

NO LAW AT PRIMARY

Acts Regulating Nominations Are Repealed.

OLD PARTY PLAN IN FORCE

Naming of Candidates for Portland Election Next Spring Will Not Be Controlled by Statute.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Primaries for municipal elections in Oregon this Spring will be managed according to the old-time party system before the primary laws of 1891 and 1903 were enacted.

The direct primary law provides that no elector can vote at primaries unless he has registered his party affiliation. Perhaps only 5 per cent of the electors in the towns affected are so registered, and the 95 per cent will have no opportunity to register until the Spring of 1906.

The Legislature will doubtless amend the law, so as to make it effective in municipal primaries 90 days after adjournment. But that will be after the Portland primaries, if any shall be held. The amendment could be made to apply to the Portland primaries by means of an emergency clause, but the Legislature is not likely to put such a declaration into a bill, owing to the opposition of political chiefs in Multnomah County, and of leaders of the Direct Primary Nominations League, which promulgated the bill for the act.

The former are hostile to the act, anyhow, while the latter contend that an emergency does not exist because direct primary nominations in Portland are not necessary in the absence of registration of the public peace, health or safety.

As to Lockwood's Bill. But forth comes C. E. Lockwood—one of the framers of the law, the self-same gentleman whose bill to amend and to declare an emergency was introduced last week by Representative Capron when he yanked out again by Capron when he perceived its contents—to depose and say that application of the law to the Portland primaries is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, because the preamble of the law uses those very words.

Mr. Lockwood in his inside pocket has the words inclosed in blue-pencil brackets. The run as follows: "It is necessary for the preservation of the public peace and safety that there shall be a free and fair vote and an honest count, as well as a secret ballot, at primary elections, as it is that there shall be a free and fair vote and an honest count, in addition to the secret ballot, at all elections of public officers."

These words in the preamble, Mr. Lockwood says, were written by W. S. U'Ren, a high dignitary of the legislature, who, he declares, now goes back on them, announcing that no emergency exists within the definition of the constitution.

Law Not Yet Effective. The direct-primary law was intended to take the place of the law of 1891, which applied to municipalities of 2500 or more persons, and of 1901, which applied to cities of 10,000 or more inhabitants. Without amendment by the Legislature, it will not be effective until the second adjournment of 1906. Two ways to amend are open—one to authorize new registration before the next municipal elections; the other to remove the restriction on the amendment. The first alternative is followed in the bill now before the Legislature, introduced by Huntley of Clackamas.

The other was followed by Representative Capron, last week, and withdrawn soon after. The Huntley bill carries no emergency clause. Advocates of the second alternative aver that it is necessary to the constitutionality of the act, because as the act stands, registration of an elector's party affiliation is not a necessary qualification for voting at the primaries. This requirement is held to be contrary to the constitution.

For encouragement of the educational conventions to be held in Portland this year at the Lewis and Clark Fair, Senator Loughead has introduced a bill providing that County Superintendent may dispense with county institutes in 1905, and that teachers who attend the educational meetings in Portland may be credited with institute attendance.

Senator Smith, of Umatilla, has introduced a bill providing that County Courts shall appoint bee inspectors, when three keepers of bees, ask that such appointment be made. The bee inspector is to have power to examine all hives and other bee-keeping appliances and determine whether they are infested with "foul brood" or other diseases to which bees are prey. Hives or other appliances condemned by the inspector are to be destroyed by the owner, who will be subject to a fine of \$50 if he fails to obey the law. The bill provides no compensation for the bee inspector.

For the care of wayward girls, Senator Malarky has introduced a bill for an appropriation of \$15,000 per year, the money to be paid to reputable institutions which engage in the work of supporting and reclaiming such girls. For each girl kept, the institution is to receive \$34 per year.

Senator Tuttle has introduced a bill appropriating \$5000 for Lewis and Clark memorial monuments, one to be erected at old Fort Clatsop and the other on the site of the old salt spring near Seaside. The money is to be expended under the direction of the Oregon Historical Society, a similar bill has appeared in the House.

