

USE INITIATIVE To Settle Normal School Question.

SO SAY BEST INFORMED

Referendum Less Effective on Appropriations.

DEFINITE DECISION THEN

Bill Passed by Last Legislature Includes Provisions for Other Institutions Which Would Be Injured by First Proposal.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The suggestion in today's Oregonian that the Normal School question be settled by resort to the initiative power rather than by demanding a referendum upon the appropriation bill passed by the last Legislature, is one that meets hearty approval among men who are familiar with state affairs. The idea meets favor because the result of an initiative movement would definitely settle the Normal School problem, while the submission of the appropriation bill to a vote of the people would not.

Under the initiative the issue would be directly upon the continuance of the present Normal School system, and the vote would show the wishes of the people upon that subject.

The bill would not show whether the people favor one normal or three or the abolishing of all. In the meantime, however, the appropriation for necessary state institutions would be held up, and a heavy interest charge incurred.

Initiative Vote in June, 1905. An initiative measure would be voted upon in June, 1905, just at the close of the next school year, and the result would be known before the schools opened in the fall.

The normal schools would have due notice of the action pending, and could prepare for any result that might follow. They could not complain that they had been cut out without warning.

Drafting Law May Be Different. To draft a law settling the normal school question would not be a simple task, however, for it would be necessary either to abolish one or more of the present schools and leave the others to continue, or abolish all and establish a new one.

The four normals now in existence were created by three separate acts. Monmouth Normal School exists by virtue of an act of the Legislature of 1881, which act contains nine sections, providing for the appointment of a board of regents, prescribing their powers and duties, etc.

Weston normal exists under an act of the Legislature of 1893, contained in sections 3490 to 3500, inclusive, of the code. The Ashland and Drain schools were created in one act passed by the Legislature of 1893, which act is contained in sections 3501 to 3507, inclusive, of the code.

If it were desired merely to discontinue one or more of these schools that could be done by an act repealing the sections of the code establishing them, thus leaving nothing to continue, but if either Ashland or Drain normals were to be effected, leaving one to continue, the change would have to be made by amending rather than repealing, for both exist under one law.

Uniform Control Desired. All through the last session of the Legislature there was a strong desire among many members to place all the Normal Schools under one board of regents, the purpose being to remove local influences which are too often guided by selfish interests. In one or perhaps more of the schools it has been charged that the continuance in office of the president of the school depended upon his buying supplies from a store in which a member of the Board of Regents was interested.

It is believed that the schools into harmonious relations was proposed to create one Board of Regents for all the schools, with not more than one member residing in a county where one of the schools is located.

An act embodying this plan might be prepared and proposed by initiative, specifying the schools that shall be maintained by the state, and repealing all the present laws authorizing the operation of the schools.

To draft a law that will be satisfactory to a majority of those who favor a change in the Normal School system, is where the difficulty would most likely arise. Members of the ways and means committee of the Legislature say that the Ashland school made the best showing in point of work in proportion to the money expended. Weston is the only place where the state has made much of an investment in buildings. Monmouth is located nearest to the center of population. The discontinuance of any one of these three schools would raise considerable sectional opposition on the grounds indicated, but not so much could be said in behalf of Drain normal.

But since the proposal has been made to settle the Normal School question by initiative, it is believed that a law could be drawn that would meet the approval of a large majority of the people of the state, and that would insure a more economical expenditure of the money appropriated for normal education.

Normal School Machines. "Machines" exclaimed State Senator Hodson, of Multnomah County, yesterday. "All through the last session we

heard a cry against a 'machine' that was supposed to have its headquarters in Multnomah County, but I want to tell you that there is no 'machine' in Oregon that can compare with that of the Normal School. The members of that Normal School machine stood together for their common welfare, regardless of party or faction. Going up against that machine was like butting your head against a stone wall. The Normal Schools exert more influence over legislation than any machine I know of."

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

New Companies File Statements With Secretary of State.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Articles of Incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar this week.

Portland Brewing Company, Portland, capital stock \$20,000; incorporators, Alvin Schmidt, Otto Meier and George Wilhelm. People's Market & Grocery Company, Portland, capital stock \$300; incorporators, J. A. Henry, K. P. Carter and K. E. Winkle.

