## CIRCULATORS MAY **FACE PROSECUTION**

Liquor Dealers Hope to Fix Blame for Forgeries on Excise Petition.

OTHERS TO HELP

Reform Organizations Will Be Requested to Aid in Convicting Men Guilty of Fraud in Initintive Measure.

Prosecution of some of the circulators of the Excise Board petition is not threatened by the Retail Liquor Dealers Association on charges of forgery and, i this course is adopted, the Municipal As sociation and the Committee of One Hun dred will be asked to join in the move

ment.

The liquor dealers think they have conclusive evidence that names were forged on the petitions by the wholesale, and as the Municipal Association and the Committee of One Hundred stand for morality, it is asserted that they should participate in the effort to punish the offenders.

If such a combined movement is accor-

If such a comblined movement is accomplished the peculiarity will exist of enemies and friends of the Excise Board plan being found working together to convict men assisting the defeat of the plan by unlawful means.

One of the striking instances of alleged forgeries discovered in the Excise Board petition is of the name of C. F. Adams, president of the Security Savings & Trust Company. The signature on the petition was so like Mr. Adams. Company. The signature on the petition was so like Mr. Adams' name as he wrote it in the registration books that the Deputy Auditor checking the petition counted it in spite of the protest of the watchers for the liquor dealers.

#### Adams' Name Was Forged.

Later Mr. Adams was brought to the Courthouse, where he pronounced the signature on the petition a forgery. He signed an affidavit that he had never subscribed his name to the petition.

subscribed his name to the petition.

Discovery that the names of salconmen were on the Excise Board petition has also been the subject of investigation by the liquor dealers. D. Germanius, who conducts a retail liquor establishment on Morrison street, was one whose name appeared, and yesterday Mr. Germanius signed a statement that he had not placed his signature on the petition.

As the grand jury, yesterday, was probing the mutilation of the petition and the forgeries that are part of it, the checking at the Courthouse was abandoned for most of the day. The deputies worked for a while in the morning, but the grand jury had the petition in its possession all for a while in the morning, but the grand jury had the petition in its possession all afternoon. The work will be resumed to-day, if possible, and completed by night. The checking, which has been in progress in the County Clerk's office, will be transferred to the City Auditor's office on account of interference with the work in the Clerk's office. County Clerk Fields has consented to Auditor Barbur taking the registration books and card index to the registration books and card index to the City Hall, where an effort will be made to simplify the checking by elim-inating some of the numerous watchers. If registration is a necessary qualifica-tion for a signer of a Portland initiative

tion for a signer of a Portland initiative petition, the Excise Board petition is undoubtedly insufficient. Sixty per cent of the 2000 names already checked have not been found in the registration books or are duplicates or proved forgeries. This means a loss of 1200 names, or a number means a loss of 1200 names, or a number so nearly sufficient to defeat the peti-tion that there is no hope for it.

Whether or not registration is a neces-sary qualification is a close legal ques-tion and one which will undoubtedly be settled by the courts as the outcome of the irregularities in the Excise Board pe-

The Oregon constitution reserves the right of the initiative to "legal voters," right of the initiative to "legal voters," but also authorizes cities to provide, by ordinance, regulations for carrying out the initiative in municipal affairs.

In ordinance No. 16,311, known as 'the McNary ordinance, the City Council of Portland has endeavored to make registration a qualification for voters whose signatures shall be accepted by the signatures shall be accepted by the City Auditor. Section 5 of the ordinance reads

### City Ordinance on Subject.

The Auditor of the City of Portland shall except for filing any petition for the initiative or for the referendum subject to the verification of the number and genuineness of the signatures and voting qualifications of the persons signing the same by reference to the registration books in the office of the County Clera of Multimonah County, and if a sufficient number of qualified voters be found to have signed said petition, he shall file the same within ten days after presentation to him.

