

BAD FOR VOTERS

New Law Makes Them Go Miles to Cast Ballots.

PRECINCTS LESS NUMEROUS

Act for Election of Road Supervisors Gives Multnomah County Eleven Outside of City Instead of Twenty-six.

Unless something can be done to circumvent one of the provisions of the law of 1907, for the election of road supervisors, a large number of voters in the county districts in Multnomah county will practically be disfranchised.

The act provides that each road district shall constitute only one election precinct. There are 11 road districts, and this would make 11 voting places, all told, in the body of the county where previously there have been 26. With only 11 outside voting places, the precincts will necessarily be so large that voters in many instances will be compelled to travel five or six miles to reach the polling place. A great many, of course, will not do this, and they will therefore to all intents and purposes be disfranchised.

Precinct for Each Supervisor.

The statute providing for the formation of road districts is as follows: The County Courts in the several counties in this state shall, as often as they may deem necessary, but not oftener than once in two years, divide their respective counties, or any part thereof, into suitable and convenient road districts, each of which shall be numbered, and cause a brief description of the same to be entered on the county records. No road district shall be made so that it shall be partly in one election precinct and partly in another, but each road district shall be wholly and wholly within one election precinct; provided, that all the territory within any incorporated town or city may be one road district. Each County Court, at its January term, 1907, thereof, shall arrange the road districts so as to conform to the provisions of this section; and at the January term of said court every two years thereafter, and at any other time, make such change in road districts as may be deemed necessary; but no changes either in road districts or in election precincts shall be made which shall interfere with the relative arrangement thereof as provided in this section.

Another act passed by the Legislature of 1906 provides for the redistricting of counties into election precincts as follows: It shall be the duty of the County Court in the several counties of the state, at the regular term in November preceding the general election, to set off and establish election precincts within the county. Said court may set off and establish within such county as many election precincts as may be deemed necessary and convenient, and the boundaries of such precincts shall be so designated by numbers or names; provided, that no election precinct shall contain more than 300 electors, as nearly as may be ascertained by the court, and the order setting off and establishing such election precincts shall particularly bound the same, and the lines thereof shall conform to established ward and road boundaries.

Act is Ambiguous.

It will be noticed that the road supervisors law provides that each road district shall be formed so as to lie wholly within one election precinct. The act providing for the formation of election precincts says the County Court may set off as many election precincts as may be deemed necessary, and "the lines thereof shall conform to established ward and road boundaries." This last is ambiguous. But the provision in the road supervisors law is plain enough, that each road district shall lie wholly within one election precinct, and in an election precinct there is but one polling place.

Multnomah Precincts Cut Down.

If 25 election precincts are now laid off in the body of Multnomah county, it would mean the election of 25 road supervisors instead of 11, as one road supervisor must be elected in each election precinct. Each road district shall comprise one election precinct. This is the way the law reads. It is not necessary nor desirable to increase the number of road supervisors in Multnomah County. Eleven are sufficient for all purposes. But 11 polling places are not half enough. It is hardly possible to have more than one polling place in a precinct, because the election law provides for judges and clerks for each precinct, there is a tally sheet for each precinct, and election returns are made up by precincts. A legal opinion will probably be asked concerning the knotty problem.

Recorder Beach speaking about the matter yesterday said: "We will not elect another Legislature like the last one, they were reformers with a big R."

Commissioners at Their Work.

The County Commissioners have been engaged for several days in fixing up the new precincts. Chief Deputy County Clerk A. N. Gambell said: "It has changed the county greatly. We have got it all done, but I can't describe it to you. Many changes were necessary in the county to conform to the road districts. We will get a description of the whole thing out Monday, and will have to have made in order to accommodate the registration clerks, so they will know what precinct people are in when they come to register. An addition was made of nine or 10 precincts in the city limits. I suppose they divided up some of the larger precincts. I haven't got the data on that yet from the court."

MANY CALL ON MURDERERS.

No Visitors are Admitted to Cells of Wade and Dalton.

Wade and Dalton are now both confined in the County Jail. They have no communication with each other, their cells being widely separated. They are watched closely, although it is not believed either would commit suicide. Dalton has recovered from his nervous fit, and now eats with a good appetite. He eats heartily, sleeps sound, and does not complain any of his treatment. Numerous visitors still call, inquiring of the men. Jailer Mitchell has put his foot down firmly, and all such morbid curiosity seekers are refused. The persons who call have no acquaintance whatever with the men. Relatives or intimate friends might be admitted, but none others.

