

DEALS SAID BLOW

Primary Law Knocks Out Machines.

PARTY CONTROL IS LOST

Voters Will Elect County Central Committeemen.

EACH PRECINCT CHOOSES ONE

Rank and File of Both Parties and Not Organization Managers Will Have Voice in Naming Men to Run the Machinery.

Highly delighted of the Republican and Democratic machines in Portland are fretting their brains over a clause in the direct primary law which requires election of new central committees at the primaries May 5.

"There shall be elected by each political party subject to this law," ordains the law, "at said primary, nominating election, a committeeman for each election precinct, who shall be a resident of such precinct.

Blow to Masters of Machines. This and more of the law give pains to the politicians who have been masters of the machines in Portland.

TO PLACE WIRES UNDERGROUND Telephone Company Ready to Begin Work on Conduit.

Preparations are rapidly being made for the installation of the complete underground wire system of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Rank and File to Have Voice. But the direct primary law has come between the central committee and its goal.

Such is also the case with the Democratic central committee.

And whether the new precinct committees shall supplant those already of the county committee is a second point of doubt.

The law in addition to the words already quoted says: "The committee who reside within the limits of any incorporated city or town shall consist of such city central committee as each of said respective political parties, and shall have the same powers and jurisdiction as to the business of their several parties in such city matters, save only the power to fill vacancies in said committee, which power is restricted to the county central committee.

What the Law Implies. Still the law speaks of the city and county central committees as if there were two; at least such is the interpretation of some politicians.

Mr. Boies shook his head to affirm what he had said. Mr. Van Zante was not so reserved.

Building Falls, Crushing Cottage. During a high wind yesterday afternoon a two-story building under construction by Olin S. Mathis in St. Johns, a short distance eastward from the schoolhouse, was blown over upon a cottage occupied by Contractor Kelly and wife, the latter house being completely crushed and everything in it wrecked except the looking-glass.

Record Display of Fruit. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The County Commissioners today appropriated \$100 to be used in preparing an exhibit of the Yakima products

The Meier & Frank Store Portland's Leading Cloak Store New Suits \$12.50 to \$65

A remarkably complete showing of new Spring Suits will be found here today—200 handsome garments added to the already large display—Every new style, every new shade, all the desirable materials, the latest creations of America's foremost manufacturers at prices ranging from \$12.50 to \$65.00—Included are Etons, blouses, tight-fitting, box and three-quarter tight-fitting styles in voiles, henriettes, Panama cloths, serges, chevots, cashmeres, alpacas, broadcloths, enamines and coverts, blacks, tans, navy, brown, grays and the new colors green, red and mahogany—We

call particular attention to the great variety of Spring Suits in checked materials, black and white, blue and white, brown and white, styles you won't find anywhere else about town—Let us show them to you \$14 Covert Coats By express late yesterday afternoon, 100 of the nattiest Tan Covert Jackets we've seen this season—Strapped and plain effects, collar or collarless, fancy trimmed styles, coats you would expect to pay \$20 for—Only 100 of them—They won't last many days at \$14.00 each—if you want one you better come today

New Shirtwaist Suitings

Handsome, new embroidered Voiles, in the very best styles for Shirtwaist Suits, 20c value, on sale today at, yard... 14c Brilliant Voiles—a new, stylish, serviceable material for Shirtwaist Suits; regular 25c value, on sale today at, yard... 19c 5000 yards of new flaked Cotton Suitings, 18c and 20c values, on sale for today only at the low price of, yard... 14c

Women's Neckwear Specials

New Crepe de Chine Windsor Ties, in all the light and dark shades; regular 35c value, today at... 24c Pique Stocks, with black and light blue crepe Four-in-Hand Ties; regular 75c value, today at... 49c White embroidery Tab Collars, many new designs; 35c value for... 19c

Sheets, Pillow Slips, Sheetings, Etc.

You can't always buy them at these prices. 42x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, good cotton, great value, each... 8c 45x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, great special 15c value at, each... 10c 45x36-inch hemstitched Pillow Cases, matchless value at, each... 13c

Curtain Dept. Bargains

8000 yards of dotted and figured Curtain Swiss, 36 inches wide, great variety of patterns, great value, yd. 11c Ruffled Swiss Bed Sets, for full-size beds, founced sides and foot, including bolster-cover, great bargain, \$5.50 value, on sale for three days at, set... \$2.98

Muslin Underwear

White Cambric Petticoats, trimmed in cluster of tucks, embroidery, insertion and edging, separate dust ruffles, the very best \$1.50 values, on sale for three days at low price of... 83c Women's Cambric Gowns, round and square necks, trimmed in embroidery, beading, ribbons, tucks and hemstitching, all sizes, very best \$1.25 values, on sale for... 69c

April Delineator on Sale 15c Copy Spring Millinery at \$1.98

Opening sale of Spring Millinery for today and tomorrow. 300 new Spring Hats at about half their value—Ready-to-wear Hats and ready-to-trim Hats in pyroxylin braids, shirred silk chiffons, lace hats, fancy braids in "Charlotte Cordays," turbans, and the new "Polo" shapes, the best shades in great variety—Hats worth \$3.98 are yours at \$1.98 each. New line of Caps and Hats for boys. New Silk Caps for misses

Great Sale of Screens

3-fold Draft Screens, in mahogany, oak and white enamel, silkoline filled; great special values for three days at... 98c Oak-framed Screens, with separate rod for filling, silkoline filled, handsome styles; best \$2.50 values for... \$1.98 3-fold oak Screens, filled with plain-colored denim, best make; regular \$4.25 values... \$3.58

New Popular-Priced Waists

Immense showing of new popular-priced Cotton Waists for the Summer season 1905; unequalled values at the following prices: Thousands of new Lawn Waists, lace or embroidery trimmed, wide or narrow tucks, all are well made and perfect fitting, each... \$1.25

Boys' and Girls' Reefers

Boys' and Girls' Reefers, in dark blue serge and chevrot, sizes 2 1/2 to 10 years, each... \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boys' and Girls' Reefers, in tan coverts, ages 2 1/2 to 10 years, handsome styles, at each... \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$8.50

Boys' Clothing, New Arrivals

Great shipment of new Spring apparel for Boys unpacked yesterday. The very latest in Suits, Reefers and Topcoats, smart styles, and with every purchase to the amount of \$5 or over a year's subscription to the "American Boy," the biggest and brightest boys' magazine published.

Great Special Sale of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Choc'late

There is Money to Be Saved on Every Item—Read Carefully. Best English Tea, lb... 60c Baker's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans... 45c Fancy English Tea, lb... 37 1/2c Ghradell's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans... 45c Best Gunpowder Tea, lb... 45c Huyler's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans... 40c

PLAY JOKE ON COUNTY AUDITOR

He is Locked in the Vault by Humorists. County Auditor Brandes was the victim of a practical joke in the County Clerk's office. The door of the vault, which cannot be reached from the outside, was turned off so that the door cannot be locked upon him before he enters.

MILWAUKIE'S NEW COUNCILMAN

John Kelso Elected to Fill Place of O. J. Roberts, Deceased. The new Council of Milwaukie, Mayor William Schindler presiding, organized for the year Monday evening by the election of Philip Streib president, John Kelso was elected Councilman in fill the vacancy caused by the death of Olin J. Roberts.

Arrested for Horse-Stealing

Deputy Sheriff Grass returned from Oak Point yesterday morning where he arrested J. D. White on a charge of horse stealing. A warrant was sent here from Heppner for the man's arrest on complaint of McKinley. The horse was stolen a year ago. White says he gave a watch to a man for the horse, supposing he was the owner of it. White has a wife and two children. He was working in a sawmill at Oak Point under the name of Green.