As a matter of fact, registration is not a necessary qualification of a legal voter. An unregistered elector, if otherwise qualified, may swear in his vote at the polls with the aid of six freehold electors. The question has therefore arisen: Has not Portland attempted to abridge the initiative right reserved by the constitu tion for legal voters by making registra-tion an additional legal qualification? It is contended by the promoters of the

Excise Board petition that such is the case and that therefore Ordinance No. 16311 is unconstitutional. But it is the general custom for city officials and their legal advisers to accept as constitutional laws governing their official acts until laws governing their official acts into such laws are declared invalid by the courts. Therefore, City Auditor Barbur will follow the provisions of the city ordinance, unless advised to do otherwise by City Attorney Kavanaugh, and it is probable that City Attorney Kavanaugh will not advise the City Auditor to dis-regard the ordinance, whatever he may privately think concerning its constitu-

The expectation, therefore, is that the Excise Board petition will be pronounced insufficient by City Auditor Barbur and that the backers of the plan will apply for a writ of mandamus to compel him to file it and submit the question of the Excise Board law to the voters in the

The prediction is made by City Auditor Barbur and also by Attorney Roger B. Sinnott, representing the liquor dealers, that the present tangle will result in a law governing the circulation of initiative and referendum petitions.

Just what this change will be they are unable to forecast, but both express the opinion that the law has undoubtedly been shown to be lame in this particular.

Mr. Backur and referendum petitions. Barbur suggests that the circulat should be compelled to check up his list of names with the registration books before the petition is filed and should be required to certify to the number of registered names thereon. Mr. Barbur would also have it made felony for a cir-culator to make faise certification.

#### Commutation Limits Extended.

A supplementary circular just issued by the passenger department of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Rallway extends the limits of commutation tickets from Portland to beach points over the Astoria & united attempt to float her.

Columbia River Railroad. Tickets sold after May 3, will be good until one year from date of sale. It is thought this arrangement will prove an accommodation to beach visitors who live here and who have not been able to use their books within the former six months limit on this class of transportation.

#### SHATTUCK IS ON THE CLIMB

By Defeating Atkinson Lands in First Place.

By defeating the Atkinson School yesterday the Shattuck School grammar school baseball team practically cinched first place in the West Side division of the Communications. cinched first place in the West Side di-vision of the Grammar School League, and made it four straight victories. The score of yesterday's game was 13 to 16, in an exciting contest. The Shat-tuck team meets the Couch School next week, and this game should prove one of the hardest-fought contests of the grammar school season. The Chapman grammar school season. The Chapman School team, the rivals of the Shattuck for the West Side premierhsip is rooting for Couch to win the next game. In yesterday's game the Atkinson team became threatening in the ninth inning, for three men were on bases and none out. Shattuck changed pitchers and the next batter fanned, while a double play from center field to first base closed out the inning and brought victory to Shattuck. The teams lined

	up as follows:		
W	Shattuck. Posit	ion. Atl	kinson.
3	Hummell, Prideaux	P	Wilson
If	Hewlet	C	Milton
	Bercutler	b	Walster
4	Jones	2b	Franklin
-	Buchanan	3b Per	dergrass
-	Prideaux	S I	awrence
	Weiser		
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		Tf	Huxley
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The Richmond team swamped the South Mount Tabor grammar school players yesterday by defeating them in a game which ended in a score of 25 to 6 in Richmond's favor. The battery for Richmond played good ball, and this work was the feature of the game. Woodlawn took the measure of the hompson School players by the score

DOG SHOW ON AT TACOMA

Canines of High Degree Shown by

Visitors in Armory. TACOMA, Wash., April 27 .- (Special.)-Following a parade through the principal streets of Tacoma in which practically every dog entered in the Tacoma Kennel Club's first bench show will participate, the show will be formally opened at the Armory building Wednesday morning and after a short programme the judging will begin. Over 255 dogs have been entered and there promises to be lively competition for the handsome trophies offered.

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M. Robert Guggenheim, who created the interest which resulted in the organization of the club, returned to Tacoma tonight to be on hand at the opening of the show, although he broke an engagement with Governor Brady, of Idaho, who was to have met him at the train at Nampa and plan a welcome for the arrival of the pathfinding car in the New York-Seattle race, secured through the efforts of Mr. Guggenheim and his donation of about \$15,000. The show will last through the week.