COMES TO ITS THIRD TRIAL.

Suit of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Against North Pacific Lumber Co.

The third trial of the suit of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. against the North Pacific Lumber Company to recover \$3000 reclamation on account of two cargoes of lumber shipped to Chile four years ago, was begun before Judge Cleveland and a jury yesterday. W. D. Fenton and A. F. Lewis appear as attorneys for the plaintiffs, and Thomas N. Strong for the defense.

The first trial resulted in a victory for the lumber company. A new trial was granted and the defendant was again victorious. The Supreme Court granted a new trial on a technicality. The contention of the plaintiff is that the lumber contracted for was to be freshly-sawn Oregon pine, free from knots and of No. 1 quality generally, and that much of it was not so, and had to be disposed

of at a loss at its distribution. A board of examiners was appointed in Chile. The defense is that the lumber was of good quality, and that the contract was faithfully filled.

SUES FOR \$10,400 DAMAGES.

Albert Robinson Wants This Amount for a Crushed Leg and Ankle.

Albert Robinson has filed suit against the Taku Fishing Company for \$10,400 damages on account of personal injuries sustained while employed at the cannery of the defendant in Alaska. The complaint was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Fulton Bros. and George C. Stout and J. T. McKee, attorneys. Robinson alleges that April 3, 1907, while he was assisting in raising stock, getting heavy piles at the cannery by means of a rope and tackle, one of the guyropes broke, causing a pile to fall upon him, breaking both bones of his leg and crushing and twisting his ankle. He avers that injury caused his leg to become crooked, and that his ankle is greatly weakened, and he has been made a permanent cripple.

NEW SUITS FILED.

Mortgage Suit Instituted for \$30—Other Actions Brought.

G. C. Moser has filed suit in the State Circuit Court against Thomas Turner, to foreclose a mortgage for \$30 on one-half acre of land executed to N. J. Stark. This is the first case on record where a mortgage suit for such a small sum has been instituted.

J. C. Burke has sued Michael Kelly to recover for 33 days' work at \$7 per day, in securing options and bargaining for timber lands, which he alleges the defendant refuses to pay.

W. B. Wallace has brought suit against P. H. Marley and H. E. Noble, his attorney in fact, asking that the defendants set up the nature of their claim to lot 3, block 7, Proebst's Subdivision to Albina.

Articles of Incorporation.

Articles of Incorporation for the Coleman Hardware Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday, by H. C. Coleman, H. C. Rose and Carrie M. Coleman. Capital stock is \$10,000.

Articles were filed for the Portland Safe & Lock Company, capital stock, \$10,000. The incorporators are George S. Shephard, C. H. Cellars and A. M. Borland.

Court Notes.

The inventory of the estate of Susie C. Post, deceased, was filed yesterday. The property is valued at \$2000.

Susan A. Howe was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, Daniel K. Howe, deceased, valued at \$3000, in the County Court yesterday. The widow and an adopted son are the heirs.

PROFESSOR IVEY'S COMING.

Woman's Club Secures a Rare Interpreter of Nature.

The Woman's Club should be highly commended for its efforts in bringing the best talent in the lecture field to Portland. All were delighted with Seton-Thompson as he gave a new reason for admiration and love of the birds in the air, the beasts of the field, and the wild animals of the forest.

One could not fail to recognize the wisdom and power of the Creator in the intelligence of those creatures who were introduced by him in charming, appreciative words or more beautiful pictures.

Again Portland will have the privilege of listening to one who lives so near to Nature's heart that he can interpret her ten thousand charms from the painter's standpoint.

Professor Ivey, by brush or voice, can present the glories of a beautiful scene until one can see the many tinted dowers, the grandeur of the mountains, or hear the whispering of the leaves and the music of the waterfalls.

Whether standing brush in hand before his class under the oaks of Gladstone Park, or speaking to thousands, he is always and everywhere the same delightful interpreter of the world who fails to instruct the most cultured as well as develop in all the power of appreciation of whatsoever is lovely and artistic.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. M. Foster is spending the Winter in California.

