

MR. FIELDS' COUP

County Clerk Gets Election Certificate.

DESPITE PLAN TO WITHHOLD IT

Clerk Swetland's Deputy Issues Paper His Principal Held Back as Trump Card in Game to Remain in Office.

Despite the efforts of a trio of officeholders to keep him out of office, Frank S. Fields, County Clerk-elect, has obtained the election certificate that gave him the County Court L. Q. Swetland didn't intend to give him, and will calmly take possession of the office in July, and let those who oppose him do the best they can with the other one point of law. Mr. Fields will go into office under an act of the last Legislature which consolidates the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clerk of the County Court and County Recorder into one, that of County Clerk. Mr. Swetland, Recorder Beach and J. P. Kennedy, Clerk of the Circuit Court, naturally objected to have their office thus taken from their tenure grasp, and were about to bring or force an action to test the validity of the act. Pending such action it was a part of their plan to hold up Mr. Fields' election certificate, and thus make him conduct his fight from the outside, but at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Fields walked quietly into Swetland's office and asked for his certificate. He got it. He then asked for a duplicate and got that. Mr. Swetland was not in at the time, but Arthur C. Bancroft, one of his deputies, was, and Mr. Bancroft looked upon the re-



Frank S. Fields, County Clerk-elect

quest as reasonable. He had issued other election certificates to other officers, he knew that Mr. Fields was elected by a good majority, so why not give him the document? The paper was given, drawn up and signed, and was all Mr. Fields desired, for the law gives any deputy authority to perform any acts in the province of his chief. But as it was a good day for officiousness, the County Clerk-elect asked that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the County Court, and the obliging deputy made a copy of the paper and laid it on the desk of his absent chief.

Having got what he came for, Mr. Fields took his departure, stopping on the way to leave the duplicate certificate at the Recorder's office. Mr. Bancroft, County Recorder, was not in, but his deputy, James McCord, was. Mr. Swetland returned some time after the occurrence, and his remarks on discovering the copy of the certificate on his desk indicated that he was not well pleased with his deputy. He bottled himself up, however, until after the office closed, when he and Mr. Bancroft retired to a private office. Mr. Bancroft emerged without his commission as deputy, but the clerk, feeling that possibly the action was due to an error of judgment, informed him that if he so desired he could remain in the office as a clerk, although no assurance was given that the power to issue election certificates would ever be restored.

There is no doubt that the possession of his certificate of election will enable Mr. Fields to obtain and hold his office without further fear of the efforts of those whom he will have superseded to oust him. Judge L. B. Webster, County Judge-elect, and Commissioner-elect F. C. Barnes compose a majority of the County Court, and as they made the campaign with Mr. Fields, and were elected on the same ticket with him, they will naturally feel disposed to give due consideration of his rights in the premises. Sheriff-elect Storey was also on the ticket with Mr. Fields, and will look upon him as the County Clerk until cause is shown why he should look upon him otherwise. With recognition from the County Court and the Sheriff, the new Clerk will not be inclined to worry because either Mr. Swetland, Mr. Beach or Mr. Kennedy refuse to pay him the homage due to his office, and will let them go to the courts for such redress as they feel is coming to them, which they undoubtedly will do.

Just what the outcome of the affair will be is not known, but there is reason to believe that the end is not yet. Mr. Swetland feels confident that he can hold over under the law, and his confidence is shared by his associates in the Recorder's office, and in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. It has been stated that the offices were consolidated by the Legislature for political reasons, and that they will be re-established by the next Legislature, but this event, as it is reported, H. C. Smith, who is to be Mr. Fields' chief deputy, will be on hand ready to fill the office Mr. Kennedy will leave vacant. He will have some time between now and January to accustom himself to the duties of the office. It developed yesterday that Mr. Bancroft had already given Mr. Fields an election certificate bearing date of June 18. Only one certificate is required by law, but as they were easy to get Mr. Fields seems to have thought it worth while to lay in a supply.

