COUNTY CREATION LAW IS PROPOSED

Provision for Consolidating Contiguous Towns Also to Be Submitted.

DRAFT OF MEASURE MADE

City Attorneys of Scaside, Cottage Grove and St. Johns Prepare Bill to Come Before Voters Next November.

Creation of new counties and the consolidation of contiguous incor-porated cities and towns by the people of the territory directly involved are provided for in a proposed general law which will be submitted under the initiative to the voters of this state

The draft of such a measure was upleted at a meeting in St. Johns yesterday by a special committee, consisting of the City Attorneys of Seasille, St. Johns and Cottage Grove. The members of the committee were: A. W. Norblad, of Seaside: P. C. Stroud, of St. Johns, and J. C. Johnson, of Cot-

tage Grove.

The proposed bill provides that new counties may be created from the territory of one or more old counties, provided that the county from which territory is taken "shall have remaining an area of not less than 500 square of not less than 500 square of not less than \$2,000,000 assessed valuation," and provided further that the proposed new county shall also have the same minimum as to area, population and property valuations.

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The creation of a new county may be proposed by petition of 30 per cent of the legal voters residing in the territory of which it is to be composed. This petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State. At the same time there must be deposited with the same official such an amount of money as the Governor shall estimate to be necessary to pay the expenses of the proceeding. This money, if contributed by individuals, will be repaid by the proposed new county if it is organized. It is required that the polition shall contain the following information: Name and location of the temporary county seat; name of the proposed county and the description of its proposed boundaries, titles of officers required; approximately the number of legal voters, number of children of school age and the resident population in the desired territory, approximately the number of territory, approximately the area and assessed valuation thereof, and the whole amount of taxes now paid by said territory, annually texclusive of special district levins for schools and roade), and the estimated amount that will be necessary if the new county is created.

Proof of the publication in two newspapers for a period of six weeks of notice of the proposed creation of a new county must be filed with the petition when it is presented to the Secretary of State.

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Commission is investigate. When notified by the Secretary of State that the provisions of the law as to the petition have been complied with, the Governor is required to appoint Three commissioners, who shall not be residents, property owners nor taxpayers or interested directly or indirectly within the territory of the proposed new county or any county from which said new county is being created, and one of whom shall be a practicing surveyor and civil engineer."

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ment they shall report to the Governor, in writing, their findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations for or against the creation of said new county, which report shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. If the report shall be against the creation of such county, no further proceedings

Change Is Allowed.

If the report is favorable, the com-missioners are required to define the boundaries of the new county, which he the original petition, so long as the area, population and assessed valuation of either the new county or the county from which any territory is taken is not reduced below the minimum established in the bill.

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Within 15 days after receiving the favorable report from the commissioners, the Governor is ordered to call a special election to be held by the legal voters in the territory contained in the proposed new county, for determining whether or not the new county shall be organized. If the time is within there months of any general election, the Governor may direct that the question be placed on the general election hallot within such territory at that time.

If a majority of the votes cast on the question shall be favorable, the new county will be created and the Governor within 30 days shall appoint the necessary county officers, who will hold office until the next general election. The salary of such appointees, until otherwise provided by law, shall be the some as is paid by existing counties of the same kind nearest in assessed value to the new corporation.

Adjustment Provision Made. Provision is made for the appoint ment of an arbitration board by all matters relating to value and di-vision of county property, funds, taxes, debts, assets and liabilities and all pe-cutiary matters of difference between the new county and the county or counties from , which the new county is created shall be settled. This board erected shall be settled. This board is to consist of one man appointed by the County Court of the new county, another by the County Court of the county from which territory is taken for the new county and a Circuit Judge to be appointed by the Governor from a district net embracing any county from which territory is taken for the

The plan for the consolidation of ad-joining incorporated municipalities is more simple. It is provided that the Council or other legislative body of Council or other legislative body of either of the corporations, upon receiving a petition signed by not less than one-dith of the legal voters of each of the corporations asking for consolidation, shall submit to the electors of each corporation the question whether or not they shall be consolidated into one corporation.

inted into one corporation.
Four weeks' notice of the special election, which must be called by the City Councils of the two incorporations,

is required to be published in a news paper of general circulation.

Smaller City Loses Charter.

If a majority of the votes cast in the election are for comolidation, then the two incorporations shall be consolidated. Following the filing of an abstract of the vote cast with the Secretary of State, "the charter of the town or city having the smaller number of legal voters, as determined by the last general election, shall thereupon detarmine, cease and be repealed and the tenure of office of the officers of said smaller municipality shall cease and determine, and the charter, laws and ordinances of the larger of said cities or towns to be determined as above provided for shall continue in effect and shall thereupon and thereafter govern such consolidated municipalities until changed or amended in accordance with the law of the State of Oregon and the tenure of its officers shall continue thereunder."

The proposed bill contains one section which, if enacted, will ratify the recent consolidation of Seaside and West Seaside, which, although voted unanimously by the electors of both incorporations, has been held to be unconstitutional. This particular section geads as follows:

Work to Begig at Once. Smaller City Loses Charter.

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Before returning to Astoria last performed the operation which led to

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MRS. RHODA ROYAL ON RINALDO.

Rinaldo, the ballroom horse, is going to visit Portland. Rinaldo is the only living equine than can dance the two-step. Horses have been educated to do a great many things since they became a prime factor in the world of amusements, but no horse ever really danced until Rinaldo came upon the scene.

He is a handsome blood bay horse, hred along the Kentucky saddle lines. In performing this difficult act, he actually keeps time to the music whether the metre be fast or slow. He does so without any prompting from his rider, and usually makes three complete circles around the arena.