P. H. D'Arcy, a prominent lawyer of Salem, is in the city.

President Frank Strong, of the University of Oregon, is at the Imperial.

Governor and Mrs. T. T. Geer were in the city yesterday, and were guests at the Imperial.

Sheriff Thomas Linnville, of Clatsop County, left for Astoria last night, after spending several days in Portland.

Mr. Max Hirsch, manager at Meier & Frank's, returned last night from a four-weeks' trip to California in search of better health. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his improvement.

William A. Pinkerton, of Chicago, the head of the famous detective agency bearing his name, left for the East last night. Mr. Pinkerton has been on an inspection trip to the different branch agencies on the Coast.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 30.—Walter Lyon, private secretary to Governor Geer, arrived here yesterday, and will spend a few days looking over the mines in the vicinity of Sumpter and this city. It was reported around town that Mr. Lyon was here to make some investigation of the State Land Board affairs, but when seen he insisted that he had come to the metropolis of Eastern Oregon for a little vacation, and his visit had nothing whatever to do with the Land Board or any other board.

Dissatisfied Householder—Do you mean to say that this meter measures the amount of gas we burn? Gas Collector—I will enter into no controversy, sir; but I may say that the meter measures the amount of gas you will have to pay for.—T.H.Bitts.

Accounted For.—Harold—Is Tompkins a favorite with women? Rupert—Lord, no! He's all right, every way.—Pack.

WRITE RIGHT.

"Scatter Decent, Helpful Things."

Good, philosophical Ras Wilson once said to a new reporter, "Young man, write as you feel, but try to feel right. Be good-humored toward everyone and everything. Believe that other folks are just as good as you are, for they are. Give 'em your best and bear in mind that God has sent them, in His wisdom, all the trouble they need, and it is for you to scatter gladness and decent, helpful things as you go. Don't be particular about how the stuff will look in print, but let 'er go. Someone will understand. That is better than to write so dash king high, or so tar-nashun deep, deep that no one understands. Let 'er go."

"So on the above plan," says M. W. Porter, of Topeka, Kan., "I will write what I know of Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food from personal experience. After a long period of indigestion and other disorders, with some misgivings I took up the use of Grape-Nuts. Despite the hot weather I kept gaining in strength and mentally, a thing I had never done at that season of the year.

"I found the food an excellent stimulant for the brain, and I could do more and better work than I had ever done. It was a revelation to discover how closely the brain and digestive organs were in sympathy with each other. Whatever retarded the work of one had a corresponding effect on the other, and the food that tended to put one in proper shape acted accordingly on the other. I know that my great improvement mentally and physically came from dispensing with unwholesome food and using Grape-Nuts liberally."

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THE TIME

Now is the time when prudent buyers commence their Christmas shopping.

THE PLACE

Ours is the place where many find the best values. 100 foot-front 100 feet deep; three floors.

THE STOCK

Was never more complete. Last week we received two more cars—the last lot of Xmas goods.

OUR EXPERIENCE

Twenty-three years have we been building up our trade. We have what most of the people want.

OUR PRICES

We cannot expect your trade if you can do better elsewhere. Therefore we mark down to the lowest living profit.

We make our own upholstery. This week only we offer a full-size damask bed lounge, spring seat and back, \$6.90. Same style, upholstered in three-color velour, \$10.00.

Largest-size roll-head couch, fringe all round, upholstered in damask, \$8.00. Same frame, spring edge, upholstered in velour, \$12.50.

Velour couches, hand-edge fringed all round, machine tufted, \$6.00. Same style, spring edge, \$7.00.

A large line of leather couches; fine spring construction, oak or mahogany frame, canvas \$40.00. Bottom couch, mahogany color, good value at \$18.00. Upholstered in imitation leather, \$25.00.

We offer this week a draped couch cheaper than ever before. One much like exactly like this picture, \$11.75.

Polished birch chair, finished in mahogany, upholstered in damask, \$8.95.

Roman chair, damask upholstery, polished birch, mahogany color; a bargain at this price, \$6.80.

Beautiful polished chair, genuine mahogany back, fine silk damask seat, \$11.15.

Three pieces, finely upholstered in 5-color velour, frames polished birch, mahogany color, special price, \$14.40.

