

NEXT YEAR TO BE BUSY FOR VOTERS

Many National Officers Are to Be Chosen to Serve Government.

NEW POWERS ARE GRANTED

For First Time in History of State, Delegates to National Political Conventions Will Be Chosen by Direct Vote.

Next year will be an exceedingly busy season for the voters of this state. They will not only elect a United States Senator, two and possibly three Representatives in Congress, state, district, county and precinct officers but at the same time they will express their preference for President and Vice-President, elect delegates to National political conventions and nominate Presidential electors by direct vote.

These enlarged powers were conferred on the electors through their adoption in the general election last November of an initiative measure, taking out of the hands of state conventions of political parties the right to select delegates to National conventions and nominate candidates for Presidential electors. At the same time this measure gives to the voters of the state the right to indicate on the official ballot their choice for President and Vice-President. Oregon is one of only four states in the Union where the preferential system for President and Vice-President has been adopted.

One Choice Allowed.

The provisions of the initiative measure give to each voter the right to vote his preference on his party nominating ballot for President and Vice-President, indicating only one choice for each office. This choice can be indicated by either writing in the names of the voter's preference or by marking a cross in front of the names that may be printed on the ballot.

It is further provided that the names of aspirants for President and Vice-President shall be printed on the official nominating ballot, so that the voter's choice shall be marked on the ballot and returned in like manner and under the same conditions as to names and petitions of aspirants for the party nominating for the offices of Governor and for United States Senator in Congress are or may be by law required to be marked, filed, counted, canvassed and returned.

Petitions Are Necessary.

The operation of this measure will involve more circulation of nominating petitions. Supporters of President Taft, Senator La Follette and other Presidential candidates, who may develop before the primary nominating election next April, will get on the nominating ballot the name of their choice only by circulating a nominating petition and securing thereto the same percentage of signatures of voters as is now required to the nominating petition of a candidate for either United States Senator or Governor of the state.

For the first time in the history of the state, Oregon voters may elect by direct vote will also elect delegates to the Republican and Democratic National conventions and nominate candidates for Presidential electors to be elected in November, 1912. This provision of the measure is available only to the Republican and Democratic parties, since the Socialist and Prohibitionists do not poll the required 25 per cent of the total vote of the state to entitle them to participate in the direct primary nominating elections, as they are now conducted in the state.

Total Vote Is 56,898

The total Republican vote for Representative in Congress, cast last November, was 54,898. One per cent of that total would be 569 so a Republican candidate for this position will be required to secure only the maximum 569 signatures to his nominating petition. The Democratic candidate for delegate to his party's National convention will be obliged to secure 277 signatures to his petition, his party casting a total vote of 27,709 for Representative last Fall. The Governor is directed by the law to furnish a certificate of election to each of the delegates that are elected, each certificate showing the "number of votes received in the state by each person of such delegates' political party for nomination as its candidate for President and Vice-President."

Regardless of the number of candidates for election as delegate to a National political convention or for nomination as Presidential elector, the individual voter can vote for only one although eight are to be chosen. The following methods are prescribed in the law for determining the successful candidates:

Every qualified voter shall have the right at the election of one person and no more to the office of National delegate for his party and to vote for the nomination of one aspirant and no more for the office of Presidential elector as the candidate of his party.

Delegates Provided for.

A number of such candidates equal to the number of delegates to be elected by each party which is subject to the provisions of this law, respectively, shall be entitled to nominate, at said nominating election, as many candidates for the office of Presidential elector as there are such officers to be elected, that number of aspirants in every such party who shall receive, respectively, each for himself, the highest number of votes of his party for that nomination, shall be thereby nominated as a candidate

of his political party for the office of Presidential elector. Every delegate so elected to either the Republican or Democratic National conventions will be reimbursed by the state, according to a provision of the law, "the amount of his traveling expenses necessarily spent in actual attendance upon said convention, as his account may be audited and allowed by the Secretary of State, but in no case to exceed \$200 for each delegate." Delegates to the National conventions of the two parties will be required to subscribe to an oath of office "that he will uphold the Constitution and laws of Oregon, and that he will, as such officer and delegate, to the best of his judgment and ability, faithfully carry out the wishes of his political party, as expressed by its voters at the time of his election."

Delegate Bound by Oath.

The purpose of this oath is to bind the delegate at the National convention to support for nomination as President and Vice-President, those candidates of his party receiving the greatest vote by the members of his party in Oregon in the primary nominating election, when that expression will be required. The nominating election will be held in April next year while the National conventions of the two parties probably will not be held until July or August, three or four months later.

Presidential electors will be nominated in the same manner as are other state officers under the direct primary nominating law. They will be required

GRANGE TO SUBMIT GOOD ROADS BILLS

Measures Provide for State Highway Commission and Bonding by Counties.

