

### THE CONSTITUTION LAW DISSATISFIES

#### Injunction May Be Asked to Test Constitutionality of Act Adopted.

### VOTERS HAVE LITTLE SAY

#### Elector Has Voice Concerning Only One Delegate to National Body Out of Ten and Only Eight Will Be Paid by State.

Judging from adverse comments heard on all sides, no measure of popular legislation, enacted by the electors of Oregon, has produced as much dissatisfaction among the members of all political parties as the initiative bill adopted by the people last November and providing for the election of delegates to national conventions of political parties. Already there is some discussion as to the constitutionality of the law and it is possible its legality may be tested through an injunction suit that will seek to prevent its operation next year.

It has been pointed out through the columns of The Oregonian that the law provides for the election by popular vote of delegates to the National conventions of political parties. The objection does not lie against the election of these delegates by direct vote of the members of political parties but rather against the prescribed method for electing them, specifically provided in the bill that, although next year this state will be entitled to send ten delegates to National conventions from each party, the elector can vote for only one delegate. Those objecting to the provisions of the bill say in its operation it amounts to disfranchising the voters of political parties from the fact that each member will have a voice in the election of only one out of ten delegates who will represent his party in nominating candidates for President and Vice-President.

#### Plan Partial to Two.

There are other equally material objections to this bill. In the first place this method of selecting National delegates is available only to the members of the Republican and Democratic parties. The bill further provides that the delegates so elected by these parties shall receive out of the State Treasury their expenses, not exceeding \$200 each. In other words, the Socialists and Prohibitionists will be required to dig up out of their own pockets the expenses incurred by the delegates they send to their conventions, for the reason that they do not happen to cast sufficient number of votes to take advantage of this provision of the direct primary law. Delegates elected by the Republican and Democratic parties will be paid in Pullmans and stay at the best hotels and, on their return, collect from the State expenses to the amount of \$200 each. The Socialists and Prohibitionists have the privilege of traveling the same way if he desires, but he will have to pay his own expenses—he will have no "contingent fund" to draw upon.

Naturally the Socialists and Prohibitionists are not enthusiastic about the law as it was enacted, while the members of the Republican and Democratic parties are urging, especially those members of these parties residing outside of Multnomah County.

Formerly the delegates were sent to their National conventions four delegates from the state at large and two each from the two Congressional districts. The new plan all but one or two and probably every one of the state's quota of delegates would be elected from Multnomah County, the center of population. It also makes possible the election of one or two delegates by a very small minority party vote.

#### Manner of Call Opposed.

Opponents of the law urge the further objection that the National committee of the two dominant parties is issuing the call for the National convention prescribe a method for selecting delegates by the various states. For instance, the call issued by the Republican National Committee for the convention of 1908 that nominated President Taft, provided for the election by the Republican voters of Oregon of four delegates-at-large from the state and two each from the two Congressional districts. It further provided that these delegates should be selected by conventions called by the Republican state and Congressional committees and specially declared "that in no state shall an election be so held as to prevent the delegates from any Congressional district and their alternates being selected by the Republican electors of that district."

Furthermore, it always has been the practice of the National committee of both of the old parties to make its own rules and regulations governing the selection of delegates to their national conventions and to reserve to themselves the right to judge for themselves as to the qualifications of delegates presenting themselves for seats in the National convention.

But there is still another perplexing provision of the law which will require some explanation from the versatile authors of this bit of legislation. This particular provision relates to the number of delegates from each political party who shall be entitled to the recovery of their expenses from the state. That particular provision reads:

"Provided, that such expenses shall never be paid to any greater number of delegates of any political party than would be allowed such party under the plan by which the number of delegates to the Republican National Convention was fixed for the Republican party of Oregon in the year 1908."

#### Question of Pay Arises.

The number of delegates from Oregon to the Republican National Convention in 1908, as fixed by the Republican National Committee, was eight. The Democrats were entitled to and elected the same number of delegates to their convention that year. Subsequently, however, another Congressional district has been created in this state increasing from eight to ten the number of delegates the Republicans and Democrats are entitled to elect to their respective National conventions.