5-piece parlor suit in good 5-color velour, mahogany-finish frame, \$25.00.

Solid oak rocker, like this; cobbler seat; you cannot buy the like elsewhere for less than \$3.50. While they last, \$2.50.

For the Children

A pretty rocker or high chair will make them happy. You can buy a high chair like this for \$1.25.

Nicely finished chiffonier, golden finish, 6 drawers; only a few left, \$6.25.

RUGS

9x12 Axminster rugs, regular \$30.00, \$22.50. 9x12 double-face wool, Smyrna, \$25 value, \$22.50. Royal Wilton rugs at reduced prices.

DOOR MATS

No. 1—14x24, \$0.50. No. 2—10x26, .50. No. 3—18x30, .50. No. 4—20x32, 1.00.

CLOCKS

Nickel alarm clock, \$1.00 value, \$0.50. Brass frame and mantel clocks, \$1.50 value, \$1.00. Large mantel clocks, \$4.50.

REMNANTS

Of 5c, all-wool carpets, per yard, 4c. Up to 10 yards just the thing for a hall.

MUSIC CABINETS

A new line at popular prices. One in mahogany-polish finish, \$7.00. Beauties, with mirror top, fancy shapes, \$15.00. A good Morris chair, \$6.75.

CARPETS

You can depend upon our word. We do not misrepresent quality. Light, all-wool carpet, per yard, 4c. Best all-wool, 5c.

FLOSS SOFA PILLOWS

In white, 18x18, 4c. In white, 20x20, 5c. In white, 30x34, 6c.

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GOODS FROM LABORERS

UNION MEN GIVE LIBERALLY TO 1905 FAIR.

Secretary A. A. Bailey, of Federated Trades, is Perfecting Plans for a Thorough Canvass.

It is expected that quite a respectable sum will be realized from the various labor unions of the city for the 1905 Exposition. There are about 40 unions in Portland, and they have all expressed a friendly feeling for the project. Many individuals have put their names down for goodly sums. A committee of seven has been appointed to wait on the unions at their meetings and ask for assistance. As the local unions meet on different nights in the week, and some meet only once a month, the canvass will be a slow one. Secretary A. A. Bailey is chairman of the canvassing committee, and has outlined plans to be followed in the work. The various unions already feel that the 1905 fair committee will look favorably on organized labor in the construction of the buildings and the vast amount of work necessary for the next three years in preparing for the great event. An increase of 40 to 50 cents a day in wages is considered probable. This question is in the hands of the building trades section.

Sellwood's Subscription.

D. M. Donahue, president of the Sellwood Sub-Board of Trade, said yesterday that subscriptions to the amount of \$1000 had been secured in that district for the

GAVE UP ROYAL LUXURY.

Two Young Belgian Noblemen Who Are Apprentices on British Ship.

San Francisco Examiner.

Along the water front, on board the British ship Muskoka, now lying at Beale street wharf, are two of Belgium's bright young noblemen. They inherit titles as old and as honored as ever attracted an American heiress, and yet on board the Muskoka they are merely apprentices to Captain Crowe, master of the ship. One is Rene de Kerchove, son of Baron de Kerchove, present Governor of East Flanders, Belgium. He is 18 years old. The other, nearly a year younger, is Edward de Jongh, whose father is Viscount de Jongh, a member of the Belgian Upper House. Not runaways from home are these boys of the sea, nor are they out from Flanders on a pleasure voyage. Their fathers have bound them in plain apprenticeship to Captain Crowe in order that on board the Muskoka in the waters of all the world they may learn practical navigation in a practical way.

Though bred to luxury, the sons of the Flemish noblemen do the usual work of apprentices. The task of scrubbing decks is not too humble for them, and they are credited with being prompt and willing at heavy labor and with being very apt at learning the science of the sea. The hard ship's fare is all they get, and they are accorded all the hardships that are requisite in the proper training of ship's apprentices. Both of the boys are graduates of the College de Melle Les Gand at Brussels. They speak several languages.

Four months ago they were apprenticed to the Muskoka at Antwerp, and they intend to serve out two years on the vessel. Captain Crowe is paid \$500 by the boys' parents to teach them navigation. One wants to become an officer in the merchant service. The other will try to become an officer in the French Navy.

