

HOME RULE EXTRA ELECTIONS PUZZLE

Attorney-General Holds That Councils Cannot Ask Vote Until Next November.

LOCAL OPTION LAW REIGNS

Misinterpretation of Early Decisions Cause Tangle, Which Crawford Wants Courts to Settle. Cities Advised to Wait.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—

"My conclusion in respect to the Home Rule Amendment and the time of voting under it is finally expressed in my opinion sent to T. J. Anderson, Recorder of Harrisburg, in which I say that the City Council is not authorized to call a special election on that question until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1911, but may hold such election in connection with any regular city election before that time," said Attorney-General Crawford yesterday.

"If there have been special elections held in cities under the amendment, I would express it as my opinion that they are not valid and will not stand, but what the courts would do in reference to these elections, of course, I am unable to say. I have advised in some instances that it would be more expeditious and satisfactory to the cities concerned if they would take their cases into the courts immediately and determine once for all the course to pursue.

Opinions Not Clear.

"Perhaps in some of the early opinions given from the Attorney-General's office shortly after election, I was not as explicit on the point involved as I might have been. In these opinions, there being so many of them, I devoted my attention exclusively to answering the specific questions asked, and it is barely possible that the intent of these opinions was not fully clear to those who were recipients of them.

"My contention is simply this: That the last clause of the Home Rule Amendment requires that the amendment is subject to the local option law and as a result it would be plainly the natural inference that elections held under the amendment would be held at the same time as the elections provided for in that law.

Liquor Control Is Aim.

"The interpretation that the Home Rule Amendment may extend to regular city elections is not positively certain in my mind, but I am of the opinion that the courts would be inclined to sustain a liberal view of the subject and not construe its provisions strictly on this point, because it is apparent that the whole amendment is intended to deal with the control of liquor in cities and towns.

"As I understand it, Grants Pass has had the question up at a special election, called especially to pass on the sale of liquor, is valid, and I have advised them to take the case into the courts as being satisfied in the only satisfactory manner of settling the dispute. As there are no precedents covering this amendment, opinions expressed in its provisions are given to what construction the courts might lay down in this connection."

"In some of the opinions it is evident how a misinterpretation may have been placed on the language used in the opinions sent from the office. For instance, an opinion written for the County Clerk of Hood River County says that a special election may be called 'at any time.' The Attorney-General explains this by saying it was intended at any time subject to the local option law and that he sent a second supplementary opinion to Hood River explaining the position he had taken.

Only Special Point Covered.

"In reference to this opinion he says he merely answered the questions asked him specifically and is going into a general dissertation on the amendment, owing to the fact that there were so many requests for similar opinions the first few days after election and it would be practically a physical impossibility to have responded at great length to every one. As far as cities which are holding special city elections called for the 'wet' and 'dry' question, the Attorney-General would advise that such elections be held at the time of the regular election to make certain that the result will hold as valid and good. To cities that have held such elections, he advises recourse to the courts for definite settlement, but at the same time gives it as his opinion that such elections are invalid.

BANK LOSS MAY BE REPAID

Union Citizens Start Action for Creation of Enabling Act.

ELGIN, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Petitions are being circulated to ask the Legislature to pass a bill authorizing the County Court of Union County to make a levy sufficient to repay County Treasurer Frawley and Sheriff Childers the county money which they lost in the failure of the Farmers' and Traders' Bank, of La Grande.

WALLOWA, Or., Postal Figures Grow.

WALLOWA, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Postmaster J. E. Tully gives the following figures which show the remarkable growth of the postal receipts in this county during the past four years. The increase has been 75 per cent since 1907 and is nearly 50 per cent from the last quarter of 1909 to the last quarter of 1910.

The figures are for the fiscal year ending June 30: 1907, \$1902.45; 1908, \$1972.43; 1909, \$2356.43; 1910, \$2949.11. For the quarter ending December 31, 1910, the receipts were \$259.73 as compared with \$271.73 for the last quarter of 1909.