#### WILL SPEAK ABOUT BIRDS W. L. Finley to Lecture in White

Temple Tonight.

In commenting upon the lecture by William L. Finley, entitled "The Trail of the Plume Hunter," which was given throughout the East, one of the New York papers said: "It is the strongest and most eloquent appeal ever made for wild bird protection. It should be heard by every woman in the land who adorns herself with the plumage of wild birds."
The Portland Woman's Club has arranged, in conjunction with the Oregon Audubon Society, for Mr. Finley to give llustrated with his many beautiful stereopticon sildes, tonight at the White Temple. The invitation has then extended to the general public, and

mo admission will be charged.

Mr. Finley and his associate, Mr. Bohlman, recently concluded several years' investigation and study of the native birds of this state. In the lecture this evening Mr. Finley will give the results of this research. He will show photographs of some of our rarest birds and tell of the slaughter that has led to their extermination in order to supply the millinery markets of Paris, New

#### MOTHER GIVES VERSION

Says Mrs. Saftenberg Was Badly Treated by Husband.

Indignant denial that Mrs. A. Saftsrnberg, 167 Grand avenue, who killed herself with carbolle acid Monday night, did the rash deed because of uncontrollable wrath at her husband, was made yesterday by relatives of the woman. Mrs. J. A. Bates, mother of Mrs. Safternberg, said her daughter was driven to the deed by the conduct f her husband, who neglected her by

keeping unseemly hours.
"My daughter was unable to get along with him," said the mother yesterday. "Some time ago she came home, saying she could stand the mistreat-ment no longer. She told us she was saying she could stand the mistreat-ment no longer. She told us she was going to get a divorce. But Saftern-berg came after her with promises of future good behavior. She went back to him but told me he was treating her worse than ever. It was this mis-treatment that made her what she was and drove her to death, and not a fit of anger." of anger."

#### CIRCUS CAMEL BORROWED

Hillah Temple, of Ashland, Secures. Animal for Initiation.

As the Norris & Rowe circus train was passing through Ashland, Or., on its way to Medford to give an exhibition, the train was held up. H. S. Rowe, aroused at the delay and the shouts of his train employes, emerged from his stateroom to ascertain the cause of the tumuit. He found a crowd of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Hillah Temple of Ashland. The Potentate proved a friend of many years' standing, and when the request for the loan of one of the big camels used in the Norris & Bowe reveals. loan of one of the big came used in the Norris & Rowe parade, was made. Mr. Rowe giadly agreed. The Shriners wanted the came for use in the initiation of the weary pligrims to pass over the sandy wastes of Arabia and, as Mr. Rowe is a Mason and could appreciate the situation, he was in hearty sympathy with the he was in hearty sympathy with the Nobles of Hillah Temple.

#### Stranded Barge Is Leaking.

MONTEREY, Cal., April 27.-The Asso MONTEREY, Cal., April 27.—The Associated Oil Company's schooner-rigged barge Roderick Dhu, which has been ashore at Moss Beach since 2 o'clock Monday morning, has listed toward the west and the wayes are piling the sand around her hull. Water is entering two of her compartments through punctures in her bottom. The sea is comparatively smooth and the crew is pumping to keen



Inquires Into Mutilation of Excise Board Petition.

LOTAN TELLS HIS STORY

Declares He Did Not Know Reinstein and Breslauer Erased Signatures - Auditor Barbur

Also Testifles.

Rigid investigation of the mutilation of Rigid investigation of the mutilation of the Excise Board petition at the City Auditor's office on the night of April 19. was taken up yeaterday by the county grand jury, and after several hours of in-quiry it looked very much as if a batch of indictments will result. The inquiry

of indictments will result. The inquiry will be resumed this morning.