Under the new law it is provided that only eight delegates, or the same number as were selected from this state four years ago, shall be entitled to recover \$200 from the state in payment of their expenses. With each party entitled to ten delegates next year to their National conventions, the question arises, even if the constitutionality of the law should be upheld, which eight out of the ten delegates will be entitled to collect the \$200. If eight

can draw their expenses from the state who is going to reimburse the other two?

There are some of the objections that have been raised to the bill. Dissatisfaction with the measure among all classes of voters increases as its provisions are studied and the nearer the time approaches for electing delegates to the Republican and Democratic National conventions.

### New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

Orpheum.

NOT one unhappy or pathetic sketch is listed on the Orpheum's bill this week, each and every act appealing to one's funny bone. From the headliner, "Cheyenne Days," on down, the actors vie in making everyone forget that the Washington, D. C., Weather Bureau predicted rain for yesterday and today.

Rope-swinging by Art Borden, Wyoming's champion roping expert, in "Cheyenne Days," was a novelty to those not familiar with the show. Live on the plains. The climax of the act is reached when the regulation outlaw, "Wampus," resists saddle and rider with an activity that threatens those inside the ring. However, Otto Klins maintains his seat as the animal rears and bucks with vim. Lucille Mulhall and her high school broncho, Red Buck, are additional features. Her act in handling the rope showing she has passed the amateur stage in roping.

Next in interest were the comedians, Lee Lloyd and Jay Roberts. Mr. Roberts' manipulation of the piano pedals and his musical touch would make more than one student envious. His partner, Lee Lloyd, is a scream in his personations of the troupe of a stage-struck maiden and her act one year later. But the star feat of this entertainment singer presents is the Scotch character, although the recalls he received for his Italian impersonation threatened to stop the rest of the show.

Klein Brothers and Sybil Brennan, late stars of "In Panama," rounded up a lot of pleasant and good dancing, the winsome appearance of Miss Brennan affording a striking contrast to her eccentric partners. The Mabelle Ponda company are a quartet of jugglers, the women doing as clever work as the men and all winning applause by their new tricks.

The three Magic Flutes furnish a musical treat, playing both operatic and popular selections and variations of both in good style.

The other sketch on the bill is a vindication of the second husband entitled, "Mrs. Potter's First," and is something after the quotation, "Distance lends enchantment to the view," as the wife only realizes the good qualities of her first husband after his death. A funny situation is the supposed return of No. 1, and the perplexing dilemma of Mrs. Potter and her second husband. The visitor turns out to be a twin brother of No. 1, and teaches Mrs. Potter to appreciate her present spouse.

The Du Gros gymnasts are a trio of clever entertainers, although the English jokes of the funny one do not carry half as much weight as his unusually good tumbling.

#### Patanges.

FRED WYCKOFF, monologist, as "The Mayor of Tanktown," is the chief entertainer at Patanges this week. He is fat and jolly and simply radiates fun of the clean, witty sort. He has much of the irresistible quality of the clown.

There is some fun in the sketch "A King for a Night," given by Walter Perival and Co. The company consists of three players and a woman. It is difficult to decide which of the two men is the star. If the vagrant negro who masquerades as an African king in order to rob a rich Parisian woman is the leader of the sketch he certainly is entitled to the honor. He is comical in the usual fashion of the colored character, but the sketch drops into a melodramatic swamp toward the close.

"The Union Label," a melodramatic playlet dealing with the union movement, presented by Charlie King, Clair Sinclair, and John C. Livingston, is not very skillfully done. It is rather a trite presentation of the question of the open shop.

Dumitrescu and Gluran, horizontal bar artists, give an interesting series of feats on that apparatus. The various turns show great skill and daring. Ryan and Tucker give a song and dance. Their dancing is very much better than their singing.

May Taylor, a staid comedienne, contributes two songs. The usual moving pictures complete the programme.

#### Empress.

THAT the seemingly unreal is a delectable mental diet for almost everyone was shown last evening at the Empress where mystery prevails. The star performer of the evening is Albin the magician, but the singing and dancing specialties as well as tumbling acts also please.

As usual Albin has a novelty, the illusion, "Astr," being his latest, a solution of which is open to the public, a box to be given for the coming week to the one guessing how the feat is accomplished. He has taken it upon himself to expose the tricks of mediums, and other claimants of the other world's secrets, his denunciation of them to take place next Friday evening.