No Change in Fishing Laws. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Forty-two fishermen of this vicinity today petitioned the Legislature not to disturb the existing fish laws of the state. The petition, which will be presented to the proper committee through the Clackamas County delegation, is as follows:

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 18, 1905.—We, the undersigned citizens and residents of the County of Clackamas, State of Oregon, engaged in fishing, do most respectfully represent that at a meeting of the fishermen of said County of Clackamas, held on the above date, the matter of legislation for the protection and promotion of the fishing industry of the state was thoroughly discussed, and a meeting was subsequently held in concluding that the fishing interests would be best subserved by allowing the laws of the state regulating said industry to remain as they now are, believing that a more liberal and comprehensive set of present laws would remedy all existing grievances and accomplish all that

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MANAGERS WILL PROTEST.

In Anti-Railway Commission Fight, Lobby Will Have No Chance.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Ben Campbell and James G. Woodworth, traffic managers respectively of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, may go before the railroad committee of the Senate tomorrow when the railroad legislation now before those organizations is taken up. Under a joint resolution adopted by both houses today, the joint committee is instructed to hear the testimony of the railroad managers on the proposed bills next Tuesday. At the first meeting, as it is now understood, both high railroad officials and the advocates of the commission measures will be invited to appear. The railroad managers have avoided at this session any semblance of the old-time railroad lobbies. Economical and political reasons dictated this action.

The presence of the lobby was considered to be at once an incentive to railroad enemies to begin an attack, and to those who regard a railroad lobby as easy picking, to settle up with the paymaster. When the railroad bills come up the managers will have to make their defense in a new manner. None of the big roads are satisfied with the Olympia, Seattle or Rockwell adaptation of the Texas railroad commission bill. The Hill lines, at least, are willing to accept a conservative railroad commission, but insist that on an investment of a few thousand dollars for salaries, a part of which the railroads themselves would pay in taxes, a commission should not be given a dominant voice in railroad management. Serious objection will be raised to certain features of the bill.

Among high officials of the Hill lines there is a feeling that the railroad attorneys might create an unfavorable impression at Olympia, since their presence in the past has been the signal for increased activity on the part of the lobby. Moreover, it is argued the traffic department would be better able to present the railroads' case. Since Campbell and Woodworth are on the Coast, they may be asked to go before the committee, and to explain to the Senate the reasons for their objection to the bill. The bill is now understood, both high railroad officials and the advocates of the commission measures will be invited to appear. The railroad managers have avoided at this session any semblance of the old-time railroad lobbies. Economical and political reasons dictated this action.

POISON IN COFFEE.

Land Trouble Said to Have Caused N. Elsea's Death.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The death of N. Elsea, who was found dead on his homestead yesterday, near Comstock, has been in session all day without arriving at a decision. Dr. Brookhart, of Drains, was sent for, and he said Elsea was evidently poisoned, as strychnine was found in his coffee. It has developed that Elsea had been having a great deal of trouble over the land that he had on, and that his life had been threatened. Elsea was at Comstock Thursday evening, and said a man drew a revolver on him, but he managed to get the drop on the man with his own. Elsea was sent for, and he said Elsea was evidently poisoned, as strychnine was found in his coffee. It has developed that Elsea had been having a great deal of trouble over the land that he had on, and that his life had been threatened.

INDIANS FIGHT FIRE.

Slight Blaze at Chemawa School Tests New System.

CHEMAWA, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The newly-inaugurated fire system established last week was given a trial this afternoon soon after 2 o'clock, when fire broke out in the Mitchell Hall, the new boys' dormitory of the Indian School. The damage was slight, being confined to the rear of the building, where the boiler for heating water is situated. The regulations recently posted were followed to the letter with fine results. Within two minutes after the alarm was sounded there was a stream of water on the fire as well as several chemical streams. Perfect order marked the fire-fighting. Superintendent Chaffcraft took charge of the work.

NEW VARSITY REGENT.

