

HOWL HOLD UP?

Under Referendum, When Will People Vote on Fair?

PUZZLING QUESTIONS RAISED

Doubt Is Expressed as to Constitutionality of Special Election Act Which Might Postpone Vote to June, 1904.

If the Lewis and Clark appropriation is to be submitted to referendum, can the people vote on it before June, 1904?

Some persons believe that the appropriation would be held up that long.

Other persons believe that it would not, because the Legislature at the last session passed an act for a special election, should a referendum be required.

Again, if the act is constitutional, may it not be submitted to referendum as well as the appropriation bill?

Again, can a petition for referendum be filed with the Secretary of State before May 21?

All the above questions are fraught with immense interest and concern to the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Therefore, if the election on the appropriation is not to be held in 1905, nearly all the preparatory and construction work will probably have to be done in less than one year.

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If this is the true construction of this provision, no special election can now be called without a special session of the Legislature...

As to the second question: The amendment provides that the Secretary of State and all other officers, shall be guided by the general laws and the constitution...

If the Legislature had not provided any legislation especially for the operation of the amendment, we should have a very different question to answer...

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ASPECTS OF PORTLAND LIFE DURING A LAUNDRY "LOCK-OUT."



A. C. PALMER IS INDICTED

CHARGE IS PRETENDING TO BE A UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.

Defense Is Ignorance of Wrong-Doing—No Indictment Returned Against Miss Marie Ware.

A. C. Palmer, ex-United States Commissioner at Prineville, will have to be tried on the charge of falsely pretending to be a United States Commissioner.

The facts on which Palmer's indictment is based have been stated already in The Oregonian.

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OWNERSHIP OF LAND SETTLED.

Suit Decided in Favor of Cornelia Burkhardt and Elizabeth Cadwell.

In the suit of Cornelia Burkhardt and Elizabeth Cadwell against Alfred P. Watson, one Watson Sloan et al., to determine the ownership of 87 1/2 acres of land near Lents, valued at about \$5000, Judge George yesterday rendered a decision in favor of plaintiffs.

The defendants are the heirs of Andrew J. Watson, deceased, and the plaintiffs are the heirs of A. V. T. Cadwell, deceased.

At the time of the trial the witnesses offered considerable testimony, and also consented to agree to the following statement of facts:

On October 6, 1851, T. W. States and Cynthia States owned 125 acres of land including the Indian school site, and deeded the same to Demolval Talbot and J. A. English.

On January 13, 1872, Ankeny executed a deed to an undivided one-half of the above land to one Watson Sloan, administrator of the estate of her husband, Andrew J. Watson, deceased.

The testimony showed that Judge George decided that Woodward was the owner of the land.

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CLAIMS 18 INCHES OF GROUND.

Suit of Albert Huber against B. B. Arbuckle to determine the boundary line between their property at Third and Hall streets.

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FREE BATHS SOON TO OPEN

YOUNGSTERS WILL WELCOME ARRIVAL OF SWIMMING SEASON.

Plans Are Made to Have the Bath-House Ready by the Close of the School Year.

The free baths will be open to the public about June 1, and will be kept open throughout the swimming season.

Edward Holman said yesterday that while nothing had as yet been done toward getting the parts of the bath-house, steps would be taken at once.

At the close of last year's season there was \$300 in the treasury, but there has been considerable expense taking care of the bath-house.

A watchman has been looking after the bath-house plant, which is moored at the foot of Belmont and East Yamhill streets.

This has cost about \$5 per month. The pontoons and other parts have come through the winter without any material damage so far as can be seen.

Mr. Holman has not lost his interest in the movement for providing free swimming baths here, and may be depended on to do all in his power to keep them going.

He and Mr. L. Samuels spent much time last year in raising money and having the plant built and in keeping it open through the season.

Mr. Holman says that no one has been selected to take charge this year.

Mr. Murray and wife, who managed the baths so successfully last year, will probably not undertake the work again, although it is felt that their management could not be improved on.

No accident happened, and Mr. Murray was helpful in teaching the novices how to swim.

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