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Rinaldo is ridden by Mrs. Rhoda Royal, who has trained him to do this feat. He will be seen here during all the performances of the Selfs-Floto circus, which comes to Portland for a two days' engagement, beginning Monday, June 3.

the ballot in the November election.

"The proposed measure is of such importance in view of the demand all over the state for the enactment of such legislation," said Mr. Norblad, "that I am sure we will secure the required 9000 signatures in time to file the bill with the Secretary of State July 4, the last day for filing initiative measures for the November election."

At a meeting of the excursion committee of the Commercial Club at noon today, plans will be made for an excursion of business men Saturday to Centralia, Wash. to attend the windup meeting of the Southwest Washington Development Association. It is expected there will be a good representation of Portland business men take the trip. The party will leave Saturday moranism.

Plans have been made at Centralia for the entertainment of the visitors with automobile rides and a banquet. The programme of the development association as it will be carried out Saturday and participated in by the local delegation is as follows:

1 F. M.—Alrembile parade. "Princess Shockumchuch."

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2 P. M - Airship flight, C. A. Berlin, avia-

tor.

2:20 P. M.—Dedication of new Union Depot. Han. George Dynast. chairman, Advess. Mayor H. W. Thempson: dedicatory address. George T. Reid, general counsel. Northern Pacific Railroad; addresses by representatives of the Great Northern Railroad and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

2:30 P. M.—State Lengue baseball game, Centralia vs. Chehalls, at Southwest Washington Railroad and Railroad and Railroad Ra

PUPILS TO PLAY PINAFORE

Jefferson High Glee Clubs Ready for Double Performance.

The first two performances of the opera "Pinafore" will be presented by the Jefferson High Glee Clubs tonight in the school auditorium by a cast of 75 young singers.

The last practices will be held this

afternoon.

Wallace Martyn, in the role of a griz-

fun.
Mirs Marporie Maxwell, a talented
young singer, who has gained much
praise by her work in former entertainments, will have a leading part in
the performance tonight. Dalsy Gibson
will vie with Miss Maxwell for first

Kenneth Morrison will have the lead-ing role as boy soloist. He had a lead-ing part in the Jefferson High minstrel show.

EASTERN EXCURSION.

Low round-trip rates now in effect by the Canadian Pacific. Apply for their new folder giving full particulars. Of-fice Third and Pine (Multnomah Hotel building).

Italy consumes has tubacco per capita than any other country in the world.

night, Mr. Norblad said the committee immediately would begin circulating petitions for signatures to the initiative petition for placing the measure on the ballot in the November election.

'The proposed measure is of such importance in view of the demand all over the state for the enactment of such legislation, said Mr. Norblad, 'that I am sure we will secure the required 5990 signatures in time to file the bill with less.

The accident which resulted in young Oversby's blindness and in almost com-plete paralysis occurred two years ago, when he was thrown violently from a CENTRALIA TRIP PLANNED

Northern Pacific freight train proceeding from Cie Einm up a branch line of the Northern Pacific to the little mining sown of Roslyn. He lay unconscious for several hours. When he awoke, by exercise of will power he managed to return to his work.

Sight Falls After Three Weeks.

Two days afterwards the pupils of Oversby's eyes began to show signs of life and his incoherence of speech disappeared. There had been two fractures on the inner tables of the brain and it had bulged in two places. The pressure on nerves leading to the eyes

pressure on nerves leading to the eyes and other centers had resulted in the blindness and paralysis. This condition was relieved by the physicians.

"How much Mr. Oversby will be able to see in the future depends upon how far the nerve tissues which center about the optics were destroyed during the two years of neglect," said Dr. Sargentich. "He may eventually regain reasonably good sight."

Oversby has started outdoor exercise and yesterday began wearing glasses and is far enough recovered to distinguish several colors. He is practically the sole support of his younger brother and aging father.

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Immediately after taking his patient out for a walk yesterday Dr. Sargentich received a cablegram announcing the death of his mother in Budua, Austria. Her husband was the late Captain Philip Sargentich, who navigated the Pacific Coast early in 1842 Seven children survive, four living in San Francisco.

MINIMUM WAGE IS OBJECT

Russel Sage Foundation Asked to Help Cause in Portland.

A committee appointed by the Consumers' League to make preliminary investigations with a view to drafting a minimum wage bill for Oregon, has asked the Russell Sage Foundation for financial assistance and for the sid of a trained worker to assist in this state. Father Edwin V. O'Hara made the announcement of this stap that the committee had taken at the meeting of the league held at the home of Miss Lucia Harriman, at 186 Twenty-second street North, last night. No response has been received.

The committee will continue its work. A minimum wage bill has been

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drafted and the State Federation of Labor will endeavor to bring the measure before the people in a few months. One of the difficulties encountered, Father O'Hara said, is the fact that no "standard of living" exists in the United States.

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"What may be a fair standard of living in one family," he said, "is regarded as wholly inadequate by another family in an identical class of laber. The whole tendency of the times is to strive toward more luxurious standards."

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The earlier part of the evening was devoted to a lecture upon the minimum wage system by Dr. C. H. Chapman, who reviewed the history of the minimum wage movement from its origin in Australia. He criticised the Massachussetts and Wisconsin systems. He favored some system to check the downward tendency of wages.

BUILDING TO RIVAL YEON

Structure at Fifth and Alder Streets Will Be 12 Stories.

Work has been started on the sixstory addition to the six-story structure at the southeast corner of Fifth and Alder streets by the Hurley-Mason Company. The six upper stories will have unusually high cellings. It is expected that the building will be nearly as high as the 15-story Yeon structure

Gresham Votes for Water Mains.

GRESHAM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—
A special city election was held Monday to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city so as to provide funds

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