

COUNTY CREATION LAW IS PROPOSED

Provision for Consolidating Contiguous Towns Also to Be Submitted.

DRAFT OF MEASURE MADE

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

Creation of new counties and the consolidation of contiguous incorporated 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 next November.

The draft of such a measure was completed at a meeting in St. Johns yesterday by a special committee, consisting of the City Attorneys of Seaside, 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 Cottage 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 miles, a population of 2000 and property of not less than \$2,000,000 assessed valuation, and provided that the proposed new county shall also have the same minimum as to area, population and property valuations.

The creation of a new county may be proposed by petition of 20 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 petition 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, school age and the resident population in the desired territory; approximately the number of votes cast therein for Representatives in Congress at the last preceding general election; approximately the area and assessed valuation thereof, and the whole amount of taxes now paid by the territory annually (exclusive of special district levies for schools and roads), 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.

Commissioner to 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, taxpayers, assessors or interested directly or indirectly within the territory of the proposed new county or any territory from which said new county is being created, one of whom shall be a practicing surveyor and civil engineer.

is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation. Smaller City Lines Charter. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are for consolidation, 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 determine, 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 reads as follows:

Work to Begin at Once. "And all consolidations or attempted consolidations of cities or towns heretofore made under the provisions of Title XXVI, Lord's Oregon Laws, are hereby ratified, confirmed, legalized and determined valid as of the date of such consolidation or attempted consolidation." Before returning to Astoria last

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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.

Gresham Votes for Water Mains. GRESHAM, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—A special city election was held Monday to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city so as to provide funds

CIRCUS HAS ONLY HORSE THAT CAN DANCE TWO-STEP.



MRS. RHODA ROYAL ON RINALDO. Rinaldo, the ballroom horse, is going to visit Portland. Rinaldo is a handsome blood bay horse, bred 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.

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 5000 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."

CENTRALIA TRIP PLANNED

Portland Business Men to Visit Washington City Saturday.

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 meeting of the Southwest Washington Development Association. It is expected there will be a good representation of Portland business men take the trip.

Change is Allowed. If the report is favorable, the commissioners are required to define the boundaries of the new county, which need not be the same as those shown in 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.

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.

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 Russel Sage Foundation for financial assistance and for the aid of a trained worker to assist in this state.

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