

ST. JOHNS MERGER IS NOT ASSURED

Majority of All Who Go to Polls at City Election Needed to Ratify.

CARELESSNESS IS FEARED

Campaign May Be Undertaken to Show Electors That Failure to Cast Vote Is Equivalent to Voting Against Measure.

Annexation of St. Johns to Portland, which has seemed a matter of mere form since St. Johns voted favorably on the question a few weeks ago, may not be so easy of accomplishment after all.

Under terms of the merger law passed by the recent Legislature, a majority of all the persons voting at the forthcoming city election must vote favorably before the annexation can become a fact.

Many persons were under the impression that the annexation question would be decided by a majority of the electors voting on the question the same as initiative and referendum questions are decided, but the law says otherwise. It reads: "Any city or town may be merged with another city or town, provided a majority of the electors of the two cities authorize the merger as provided herein."

Non-Voters Are Ciphers. It has been suggested that the law, in this form, would require a majority of all registered voters to express themselves favorably on the question, but attorneys point out that the Supreme Court has held that a majority of only those who vote at the election will be required. This point was brought up in the case of the Broadway Bridge bonds.

Supreme Court held that those who failed to vote were mere "ciphers" and could not be counted as legal electors. This means, however, that more than half of the people voting at the coming election for City Commissioners and City Auditor must vote "yes" on the annexation question if the annexation is to be authorized.

Those who fail to vote on the annexation issue while voting for city officials, in effect, will be voting "no" or against annexation.

D. C. Lewis, representative from Multnomah County, who carried the merger bill through the Legislature and who was one of the most active in the group of progressive citizens of St. Johns in the campaign, points out the importance of everyone in Portland voting for annexation. He fears that many will be uninformed on this question, and indifferent, when they go to the polls, and may neglect to vote on it at all.

Merger Ballots Separate. However, the law provides that the merger question be on a separate ballot and that the judges and clerks in each election precinct furnish every voter with a merger ballot at the same time the other ballots are handed out.

"Our principal hope lies in the fact that the people will be given two ballots," says Representative Lewis. "I believe that everyone who votes on the question at all will vote 'yes,' but there is grave danger of the merger being defeated by those who fail to vote."

St. Johns has demonstrated its good faith by giving the merger a overwhelming majority. Portland people have been seeking the annexation of their enterprising neighbor for years and it would be a forward step if it can be accomplished so easily to have it defeated merely through the indifference of the people."

St. Johns has a population of more than 5000. The merger law authorized the submission of the merger without the presentation of a petition and many Portland people are advocating the annexation as a forward step in the general movement for a greater Portland.

It is probable that the new Chamber of Commerce will be asked to conduct a campaign immediately preceding the election to impress upon the voters the necessity of voting on this issue.

VOTE PROBE TO GO ON

LAST MEMBER OF BOARD, GEORGE ALLEN, HERE TO TESTIFY.

George Allen, who was a clerk on the night election board at the general election last November, arrived in Portland Wednesday morning and within a few days will be taken before the grand jury to explain what he knows about the election frauds in that precinct, where more than 150 votes were changed in favor of Tom M. Word, the defeated candidate in the shrivelly contest.

Allen is the only member of either the day or night election board who has not yet testified before the grand jury. His testimony is expected to be important, though only corroborative. His presence is regarded as a bar to any attempt that might be made, should an indictment be returned, to shift the blame to his shoulders.

when the passengers found that they could coast along the smooth decks of the steamer the laugh was reversed. Mr. Titus was at the Benson Wednesday.

ROAD HEAD HERE TODAY

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY TO BE VISITOR FEW HOURS.

Invitation to Luncheon Declined for Lack of Time, but Some Court-tesies Will Be Extended.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway system, will be the guest of Portland for three or four hours this morning, and will be entertained informally by local railroad officials.



Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway System, who will be in Portland today.

The Chamber of Commerce sent an invitation to Sir Thomas at San Francisco to meet a group of Portland business men at luncheon today, but he replied that his schedule would not permit him to remain here for luncheon.

The Chamber has arranged to send a large bouquet of roses to his car for Lady Shaughnessy.

The Royal Rosarians, in their white uniforms, also will go to the station, supplied with roses for Lady Shaughnessy and their daughter, who is traveling with them. The only other persons in the party are Sir Thomas' private secretary and George C. Wells, assistant to C. E. E. Usher, passenger traffic manager.

The Chamber's general agent for the Canadian Pacific passenger department, will meet the car at the station this morning. It is probable that Sir Thomas will find time to visit the local offices of the Canadian Pacific and to call on other railroad officials and bankers.

He has been attending the Fair at San Francisco, and says he is eager to get to Vancouver, B. C.

SUB-STATION SITE SOUGHT

Senator Chamberlain Says Station Will Be Retained for Present.

L. M. Lepper, secretary of the East Side Business Men's Club, has received word from Senator Chamberlain that the petitions from the East Side asking for the retention of Station A and for a better location for the station, had been received at the Postoffice Department at Washington. Senator Chamberlain gives assurance that the East Side station will not be consolidated with Station B for the present.

The matter of moving the station to some point on Grand avenue has been taken up with Postmaster Myers and the inspector, and if satisfactory terms can be arranged the station probably will be moved.

Lease of the present quarters on Union avenue and East Alder street expires May 15.

NOTED DOCTOR RESIGNS STATE POSITION AND WILL RESIDE IN BURNS.



Dr. Shelley Saurnan, director of the state bacteriological laboratory of the State Medical Board, who recently resigned that position will leave today for Burns, Or. Dr. Saurnan is a graduate of the Army and Navy Academies, being one of the few men to hold this distinction in the service. In 1909 he was presented with a medal by the faculty of the Temple University of Philadelphia for the remarkable excellence of his work in the medical department.

NEW FILMS TRIUMPH

Stage Attractions of "May Blossom" Retained.

CIVIL WAR DRAMA LKED

"The Highbinders" at Sunset Theater Is Thrilling Drama of San Francisco's Chinatown, With Descriptive Detail.

Another celebrated dramatic success has been converted into an even greater film triumph in the Famous Players' Film Company's adaptation of David Belasco's illustrious domestic drama, "May Blossom," the current Paramount release, which began a three day's run at the Peoples Theater yesterday.

The action of the play is woven round the love of two men for a Southern girl prior to the opening of the Civil War. The material lends itself admirably to the screen, and altogether "May Blossom" promises to be one of the best dramas laid in the Civil War period, yet which is not strictly a military drama.

The tense, powerful plot that made the play famous on the stage is preserved in the screen production, which is one of the most successful of the Frohman film productions.

"Dustin Farnum in 'Captain Courtesy,' a story of California's mission days, will be the Peoples Paramount play for Sunday.

OHINATOWN SHOWN IN FILM

Play at Sunset Theater Replete With Thrilling Action.

"The Highbinders," a rattling good drama of San Francisco's famous old Chinatown, with Eugene Pallette and Signe Auken in the leading parts, is a well balanced bill at the Sunset Theater for the remainder of the week.

"The Highbinders," in two acts, is a remarkable drama in every way. The scenes are laid in a section of real Chinatown and real Chinese take part in much of the action, which includes a tong war over a kidnapped slave girl. The picture shows the narrow passages and winding alleys that surround Chinatown. Especially vivid is the scene, where Chung Foo is called to pay the blood penalty for warring on a personal tone.

"The Castle Ranch," a two-act comedy drama, is also particularly good. It is a charming one-act drama, "The Leaves," and a rousing uproarious comedy, "Ethel's New Dress" and "The Actor and the Rubie," round out the programme.

ALLEGED FORGER TAKEN

"THE MAN FROM COOK'S" REPORTED ARRESTED IN MINNEAPOLIS.

F. Holtz, who defrauded Portland merchants out of \$4000, left trail across continent.

"The Man From Cook's," master forger, who left a trail of bogus checks from Portland across the continent to New York, is reported under arrest in Minneapolis, according to a telegram received by Francis S. Aikus, manager of the local Burns Detective Agency, yesterday. Detective Captain Baty, of the Portland detective force, telegraphed the Minneapolis police immediately to hold the man to answer to charges filed here. As soon as an answer is received and complete identification has been established Captain Baty will leave to bring the alleged forger to this city for trial.

The man "From Cook's," who operated in Portland last November, cashed something like \$4000 worth of bogus traveler's checks drawn on the Cook Tour Company. He accomplished his work and was out of the city in less than 24 hours, and the fact that the paper was fraudulent was not discovered until it went into the clearing-house a few days later. There were in all about 40 of the checks, and the signature of L. C. Best, which was used by the forger used while staying at the Multnomah here, was attached to the majority of them. The man is known by the Burns Detective Agency as F. Holtz. He was arrested under the alias of Hans Fisher.

While operating in Portland Holtz was registered at four hotels at once. At the Benson he registered as H. A. Heinrich; at the Multnomah, L. C. Best; at the Park Hotel, J. C. Strauss, and at the Hotel, A. T. Scheiner.

HOGRAISERS TO CONFER

Pure Breeding to Be Union Stockyards Topic Tuesday.

A conference of raisers of pure-bred hogs will be held at the Union Stockyards in Portland Tuesday at 10 A. M. The meeting has been called by O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Stockyards Company, in an effort to promote the pure-bred hog industry of the Northwest.

Mr. Plummer's action has been prompted by the increased interest of growers in pure-bred stock. The Stockyards Company made a proposal to the school children of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to furnish them with high-grade sows, already bred and treated to prevent hog cholera, on easy terms. The children were merely to sign a note, due in ten months and bearing interest at 6 per cent. The result has been a large number of applications, and many requests are for pure-bred stock. The movement has attracted the attention of bankers in Oregon and promises to spread all over the country.

As it appears to be the beginning of a Nation-wide movement, I have been asked to call this conference of breeders," says Mr. Plummer.

Don't Fail to Attend Barum & Bingum's Circus, Y. M. C. A., Friday and Saturday-Admission 25c

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Men's 50c Underwear 35c

Men's Panama Hats \$5

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Today's Grocery Specials

Armour's Simon-Pure Lard, regular price \$1.00, special today, only 80c
GLENWOOD CREAMERY BUTTER, two-pound square, special, 55c
20c Canned Peas, choice, 50c
Reg. 25c can of Asparagus on special sale today 20c
Solid-Pack Tomatoes, special, \$1.15 dozen; can
Demonstration Borax and Borax Products—10 per cent Free goods with purchases at Special Booth.

Smart New Spring Coats

\$17.50

New Suits \$22.50

Dainty New Tub Waists \$2.59

New Lace Neckwear 25c

Special Sale of Wash Ribbons

New Oriental Lace Flouncings

Duntley Pneumatic Sweepers At \$5.95

FIVE YEARS OF STOMACH TROUBLE RELIEVED BY AKOZ WITHIN FEW WEEKS

Mrs. L. Peterson, 301 Wheeler St., Portland, Praises New Mineral Remedy.

WOMAN ON GOT IN COURT

DAMAGES IN \$10,200 ASKED FOR INJURY SUSTAINED BY FALL.

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