

TEST OF PETITION NEARLY POSSIBLE

Liquor Dealers' Attorney Is of Opinion 7000 Witnesses Would Be Necessary.

NAMES ARE CHECKED OVER

Comparison of Signatures With Card Index Does Not Greatly Help

Chances of Vote on Excise Board.

It will require the summoning of 7000 witnesses to prove that the Excise Board petition is sufficient, if the matter is ever brought to a legal trial, according to Roger B. Sinnott, attorney for the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association.

Mr. Sinnott bases this assertion on the ground that a non-registered voter, to swear in his ballot at the polls, must be accompanied by six fresh electors to certify to his voting qualification.

Mr. Sinnott contends that the Excise Board petition will be short 1000 registered voters' names and that the court will demand that the same proof be furnished as required at the polls be submitted for each man who declares he is a registered voter, notwithstanding his failure to register.

Contrary to the opinion of the attorneys for the promoters of the Excise Board, Mr. Sinnott declares that the burden of proof will be upon the contestants in the event the petition is thrown out by the Auditor, as now seems certain.

There must be six witnesses, he says, for each signer who is not registered or 7000 in all.

As the task would be so stupendous Mr. Sinnott is of the opinion that the test will never be attempted.

The double check started yesterday in the office of City Auditor Barbur on the names on the Excise Board petition did not throw a more favorable light on the sufficiency of the petition.

Less than 10 per cent of the names were checked off as those of non-registered voters were credited to the petition as the result of the check.

This second checking is by means of a card index devised by County Clerk Fields. The registration books are made up by precincts and the first checking was done by determining in what precincts the addresses given on the petition were located and by then referring to the proper book.

When the names were checked, mistakes were made in entering the precinct numbers on the petition but by reference to the card index of registered voters these errors are corrected.

Part of the petition has not yet been checked either by the registration books or card index, but out of 1500 names checked, and most of them double checked, only 616 have been found to be those of registered voters.

This indicates that the petition is running less than 40 per cent registered names. If the same percentage is kept up the petition will have the names of only 1500 registered voters or about 1000 less than necessary.

The checking has revealed that women were the best signature solicitors. Three women employed by the Excise Board promoters and one of them, Mrs. Jennie Hall, has the best score of the twenty odd clerks.

The only sheet yet discovered where all 20 names were circled was that of registered voters was circulated by Mrs. Hall.

PORTLAND TO GET BUSINESS

New Freight Rates on Grainbags Help Dealers Here.

Portland is to get a big grainbag business in the interior that it has not heretofore secured. By means of advanced freight rates just decided upon by the O. R. & N., bag manufacturers here will benefit to a great extent.

Formerly Utah and Idaho consumers have been supplied with bags from Omaha, Kansas City and New Orleans. Hereafter this business will be done largely from Portland.

Lower rates have just been decided on bags and bagging, burlap, gunny or jute, from Portland in straight or mixed carload freight rates just decided upon by the O. R. & N., bag manufacturers here will benefit to a great extent.

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STORY OF AIGRETTE TOLD

Naturalist Calls Ornament 'White Badge of Cruelty' and Describes How Young Fowls Are Left to Die.

The lecture given last night at the White Temple by William L. Finley on a most pregnant subject, "The Trail of the Plume Hunter," was without doubt a strong and eloquent appeal for bird protection, and should have been heard by every woman who uses her only headpiece as a vehicle for bird-slaughter.

The audience was composed of nice, orderly folk who don't read lessons on humane subjects. The damsels with penchants for aigrettes were among those who hoped otherwise.

The lecture was given at the solicitation of the Portland Women's Club and the Audubon Society. All of the members of the latter organization practice what they preach, and the clubwomen are now taking up the campaign for bird protection, as is evidenced in their interest in the lecture.

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The prime object of the lecture was to give the general understanding concerning the plumage of native birds and the wholesale slaughter that has been going on for many years in Oregon, to supply the military markets of New York, London and Paris.

For the past ten years Mr. Finley, in association with Herbert T. Bohman, of this city, has made a faithful and conscientious study of wild birds and bird life throughout the West, with notebooks and cameras.

