

FOR FREE LIBRARIES

Federation of Woman's Clubs
Prepare a Bill.

TO BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE

It Provides for a Special Tax in
Cities, and Control Rests With
City Officers.

For the past two years the Oregon Federation of Woman's Clubs has been at work on the laws relating to public libraries, and have had a bill prepared which will be presented to the next Legislature. This bill is based on the laws of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, and as these have worked well in practice and received the commendation of librarians, the federation believes the proposed law will give the people of Oregon a satisfactory method of establishing and maintaining public libraries.

The Council of an incorporated city is authorized to levy a special tax to provide a library fund. The Mayor appoints the directors subject to approval by the Council. An annual report is made to the Council stating the condition of the library. No investment of the fund in land or building can be made by the directors without the consent of the Mayor and Council. By these means the library is made a public institution. With the restrictions named, the library directors have entire control of the expenditure of the money, the management of the library and the employment of the librarian and assistants.

Following is a copy of the proposed bill: An act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries, and to provide for their control and protection.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

General Provisions.

Section 1. This act shall be known as the public library law. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "library" includes libraries with branches, loan, reference, traveling and reading-room departments, lecture and museum; "city" includes towns and villages; "Council" means the legislative body of an incorporated city, town or village; "Mayor" means the chief executive officer of an incorporated city, town or village.

Establishment Tax.

Section 2. The Council of every incorporated city shall have power to establish, equip and maintain a public library, or maintain and support any public library already established therein, and may annually levy and cause to be collected, as other general taxes are collected, a tax upon the taxable property of such city, to provide a library fund, which fund shall be kept separate from other money of the city, to be used exclusively to maintain such library. Provided, that the said library tax shall not be included in the aggregate amount of taxes as limited by any provision of any charter under which any city is now organized.

Directors—Appointment—Vacancies.

Section 3. For the government of such library, there shall be a board of nine directors, appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office; and not more than one member of the Council shall be at any one time a member of said board. Provided, that in cities of less than 1000 inhabitants there shall be six directors. Such directors shall hold their office for three years from the first day of September in the year of appointment, and until their successors are appointed; but upon their first appointment they shall divide themselves at their first meeting by lot into three classes, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and their terms shall expire accordingly. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of directors by reason of sex. All vacancies shall be immediately reported by the directors to the Council, and be filled by appointment in like manner; and if in an unexpired term, for the residue of the term only. The Mayor may, by and with the consent of the Council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty. No compensation shall be paid or allowed any director.

Board of Directors—Organization.

Section 4. Said directors shall, immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all money collected for the library fund, and the supervision, care and custody of the rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose, and such money shall be drawn from the treasury by the proper officers upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the board without being otherwise audited. They may with the approval of the Mayor and Council, without which no lease, purchase or contract therefor shall be of any validity, lease and occupy, or purchase, or erect on purchased ground, an appropriate building, not, however, employing in such purchase or building, more than one-half the income in one year. They may appoint a librarian and assistants, and prescribe rules for their conduct, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall in general carry out the spirit and intent of this act in establishing and maintaining a public library.

Use of Library.

Section 5. Every library established under this act shall be forever free for the use of the

inhabitants of the city where located, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may find necessary to adopt and publish in order to render the use of said library of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and they may exclude and cut off from the use of said library any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules. The board may extend the privileges and use of such library to non-residents upon such terms and conditions as said board may prescribe.

Annual Report.

Section 6. On or before the first day of December of each year, the said board of directors shall make a report to the Council, stating the condition of their trust, the various sums of money received from the library fund, and all other accounts and how such money has been expended; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of books loaned out; and the general character of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they deem of general interest.

Donations to Vest in Board.

Section 7. All persons desirous of making donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title thereto in the board of directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed of gift, devise or bequest, and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

Penalty for Detention of Books.

Section 8. Whoever wilfully or maliciously writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript, or status belonging to a law, city or other public or incorporated library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months.

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Section 8. Whoever wilfully or maliciously detains any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript belonging to a law, city or other public or incorporated library, for 30 days after notice in writing, from the librarian of such library, given after the expiration of the time which by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months; Provided, that the notice required by this section shall bear upon its face a copy of this section.

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COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

THREE MEN WHO HAVE WORKED
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Their Plant Captured.

A telephone message sent from Albina to police headquarters, yesterday, led to the arrest of Louis Dodson, Thomas L. Dodson and George Duffy, charged with passing counterfeit money. The arrests were made by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow, and an outfit making counterfeit coin was seized in T. L. Dodson's room, in the Fieldner building, at First and Sheridan streets. Bogus money, representing \$13.50, in half-dollar coins, was captured.

Complaints that men have been passing counterfeit money in different stores throughout the city, reached the police about six weeks ago, and they, as well as United States Secret Service officers, started to hunt down the counterfeiters. Good descriptions of the men wanted were obtained, but they seemed to have the faculty of disappearing at will. They were as elusive as Dewey, chased by the British. Yesterday morning, however, about 8 o'clock, a telephone message was received at police headquarters stating that two men were visiting different saloons and cigar stores in Albina, passing counterfeit half-dollars. Detectives Snow and Kerrigan were sent out, and they came on Louis Dodson and George Duffy, standing in front of a saloon, and arrested them. Both prisoners pretended to be indignant, and Duffy asked: "Why are you arresting us? We haven't done a thing."

"Yes, we know that," soothingly returned Snow. "Is your name Duffy?"

"It will fit me as well as any other," returned Duffy. Both he and Louis Dodson were conveyed to police headquarters, and six bogus half-dollars were found on Louis. Duffy had one bogus half-dollar, and \$13.40 in good money. Both prisoners were subjected to a searching examination, and from information received, Snow and Kerrigan went to First and Sheridan streets. Here they located Thomas L. Dodson's "dark" room, and Dodson himself was arrested.

He fought with the officers to prevent them entering the room, but finally gave in.

"How much will you fellows take to let me go?" he panted. "Will \$500 be enough?"

"In bogus money?" asked Kerrigan, derisively.

The sum of \$50 in bogus money was found in the room, which was darkened by every crevice, window and keyhole being covered with cloth. A machine for silver-plating and another for "milling" coins, were found. The outfit, along with Dodson, was conveyed to police headquarters.

"The counterfeit coins seized are good imitations of the genuine stuff," said the detectives, "and are a composition of antimony, glass and tin. They are not manufactured in Portland, only the plating and 'milling' being done here. Lou Dodson and Duffy worked together. Duffy would buy cigars and drinks, giving bogus half-dollar coins in payment. Tom Dodson was kept for inside work, for finishing coins. All three men have been in jail for passing bogus money. We knew them years ago. Duffy says that the Dodsons recently bought a hack from him, giving him \$30 in good money, and \$100 in bogus money."

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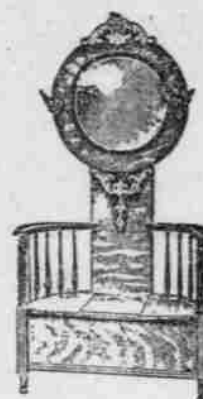
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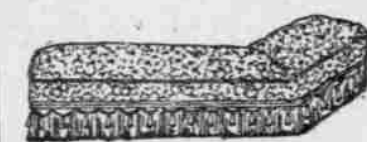
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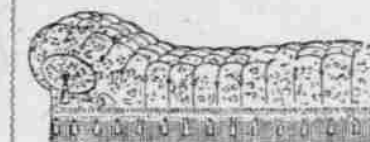
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