"I want to be a military man," said the young Viscount this afternoon, "and though the life on the ship is very different from that of my home at the Castle d'Ardoye, I like it and am going to remain until my term of apprenticeship is over."

Rene de Kerchove had served an apprenticeship of nine months on board the British ship Macquarie before joining the Muskoka, but he also intends to remain on the ship until she touches at Antwerp. The Muskoka arrived from Antwerp on October 6. She is an iron ship of 238 tons.

Not Good on the Caledonians.

A porter at a certain station on the Caledonian Railway had been granted leave for the purpose of going to Edinburgh to be married. In addition, he was given the customary return railway pass. During his absence a new ticket collector had been put on, who, upon Benedict's return, demanded his ticket. Benedict, who had put both pass and marriage certificate in the same pocket, by mistake handed the latter. The collector opened and gravely scanned the "lines," then returned them with a slow headshake, and: "Eh, eh, mon, it's a ticket for a verri lang ride, but nae on the Caledonian Railway."—London Spare Moments.

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING.

We have in our employ the most skilled workmen. All work done in a thorough and conscientious manner, and prices right. If you have had trouble in having your watch repaired, bring it to us, and we can surely satisfy you. We want the hard jobs that others cannot do. If your clock needs repairing, drop us a postal and we will send our repairer after it, and when done he will deliver it to you. Give us a trial. The G. Heitkemper Company, expert watchmakers and jewelers, 286 Morrison.

Special Piano Bargains

Below is a list of Pianos and Organs taken in exchange in the last few days as part payment toward the purchase price of some of our new Steinway, Emerson, Richmond, etc. Kimball Upright Piano, walnut case. Stone Upright Piano, mahogany case. Kimball Upright Piano, mahogany-finish case. Arion Square Piano, rosewood case. McCannan Square Piano, rosewood case. Emerson Square Piano, rosewood case. Kimball Organ, walnut case. Earhart Organ, walnut case. Our space is limited, and as we shall be unloading a carload of Steinway Pianos tomorrow and another larger carload of A. B. Chase Pianos Tuesday, we have decided to dispose of these instruments at once, even if we have to do so at a great sacrifice. Will extend our easy monthly payment system to responsible parties. See us, early tomorrow morning.

SOULE BROS. PIANO CO., 326 Washington St., near 6th.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

We carry a complete line of holiday toys of all kinds. Also just received a large invoice from Japan and China, consisting of a fine selection of IVORY CARVINGS, CLOISONNE BRONZES, SATSUMA AND DECORATED PORCELAIN WARE, ETC. We have marked down all our prices for the holiday trade.

ANDREW KAN & CO. COR. FOURTH & MORRISON STS. Toy Dep't, 2d floor.

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CONVENIENCES

Water, gas, sewer, electric light, best street-car service, accessibility to park, leading churches and finely graded city schools. Within residence district, covering 20 blocks, where Hawthorne estate offers these lots for sale, streets will be fully improved, stone sidewalks laid, and houses will be all new and modern. No house in this district can cost less than \$1500.

A MOST GENEROUS OFFER

Purchasers may have their houses built on the installment plan, of small monthly payments. Buyers of this property make their own building contracts, and pay the cost of construction themselves from moneys advanced by the Hawthorne estate at low interest. Property-owners are charged only actual cost of construction, and they build their homes just as they want them to be.

TERMS OF PURCHASE

The money paid by the average householder in rentals will buy an elegant home in Hawthorne Park. The monthly installments of payments on this home will not exceed actual money paid out for rentals. All property in Portland will advance in price within the next year. Prices on inside property, such as that in Hawthorne Park, will take a jump in the near future that will surprise old Portland residents. The present offer is limited to the construction of a small number of houses in addition to those already built and occupied by representative families of this city.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood means values in residence property. In this part of Portland are the homes of some of the best-known and most highly respected people of the state. The property is all high, slightly, and entirely free from contamination of any nature. It is one of the most healthy locations in Oregon.

PROCRUSTINATE! NEVER!

The time to make inquiry about this most desirable property is now. If you do not intend to buy, at least make inquiry, and you will learn something about legitimate and honest efforts to push Portland's interests. Intending purchasers should call on or write to R. L. Cate, 701 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Or. Phone main 139; Columbia phone, 159.