INITIATIVE TO BE USED

In Drafting Proposed Laws, Committee Seeks to Secure Harmony and to Avoid Mistakes in Bills Governor Vetoes.

Acting under instructions from the recent annual convention of the Oregon State Grange, at Corvallis, the executive committee of that organization

GRADUATES OF ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL



ERION WHEELOCK STALTER, ELIZABETH CLARK, EVA HUNKINS

to circulate nominating petitions and secure the signatures of the same percentage of the party voters in the state as is necessary for nominating candidate for United States Senator and Governor. Upon filing the necessary nominating petitions, their names will go on the ballot in the primary election for nomination. The successful candidates will then become nominees for election in the general and Presidential election in November, 1912.

Concluding sections of the law make provision for the publication of the official state pamphlet of arguments for or against the candidacy of any candidate or candidates for President and Vice-President, and for the payment of \$100 a page. Any candidate for President or Vice-President and his supporters, with his own argument of advocacy of his candidacy for publication in the state pamphlet but under those circumstances no charge is to be against such candidates.

Politics to Be Eliminated.

One of the initiative bills that will be proposed by the Grange provides for the creation of a state highway commission, consisting of the following three state officers: Governor, State Engineer and Attorney-General. In this way the members of the Grange feel that politics can be entirely eliminated in the creation of the commission and the subsequent appointment of highway commissioner.

The county bonding act, which will also be proposed by the Grange under the initiative will not differ materially from the so-called Webster error and afterwards vetoed by Governor West, along with other good roads legislation enacted at the session. It will authorize the calling of special elections in the several counties on petition of a majority of the voters at which the question of issuing bonds for road improvements will be passed upon.

This measure will differ from the Webster bill in that the roads on which the money raised from the bonds is to be expended will be designated in the proposed bond issue as it is submitted to the voters. It was this very question which proved the bone of contention when the Webster bill was before the last Legislature. In chorus and with unanimity the voters for the ultimate defeat, through the Governor's veto, of all the good roads bills enacted by the Legislature.

Harmony is Sought.

Before finally completing the draft of their bills, it will be the purpose of the members of the Grange committee to consult with all commercial bodies and good roads organizations which are planning to submit legislation on the same subject. The committee will endeavor to harmonize conflicting interests in drafting its measures, so that no question will exist as to their enactment by the voters of the state next year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Meivin D. Beer, of Wasco, is at the Imperial. H. C. Lucas, of North Yakima, is at the Oregon. George C. Hume, of Brownville, is at the Cornhill. F. T. Mellinger, a merchant at Dayton, is at the Perkins. J. W. Garner, of Astoria, registered at the Imperial yesterday. Charles W. Emerson, of Baker, is registered at the Oregon. Joseph D. Turner, a Salem attorney, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morrison, of Corvallis, are at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Beam, of Seattle, are registered at the Bowers. I. A. Porter, of The Dalles, was registered at the Imperial yesterday. Captain Daniels, of the steamship Alta, is registered at the Perkins. Dr. L. G. Ross, of St. Helens, was registered at the Perkins yesterday. J. W. Bonebrake, of Hillsboro, was registered at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Springer, of San Francisco, are registered at the Portland. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bonebrake, of Marshfield, are registered at the Imperial. W. A. Bell and family, of The Dalles, were registered at the Oregon yesterday. C. Wolf, a Hood River fruitgrower, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Perkins. Charles L. Heltman, of Rathburn,

Idaho, was registered at the Portland yesterday. John H. Lewis, State Engineer, was registered at the Portland yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Jensen, of Bakersfield, Cal., were registered at the Portland yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ward, of Grants Pass, were registered at the Cornhill yesterday. Samuel G. Campbell, a fruitgrower, was registered at the Perkins yesterday. C. W. Talmage, a lawyer of Tillamook, was among those registering at the Imperial yesterday. J. A. Richmond, a prosperous Gilliam County farmer, is registered at the Perkins, from Condon. M. W. Rupp, a timber dealer of Toquon, Mich., has taken apartments at the Bowers for the Summer. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cooper, well-known Oregon pioneers, are registered at the Imperial, from The Dalles. Mrs. C. H. Gloss, wife of a prominent Corvallis merchant, accompanied by her son, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. Robbins, a member of a prominent pioneer Linn County family, is registered at the Cornhill, from Seio. A. L. Mason, an active member of the Oregon State Grange, is yesterday registered at the Oregon, from Hood River. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, of St. Helens, were registered yesterday at the Perkins. Mr. Stone is a merchant at St. Helens. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Monahan, of Condon, are registered at the Imperial. Mr. Monahan is a prominent sheepman of Gilliam County. David Eccles, prominent railroad man of Oregan, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Eccles, of Baker, were registered yesterday at the Oregon. C. E. Spence, a member of the legislative committee of the Oregon State Grange, was registered at the Oregon yesterday, from Oregon City. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins, of Molalla, were registered at the Oregon yesterday. Mr. Robbins is a merchant in the Clackamas County town. Mr. and Mrs. D. Tierney, of Condon, are at the Oregon. Mr. Tierney is station agent at the Gilliam County town, and the Condon branch of the O.-W. R. & N.

