

MOVE IS MADE TO REFER METER PLAN

Citizens' Committee Is Formed to Organize Work for Referendum on Scheme.

MASS MEETING IS PLANNED

Volunteer Organization to Circulate Petitions to Be Launched. Collecting Penalties Under Tax Law Opposed.

Preliminary steps toward invoking the referendum on Commissioner Daly's \$500,000 water meter ordinance were taken Tuesday night at a meeting of citizens in the office of W. Bolsoe, in the Railway Exchange building.

"Volunteers to Do Work." "Practically all the work will be done by volunteers," said Mr. Bolsoe. "If we interpret right the sentiment of our committee the referendum will carry overwhelmingly. I feel certain that we can get all the signatures required in two weeks' work."

Mr. Bolsoe said that in view of the practically unanimous stand taken by the various improvement clubs against the meters, he thought much of the organization work could be handled through them.

With Mr. Conway as chairman, a sub-committee composed of Leo Fried, representing the West Side, and W. L. Bolsoe and L. H. Wells representing the East Side, was appointed to begin the selecting of the general referendum committee.

Earlier in the evening, acting as representatives of the Taxpayers' Association, those present decided to recommend action to restrain the County Treasurer from attempting to collect penalties exacted under the new tax law from persons who have paid half of their taxes.

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MR. RIGLER'S BOOK ISSUE

TEXT DEBATE SEEMS TO FAVOR PORTLAND MAN'S PRODUCT.

Interest at the public audience given the publishing houses of textbooks on arithmetic by the School Board Tuesday night hinged upon a heated debate as to the merit of the book "Numbers Step by Step" written by Frank Rigler, formerly superintendent of Portland schools.

Thompson School; Miss Etta Bailey, of the Felling School, and Miss Gertrude Greathouse, of the Chapman School—all teachers—spoke strongly in support of Mr. Rigler's book.

Books were also presented for adoption by the following firms: Watson & White edition by Heath & Co., Stone-Mills edition by Benjamin H. Sanborn, Wentworth-Smith edition by Ginn & Co., Hamilton's Arithmetic by the American Book Company, Braden's reader and Williams' Mental Drill Book by the Educational Publishing Company.

NEW CHARGES ARE MADE

LAWYER KLUG ACCUSED OF FORGING TWO MORTGAGES.

Herman Vetter Reports Making Loans of \$1000 and \$400 on Instruments He Finds Are Worthless.

Two more alleged false mortgages, said to have been issued by George Ludwig Klug, a Portland attorney—one to secure the loan of \$1000 and the other to secure \$400—were reported to District Attorney Evans Tuesday by Herman Vetter, to whom both the pretended mortgages were made.

James Plew, a descendant of the Jukes family, which has produced, it is said, nearly a thousand degenerates, confessed the murder of William Wakefield at Middlebury, June 22, 1913, in order that he might marry Mrs. Wakefield. The two had been living together as husband and wife for some time.

SPAUDLING ESTATE LISTED

Inventory Gives Value at \$124,874. Campbell Holdings \$28,405.

The inventory of the estate of Morton M. Spaulding, filed Tuesday by "T. J. Cleaton, judge for county of Multnomah County," and that the mortgage was recorded "in book probate on page 351, records of mortgages of said county."

PASSENGER PUT OFF TRAIN

I. W. Conroy, Starting for Dying Wife, Says He Inbibed Too Much.

Weeping and struggling, I. W. Conroy was ejected from the train for St. Paul at the North Bank Station at 7 o'clock Tuesday night. He was taken to police headquarters by Patrolman Humphreys, charged with being drunk.

BISHOP COOKE IS ELECTED.

Bishop R. J. Cooke, the resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, was Tuesday elected chairman of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon by the other members of the headquarters committee.

WEDDED FRITZI SCHEFF ALMOST GETS PROPOSAL

Zealous Usher Warns Mar. Won at Orpheum Performance—Quentin Intervenes Clever, Dainty Actress and Learns Things Hard to Reconcile.

"Great dear!" said the chagrined would-be husband, "the last I heard of the lady's private affairs she had just ceased being Mrs. John Fox. There's no chance for me around here. Guess I'll beat it." He did.

The fact that a marriage proposal for Fritzi had been intercepted by a vigilant usher was not permitted to reach the little prima donna's ears, as her manager said he would not be responsible for artistic temperament.

But, to get back to Fritzi Scheff's shape. She is apparently in as fine physical condition as the athlete in good training, and as supple. She is neither stout nor thin—just right. It was introduced to Fritzi Scheff as she reached her dressing-room after she had sung to the audience and made good as a singer.

"I eat what I like and when I like," said Fritzi, in reply to questions, "I don't eat what I don't like, I don't eat what I don't like, I don't eat what I don't like."

"Do you long for home and cooking and that sort of thing?" "Of course," said Fritzi, in a piqued tone, "I really am a good cook and I pride myself on the way I make salad. But for the present I am engaged in professional work because it is my work in life, and the home life I long for some day must wait. Profes-

JUKES DESCENDANT DIES ON GALLOWS

Woman Convicted as Accomplice in Murder Prays as Plew Is Executed.

APPEAL DELAYS HANGMAN

Prison Rules Prevent Final Meeting of Couple—Mrs. Wakefield's Case Appealed, and Sex Has Aroused Sympathy.

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WOODARD CLARKE & CO. DRUGS. A vertical banner advertisement for a drug store.

20 Extra U.S. Stamps 20 Thursday, Friday and Saturday Spraying Season Is at Hand. Advertisement for household disinfectants and stamps.

The New Low Express Rates. Advertisement for Manning's Coffee Store and a "JOIN" sign.

Nature's Remedy For Constipation. Advertisement for Hunyadi Janos Water, featuring a cartoon character.