City Transfer & Delivery Company, Portland, capital stock \$2,000; incorporators, J. G. Winkle, J. G. Winkle, H. Fancher and Alice M. Potter.

Oregon Timber, Mining & Investment Company, Grant's Pass, capital stock \$20,000; incorporators, Eugene V. Smith, William B. Nippon and Eugene Pearson.

Bethel Telephone Company, Eugene, capital stock \$100; incorporators, Mark T. Fleming, Charles Komp and M. A. Bitgood.

Oregon Securities Company, Portland, capital stock \$100,000; incorporators, Gustave B. Hengen, Frederick Segers and Oleson P. Paxton.

The Hillside Amusement Association, Hillsboro, capital stock \$200; incorporators, G. A. Wehrung, A. C. Shute and G. A. Wehrung.

Scandinavian Publishing Company, Portland, capital stock \$500; incorporators, F. C. Hagemann, Christensen, G. M. Stierud, O. Hagos and Arthur Langmuir.

Oregon & Southeastern Railroad Company, Portland, capital stock \$1,000,000; incorporators, Gustave B. Hengen, Oleson P. Paxton and Nathan D. Simon.

Clatskanie Fraternal Association, Clatskanie, capital stock \$200; incorporators, M. E. P. Nelson, Norman Merrill, Campbell, James McDonald and J. E. Hall.

Lebanon Lumber Company, Limited, Ontario, capital stock \$100,000; incorporators, M. Alexander, G. W. Long, J. H. Madden, J. F. P. Nelson and Nathan D. Simon.

Yates Non-refillable Bottle Portland, capital stock \$12,000; incorporators, J. K. Kohr, Morris Ball, R. Smith and F. S. Stanley.

Bank of Amity, Amity, capital stock \$25,000; incorporators, George F. Hauser, John F. Vost, C. E. Martin, A. Rubie, J. W. Bredwell and J. W. Res.

Unparalleled Achievement! Importations in 1904 of G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE 131,330 CASES The GREATEST quantity ever imported by any brand in the history of the Champagne trade.

Regarding Champagne Importations in 1904. Boston's Wine and Spirit Chronicle of Jan. 15, 1905, says: "Messrs. Fredk. du Bary & Co. brought over last year to this side of the water a greater number of cases of Champagne than has ever hitherto been known, and these importations were in the most liberal terms of the great popular export in which G. H. MUMM & CO.'S Champagne is held on this continent."

NO HEAT NOR LIGHT Threat Against Legislature if Wood Is Not Paid For.

SECRETARY NICHOLS IS MAD Alleged That Because of Veto of Capital Removal Bill, Appropriations Committee Wishes to Inconvenience Governor Mead.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—The Legislature is planning to do some night work in the remaining four days of the session, but there is a contingency that may possibly arise to prevent it.

WARM DAYS HASTEN THE BUDDS Fear of Late Frost Declared Groundless by Old Settlers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Fruit trees will be in bloom in a few days and fruit buds are swelling in all parts of the valley.

GLADDENS BORAH AND BOISE Chairman Brady at Banquet Boosts Orator for Senator.

BOISE Idaho, March 4.—(Special.)—A banquet tendered last night by the citizens of Boise to the members of the Legislature continued until very late.

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HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES Are no doubt the very best ready-made garments on the market, hence we make a specialty of them; nothing too good for our customers. We have pictured here the Single-Breasted "Varsity." It will suit you as well to wear as to look at. \$15 to \$25 Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co.

BULK TO HER KING Mrs. Stanford's Bequests Are \$3,125,000.

CHARITY IS REMEMBERED One Brother, Charles G. Lathrop, Gets \$1,000,000 Outright, While \$2,000,000 is Held in Trust for Other Relatives.

MRS. STANFORD'S BEQUESTS. Amount divided, aside from previous bequest of Stanford University, \$3,125,000.

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MAID KEPT A PRISONER. Miss Hopkins and Ah Hong Guarded in Inverity Residence.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 4.—The handsome residence of Mrs. Stanford continues to be carefully guarded.

What Sulphur Does For the Human Body in Health and Disease. The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall.

SEE NO CLEWS IN WILL. Two Servants Not Mentioned Are Now Being Shadowed.

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