Sam Lotan, Deputy City Auditor, who admitted Maurice Reinstein and S. Breslauer, of the Portland Brewing Company, to the Auditor's vaults where the petition was kept, and permitted the document to remain completely in their care for several hours, was one of the first witnesses called. His manner was that of one entirely unconcerned, and he protested that called. His manner was that of one en-tirely unconcerned, and he protested that he had nothing whatever to do with the alteration of signatures on the petition, and that he had no guilty knowledge of the affair. Reinstein and Breslauer have been served with subpenss to appear to-day and present their explanations of their strange visitation to the vaults on the night of the affair.

#### Considerable Evidence Given.

Considerable evidence connecting Bres-lauer, Reinstein and Lotan directly with the felony was evolved by the proceed-ings of yesterday. District Attorney Cameron had half a dozen witnesses on hand, and while he declined to discuss their narrations at the star-chamber ses-sion, yet it was learned from a positive source what occurred.

sion, yet it was learned from a positive source what occurred.

City Auditor Barbur told of Lotan's confession to him that he had let the two men itno the vault and had given the petition over to them. Mr. Barbur also recalled that on Monday morning Lotan inquired the combination to the vault, a most suspicious circumstance in itself. Janitor Devroe told of seeing Lotan and two men leaving the Auditor's office at it o'clock on the night in question. W. J. Smith and James Gill, Deputy City Auditors, testified to noting changes in the petition which had not been in evithe petition which had not been in evidence when the office closed Monday afternoon. Devroe was sure one of the three men was Lotan, but he couldn't rethree men was Lotan, but he couldn't recall the appearance of the other two, as
he paid no particular attention to them.
Lotan, in his own behalf, made a detalled statement. He said that on the
Monday night named he was asked by
Reinstein and Breslauer to accompany
them to the office, as they wished to see
the McKenna petition and check it over
in order to determine if the signatures
were genuine. Merely as an accommodawere genuine. Merely as an accommoda-tion to the two men, he consented to go, he said. They arrived at the office about secured the petition, laid it open on a table in the record room and then, suspecting nothing wrong, proceeded to his desk in the main office and wrote two personal letters.

#### Failed to See Wrongdoing.

From time to time Lotan stepped in to see how the men were progressing and saw no evidence of wrongdoing, so he said. When they had completed their inspection of the book, he returned it to the vault and accompanied the two men downtown, later going home. Upon being told the next day that the petition has been mutilated, he at once admitted, he having given the petition into the

hands of the brewerymen.

The petition was secured from the County Clerk's office, where the recheck-County Clerk's onice, where the rechecking is in progress, and was closely examined by the jurors. They were shown
where addresses had been carefully erased
on several sheets. In many instances the
erasures were made in order to nullify
signatures since declared fraudulent. Inspection of this petition will be made this
morning with a view to determining the morning with a view to determining the percentage of irregular signatures, and thus the process of going over the book

#### FOOD FACTS

What an M. D. Learned. A prominent Georgia physician went

ough a food experience which he makes public: "It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nuts food and I also know, from having prescribed it to convalescents and other weak pa-tients, that the food is a wonderful rebuilder and restorer of nerve and brain tissue, as well as muscle. It improves the digestion and sick patients always gain just as I did in strength and weight very rapidly.
"I was in such a low state that I had

to give up my work entirely, and went to the mountains of this state, but two months there did not improve me; in fact, I was not quite as well as when I left home.

My food did not sustain me and it

became plain that I must change. Then I began to use Grape-Nuts food and in two weeks I could walk a mile without fatigue, and in five weeks returned to my home and practice, taking up hard work again. Since that time I have felt as well and strong as I ever did in my "As a physician who seeks to help

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human

at the Clerk's office will be considerably delayed. The grand jury will use it all

day.

The second phase of irregularity, that of forged signatures, has not yet been touched upon by the jurors. It is first intended to affix guilt on those who mutilated it. Then the alleged forgeries will be gone into, and it is regarded as anticle probable that saveral of those entirely probable that several of those who circulated the petition will be called upon to answer charges of forgery.