Next of interest was the sketch, "The District Attorney" wherein a felon is saved from further crime by the unexpected appearance of his long lost daughter, who has married the District Attorney, the special object of the criminal's hatred. As the convict John E. Lessig we applaud.

Jennie Ward and Billy Cullen talk their songs in an engaging manner. Their performance in a massed chorus without interrupting the song, being a pleasing departure.

Joe Cook in black with a drop curtain as an added feature keeps up a flow of talk that establishes him as a favorite. Heeley and Meeley, lucky tramps mysteriously emerge from the haymow of a barn and the peculiar tumbling performance they give is about as funny as one could imagine.

Oscar Kaufman and Victoria Sawtelle entertain with singing and piano playing. The duo accomplish a feat that the man of the pair being violin selections which are well played.

### PORTLAND THANKED AGAIN

#### California Boosters Telegraph Gratitude to Entertainers Here.

Aboard their special train en route home, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Exposition boosters yesterday at Dunsmuir, Cal., adopted resolutions thanking the people of Portland for their hospitality and entertainment of the California party.

The resolutions were telegraphed to Harvey Beckwith, president of the Portland Commercial Club, who served as chairman of the general committee that had charge of the entertainment of the visitors.

The resolutions were signed by Captain William Matson, president of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco and chairman of the delegation, and Colonel M. H. De Young, vice-president of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The resolutions

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## New Fall Butterick Patterns and Fall Fashion Books—Special Offer: Delineator, 2 Years, \$1.50

### Amsterdam's Orchestra Plays Daily, 11:30 to 2 in 7th Floor Restaurant—25c Lunch, Basement

**45c Linen Paper, 23c**  
**SOMERSBY LINEN STATIONERY**—a splendid quality of paper that sells ordinarily at 45c. Box of 50 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes to match. Specially priced for Tuesday's selling at only, box **23c**

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**\$5 Eye Glasses \$2.98**  
 IF YOUR eyes feel strained and in need of Glasses, don't put it off. Today we offer regular \$5.00 Eye Glasses—"Perfection" stay-tight, finger-piece mountings, fitted with best individually-ground lenses, at, only **\$2.98**

# Gaelic League's Exhibit Irish Industries



**HUNDREDS** were attracted to the second floor yesterday, to see the unique demonstration of Irish Industries, under the auspices of the Gaelic League.

While you watch, the three Irish lassies, Bridie MacLoughlin, Eileen Noone and Brigit O'Quinn, are demonstrating the making of Irish Lace, Neckwear, Embroidery, Rugs, etc. Their execution of the exquisite patterns and marvelous handwork was the wonder of all.

To the left is shown Miss Eileen Noone, wearing the elegant Irish hand-made Lace Robe, valued at \$500.

Visit the Exhibit today!

## Our Stock Irish Neckwear, Lace, 1/4 Less

In connection with this Exhibit of Irish Industries, we offer our entire stocks of genuine hand-made Irish Crochet Neckwear and Laces at precisely 1/4 less the regular, everyday prices.

**Irish Neckwear, \$2 to \$30 at 1/4 Less**  
**Irish Laces, from 75c to \$8, 1/4 Less**

**\$2.48 Is Cleanup on \$4-\$7 Wash Frocks**  
 MEIER & FRANK'S—SECOND FLOOR. ORDER BY MAIL.

**JUST** the pretty little Frocks that you'd want for morning and wear-about-the-house all the year around!

Lawns, Gingham, Swisses, Washable Foulards, etc. made with high or Dutch necks, long or 3/4 sleeves. All sizes from 14 misses' to 44 women's. Dresses that were \$4, \$5 and up to \$7, today **\$2.48**

**Cleanup of All White Tub Skirts To \$35 Summer Suits at \$14.65**  
 A final clearing-out of all White Duck and Rep Skirts, made in plain gored or cluster-plaited effects—all extra and regular sizes. Regularly \$1.50 to \$2.25 at 89c; regularly \$2.50 to \$3.50, now at only **\$1.48**

A final grouping of Tailored Suits for misses and women, in gray and tan mixed Tweeds, Worsted, Black Satins, etc. Plain tailored and fancy models. Formerly \$25 to \$35, choice today **\$14.65**



## Entries Now Open In Our Amateur Photo Contest

**DOZENS** were waiting with their entries for this first Meier & Frank Amateur Photo Contest, when the store opened yesterday.