Mr. Finley's lecture dealt with the results of this search. Beautifully colored stereopticon views, used in conjunction with the address, gave us a moving picture diary of the two investigators, as well as faithful photographs of some of our rarest and liveliest birds and their haunts.

Among the many striking shots put by Mr. Finley was this one: "Out through the trees, where we have seen the birds think about their floating homes, I found dozens of eggs. There were eggs on all sides, never to be hatched. Beside several nests I saw dead grebe chicks that had climbed out in search of their parents and never brought back.

"I saw two homes where young grebes were starting and crying in death in the sun. Gray chicks were piping faintly for food.

"I saw all were sights that brought tears. I saw grebe mothers that had been shot and not been found by their homes. In a small bunch dead by their homes, a grebe baby trying to crawl under a dead mother's wing, cold, helpless, starving. I can hear him crying for his mother.

"No one could see the sights I have seen and not be moved. I thought of the women, even human mothers, all through our enlightened land, who spread this suffering and starvation among the survivors of the wild fowl. Cursed be fashion! This is the price. How long will the American woman demand it? The grebe skin the wings, the aigrette plumes are the mother's life blood. Hat plumes, worn for beauty, are but the signs of famished babies."

Every aigrette we see, whether adorned (spare the mark) a woman's head, or for sale in the shops, has been ripped from the body of a dead, starved, and slender, spine-like feather is the nuptial plume of the white heron, and grows only during the breeding season. The herons are hunted and shot when they gather in summer colonies to nest and rear their young. At other times they are shy, but during the nesting period, owing to parental instinct, they lose fear. The parent birds are mercilessly slaughtered and the young herons are left starving and burning to death slowly in the sun. Most aptly has the name "White Badge of Cruelty" been bestowed on the aigrette. It takes about four herons to produce an ounce of aigrette. These herons are long as well as these herons plumes men will be found to supply them," concluded Mr. Finley. "This vanishing will not cease while the reward of gold lasts."

Multnomah Will Send Team. A full team of wrestlers and boxers from the M. A. C. will be sent to Seattle in the last week of May to take part in the annual championship tournament to be held in Seattle under the auspices of the S. A. C. Twenty or 14 men will represent the Multnomah Club, and efforts will be made to land the individual championship prizes, as well as the team trophies. The meet will be held on May 27, 28 and 29.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, April 28.—Maximum temperature, 55 degrees; minimum, 42. River rising at 8 A. M., 4.3 feet; change in last 24 hours, nil. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., trace. Wind, light variable. Clouds, 5 to 6; visibility, 3.62 inches; humidity, 70; barometer, 30.1; sunrise April 27, 5 hours 44 minutes; possible, 14 hours 12 minutes; barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 30.16 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The low-pressure area yesterday over the Northwest, which was the cause of the heavy rain, is still present, but is being displaced by a high-pressure area from the north.

Heath Is better than a bank account, and easier to get. Quitting coffee and using POSTUM is a long step in the right direction.

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HOTEL OREGON CORNER SEVENTH AND STARK STREETS Portland's New and Modern Hotel. Rates \$1 per Day and Up European Plan. WRIGHT-DICKINSON HOTEL CO., Props.

HOTEL PERKINS Fifth and Washington Sts. In the heart of the business and shopping district. The most modern and up-to-date hotel in the Northwest. Local and long-distance phones in every room. Rooms with private bath, en suite and single. Large and modernly equipped sample rooms. ELEGANT GRILL—MUSIC. Rates \$1 and up. FRANK A. CLARK, Manager.

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Utah has remained nearly stationary and the low-pressure area over Western Montana has decreased greatly in energy. The Western Oregon high-pressure area is slowly moving inland and it now controls the moving inland and it now controls the district and as a result no rain or convection has fallen during the last 24 hours and the temperatures are below normal in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The indications are for fair weather in this district Thursday with sharp frosts in the early morning in Southern and Eastern Oregon. Eastern Washington and Idaho will be warmer during the afternoon in Oregon and Washington.

