

ARGUMENTS STUCK AS TIME EXPRES

Last Day for Affirmations on Behalf of Initiative Petitions Busy One.

CHANGES IN LAWS SOUGHT

Movements Ranging From Extension of Direct Primaries, to Liquor Issue and Demands for New Counties Represented.

SALEM, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—A gnat of affirmatively arguments received at the Secretary of State's office today give a fair indication of the balance of initiative petitions that will be received before the time of filing such documents expires next Thursday.

Four arguments from the People's Power League were brought down from President Ben Selling by W. S. O'Ryan, of Oregon City. The petitions which these arguments represent have not been filed.

The first of these is in favor of a bill to extend the direct primary to Presidential campaigns and nominations, and to designate to National conventions and to Presidential electors.

Blow at Abuses Aimed. The second favors a bill to provide a plan for election of members to the Legislature by proportional representation, an increase of the initiative and referendum recall power and to prevent juggling, hasty legislation and abuse of the emergency clause.

The third favors a bill to provide for a general inspection and report on state and local public officers and publication of such reports and general news of progress in government in the Oregon official gazette, a copy of which is to be mailed to every registered voter.

The fourth favors an amendment to allow three-fourths of a jury to render a verdict in civil cases and to generally simplify court procedure, especially appeals to the Supreme Court.

Railroad Building Issue. Another argument brought down by O'Ryan is in favor of an amendment to article 15 of the constitution, to allow the state to construct railroads. The idea of the amendment is to remove the restrictive clause which at present stands holding down in state indebtedness for this purpose. The argument states it is the purpose of the bill to allow the state the same free hand in railroad building as is allowed private capital.

The Home Rule Association presented an argument in favor of the proposed local option amendment allowing cities and towns to control their own government of liquor sale. The argument contends that this amendment will prevent the forcing of either saloons or prohibition on a municipality by voters outside the city and would prevent the combining of outside precincts to the injury of a city.

New Counties Asked For.

The wholesale number of petitions being received this year in favor of new counties will bring forth another petition to regulate the creation of new counties, towns and districts. The argument on the bill was filed today by the Madras Commercial Club. The petition shows that the bill will provide that not less than 30 per cent of the number of voters be required to sign the petition for the county.

Other arguments were filed in favor of the good roads amendment by Judge Lionel R. Webster, and on the taxation propositions by the Oregon State Federation of Labor and the Central Labor Council of Portland.

EDITORS TO HELP ASSEMBLY

Convention Called to Consider Ways and Means.

LEAD POLITICS

Republican editors throughout the state are rallying to the support of the assembly, professing to see in that measure the preservation of the party, according to communications given out yesterday by the state central committee. The committee will meet in the afternoon that a meeting of Republican editors has been called for July 20 for the purpose of going over the present situation in Oregon and taking such steps as may be required to aid the party in the coming elections.

Initiative in bringing about the assembling of Republican editors already been taken by the editors of five leading country papers. A formal call has been sent out to every Republican editor in the state and is signed by J. S. Dellinger, of the Morning Astorian; B. H. Kennedy, of the Baker City Herald; Carl Abrams, of the Salem Statesman; W. S. Gilstrap, of the Eugene Register, and G. A. Hurley, of the Oregon Orlean, at Vale. The call follows:

Organization to be Effected. To the Republican Editors of the State: A meeting is hereby called of the Republican editors to meet in Portland at 10 o'clock A. M. on July 20 to perfect an organization of the Republican editors of the state and to take such action as we see fit to help the Republican cause in the State of Oregon. You are earnestly requested to be present and help to organize for the coming campaign.

Twenty-one of the country Republican papers, significant already their purpose of aiding the assembly plan, it is said at local Republican headquarters. Among the papers are some of the strongest in the state and many of them have long been urging the Republican voters to beware of misrepresentations concerning the assembly plan. It is expected that the list of favorable papers will be supplemented daily now that the work of getting the editors to take up an active part in the campaign has been undertaken from within the fold.

Many Papers in Accord.

The papers now noted at headquarters as heartily in accord with the assembly are: The Astorian, Condon Times, Corvallis Tri-Weekly Republican, Polk County Observer, Eugene Register, Falls City News, Gervin Star, Oregon Observer, Heppner Times, Hood River Glacier, Hood River News, Independence Enterprise, Lebanon Critterion, Mitchell Sentinel, Douglas Leader, Salem Statesman, Amity Standard, Baker City Herald, Ontario Argus, Wallowa Sun, Umpqua Valley News and the Tillamook Headlight.

It is not known as yet how large the attendance will be at the coming assemblage of editors, as the call went out but yesterday. Thirty or more

editors are looked for, however, by those calling for the meeting. Headquarters of the state central committee have been placed at the disposal of the visitors for meeting purposes on July 20.

ASSEMBLY PLAN IS COMMENDED

Washington Party Leader Holds Oregon Has Right Idea.

When the Republican State Assembly convenes in Portland July 21, among the interested spectators will be J. W. Lyons, secretary of the Republican State Central Committee of Washington, and probably James D. Hoge, chairman of that body.

Mr. Lyons, who passed through the city yesterday, declares it is his intention to be present.

"I am much interested in the plan devised in Oregon for recommending party nominations to the voters who take part in the primaries," said Mr. Lyons, "and it seems to me that it is the best solution yet reached of the difficulties that the found in obtaining the best results from the primary law."

"It is true in Washington, and I believe in all states where direct primary laws are in force, that the candidates for state office, with the possible exception of Governor, are generally

BENEVOLENT PRIEST BUILDS CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AND PLANS SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.



Rev. Father Henry Bruenegeal.

RAINIER, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—The Catholics of Rainier owe their beautiful new church, recently dedicated, a hair breadth of ground and handsome parsonage, to Father Henry Bruenegeal, who came from the East for his health recently and became interested in Rainier, which had many Catholics and no Catholic Church. He came here to live last November.

The church grounds and parsonage are the personal property of Father Bruenegeal, who will bequeath them to the church. He is negotiating for grounds in Rainier upon which will be erected a parochial school, with sisters as instructors, where the usual school studies and the fine arts will be taught. In addition, there will be a first-class hospital, the lack of which Rainier has felt.

Father Bruenegeal may be seen daily by visiting the church grounds. He has adopted a little boy who was found dying by some sisters in the East when he was 6 days old.

known to not more than one voter in ten and often to not more than one in 100. The plan of the party members getting together, discussing available candidates and giving a representative recommendation to the voters is a good and proper way to overcome this difficulty.

If the plan is not a good one, or if it is not carried out in a proper manner, the voters can repudiate it at the primary polls. I am so much interested in the proceeding that I shall certainly attend the Assembly and watch the outcome in the primaries with interest. I believe Chairman Hoge will also attend.

Regarding the Senatorial situation in Washington, Secretary Lyons said: "While not in close touch with the sentiment throughout the state I am inclined to think John L. Wilson is gaining. Polindexter is showing unexpected strength in certain quarters, but the old-time Republican strength is becoming solidified behind Wilson, according to my observations. Republican leaders are against Polindexter and seem to be picking Wilson as the leading man against him."

Mr. Lyons is interested with James Watson, ex-Collector of Customs, Porto Rico, in promising mining claims near Winnemucca, Nev., and was in Portland en route to the camp to inquire about the properties. He is also interested in the Nelson fender, which is being tested on the line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.

DIOGENES' QUEST ENDED

New York Supplies Honest Man, Who Resists Temptation.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Thomas Quigley, who tends a holding engine and lives at 121 West Sixty-second street, appeared in the role of the man Diogenes was looking for when he called at police headquarters and delivered an envelope containing \$120, a gold watch, a diamond ring and a bank book, which he had found in the Spring-street subway station.

The envelope had been lost by Robert Saunders, 80 years old, of 136 East Seventh street. He had reported the loss at police headquarters and was in great distress.

Quigley had not even opened the envelope he had found, though he could feel that there was money and jewelry in it.

M'ARTHUR MAKES ADDRESS

Speaker of House Delivers Oration at Jacksonville Celebration.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—C. N. McArthur, Speaker of the House at the last session of the Legislature, and now secretary to the Governor, delivered the oration here today. The crowd gathered here to attend the Independence day celebration was the largest ever seen in this historic old town.

Mr. McArthur, in his address, made a plea to the people of Oregon to rid the state of demagogism in its politics. The speaker was loudly cheered when introduced by Judge William Colvig, president of the day. The speech was received with enthusiasm.

Californian Sold to Boston.

MERCED, CAL., July 4.—Cy Moreing, owner of the local team of the State League, has sold Pitcher Moskman to the Boston Americans. Moskman, who has been restored to good standing by the National commission, will leave for the East next week.

BLINDNESS FEARED; NOTED ABOVE IT

Head of St. Benedict's Abbey at Mount Angel Resigns High Office.

POPE MUST SANCTION MOVE

With Sight of Right Eye Already Gone Right Rev. Abbot Thomas, Now in Private Sanitarium in East Is Compelled to Quit.

MOUNT ANGEL COLLEGE, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Threatened with total blindness, his lordship, Rt. Rev. Abbot Thomas, the first abbot of St. Benedict's Abbey, has resigned his position.

Announcement to this effect has just been made at the monastery and is certain to cause genuine regret alike among churchmen and laymen throughout the Northwest, as he was one of the most learned and scholarly of theologians and one of the best beloved prelates in the West.

For some weeks past rumors were current that the abbot had taken this step, but this had always been emphatically denied at the monastery, where it was explained that Abbot Thomas had merely retired to a sanitarium for treatment and that while grave apprehensions were entertained that he would be compelled to take such action, it was still hoped that it might not be found necessary.

Abbot Warns Co-Laborers. At the time, however, the abbot warned the priests at the abbey to be prepared for such a development.

Abbot Thomas first experienced trouble with his eyes about a year ago, when he underwent treatment at St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland. Then he has consulted a number of prominent oculists and has had several operations, but all these measures proved to be of no avail.