Levi Ankeny, ex-United States Senator from Washington, and wealthy banker of Walla Walla, passed a few hours in Portland yesterday, registering at the Perkins. L. C. Thompson and R. R. Thompson, representing the Thompson estate, which is building the Multnomah Hotel in this city, are registered at the Perkins, from Carleton. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith and Mrs. J. H. Low, of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith, of Dalton, forming a party of tourists from Georgia, registered at the Perkins yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Renier, of Dubuque, Ia., are registered at the Oregon. Mr. Renier is a merchant at Dubuque and with his wife is delighted with Portland and more particularly with Portland. H. C. Brownell, assistant manager of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, who has been at the Bowers for several days, will depart today for Seattle. Mr. Bowers in the management of the Multnomah Hotel, when that hotel is completed. Mr. and Mrs. I. Jacobs, who returned last week from a sojourn of several months in the Southern States, left Portland yesterday for New York, where they will sail, accompanied by their son, A. G. Jacobs, for an indefinite stay abroad.

CHICAGO, June 25. (Special.)—Portland arrivals at Chicago hotels today: W. A. Carty, at the Congress; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harrison, at the Stratford; John H. Barber and party, Miss Bernice Gaunt, at the Grand Pacific. Dr. C. G. Bellinger, of Salem, Or., is registered at the Grand Pacific.

RACES CLASH ON BOAT

NORWEGIANS AT DANISH PICNIC START HOSTILITIES.

Merry Battle Rages on Steamboat Kellogg Till Police Appear and Arrest Combatants.

Denmark and Norway clashed aboard ship on the steamboat Kellogg as she was coming up the Willamette River yesterday evening, the affair being the finale of a Danish picnic. There were only three Norwegians aboard and one of them challenged the entire passenger list to combat, providing the Danes would come only six at a time. Open hostilities began just as the Kellogg neared the steel bridge. Persons on the bridge saw the battle and telephone police headquarters that a riot was in progress on the boat. Captain Bailey hastily mustered a squad composed of Patrolmen Helms and Nelson, and Special Officer Morak, to meet the Kellogg when she docked at the foot of Salmon street, and also notified the harbor patrol.

As the Kellogg steamed up the river she passed under the frowning guns of the cruiser Boston, anchored in the stream, but not a shot was fired. The harbor patrol, with the two nationalities still in the heat of battle. When the boat tied up at her berth and the gangplank was cast ashore the officers hurried aboard and seized Tom Hansen and Hjalmar Leonardson, covered with blood but valiantly striking to right and left at their Danish opponents. Mistaking the officers for reinforcements of American allies, Carl Nelson, the third Norwegian, who had left his two comrades to settle with the host of Danes, pounced upon them. Hansen and Leonardson were arrested.

Credit Purchases Today Go on July Ac'ts, Payable Aug. 1

See the Unique Page Announcement in Sunday Papers



Dept. Managers' Organization Sales Begin on Stroke of 8!

PROBABLY the most unique event ever planned by this big, aggressive, 55-years-old store! This week every Meier & Frank department manager will give you the greatest value-giving in their power! Thousands of compelling economies on bright, new Summer Merchandise that should bring the good, old-time crowds here on the stroke of 8 this morning.

And you will find dozens of special items in every section that are not advertised. These selected at random:

- Any Man's \$20 to \$35 Fancy Suit, on sale now at only \$18.75.
- Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, at 1/4 Less.
- Jewelry Novelties on sale at 19c, 29c, 49c, 79c and \$1.19.
- High-grade Satin Walnut Furniture on sale at 20 per cent off.
- \$5.50, \$7.50 up to \$12 Trimmed Hats, on sale at \$4.49.
- 1200 Pairs Women's \$3.00 to \$5 Footwear now only \$1.98.
- 50c White Striped Voiles and Marquisettes, at only 25c.
- Women's \$35 to \$40 Suits, \$27.50. Up to \$25.00, \$14.65.
- Women's 50c Vests, Pants and Union Suits, on sale at low price, 27c.
- Remnants of 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c Ribbons on sale now at only 15c.
- 5c Willamette Thread, black or white, eight for only 25c.
- 5000 Pairs Women's 50c to \$1.00 Hosiery at only 37c.
- Silk Dresses—\$35.00 to \$40.00 on sale at \$22.65. Up to \$18.00, \$9.45.
- \$9.50 Hippo Guaranteed Garden Hose, 50 feet long, 5-8-inch, \$6.99.
- \$3.25 and \$3.50 Lace Curtains, 25 patterns, at only \$1.98.
- All Summer Dress Trimmings Reduced

ed on a charge of being disorderly by fighting, and Nelson on a charge of fighting and interfering with an officer. After the two bloody warriors had washed themselves at the station and explained that they were attacked, the three were released on \$10 bail each and the war was over.