Contest will be held from September 4 to 16 inclusive; open to the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Entries received at the Executive Office, Sixth Floor.

**Grand Prize**—\$75 cash for the best set of 4 pictures or over.

**Second Prize**—\$40 cash for the best single picture.

**Third Prize**—\$25 cash for the second best single picture.

## And 14 Class Prizes \$10 Each in Photographic Merchandise

Best Landscape—\$10 order.  
 Best Auto Picture—\$10 order.  
 Best Still Life—\$10 order.  
 Best Portrait—\$10 order.  
 Best Animal Picture—\$10 order.  
 Best Picture Showing Motion—\$10 order.  
 Best Picture Telling a Story—\$10 order.  
 Best Marine or Seashore—\$10 order.  
 Best Hunting or Fishing—\$10 order.  
 Best Pictures of Baby—\$10 order.  
 Best Picture of Flowers—\$10 order.  
 Best Humorous Picture—\$10 order.  
 Best Preak Picture—\$10 order.

Best set of 6 Postcards, showing scenes of the Meier & Frank Store (exterior views, not over two.)

# \$1 Fancy Silks in Fall Shades at 69c

MEIER & FRANK'S—FIRST FLOOR. ORDER BY MAIL.

**HERE'S** news that is bound to bring women hurrying to the Silk Store today!

Best \$1 grades of Fancy Silks, including Taffetas, Messalines, Brocades and striped effects in the desirable Fall shades of navy, brown, green, wisteria, lavender, red, etc., for waists and dresses. Priced for today's selling at, yd. **69c**

## The Big Handbag Purchase--

brought eager throngs yesterday, and the astonishing savings were the wonder of all who came! Around 1600 smart fabric and leather Handbags in every wanted style and shape, at a third to a half below the prices they were made to sell for. Again today—

**\$1.95** for Bags worth \$3 to \$4.  
 The smart cordeliere styles, of satins, moires, suedes. Also regular shapes in all leathers. Handsomely mounted, lined and fitted with separate coin purses.

**\$3.49** for Bags worth \$5 to \$7.50. Genuine seals, goat seals, walrus and sledges in all the new shapes. Also rich Louis XVII and cordeliere styles with extra long handles.

**50c to 75c Belts** priced again today at only **23c**

**\$2.50 Crepe Meteors**—rich, shimmering silk fabric, for afternoon and evening gowns. Helen pink, old rose, King's blue, navy, brown, Alice, cream and black. Full 40-inch, today at only, yard **\$1.69**

New Silk Waist Patterns—an innovation! Silk Marquissette Waist Patterns, printed in three beautiful designs. Can be made up in a few minutes. For today's selling are priced at \$4.50, \$4.00 and **\$2.50**

## Fresh Eggs, Dz. 27c

**PURE FOOD GROCERY—BASEMENT**  
**GUARANTEED** Fresh Oregon Ranch Eggs at a price we don't believe is equaled in the city! For today's selling priced extra special, doz. **27c**

Royal Baking Powder—lb. 39c; 1/2-lb. 21c  
 Log Cabin Syrup—gal. \$1.15; 1/2-gal. 60c; qt. at only **32c**.

Little California Picnic Hams—sugar-cured, lb. 10c.  
 Lowmyer's or Huyler's Cocoa—1/2-lb. box, **22c**  
 Hams—delicious Eastern sugar-cured, lb. **19c**  
 English Style Bacon—"sweet as a nut." Special, lb. **17c**.

60c India-Ceylon Tea—special lb. **37c**.  
 Tetley's Sunflower Tea—lb. cans, **57c**.  
 Tetley's Green Label Tea—lb. cans, **53c**.

## Every Home Needs a Willamette Club Plan---\$2 Now, \$1 a Week

MEIER & FRANK'S—FOURTH FLOOR. ORDER BY MAIL.



**Sewing Machine Needles**—all makes. In dozen lots, special **20c**.

**Sewing Machine Threaders**—save the eyesight. Special **18c**.

**Sewing Machine Oil**—15c bottles, 12c; 10c bottles, **7c**.

**Titus Family Darners**—no other on the market to equal them at this low price. Regularly 50c, today **35c**.

**IN THESE** modern days, every home needs a good, reliable Sewing Machine. Our famous "Willamette" combines the good points of nearly every other make.