Eminent physicians declare that he is on the road to blindness and already he has lost sight in his right eye.

On account of the treatment of his eyes the abbot had been obliged for almost the entire year to remain absent from Mount Angel and the duties of managing the monastery devolved upon Prior Adelhelm. The last time Abbot Thomas visited Mount Angel was during holy week, prior to Easter Sunday, when he officiated at the elaborate church ceremonies of the occasion and celebrated three pontifical high masses. At present he is at an Eastern sanitarium, but for the sake of privacy he has kept his address secret.

Abbot Thomas has always had weak eyes, having even, as a student, been obliged to wear the strongest of glasses. For several years past he has been seriously afflicted with stomach and intestinal troubles for which he has had several operations, and this, the doctors state, is responsible for the present affliction of his eyes.

Pope Must Give Sanction.

Before the resignation of Abbot Thomas can take effect it will have to be ratified by the Pope. It is now being forwarded to the Rt. Rev. Abbot Frowin Conrad, O. S. B., at Conception, Mo., who is the abbot pro-tem of the Swiss congregation of Benedictines in America and whose authority corresponds somewhat to that of an archbishop over bishops.

By Abbot Frowin the resignation will be sent to the Abbot Primas at Rome, where it will be acted upon and finally ratified by the Pope. Although Abbot Thomas will then no longer have authority he will always remain an abbot with all the qualifications of the office. When the resignation is ratified the election of a new abbot will take place at a gathering of the members of St. Benedict's Abbey here. This, in all likelihood, will not take place before October or November.

Abbot Thomas was appointed first abbot of Mount Angel when the Pope elevated St. Benedict's Monastery to the dignity of an abbey in 1904, and he was consecrated by Archbishop Christie in June amidst a large gathering of clergy and church dignitaries from all over the country.

FRENCH INVADE CHINA

SHANGHAI, July 4.—(Special.)—Another important railroad is projected by a strong group of capitalists here. The backing is mainly French, so it is doubtful if the Chinese government will grant a concession except to an out-and-out Chinese company.

The line planned would run from Shanghai to Kinchau, about 100 kilometers, along the shore of the Bay of Hangchow. A section of the rich Yangtze valley would be tapped and, with proper administration, a well built line would be a sure success.

Everywhere in China there is the same activity in searching for openings for new railroads. Especially in the west is there an immediate prospect of rapid development. But foreign concession holders and hunters are disgruntled by the enthusiasm of the Chinese for the cause represented by the cry "China for the Chinese." The members of the British mercantile association known as the China Association, with branches in Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin, are very wrath with their home government because the Chinese continue to repudiate concessions granted in years gone by and an effective protest is being made.

"Representations are made sometimes, it is true," says J. O. P. Bland, a prominent merchant, "but England makes them in such a form that they can be shelved within 24 hours. The Chinese thoroughly well know the present British government would never make a step nor land a man in China to enforce the recognition of a concession claim, however just. That is why British prestige is at a lower ebb today in China than ever before."

Parable of a Gloomy Kitchen.

Columbus Journal. It is a poor home that has a dark and dingy kitchen. Food absorbs not only the material conditions that surround it, but the spiritual conditions as well. A gloomy kitchen makes a gloomy heart, and a gloomy heart never can make a pudding or a pie worth eating. It is said that some women who are trying to reform the world have dingy kitchens. They will never do it.

Are Piano Prize Checks Real Value or Not? These Pictures Tell the Story--The Eilers Money-Saving Methods Again Demonstrated



This Piano Was \$450 "Saturday a lady was looking at quite a gaudy cased piano in these people's store, she was asked \$450 for it; toward payment of which a prize check of \$105 was to be accepted. She promised to call again in the afternoon and arrange to have the piano delivered."

Two Weeks Ago This Piano Was Sold for \$286 "Much to her surprise, however, she accidentally found a friend who had bought this same piano for \$286, or exactly \$59 less than the net amount she was asked to pay after the 'credit check' was to have been deducted."



For This Piano They Asked \$550 This lady was surprised to find at Eilers Music House the identical make of piano for which this small Michigan concern was asking her \$550.



But at Eilers the Same Piano Is Only \$378 At Eilers Music House this same piano was to be had for \$378, or exactly \$172, over 30 per cent less.

Eilers Music House advertisement with logo and address: 351-53 Washington Street, Corner Eighth (Park)

LITIGATION IN CHAOS

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"DOPE" IS DIVORCE CAUSE

CHICAGO, July 4.—"Chicago dope" is not a drug, but a disease, insidious and analogous in symptom and manifestation to the old-fashioned "Spring fever," according to the testimony of a witness in the divorce suit of Mrs. Lella Cook against Edward Cook, before Judge Chetlain.

The dread affliction made Mr. Cook so that he did not wish to do anything but eat, sleep and fool around," said the witness, Miss Hattie Raines, 125 West Forty-fifth place, who discovered the disease.

The analogy was complete when she said it also caused Cook to "run around with other women beside his wife.

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