A. P. Sawyer Appointed, and A. J. Weibach is Made Aide.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A. P. Sawyer, of Seattle, was appointed a member of the board of regents of the State University, to fill out the term of the late E. K. Schriener, of Lacrosse, who resigned. Arthur J. Weibach, for many years

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LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The La Grande Commercial Club has sent a strong request to the Union County delegation in the Legislature to use all honorable means to prevent a division of Union County. Since the removal of the county seat from Union to La Grande, a strong fight is being made for a division of the people of Union, and in smaller localities in that portion of the county. The Union people say that they can get the consent of 25 per cent of the residents within the district proposed to be cut off

Special Bargains in Boys' Department

BOYS' SCHOOL SUITS, DICKEY CASSIMERES, the best wear-resisting fabric known, all sizes, 7 to 15 years, value \$3.95 \$2.95 Sale Price . . . . \$2.95

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SAILOR SUITS AT HALF \$2.50 Sailors, sale price \$1.25 \$3.00 Sailors, sale price \$1.50 \$5.00 Sailors, sale price \$2.50 \$10 Sailors, sale price \$5.00

BOYS' OVERCOATS \$3.95 OVERCOATS \$2.95 \$6 OVERCOATS \$4.85 \$5.00 OVERCOATS \$3.95 \$10 OVERCOATS \$6.95

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LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Fox, wife of C. L. Fox, a well-known lumberman, died near this city yesterday of diphtheria and was buried from the Baptist Church in this city today. She was about 30 years of age and leaves, besides her husband, two children and brothers and sisters in this vicinity.

BRICKLAYERS' NEW OFFICERS. SAN FRANCISCO, Or., Jan. 21.—The Bricklayers and Masons' International Union here elected the following officers: W. J. Bowen, N. Y. president; Thomas R. Press, Chicago, first vice-president; George T. Thornton, Washington, D. C., second vice-president; E. J. Brandon, San Francisco, third vice-president; Thobertus, Toronto, fourth vice-president; William Dobson, North Adams, Mass., secretary; Patrick Murray, Albany, N. Y., treasurer. Editor of the official journal, Burr Childs, St. Louis, Minneapolis was chosen as the next meeting place.

CHARGES JUSTICE TURNER. SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Justice of the Peace H. H. Turner is made defendant in a suit filed in the Circuit Court this afternoon, which charges him with wilfully taking advantage of the feeble mind of an aged man named Owings, by making an unfair trade with him. J. H. Wilson, a neighbor and friend of Owings, is the plaintiff, and he alleges that Turner by misrepresentation traded a worthless piece of land for a farm valued at \$1450.

POSTMASTER IS SHOT. NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Word has just been received here that Mr. Sharrott, postmaster and storekeeper at Lutsen, shot himself, while on duty, in the morning. The bullet entered his neck below the chin, coming out under the right ear.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. Dr. Livingston Farrand, professor of anthropology at Columbia University, New York, has been named as head of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

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NEGRO FIEND CONFESSES. Tells Story of Assault on White Woman, and May Be Lynched. RENO, Nev. 21.—Levi Webber, the negro arrested yesterday, charged with fatally assaulting Mrs. James E. Harper, has confessed his guilt. He was taken to the Carson Prison last night under a heavy guard, and after reaching there a complete confession, admitting that he entered the Harper home Friday morning and struck Mrs. Harper with an ax as she lay in bed with her children.

Krupp's Miners Are Out. RUETTERSCHIED, Prussia, Jan. 21.—The strike here is general, and includes the Krupp Salzenbruch mine. A meeting of miners passed resolutions to continue the strike. There has been no disturbance.

Northwest Dead. Mrs. Jane E. Scales. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Scales, a pioneer woman of California and Oregon, died at her home in this city yesterday, aged 73 years.

SCHOOLTEACHERS WIN. Newberg College Defeated by Monmouth in Basket-Ball. MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—In a well-played game of basket-ball last night, the State Normal School boys defeated their opponents from Newberg College by a score of 22 to 13. The contest was a tie at the end of the first half, but the local team held together and played better teamwork in the second half.

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