On our Club Plan, you'll have a "Willamette" Sewing Machine paid for before you know it! It matters not whether you select the \$20 model or our finest at \$45, **PAY ONLY \$2 AND THE REST AT \$1 A WEEK**—no interest whatever.

## Willamette Rotary, Pictured, \$35

Exactly as pictured to the left. Handsome oak in Mission design, complete with a full set of nickel attachments. Our Willamette Rotary has no equal at **\$35**

**\$5 Willamette Toy Hand Sewing Machines**, useful and instructive, at **\$3.75**

**Sewing Machine Supplies**, Oil Cans, Beltings, etc., in our Willamette Sewing Machine Store, 4th floor.

## Aug. Furniture Sale \$7 Telephone Tables

**\$4.49**  
 MEIER & FRANK'S—FOURTH FLOOR. ORDER BY MAIL.

**WE** bought 300 of these solid oak Telephone Tables, with chairs to match, expressly for the August Sale!

Exactly as illustrated to the left, finished in golden, Early English, or fumed oak. Bought in the regular way, we could not attempt to sell them for less than \$7. Extra special Tuesday only, set \$4.49.

**Entire Stock of Library Tables at 1-3 Reduction.**

### INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION. The resolutions

Resolved, That this delegation extend its heartiest thanks and appreciation to the people of Portland, the Portland Chamber of Commerce and to the Portland Commercial Club and especially to those gentlemen who formed the committee thereof, for the splendid entertainment, thought and consideration that was given this delegation from the time of their arrival in Portland until they were sent happily on their way to California. Also in the appreciation of the delegation for the generous pledge of their support, both moral and financial, to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, in which we are all equally interested.

Furthermore, we wish to the people of Portland and Oregon a continuance of the marvelous prosperity and progress that we observed on all sides.

### THOSE WANTED WERE NOT AT HAND AT THE MOMENT, AND THE CASE WENT OVER.

At the present rate of progress, the jury will consume all the time from now to the end of its official life, as many matters of grave and complicated nature remain to be investigated. While it is not yet certain that the recent developments in relation to the police and the North End will be considered as calling for the jury's action, it is assumed that if they are taken up, they will consume much time. Another lot of cases that will require extensive consideration is those in relation to alleged forgeries on the petition to refer the appropriation for the University of Oregon.

### IDA, HORNHOOK, WIFE OF THE MANAGER OF THE COMPANY. HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL OF \$50, DEPOSITED BY A THEATRICAL MAN.

Before the arrest there was a pow-wow at the desk, in which the man and woman hurled charges and counter charges at each other, while other members of the company played the part of a Greek chorus. Hornbrook said that Mrs. Hornbrook had assailed him, and the whole party, under the control of Patrolman Sims, was sent to District Attorney Cameron to tell their stories. When they returned Mrs. Hornbrook was triumphant, while the man could say was, "Well, she beat me to it—she could talk faster."

### YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO ALLOW A SIGN COMPOSED OF MARBLE AT 45 DEGREES, WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTS BACK OF IT AND BRASS LETTERS ON ITS FACE, TO BE CONSTRUCTED, WHICH WILL BE LOCATED JUST BELOW THE PLATE GLASS OF A SHOW WINDOW, AND WILL PROJECT FOUR INCHES BEYOND THE BUILDING CASE. SUCH SIGNS ARE PROHIBITED BY THE BUILDING CODE.

Attend the Astoria Centennial.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. has put in effect, via the steamer T. J. Potter, Harvest Queen or Hassalo, a low fare of \$1 each way to Astoria. The Potter leaves at 8 A. M. daily except Sunday, Saturday at 1 P. M., and the Hassalo and Harvest Queen at 8 P. M. Saturday, 10 P. M. Full particulars at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

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### BUILDING CODE FORBIDS PROJECTING ADS, SAYS CITY ATTORNEY.

That signs may not project over the sidewalk if the present building code is to be complied with was the point of an opinion expressed by City Attorney Grant yesterday in answer to a question from Building Inspector Plummer. Mr. Grant says:

"I have a communication saying that