at the next general election, shall be qualified or permitted to vote at any primary election held under this act."

Section 6 defines further the qualifications and provides a penalty therefor. Section 5, paragraph 3, Laws of Oregon, 1889, reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of every elector in the State of Oregon, to appear at the first Monday in January, 1900, and 5 o'clock P. M. of the 10th day of May, 1900, and between the same dates and hours biennially thereafter, to register with some Justice of the Peace, or with the County Clerk in the county in which the elector resides, in accordance with this act."

Section 5, paragraph 3, of the primary law, in connection with section 5 of the primary laws of the State, is a little more specific in providing the right of any person to vote at the primary election, unless he had become a qualified elector under the laws of the state, prior to said primary election. However, I desire very much to have the Bar Association take this matter up and discuss it and render an opinion as early as possible, and I individually, will feel very grateful to the Association for the opinion." W. A. STOREY, Mayor.

CHEAPEST POSSIBLE FOOD.

How Wheat Hominy is Regarded by Some Oregon Housekeepers. The cheapest food that can be placed on an Oregon table is wheat hominy. In fact, it is so cheap that it works against its general introduction. The wheat can be obtained at retail in Portland at 1 cent a pound, while in the interior a whole bushel may be bought for 5 cents. Wheat does not have to come from a foreign clime, pay a big duty on entering the seaport, and provide for half a dozen profits of middle men who handle it. Wheat does not have to be milled like corn hominy, or it can be ground into puddings with the addition of eggs, milk and sugar.

Wheat hominy is prepared from the grain, just as hominy is. A lye is made of oak wood ashes, and the husk of the grain are removed by an immersion in this. Afterward the lye is washed off and the grain are boiled. That is all any one who dares to interfere. Finally a well-known East Side physician happened along and informed the driver that unless he desisted a policeman would be called and he would be placed under arrest. He desisted until he got out of sight. The horse was a small brown animal, and was hitched to a cart, and the man in charge is said to be a horse-trainer. The cart has been reported to Humane Officer Wells for investigation.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

Coleman Arrested at Hillsboro Is Defauling Clerk Shanklin. Evidence is fast closing around J. W. Shanklin, alias Coleman, arrested in Hillsboro two days ago as the defaulting City Clerk of Fresno, Cal. Requestion papers are being made for his return, and within a very short time the California officers will appear and demand the prisoner. From a few fragments of conversation comparing the man with the likeness, there seems no doubt that the right man has been caught. In this city alone there is convincing evidence, as he has been identified positively by two prominent citizens, who say the photograph is an exact likeness.

C. H. Markham, general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, lived in Fresno for a few years and became well acquainted with Shanklin then. He was for a period editor of the Fresno Daily Republican, and later mixed in politics, and was elected City Clerk. Mr. Markham says Shanklin was a prominent member of the 100,000 Club, a strong communist organization of the city.

W. W. Phillips, cashier of the Ainsworth National Bank, is very well acquainted with Shanklin. He has known him for many years, and while engaged in the fruit business became familiar with Shanklin's career from the time he drifted from his home town. He has seen him grow up and drifted into politics, soon after which he became interested as part owner in the Fresno Daily Republican, a newspaper published there. After a few months' absence he returned to his home town, and ran for the office of City Clerk, to which he was elected. The City Clerk is the officer who collects all city taxes, and it is his duty to collect from the city. Phillips says he has seen Shanklin's hands considerable money. He was addicted to playing pool a great deal, with the result that considerable city funds went over the table to meet his losses. After a time he first met the sheriff, and was taken to jail for a long time. He was later taken to the local jail, where he remained for a long time. He was later taken to the local jail, where he remained for a long time.

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LOCAL POLITICAL FIELD

DEMOCRATS NOT LIKELY TO NAME CANDIDATES SATURDAY.

Aplicants Wish Nominations Deferred Several Weeks—Ward Republican Club Meetings.

Thomas O'Day is authority for the statement that there was never any intention to hold a caucus of delegates to the Democratic convention, at his office last night, since the County Central Committee voted down that suggestion Tuesday night.

Dr. W. R. Lord Talks to Children About Protection of Birds. Dr. W. R. Lord, of the Unitarian Church, gave the pupils of the Brooklyn School, Milwaukee street, an interesting talk on birds, yesterday afternoon, by request of Miss Dimick, the principal.

IN BEHALF OF SONGSTERS. Portland, March 28.—I desire through the Oregonian to extend my hearty thanks to the members of my church and congregation for the gift of a fine new Milton piano, valued at \$250. Also I desire to offer special thanks to the Elvers Piano House Company for their part in the matter; they were especially liberal in their donation, and made it possible to present me this piece of beautiful music.

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Best Values in Men's Wear

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primary showed that H. W. Kretzer was defeated in the Third Ward. This was an error. Mr. Kretzer was elected and will be a delegate to the Democratic County Convention.

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