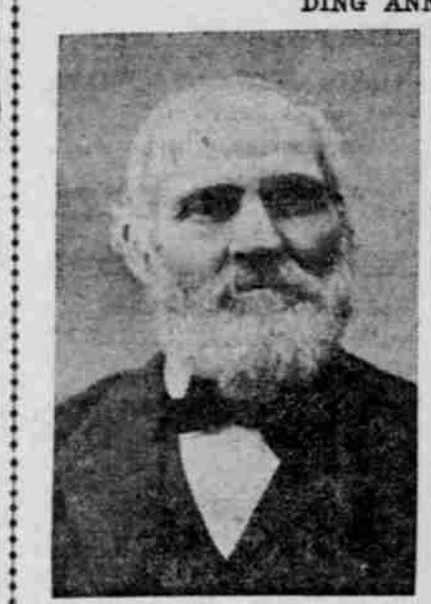
ARTFUL PRISONER GONE

Man Wanted in Alaska Mingles With "Drunks" and Escapes.

Representing himself to Judge Taxwell as a "simple drunk," Mike Holinski, in the City Jail for returns from Cordova, Alaska, where he is wanted for a felony, succeeded in passing out of the court room Friday morning and his absence was not discovered until yesterday morning, when he was to have appeared in court.

An iron stairway leads from the cells on the ground floor of the jail to the prisoners' box in the court room upstairs. When court is in session, the prisoners are taken from the corridor, up this stairway to the court, and upon being sentenced are returned by another. If they are released, they pass out through the police stairway to the street.

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PLAY IS APPROVED

Vancouver Not Shocked by 'Chinatown Trunk Mystery.'

OFFICIALS SEE REHEARSAL

Mayor Says Melodrama Is All Right and Sheriff and Chief of Police Concur—Asiatic Beaten in Dispute Over It.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The melodrama, "The Chinatown Trunk Mystery," was presented tonight in the Grand Opera-house, despite the protests of the Chinese Society of Native-Born, of Portland, Kong Loy, leader of the Chinese in this county, and a number of citizens.

At a private performance given this afternoon for the Mayor and other municipal officials, C. C. Thompson, a local newspaper man, was elected from the theater, after he had informed the manager of the show that he represented the press and desired to see the show.

Forest Grove Couple Wed.



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FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—One of the prettiest suppers of the new year taking place in Forest Grove was the marriage of Miss Bertha Williams and Harry T. Giltner, Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hiram Gould, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, was charming in a gown of white satin with veil. The bridegroom is one of Forest Grove's young business men. They have gone on a honeymoon trip to Southern California, and on their return will make their home here.

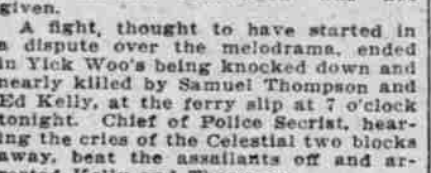
Five Sell Liquor to Reds.

THE DALLERS, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The bartenders of five saloons, the Barn, Baldwin, Wasco, Lempeke's and Peterson & Olson's, were arrested yesterday on the charge of selling liquor to Indians. The Baldwin saloon man, tried in Police Court yesterday, pleaded not guilty and was fined \$50. The other trials were held today. The case against the Barn, and John Olson, of the Wasco, pleaded not guilty and were fined \$50 each. Paul Lempeke pleaded guilty and was fined \$5. The case against the Peterson & Olson saloon was continued.

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FORMS COW-TESTING BODY

Dairymen at Forest Grove Organize to Examine Herds.

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RANCHER RELATES KILLING

Forty-Mile Trip Made to Surrender After He Shoots Neighbor.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Henry Bowinkleman, a Black Rock rancher, drove 40 miles into town last night, gave himself up to the Sheriff and said that he had shot and killed his neighbor, John Meeboer, aged 24. Nothing is known of the tragedy except Bowinkleman's story. He says that he and Meeboer got into a dispute at a spring where both were getting water; that Meeboer seized Bowinkleman's rifle by the muzzle and that in the struggle the weapon was discharged, the bullet passing through Meeboer's heart. A man named Matthews, who witnessed the tragedy, has not yet reached here.

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bullet to quiet title was filed in the Circuit Court this morning by Albert S. Kerry and the Wright-Blodgett Company against Martin M. Holter and others. The land is in Clatsop County and is heavily timbered.

Suit to Quiet Title Filed.

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BULLETIN No. 20

If there is any dispute over a transfer pay your fare, keep the transfer and refer the matter to Mr. Fred Cooper, Superintendent of Transportation, Electric Building, Portland. Conductors are governed by certain fixed rules and it is desirable that you take up complaints with our Superintendent of Transportation instead of with an employe with whom you have difficulty.

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