

PENALTY PROVIDED FOR PERJURIOUS FRAUD

Charter Revision Committee Would Punish Dishonest Circulators.

RECALL LAWS PROPOSED

Plan Requires 15 Per Cent of Voters to Sign and if 20 Per Cent Sign Special Election Must Be Called by Council.

Crooked circulators of initiative and referendum petitions were recognized yesterday by the members of the East Side charter revision committee.

The provision was agreed upon while the committee, in session at the City Hall both yesterday afternoon and last night, was finally considering the subject of the initiative and referendum.

In this connection another reform proposed by the committee, and that was a provision requiring that each sheet of paper for signatures to either an initiative or a referendum measure should contain a complete and plain statement setting forth the essential terms of the measure to be initiated, or against which the referendum is demanded.

Disfranchisement Prevented. Compliance with the latter provision will greatly assist to reduce fraud that is practiced in the circulation of these petitions.

As finally approved by the committee, any ordinance or a charter amendment can be initiated on petition of 10 per cent of the voters.

Recall Provision Drafted. Apparently the committee did not believe that the recall amendment of the state constitution was self-executing.

Recalled Officers Barred. Other candidates for the office may be nominated by petition of one cent of the individual electors.

REJECTED SUITOR ANGRY. C. King Wants Warrant for Arrest of Woman Who Accepted Gifts.

"She's going with another fellow, and I want my money back," said C. King, an automobile salesman, living at the Dently Hotel, appealing to the District Attorney for a criminal complaint against his faithless love.

PERSONAL MENTION. O. N. Savage, of Salem, is at the Cornelia.

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here. They are registered at the Oregon. Judge T. H. Crawford, of La Grande, is at the Imperial.

WELCOME IS IN STORE

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB PREPARES FOR CLUBBERS.

Committees Are Appointed by President Brookings to Make Arrangements for Banquet.

The Progressive Business Men's Club will close an active campaign for the reception and banquet to the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho this week.

For the first time in the history of banquets the Commercial Club will be thrown open to the women who, as wives, daughters and sweethearts, will be present with the membership.

General arrangements—Philip Bates, chairman; George F. Johnson, P. S. Fielder, Charles H. Merrick, E. W. Raymond, A. M. Clark, Marshall N. Dana, Charles Mathis, Rev. Benjamin Young, D. O. Lively.

Entertainment—John Claire Monteth, chairman; Joseph G. Gillingham, Walter S. Asher, C. C. Stout, Arthur J. Maclure, S. G. McQueen.

ALL WOULD BE PREACHERS. City Jail Prisoners Try to Talk Themselves to Liberty.

Trying to preach their way out of jail, half a hundred prisoners were sorely disappointed at the police headquarters yesterday when they tried the expedient after seeing one of their number released thereby.

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NEWSY PUZZLES TOURIST. Englishman at Loss to Understand Supposed Request for Photograph.

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SANTA'S BAGS BIG

Dealers Estimate More Than \$5,000,000 Will Be Spent.

POOR WILL BE CARED FOR

Stores Will Keep Open Evenings This Week, Last One Before Christmas, but People Are Urged to Shop Early.

Santa Claus will pour into the lap of Portland people between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 next Monday morning.

More than one Portland man has presented his wife with a high-powered car which will be delivered on Christmas morning.

In the last days of the Christmas rush anything is looked for. While shopping has been in the main backward than usual, the sales made Saturday broke all seasonal records.

Banks to Make Gifts. One leading bank in the city has arranged to present to its employees Saturday afternoon envelopes containing checks for 10 per cent of their annual salary.

Stores Open Evenings. The stores in the city will open every night until 9:30 during this week.

TEAL TO BE REPAIRED. STEAMER TAHOMA WILL TAKE UP RIVER RUN FOR TIME.

Craft Will Be Taken to Yard and Receive Coat of Paint Inside and Out.

Superintendent Buchanan, of the Open River Transportation Company, has laid off the steamer J. N. Teal to receive necessary repairs.

STRAHLTON DUE THIS WEEK. Craft Will Reach Vancouver From Yokohama, Reports Circular.

In the weekly circular of Frank Waterhouse & Company it is shown that the Strahlton is on the way from Yokohama for Vancouver direct and should arrive this week.

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ORIENTAL SERVICE: Dunbar, sailed Tacoma for Kobe direct, December 15; Hercules, arrived San Francisco, December 15; Kumada, arrived Seattle, December 14, with damage to steering gear; Luceric, arrived Seattle from Tacoma, December 16; Needles, due at Comox early in January; etc.

Strahlton, sailed from Yokohama for Vancouver, December 8; Suverio, Hongkong; Ryoga, sailed from Manila for Hongkong, December 13.

Longshoreman Is Injured. Ralph Amath, a longshoreman, had his hip badly crushed and otherwise injured Saturday while working on the British steamship Strathmore.

Minnesota Has First Full Cargo. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Great Northern liner Minnesota, the largest steamship on the Pacific Ocean, sailed for the Orient today with 15,000 tons of freight.

Manzanita Being Repaired. The repairs to the lighthouse tender Manzanita which are being done at the Vulcan Iron Works, will not be completed before the last of the week.

Salmon Fleet to Leave April 1. The Alaska salmon fleet wintering in the Columbia consists of 17 vessels and they are, with their berths, as follows: Reuce, at Portland; Berlin and Levi G. Burgess, at Goble; St. Nicholas, at Astoria; etc.

Marine Notes. The oil tank steamer W. S. Porter was reported off the mouth of the Columbia yesterday.

DUCK FARM SEEN. State Game Warden Urges Aid of Hunters for Protection.

REFUGES GROWING FEWER. Fair Show for Migrating Wild Fowl Declared Imperative if Game Is Not to Be Driven Out—Better Laws Suggested.

That the Oregon laws covering the shooting of ducks are far too liberal and that unless greater restrictions are placed upon hunters in the near future there will be little of this sport in Western Oregon.

Change of Laws Favored. In speaking of the lax game laws of Oregon, Mr. Finley said: "I am not at all satisfied with the laws and conditions as they exist today in regard to duck shooting."

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. ASTORIA, Dec. 17.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 P. M., weather cloudy, wind south, 15 miles, sea rough.

HOLIDAY SHRUBS SUFFER. E. Henry Wemme Causes Arrest of Boys Who Cut Trees.

Vandal attacks on shrubbery appropriate to the Christmas season, are reported to the police yesterday from several sources.

EARLY ACTION URGED. "There must be some action in the near future to secure resting places on ponds for these wild creatures so they will have a fair show to live."

PORTLAND SPOKANE ST. PAUL CHICAGO ROUTE OF THE GREAT NORTHERN LIMITED THROUGH TOURIST AND STANDARD SLEEPERS PORTLAND TO CHICAGO IN 72 HOURS NO CHANGE OF CARS BEST OF SERVICE LEAVES DAILY 7:00 P. M. Two other good trains.

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Holiday Greetings By Western Union "Day Letters" and "Night Letters." Telephone for special Holiday blanks. THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

CASH PRIZES EVERY WEEK FOR ARTICLES ON "HOW WE WON OUR HOMES" The Portland Realty Board invites the homeowners of Portland and vicinity to enter an essay contest for the best articles on the general topic, "How We Won Our Homes," and offers the following prizes each week: