

CONFUSION CAUSED BY ELECTION ACTS

Two Amendments to Same Section Passed at Recent Legislative Session.

CONFLICT IS APPARENT

Orton Bill to Consolidate City and State Boards Is Superseded by Childs Measure, Say Attorneys After Investigation.

SALEM, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Passage of two apparently conflicting acts by the Legislature, both on the same subject, seems to confuse the question of whether the city of Portland and the state of Oregon can join forces at the special election in June and use the same judges and clerks to handle the ballots.

House bill 472, by Childs, and Senate bill 137, by Orton, are the two bills in question and each amend section 3322 of Lord's Oregon Laws, an apparently inconsequential section dealing with the payment of election officers.

The Childs bill amends a number of sections, 3322 among them, and has for its intent a small economy in the matter of carrying ballot boxes to and from the polls.

The Orton bill, amending section 3322, apparently has for its specific object the consolidating of city and state election boards when city and state elections are held on the same day, and provides that the same judges and clerks shall act at both elections, but that separate ballots shall be used.

Childs Bill Fitted Last. The Childs bill was filed with the Secretary of State February 19, or a day ahead of the Orton bill, which was filed February 20, and on the face of it it would appear that the Orton bill, being filed last, would have the preference, over the Childs bill, and that its provisions would govern.

But lawyers, who have examined into the question, say the bill which passes the Legislature last is the bill which governs, when there are two conflicting bills on the same subject. This seems to be the position also of the Attorney-General's office, in an off-hand opinion.

The Childs bill passed the Legislature last and is directly amendatory of section 3322, and makes no mention of any provisions relative to one set of judges and clerks acting at city and state elections, apparently the Childs act supersedes the Orton act.

While the Childs House bill passed the Senate and the Senate Orton bill passed the House on the same day, February 15, the record shows clearly that the Childs bill passed the Legislature last.

Journal Puts Childs Bill Last. It happened February 16 that an evening session was held in both houses. The Childs bill passed the Senate among the last of the bills to pass the evening of February 16, while the Orton bill passed the House early in the afternoon session of that same day.

There is no shadow of doubt as to the journal showing that the Childs bill passed last and according to the construction placed by a number of lawyers, that is the bill which would be considered a law.

As both of the bills had for their purpose the amending of section 3322 it seems apparent that section 3322 would read as amended by the Childs bill and not as amended by the Orton bill.

At least it is admitted that a nice question is opened by the passage of the two acts and apparently the situation would throw a cloud on the possibility of holding an election under the provisions of the Orton act unless the question were first determined by the courts.

MRS. DARST IS STRICKEN

When Child Is Taken From Her Fears for Sanity Are Expressed.

TACOMA, Wash., March 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Darst was taken to a hospital today, when she became so violent that a nurse and a woman with whom she was staying were unable to hold her and feared that she might do herself bodily injury.

Her condition is said to be due to the suffering incident to the deprivation of her child, which again was given to its foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, by Judge Dykeman, of Seattle.

She was said to be in a precarious condition and her friends said they feared that she would lose her reason if she were not allowed to see her child. Mrs. Darst was delirious last night and called continually for her child during the day.

Fort Stevens Has New Commander. ASTORIA, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Major C. B. Smith, of Fort Worden, arrived today at Fort Stevens to assume command of the troops at that post. He relieved Captain K. B. Lemmon, who has been in charge since Colonel Ludlow was transferred to the Western Department headquarters in San Francisco.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Resinol easily heals skin troubles. The moment that Resinol Ointment touches itching skin the itching usually stops and healing begins. That is why doctors prescribe it so successfully even in severe cases of eczema, ringworm, rashes, and many other tormenting, disfiguring skin diseases. Aided by warm baths with Resinol Soap, Resinol Ointment makes a sick skin or scalp healthy, quickly, easily and at little cost.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Kathryn Williams, in Scene From "Out of the Wreck" at Peoples, Tomorrow.

elderly man, while his wife is about 24 years of age.

Today's Film Features. Star—Lenore Ulrich, "Her Own People"; Marguerite Clark, "The Fortunes of Fifi"; Virginia Pearson, "Sister Against Sister"; Columbia—Dorothy Dalton, "The Female of the Species"; Sunset Douglas Fairbanks, "Fighting With Fate"; Alma Hanlon, "The Final Curtain."

Film Studios to Move. OWING to the many discussions arising in Hollywood, Cal., and individual property owners in that section, the Los Angeles City Council has made a tour of inspection of the studio district. The result of this tour has resulted in their instructing the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance creating a moving-picture zone, which will necessitate the removal of the studios from the strictly residential districts.

Another Film Divorce Case. Spottiswoode Aitken, one of the best known of the Griffith actors and prominent in practically all the famous director's successful pictures, has filed suit for divorce. He names as co-respondent a bus boy at the Hotel Alexandria.

\$4,000,000 SPENT; LEGISLATURE ENDS

Olympia Houses Fight All Night Over Appropriations and Olson Relief Item.

DEATH PENALTY BILL LOST

Senate Convinced That Widow of Accident Commissioner Should Get \$4000 After House Refuses to Drop Measure.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 9.—(Special.)—Hostilities in the appropriation committee consideration of the supplemental budget carrying more than \$4,000,000 prolonged the closing hour of the Washington Legislature until 5 o'clock this morning.

Senator E. L. French, chairman of the Senate committee, withdrew from the committee meetings, stating that his presence has become obviously undesirable to the House members, presumably on account of his opposition to an appropriation of \$5000 for agricultural and vocational work in the public schools.

Olson Item Cut Out in Committee. Through opposition raised by Senators Taylor and Palmer, the Olson relief item was stricken from the final budget.

Senators French and Groff led the fight to cut out the school extension work item but the Legislature's creation of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, got the floor and eventually overcame opposition. Senator French charged that nearly all the funds expended in traveling and living expenses and there were hints that it had also served as convenient campaign resources.

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Home Town Asks for Help. Representative Summers, of Walla Walla, Olson's former home, made a powerful argument in the House for the pension and Chase, of Spokane, also supported it in the Senate. The opposition was based on expressed fear of the pension and Chase, of Spokane, also supported it in the Senate.

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LAST TIMES TODAY

9:30 A. M. to 11 P. M. Bewitching, lovely little Marguerite Clark

Marguerite Clark

In "The Fortunes of Fifi." Don't miss this happyfying show today at the

PEOPLES

Alder at West Park

Chaplin at the Star Tomorrow

SNOW ENDANGERS STOCK

STORM RAGES 26 HOURS NEAR CALDWELL AND KEEPS UP.

Sheep and Cattlemen Fear for Large Numbers of Range Animals, and Hay Is Short.

CALDWELL, Idaho, March 9.—(Special.)—The most severe snow storm in the history of Southern Idaho has raged for the last 36 hours throughout this section, and late today had shown no signs of abatement.

Grave fear is expressed by sheep and cattlemen for the safety of thousands of animals in the Jordan Valley section, where a serious hay shortage exists. Several herds of cattle are said to have left Jordan Valley Monday for this section and it is believed that the loss from the grazing grounds is still heavy, as there is no forage along the route.

Sheepmen declare that the heavy snowfall will delay their departure for the grazing grounds several weeks, and that there is not enough hay to feed the flocks until they can be moved.

WINTER REVISITS LA GRANDE After Brief Touch of Spring Cold - Weather Returns.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Two days ago Union and adjoining county citizens breathed a sigh of relief, for Spring had seemingly come, but, alas, tonight grim Winter is still with us. Trains are late 10 to 12 hours, but that is caused by Wyoming blizzards. Nevertheless, a cold wind is whipping the Blue Mountains, carrying a recent four-inch snowfall with it in blustery style.

The fuel situation has improved some, but is still a disagreeable problem.

Trains Late at Baker. BAKER, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Delays presumed to be caused by snow east of Huntington today affected west-bound trains. No. 5, due here last night, arrived at 2 P. M. today. No. 19, also due in Baker last night, got in this evening, as did No. 17, due this morning.

PENDLETON CHIEF QUILTS MAYOR CHARGED WITH "DOUBLE-CROSSING" IN LIQUOR RAIDS.

Starring Revelations Expected at Next Council Meeting—Ex-Chief Joins Secret Service.

PENDLETON, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Declaring that he has been hampered by Mayor J. A. Best, rather than supported in his efforts to enforce the law, Chief of Police Tom Gurdane today handed his resignation to the City Council. The fight between the Mayor and Chief Gurdane has been brewing for some time, but broke before it was expected. Starring things may be revealed when the Council meets next week.

In his statements against the Mayor, Mr. Gurdane was strongly supported by Councilman Claude Penland, a member of the police committee. The Mayor, it is said, was charged with attending a lodge banquet at which beer was served in violation of the prohibition law, with tipping off police investigation to alleged bootleggers, with "double-crossing" the police, and many other offenses. In the little caucus this morning Gurdane and Mayor Best had several heated passages, when Gurdane put several pointed questions to the Mayor.

Councilman Penland, it is understood, demanded that the police force be removed or that the Mayor be removed as chairman of the police committee. It was reported the majority of the Council supported Penland. Mr. Gurdane today accepted a position with the Federal Secret Service.

of Chehalis, from practice of the law for one year from July 5, 1916. Willis was suspended as a punishment for printing and circulating a booklet making attacks on the judicial career of Judge A. E. Rice. The trial was one of the most sensational events in the history of the county. Judge Sullivan heard the case and the decision went against Willis, who immediately bitterly scored Judge Sullivan.

BANKER PRAISES PORTLAND Chicagoan Says He Likes It Better Than Any Other Coast City.

Portland impresses me more favorably than any other city along the entire Pacific Coast," said M. Jacobowsky, vice-president of the Fort Dearborn National Bank, of Chicago, while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robertson this week en route home with Mrs. Jacobowsky following a trip to Honolulu.

Mr. Jacobowsky, who is heavily interested in several automobile and tire factories in the East, motored over the Columbia River Highway during his stay in Portland and was captivated by its wonderful scenery and workmanship.

Verdict Against Lawyer Upheld. CHEHALIS, Wash., March 9.—(Special.)—The state Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of Judge Sullivan, of Spokane, who suspended J. E. Willis,

ANCIENT COAT IN COURT E. L. Amidon Ordered to Pay Balance on 5-Year-Old Purchase.

Elmer L. Amidon, politician and publisher of the Republican Radiator, wore a tattered raincoat into the court of District Judge Dayton. He had purchased it five years ago, brought it into court to show Judge Dayton that it was not as good a coat as it had been represented to him, offering this as a logical reason for not paying for it.

Judge Dayton didn't see it in the same light and gave judgment against Amidon for \$14.75, balance due on a \$25 coat, bought five years ago.

The garment was purchased from the Columbia Outfitting Company, \$6.25 being paid down and \$4 more in two subsequent installments. Suit was instituted to collect the balance due.

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Virginia Pearson LAST DAY, TODAY in Sister Against Sister Comedy Maestric Scenic