Swetland's Statement.
Mr. Swetland, asked for a statement regarding the matter, said:

"Fields came to the office during the noon hour and secured from Bancroft two certificates of election and subscribed to the oath of office. One he filed here with Bancroft, as Deputy Clerk of the County Court, and the other in the Recorder's office. There was a certificate issued by Bancroft to Fields, bearing date of June 18, which I presume Fields has. "Inasmuch as I desire to bring this matter to a speedy determination, I instructed all of my deputies that all applicants for certificates of election be referred to me, and Bancroft overstepped his authority in this matter. I regret Fields' action, because I think it will tend to delay an early final decision. If the certificate issued by Bancroft is held to be regular, Mr. Carey, one of Fields' attorneys, asked me if it was necessary for Fields to make a personal demand for his certificate, and I told him I did not care to take advantage of technicalities in the law, but would consider his demand as the demand of Fields. "Once having refused to deliver the certificate, I did not give the possibility of any of my deputies issuing a certificate serious thought. I did not think any of

my deputies would disobey my positive instructions. If Fields' contention to the legality of that certificate is sustained, the trial as to his right to hold the office will still proceed and a decision will only be postponed. I was fully aware that two or three of my deputies are especially friendly to Fields, but, inasmuch as they were in my employ, I thought they would obey instructions. I have revoked Bancroft's commission as deputy, but he will be retained in the office as an ordinary clerk.

"I met Fields on the street and told him I thought he ought to go to withdraw the certificate, and I thought it was wrong for him to make a young man do a dishonorable act, and he told me he would see his attorneys and let me know this morning."

What Bancroft Says.
Arthur C. Bancroft, who is a son of F. A. Bancroft, the well-known railroad man and politician, when asked concerning the matter, said:

"I issued the certificate because I thought it was the right thing to do. Mr. Swetland had never told me of his intention not to issue the certificate, and had never given me any instructions not to issue it. About 1 o'clock Mr. Fields came into the office and asked me if I would issue the certificate, and I told him I would. He asked me for a duplicate, and I gave it to him. About 4 o'clock Mr. Swetland came in. He was rather indignant and exceedingly disappointed when he found what I had done. I believe I did right in the matter, and I think the certificate will stand. More good than harm has probably been done, as the matter was sure to go into the courts, and this has just brought it a point nearer a final settlement."

"How does Mr. Swetland regard your actions a mistake or as a favor to Fields?"

"A little of both. He will probably contend that he gave me orders not to issue any certificates, but I am sure he did not. He regards it partly as a mistake, and told me I could still retain my position. I hardly think I shall stay, however."

Commissioner-Elect Favors Fields.
F. C. Barnes, newly elected County Commissioner, said:

"I believe the certificate issued by the deputy is valid in every respect, and that the situation is entirely changed. Mr. Swetland will no longer act on the defensive, but must himself bring suit to regain the office. It is my opinion that the court will sustain Mr. Fields and recognize him as the Clerk."

Storey Will Do Court's Bidding.
Sheriff-elect W. A. Storey expressed the same view of the situation as did Mr. Barnes, and said that should the court so order, he would remove the present officers and make room for Mr. Fields.

Swetland's Plan to Hold Over.
The alleged grounds for withholding Fields' certificate was that he was elected to an office which does not exist according to the constitution and the statute, and to compel him to bring a mandamus proceeding to obtain the certificate, and then a denial of his right to hold the office would be interpreted as a defeat.

Now that Fields has his certificate, such a course cannot be pursued, and he has the better of the fight. If the old officers continue to endeavor to hold on, Fields will probably ignore their claims and take possession of the various departments instead of quietly submitting and bringing quo warranto proceedings against them.

FREE BATHS TO CLOSE.
No Site Available—So They Will Go Into Storage.

The County Commissioners have decided not to allow the free swimming bath at a location on the Morrison-street bridge, and if new quarters cannot be found by Thursday, the baths will be closed and stored up for the next season. This action is, of course, very much to be regretted by those who have the baths in charge, but at the present time no other course is open.

The location of the baths is, of course, the most important thing in connection with them, and if an unsuitable place is picked out for them, they are worse than useless. Swims caused by the numerous passing steamers on the West Side make it impossible that they be situated there, while the many woodyards, sawmills and other buildings on the East Side make that part of the river objectionable on account of the sawdust, scrap and other refuse constantly being dumped in the stream. A location near the mouth of the river, for obvious reasons, also undesirable, and when all these points are taken into consideration, it will be seen that a good site is difficult to secure.