Astoria Sets 219-Foot Flagpole.

Russell Hawkins, manager of the Whitney Company, Limited, extensive dealer in timber lands of this city, has presented the management of the Astoria Centennial with a 219-foot flagpole for service in connection with the centennial festivities this Summer. At the same time the management of the Imperial Hotel has given the Astoria Centennial people a beautiful 25x50-foot flag. The flagpole was a perfect timber, its diameter varying only 14 inches from its base to its top.

Y. M. C. A. TO ACT AS HOST

College Men From Student Convention to Be Entertained.

Delegates returning from the student conference of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Pacific Northwest will be entertained today at the Portland Y. M. C. A. building. The conference, which was held at Columbia Beach, adjourned last night after a session of 10 days, and those who attended, numbering about 150, will arrive in Portland at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The students will go on once to the Y. M. C. A. building, where luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. This will be the final gathering of the conference delegates, as most of them will leave for their homes tonight. This afternoon, however, the Y. M. C. A. building will be thrown open to them to avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the gymnasium, handball courts, swimming tank and other features. Nearly every college in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho was represented at the conference, some by large delegations. Several officers of the Portland Association, including H. W. Stone, the general secretary, also attended.

ST. JOHNS GRADUATES 4

ALL-GIRL CLASS COMPLETES HIGH SCHOOL STUDY.

Diplomas Are Presented by President of Board of Education—Each Student Heard in Programme.

ST. JOHNS, Or., June 24.—(Special.)—At the commencement exercises of the James John High School in the school auditorium Thursday evening, four students were awarded diplomas by Judge S. H. Green, president of the Board of School Directors. The graduates are: Miss Elizabeth Stalter, Miss Celia Hunkins, Miss Ermon Wheelock and Miss Eva Clark.

Miss Stalter, as president of the class, read an address. Miss Clark gave the class poem; Miss Clark gave the address and Miss Wheelock read an essay on "Longfellow's Heroines." Rev. Benjamin Young, of the High School addressed the class. The High School alumni reception was held Friday at the home of Miss Walker at 610 North Fillmore street.

BOYS "HIKE" TO MOUNTAIN

30 Y. M. C. A. Youngsters Take Outing to St. Helens.

About 30 members of the boys' department of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association will leave Portland tonight and early this morning on the first of three outings that the Y. M. C. A. has planned for the youngsters this Summer. The destination of the group that leaves today is Mount St. Helens.

The boys will go on the Y. M. C. A. launch, which will carry them to Castle Rock. From that town they will tramp 16 miles to Spirit Lake. This was the site of the Y. M. C. A. permanent camp last Summer, and the boys are eagerly awaiting the two days that they will spend in fishing and boating on the lake. The entire party expects to climb to the summit of Mount St. Helens, as it is the easiest to ascend of the snow-capped peaks in the Northwest. A different route will be followed on the return trip. The boys will "hike" down the Lewis River to the Columbia, where they will again board the launch. Each boy will carry his blankets, but the rest of the camping outfit will be taken in by team.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS

George C. Mourer, Head of Trust Company, Tries to Take Life.

Worried over business troubles led to an attempt at suicide by George C. Mourer, president of the Continental Trust Company, at his home, 274 Park street, early yesterday morning. Screams of the man's frightened wife aroused the neighbors, who telephoned to the police station and brought Patrolmen Thatcher and Johnson to the scene.

After announcing his intention to take his life, Mourer locked himself in his room and turned on the gas, ignoring the pleas of his wife. When the officers arrived they found the door locked. They broke down the door and revived Mourer, who had not yet become unconscious. His son arrived soon afterward and took charge, assuring the officers that he would prevent any further attempt.

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Arrive Tacoma . . .	2:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.	7:40 P. M.	4:45 A. M.
Arrive Seattle . . .	3:30 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	9:00 P. M.	6:15 A. M.

Tacoma Carnival of Nations, July 3-5; Special Round Trip \$5.80 Golden Potlatch, Seattle, July 17-22; Special Round Trip \$7.50

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