

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE IS CHECKMATE

Charges of Conspiracy to Defeat Washington's Law Fall Flat.

CAN'T AFFECT ELECTION

Delay of Court Decision Could Do No Harm—Extra Session Would Be Costly—Plan Proposed That Will Obliterate Expense.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The recently issued opinion from the Direct Primary League expressing fear that a conspiracy is on foot to delay the hearing of the test of the state primary law until too late for the Governor to call a special legislative session is, it is found, in fact, looked upon as either ridiculous or insane by persons here who are familiar with Supreme Court procedure.

As a matter of fact, delay in the hearing beyond the May term of the Supreme Court would be the best thing that could happen for those who have an admiration of the law and who do not desire that the state go to the expense of an extra session of the legislature.

If the case were not set for the May term of the Supreme Court, it could not be taken up until the October term, which begins October 12, unless upon stipulation that it be submitted on briefs alone, and then only in the unlikely event that both parties agreed to present it.

If heard in October, a decision could hardly be expected before the general election and even if rendered would not become final for 30 days after being filed, and subsequent to election. If the law were held unconstitutional it would not affect the validity of the general election, any more than it would invalidate the municipal elections held this year in Seattle, Tacoma and other cities. Legal authorities here are agreed that the law would not be set aside until after the next session of the Supreme Court declares otherwise.

If there has been any conspiracy to delay the case it would appear that it was on the part of professional friends of the law.

As a result of the agitation started by the Direct Primary League and the misrepresentations made concerning his motives, the relative in the case, Gordon Mackay, of this city, has decided to present the matter before the term of the Supreme Court and a decision may be expected well before the date of the primaries.

With this assurance, the possibility of an extra session of the Legislature bids up again.

Meat Forces Change Front.

Governor Mead has said that if the primary election law is declared unconstitutional he will summon an extra legislative session to correct the law. It was after this interview appeared that the Direct Primary League saw or pretended to see a conspiracy to delay the action in the Supreme Court and too late to call the extra session, and the Governor hastened to intimate that he might call a special session because of the delay in the railway commission litigation, the argument was presented that the same extra session to correct the weak points in the primary election law and foil the dreadful conspiracy.

Now that Mr. Mackay has denied the existence of a conspiracy, and the political bosses and filed his briefs in the Supreme Court, commendation of him is coming from the quarters where he has heretofore been criticized. This bid adds to the danger of this element of the Republican party is anxious for a special session of the Legislature to correct the law.

The last extraordinary session of the Legislature was held in 1901. It cost the state \$151,000. But in that session there were only 11 members against 135 now. The members knew just what they wanted to do and did it in two days. A two day session now would cost nearly double that of 1901 and there is the possibility that it might extend two weeks, or even longer.

How to Avoid Extra Session.

A very simple expedient has been suggested for avoiding the expenditure of the minimum of \$100,000 in the event there is any real danger of a decision in the primary election case being delayed until after the primaries. The state conventions called to select delegates to the Legislature should be instructed that their respective central committees to fill any vacancies in the respective districts. It is understood that the vacancies should be filled by the selection of the men who are being observed by Lisbon. To carry out the intent of the law it were found invalid in any particular. Furthermore, it would not cost anything.

A complete test of the law, at all events, is promised in the Supreme Court. The Attorney-General of the state is not necessarily required to appear as the action is instituted against the City Clerk of Olympia. Attorney General Atkinson, however, as a friend of the court (amicus curiae) will participate fully in the hearing before the Supreme Court.

ENGLISH WHEAT MARKETS SHOW A BETTER TONE.

LOCAL TRADE IS DULL

Prices Offered Are Above a Parity With Export Values, but the Farmers Are Not Disposed to Sell Freely.

REPRESENTATIVE HAWLEY NOTIFIED BY COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Hawley has been notified by the Commissioner of Pensions that the following pensioners in the First Oregon Congressional district have been increased during the past two weeks:

Table with 3 columns: Name, town, Per Mo. Amount. Lists names like Mrs. David H. Baker, Mrs. John A. Baker, etc.

PROPOSED REDUCING HOP ACREAGE.

Movement Started in California to Cut It. Business was quiet around the local hop offices yesterday, and Salem reports were growing disquieting.

SNAILS HEARD TO SNORE

Edible Species Said to Have Most Lung Power. PARIS, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—A naturalist here has discovered a deplorable habit in snails.

CALIFORNIA EGGS GO TO ALASKA.

Puget Sound Firms Buying in the Southern State. Eggs were quoted at 20 cents flat yesterday by most of the jobbers.

OREGON APPLES IN LONDON MARKET.

Prices on Northwest Are Being Well Maintained. The weekly apple report of W. Dennis & Sons, of London, says:

LIVE IN STATE OF FEAR

Portuguese Government Taking Every Precaution to Keep Peace. LISBON, Feb. 22.—The gravest precautions are being observed by Lisbon to insure the maintenance of order.

LOCAL LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Livestock was quiet steady to strong yesterday at the previous range of prices.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET. Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Eastern Livestock Prices. OMAHA, Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 200.

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Stocks at London. LONDON, Feb. 22.—Consols for money, 97 1/2.

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