Through the courtesy of the Portland City & Oregon Railway, a very desirable situation was secured at the east end of the Morrison-street bridge, and as the baths were then very centrally located, they were well patronized by the many hot and dirty youngsters that have been, during former years, risking their lives by swimming and bathing in the open river. But the fierce fire of Saturday last completely destroyed this location, and came near burning the baths, too, it being with great difficulty that they were towed out of reach of the flames. Arrangements were made to have the slight damage inflicted during the work of rescue repaired, and then Messrs. Samuel and Holman, who have been the least interested in securing the baths, set out to secure new wharf rights.

A launch was secured and many trips were made up and down the river, but no place was available, so the sponsors were at their wits' ends until a berth at the center of the Morrison-street bridge was suggested. This proposition was hailed with delight, until County Commissioners Showers and Calk announced that such a proceeding would be impossible. Thus was the last ray of hope cut off, and as it will be very difficult to secure a location can be returned to a time that will nearly mark the close of the swimming season, the only thing to do was to announce that the baths will be stored until next season. It seems most unfortunate that a project that has been so well supported by the citizens of Portland should fall through at the last minute for such a small cause.

Mr. Samuel was very indignant at the course taken by the Commissioners, and made the following statement to an Oregonian reporter yesterday: "I can see no reason for the way in which the Commissioners have acted. It seems very aggravating that such a project should be blocked for such a trivial reason, and the statement that the crowds of small boys that would congregate on the bridge would be dangerous to the structure is nonsense. Why, in Boston there is a free bath on every bridge, and sometimes two; and, besides, what are the bridges for, anyway? Should they be kept in glass cases? No; they are for the use of citizens, and who of our citizens are more important than the little boys? What we need in Portland are crowds, too, to make the city look lively, and not like some moonshack village. Yes, we shall surely close the baths if no suitable location can be secured right away."

GOOD WORK FOR BABY HOME
Amateur Theatricals by East Portland Children Net \$75.

The Baby Home is in receipt of \$75, the net proceeds of the benefit given last Friday evening for the hospital fund by 30 children of East Portland. This was purely a labor of love, and reflects great credit upon the young people who presented the play entirely unaided by any adults. A large part of the work of preparation was done by Charlotte Ballin, Welda Bailey, Stella Boggs, Nellie Boggs and the other children. They sold their means of expressing our gratitude for their kindly interest in the babies and their valuable financial help toward the hospital fund.

L. W. SITTON, President Baby Home.

Faded hats recovers its youthful color and softness by the use of Parker's Hair Dressing, the best cure for corns, dandruff.

Meier & Frank Company

"Willamette" Sewing Machines are the equal of any machine on the market.

Going to the Coast? Household and Camping Supplies of every description can be bought here at the very lowest prices—Blankets and Comforters at special prices this week

Flags for July 4th Cotton, wool and silk Flags in every size and quality, from the small cotton flag at 1c to a huge silk or wool flag at \$25.00—(Third floor).

June Clothing Sale



We might save these clothes and get more for them next season, but that's not our way of doing the clothing business—Rather clear up stock, and that's what we're doing, and that's the cause of the great tumble in prices on seasonable clothes for men and boys—This has been a busy clothing store since early Saturday morn, and we intend there shall be no let up in the enthusiasm until July 4th—Economical men and parents will see that all needs are supplied before that time.

Men's \$7.50 Suits at.....\$ 5.10
Men's \$10 Suits at.....7.10
Men's \$12.50 Suits at.....9.65
Men's \$15 Suits at.....11.95
Men's \$20 Suits at.....14.98
Men's \$22.50 Suits at.....17.65
\$7.50 Outing Suits.....\$5.35
\$9.50 Outing Suits.....\$7.15
\$5.00 Crash Suits.....\$3.00
\$6.50 Crash Suits.....\$3.50
\$2.00 Wash Vests.....\$1.35
\$2.50 Wash Vests.....\$1.65
\$5.00 Bicycle Suits.....\$3.60
\$10 Bicycle Suits.....\$7.10
Men's Linen Dusters Reduced.