SEE The Flying Banards Orton Troupe Acrobats Settlers Comedy Elephants Dave Costello, England's Premier Bareback Rider. 20—FUNNY CLOWNS—20

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CHICAGO SYMPHONY 60—ORCHESTRA—60 PORTLAND FESTIVAL 300—CHORUS—300

VOCAL SOLOISTS—10 INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS—10 MYRTLE ELVIN World-famous Pianist. PRICES: Lower floor, \$1.50, \$1.75, Balcony, \$1.50 and \$1. BUY SEATS EARLY. AVOID CROWD.

Bungalow THEATRE 4224 Empire Theater Co. (Inc.), Lessee. Gen. L. Baker, Gen. Mgr. All this week—famous "THE PRIVATE SECRETARY." Evening, 8:00; Saturday, 10:00. Next week—"When Knights Were Bold." MAIN 5, A 1029. Matinee Ex. Sundays and Holidays. 15-25-50-75

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CIRCUS! CIRCUS! PORTLAND 2 DAYS COMMENCING MAY 3rd Performances Daily, 2 and 8 P. M.

THE GREATER NORRIS & ROWE Circus, Museum, Menagerie and Hippodrome. 3 Rings, Elevation Stages. Big Tents, Situated at 26TH AND RALEIGH Grand Free Street Parade, 10:30 A. M. Daily.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At Baker's Auction House, 152 Park St. Furniture, Real Estate at 10 o'clock. Baker & Son, auctioneers. A 50% cash street at 2 P. M. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer.

OREGON COMMANDERY. NO. 1, 3 T. Special convocation this evening at 8 P. M. The Order of Malta will be conferred in full form. All members are requested to be present and visiting Sir Knights cordially invited. W. S. MACRUM, Recorder.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 49. A. F. and A. M.—Special convocation this (Thursday) evening, 7:30. East 8th and Burnside. 30 degrees. Friends welcome. By order, W. M. J. H. RICHMOND, Secretary.

UTOPIA REBEKAH LODGE, No. 62. I. O. O. F. will give a social this (Thursday) evening at 7:30. East 8th and Burnside. All members and friends cordially invited. Admission 15 cents.

SEAMANN—At the family residence, 448 East Market street, Annor J. Seamann, father of Dr. C. S. Seamann. Announcement of funeral later.

BRADLEY—In this city, April 28, at the family residence, 1680 Taylor's Ferry road, Catherine E. Bradley, aged 28 years, 3 months, 19 days.

DIED. DENNIS—In this city, April 28, at 811 Market street, George W. Dennis, a member of 84 years. The remains are at Finley's parlors. Funeral notice hereafter.

FUNERAL NOTICES. KIERNAN—Patrick Kiernan died April 27, aged 81 years, single, at J. J. Kiernan, Sacramento, Cal., and Mrs. Mary, 3429 Seattle. Funeral will be held at the residence of W. N. Cassin, 705 East Stark street, this (Thursday) morning, April 29, at 8:30 at St. Francis Church at 9 o'clock. Friends invited. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

SMITH—April 27, at the family residence, 312 East Lewis st., St. Joseph, Philip T. Smith, aged 18 years, 3 months, 17 days, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith. Funeral services private, which will be held at the above residence at 1:30 P. M. today (Thursday), and at the church, 11th and East Oak st., where services will be held at 9 A. M. tomorrow (Friday), and at 10:30 A. M. on Saturday. Friends invited to attend. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

KIERNAN—Funeral services of the late Patrick Kiernan will be held from the family residence, 705 E. Stark st., today (Thursday), at 8:45 A. M., thence to St. Francis Church, 11th and East Oak st., where services will be held at 9 A. M. tomorrow (Friday), and at 10:30 A. M. on Saturday. Friends invited to attend. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

SAFFENBERG—Funeral services of the late Josephine Saffenberg will be held at Dun- ning, McEate & Gilbaugh's chapel, 7th and Pine sts., Friday, April 30, at 2 P. M. Friends invited. Services at the grave St. Mary's Cemetery.

FRENCH—At Hardman, Or., April 25, Mrs. Martha L. French, aged 34 years, beloved wife of J. H. French, died at her home, which will be held at the home of her parents, Interment Cooper Mountain Cemetery.

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