#### She Likes Mr. Jones; He's so Nice

Elevator Boy Tells Secret of Fair Lady, Who Expresses Opinions About Some People With Unusual Frankness,

66S EE that dame?" said the elevator boy, looking up from the plate of half-and-half he was devouring in the lunch-room, and pointing at a vision of fair femininity that was passing the doorway. "Say, she's all right. She can get a

new hat any time she wants one. She is the best peddler of the stuff that makes you give up that I ever see. She come into my elevator the other night after having been out to a jamboree where they wore glad-rags, and she had a nice young feller with her. As soon as she gets into the car she begins, and she gets into the car she begins, and she keeps it up for the whole eight stories.

"I like so much to go out with Mr. Jones" she says, for he always knows just how to treat a lady. He always brings me flowers when we are going out, and he always asks me if I'm hungry, and he always asks me if I'm hungry, and takes me somewhere to get someand takes me somewhere to get some-thing to cat. And he wouldn't think of taking me out in a hack; no, he always gets an automobile. He knows just what women like, he's such a nice man.'
"Honest, the way she put it to that
guy was awful. He'd got her a hack to
bring her home, and he didn't say a
word, though he knew she was handing

word, though he knew she was halling it to him as much as to say he was a rum sort because he didn't fall for the feed and the buzz-wagon.

"After he left her he comes out, looks at me, and gives me a cigar. I bit once." he says, 'but never again for mine. Get-ting stung once is enough."

#### NATIVE SONS PLAN PICNIC

Will Celebrate Founding of Civil Government in Oregon

On next Saturday, May I. a picnic cele-bration will take place at Champoeg in honor of the 66th anniversary of the founding of the first civil government in Oregon—the first in American territory west of the "Rocky or Oregon Moun-tains," as described on a map of 1838. The celebration will be under the auspices of F. X. Matthieu Cabin No. 1 Native Sons of Oregon. Joseph Buchtel, of Portland, has been selected as presi-

dent of the day, and Hon. P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, will deliver a patriotic address. Music will be provided by a local Champoeg may be reached from Portland by boat leaving the foot of Taylor street at 5.45 A. M., and returning, leave Champoeg at 4 P. M., or by taking electric cars from Front and Jefferson streets at 8 A. M., connecting with the boat at Wilsonville about 11 A. M. Excursion rates can be secured on either route.

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### FRANCHISE IS DEMANDED

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> main at Packing Plant Without Streetcar Facilities.

A large delegation from North Albina and the Peninsula will attend the meet-ing of the City Council today and ask hat the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Company be given a franchise so the company may proceed at once to the construction of the branch to the Swift packing plant and the Monarch Lumber Com-pany's mill. At a meeting of the Penin-sula Development League at Arbor Lodge Monday night, with W. G. Steele presid-ing, the franchise question was discussed

exhaustively. C. G. Colt, representing the Swift Pack-Company, addressed the meeting at length, setting forth that the company was already handicapped by not having a

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carline to the plant at present. "The dompany," he said, "has expended \$60,000 in the erection of a trestle with a car track and roadwaay to the Swift plant, all ready to connect with the electric branch line."

Hofer have gone to La Grande to attend the Oregon Development League meeting. Mr. Lewis will deliver an address on "The New Water Code."

He also pointed out that it was even now difficult to keep men at work on the buildings owing to the difficulties in getting to and from the plant.
"There will be over 1000 men employed by the Swift Company, the Monarch

Lumber Company and other industries," said Mr. Colt. "and unless there be streetear facilities they cannot be held."

Councilman W. T. Vaughn was present and explained at length the situation and why he had voted for the franchise. W. G. Steele, president of the Development League, said frankly he had concluded the franchise should be granted. A resolution was adopted by the league to this effect and will be presented to the City

Council today.

J. H. Nolta, member of the league, said yesterday: 'The franchise is not what we want. The league realizes it is not, but we cannot afford to imperil or hamper these great enterprises that are now being established on the Lower Peninsula.

Lewis and Hofer at La Grande.

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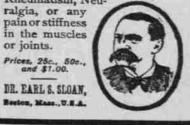
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