Boys' Clothing

Boys' light and dark Percale Waists.....18c
Boys' Percale Blouses, 3 to 8 years.....18c
Boys' blue flannel Sailor Suits.....98c
Boys' blue serge Sailor Suits at.....\$3.89
Boys' all-wool 2-pc. Suits, 8 to 15 yrs.....\$2.35
Young men's blue serge Suits.....\$6.35
Boys' Wash Suits at reduced prices.

Cloak Store Bargains

This week's offerings in the Cloak Department are attracting more than the usual throng of buyers—Timely bargains in the most desirable and seasonable merchandise is what's doing the trick.

Wash Suits Entire stock greatly reduced. The newest styles, the best materials, the ideal costume for hot weather wear—The prices will easily tempt you.
All the \$5, \$5.50 and \$6 Wash Suits; linen, crash, lawn, chambray and white lawn, plain and trimmed effects, all this season's styles, your choice.....\$3.95
All the \$7 and \$7.50 Wash Suits in gingham, linens, white tucked lawns, Foulard effects, crash, handsome styles, beautifully made and trimmed, your choice.....\$5.45
All the \$9, \$9.50 and \$10 Wash Suits; splendid styles in batiste, linens, gingham, white piques; the most desirable styles shown this season, all sizes, at.....\$6.85

Shirtwaists

The entire \$1.25 line in linens, lawns and gingham, all this season's best styles, handsome patterns, all sizes.....95c
All the \$1.50 and \$1.75 Waists in the most desirable materials and patterns, all sizes, your choice at the low price of.....\$1.28

Ladies' Shirtwaists in French gingham, dimities or mercerized effects; many of the best styles we have shown this season, plain or stripes, \$2.25, \$2.50 values.....\$1.92

\$12.50 Silk Petticoats in all the best shades, deep pleating and ruche or double ruffle, at.....\$7.95
Black Moreen and Alpaca Petticoats, silk pleating and ruche or ruffle, great val.....\$4.45

Ladies' Eton or Blouse Jackets in peau de sole, taffeta or moire; the regular \$10 and \$12 values, for.....\$8.25
Ladies' Eton and Blouse Jackets in covers and chevrons, tan or black, silk lined, \$8 and \$7 values at.....\$4.72

Another great lot of Ladies' Lawn Wrappers in best styles, all new designs, stylishly made.....89c
Two great values in Ladies' Cravenette Raglans at \$10.45, \$15.45

Entire stock of Ladies' Suits at greatly reduced prices.

Picture Framing done in a very satisfactory manner, and at low prices. Gurney Refrigerators and Peerless Ice Cream Freezers—All sizes. Great values in Rugs, Art Squares and Matings—(Third floor).

Toilet Articles

The great Summer sale of Toilet Articles continues through the week—A hundred bargains in useful and hot weather necessities that can be bought at a big saving—Toilet Waters, Soaps, Tooth Brushes, Cold Cream, Florida Water, Hair Brushes, Sponges, Chamols, etc., etc., all reduced.
(Large bargain counter).

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WHAT A FIRE COSTS.

Department Apparatus Usually Suffers Damage.

About \$1200 was lost in the matter of Fire Department equipment, etc., in the blaze which raged last Saturday night on the East Side. An Oregonian reporter obtained the figures from Chief Campbell, as follows: One thousand feet of fire hose burst and burnt; loss of two fire alarm boxes, three hydrants and two nozzles; and 15 tons of coal burnt by the fire engines—say \$175. This does not include wear and tear of fire apparatus, firemen's salaries, or oil for machinery. Slight repairs will be necessary to engine No. 1, hose wagon No. 1 and chemical No. 2, where articles have been wrecked.

In this connection, a fireman of considerable experience in this and other cities said: "We ought to have a coal depot for the Portland Fire Department. I mean a place centrally located where coal could be stored for the use of the fire engines. A wagon, with harness adjusted so that it could be instantly placed on the fire engine, should be provided, so that when a fire of more than ordinary dimensions breaks out, a supply of coal could be taken en there. At the fire last Saturday night people wondered why so many hose wagons left at intervals. They were being taken to obtain coal from the different fire stations. Time was lost, to say nothing of the wear and tear on wagons and horses. Why, then, should we not have one central depot, where one supply of coal could be obtained for use at a big fire? At present one engine can only carry sufficient coal to last one-half hour in active service."

SWETLAND'S ICE CREAM

And Water Ices. Special prices for picnics and parties.

VERY LOW RATES.

On June 28 and July 1 and 3 the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company will offer extraordinarily low round-trip rates to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago and all points East. Get details at O. R. & N. office, Third and Washington.

Your complexion, as well as your temper, is rendered miserable by a disordered bowels. Improve both by taking Carter's Little Liver Pills.



OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

Week of Big Bargains

CLEARING SALE OF COLORED DRESS GOODS

Every piece, regardless of texture, pattern or price, of colored wool dress goods in our store on sale this week at greatly reduced prices. Many at less than one-half. If this interests you, come early!

PORTLAND BLANKETS INTRODUCTORY SALE

Highest-grade blankets in the world; strictly pure all-wool, full widths, full weights. All around, a little better blanket, price for price, than has been offered heretofore. During this sale every piece will be reduced.

SUIT ROOM SPECIAL

Two lines of this season's proper styles in ladies' tailor-made suits; desirable materials and colors; regular \$25.00 and \$30.00 values; special at.....\$13.98

WOMEN'S GAUZE LISLE

UNION SUITS (Oneita Style)

A new shipment of women's fine gauze lisle union suits just opened. Among them some were found to be slightly imperfect. We are instructed by manufacturers to sell them at one-half price rather than return them. We will do better. We will sell the lot, regular \$1.50 garments, per suit.....65c

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Window Shades made to order. Best hand-made opaque. Lowest prices. First-class workmanship.

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Hundreds of yards of these fine Embroideries and Laces in all-overs, edgings and insertions went flying yesterday. Newest styles, in great variety and offered at such emphatic reductions. Come today—there is a great plenty of Lace and Embroidery Bargains well worth coming for.

12c Imitation Duchesse Lace.....7c
15c Imitation Valenciennes.....25c
10c Black Chantilly Laces.....9c
20c Imitation Valenciennes Laces at.....13c
25c Imitation Valenciennes Laces at.....19c
15c Net Top Venice Laces.....5c
Novelty Laces worth 20c to \$4, at 10c to \$2.50.
15c Embroideries for.....9c
25c Embroideries for.....16c
30c Embroideries for.....21c
40c Embroideries for.....25c
50c Embroideries for.....30c
65c Embroideries for.....42c
85c Embroideries for.....55c
\$1.00 Embroideries for.....60c

Around the Store

Ladies' lace Lisle Hosiery in black, red and blue; special, pair.....27c

Newest styles in ladies' Bathing Suits. Bargains in Hammocks. New arrivals in White Shirtwaists. Novelties in Shirtwaist Hats and Outing Hats.

Wash Goods Bargains

18c and 20c Lappet Dimities and Lawns in exquisite designs and colorings at, yd.....14c

Also 60c Mercerized Zephyrs embroidered with silk stripes—pink, blue, red, green—while it lasts at.....38c

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Outing Suits \$9.85

THESE are the regular \$15.00 and \$16.50 garments—just the kind for the seashore and mountain. Being made of basket weaves, which is the one fabric that combines dressiness, style and service. Some cut in the famous Gibson style, others in the new Blouse and Eton effect. The greatest value ever at.....\$9.85

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MASTERS BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION. J. B. BRIDGES, Pres. G. W. GORDON, Sec.

Killed by an Electric Shock. NEW YORK, June 24.—Mrs. J. R. Anderson met death at Croton, N. Y., in a

peculiar manner. She was walking through her husband's store, carrying a pan of cherries, when she stopped and raised her hand to turn on an electric lamp, and to steady herself is supposed to have rested the pan against an iron railing about the counter. The light current was accidentally grounded, and she received a shock of 1800 volts, causing instant death.

Of the 88,000,000 odd acres of land in Russia, 25 per cent are occupied by forests and orchards.