

CUT IN LEGISLATURE, WASHINGTON PLAN

Senator Palmer Preparing Initiative Measure.

MANDATE HELD IGNORED

Wide Disparities in Apportionment of Representatives Declared Contrary to Constitution.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 14.—In the legislative district comprising Klickitat and Skamania counties in this state the population, by the last federal census, is 11,525. In one of the seven legislative districts of Seattle and King county, the population is 111,832. With a difference of more than 100,000 in number of persons represented, these two districts make exactly the same showing in the legislature—each has one senator and two representatives.

These two districts are at the extreme, but in the other 40 districts of Washington there are wide disparities, and nowhere in the state is legislative representation based in any sense on population. The apportionment fixed by the legislature of 1901 still stands without the slightest reference to the increase and distribution of population during the last 29 years.

All of which being in direct contravention of the mandatory provision in the state constitution, and the state legislature, in session after session, having refused to make a reapportionment, the people themselves are now to have a chance to vote upon a plan redistributing the state and cutting down the size of the legislature. If the plan meets popular approval there will be 21 members of the state senate, instead of the present 42, and the house of representatives membership will be cut from 97 to 42.

Initiative Measure Prepared. "An act to redistrict the state of Washington anew into senatorial and representative districts," will be the title asked for an initiative measure now being prepared by State Senator Palmer of the 37th (Seattle) district. His preparations are almost completed and probably within a few days he will apply to the secretary of state for the title and pursue the statutory course of getting initiative petitions in circulation for signature.

In many sessions of the legislature, Mr. Palmer, as representative and as senator, has been a champion for reapportionment. From few members he has never received much encouragement. The constitutional mandate for reapportionment, after five years has been studiously and purposely ignored, and public sentiment has never gathered sufficient force to make an impression on legislative majorities. The districts of smaller population have been well content with their legally excessive representation and the most populous counties, where the proportions have been awry, have never yet united in demand for their constitutional rights. In point of fact, some of the larger counties have seemed to regard reapportionment very lightly. It is the hope of the initiative has been a standing political joke, though possibly not in very good taste, to say: "We've already got plenty of senators and representatives—such as they are. Why get more of the same kind?"

Statistics Dug Up. Single-handed, so far, and very much in earnest, Senator Palmer has set himself to the task of putting the whole case squarely up to the people. He has dug the population statistics out of the census, and has prepared a map which graphically portrays the existing inequalities and injustices. Superimposed on the same map are the lines he has drawn for boundaries for the new districts, with notations of his proposed representation, so spread that no one can seriously suffer while granting others their just dues.

Much of the earlier discussion of reapportionment has been based on the belief that the constitutional requirement called for such action at the first legislative session following a federal census. This would make it every ten years. It will be news to many that the constitution calls for reapportionment every five years. Here it is, as set forth in section 3 of article II: "The legislature shall provide by law for an enumeration of the inhabitants of the state in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and every ten years thereafter; and at the first session after such enumeration, and also after such enumeration made by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall apportion and district anew the members of the senate and house of representatives, according to the number of inhabitants, including Indians not taxed, soldiers, sailors and officers of the United States army and navy in active service."

Language of Mandate Clear. Enumeration of the state population every ten years after 1895 would have thrown a state census midway between the federal census takings of the years ending in tens. But the language of the mandate is clear and plain, no matter what the makers of the constitution may have had in mind, and the history of the last 29 years shows that the mandate has been ignored not only as to reapportionment, but also as to the state census, since none has ever been taken.

In that feature of his plan which would reduce the membership of the legislature, Senator Palmer sees the assurance of a better working body, more likely to be efficient and prompt in the dispatch of public business than the present over-manned assemblage. He is able also to advance the argument of economy, since the elimination of 21 senators and 44 representatives would indicate a saving of \$5 salaries, 55 varying mileage, and 55 independent sources of pressure for legislative patronage, sometimes called "pork."

Senator Palmer has a reputation for vigor and determination. He has prepared his case with care, and is ready to fight for it. If the next legislature doesn't get instructions to go through with the plan it will be because the people of the state care neither for reapportionment nor for the mandates of their own state constitution.

Wood Alcohol Vendors Caught. Antone Morris and Mike Sorrih were arrested yesterday on a complaint signed by Assistant United States Attorney Maguire after liquor which they were said to have sold in a north-end soft-drink establishment was analyzed and declared to have contained a portion of wood alcohol. Their bail was placed at \$1000 each, which they gave. They will have a preliminary hearing some time this week.

TERROR OF SOUTH UMPQUA RANGES IS BROUGHT DOWN BY HUNTER'S BULLET.



T. J. CRAIG, DEPUTY GAME WARDEN, POSING WITH GIANT WOLF HIDE.

HUNTER GETS HUGE WOLF

PRIDE AND TERROR OF UMPQUA RANGE LOSES HIS LIFE.

Pelt Measures More Than 6 Feet From Grizzled Nose to Tip of Tawny Black Tail.

HOOD RIVER GETS CHILL

Cold East Wind and Flurries of Snow Are Reported.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Ten degrees above zero, the lower valley's lowest temperature for the winter, was reported last night by Weather Observer Childs. The maximum temperature for the 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock tonight was 21 degrees. A frigid east wind drove snow gusts at intervals throughout the day and an overclouded sky indicated a snow storm tonight. The wide expanses of Columbia solugs were covered with skaters today. The recreations, many playing hockey, numbered probably 200.

Mrs. Max Levin Recovering. Mrs. Max Levin, who was severely injured at the same time her automobile was killed when their automobile rolled over a 40-foot embankment on the Columbia river highway near Rainier last Wednesday, was reported yesterday to be on the way to recovery at Good Samaritan hospital. Mrs. Levin has not been informed yet of the death of her husband, physicians fearing that the shock would be too much for her. The news will be broken to her in a day or two if her improvement continues.

Ankle Broken by Fall. Mrs. H. J. Talbot of the Mallory hotel is in Good Samaritan hospital with a fractured ankle which was caused by a fall on a slippery pavement on Vista avenue last week. She is reported to be recovering rapidly, although it will be necessary to retain her in the hospital for several weeks.

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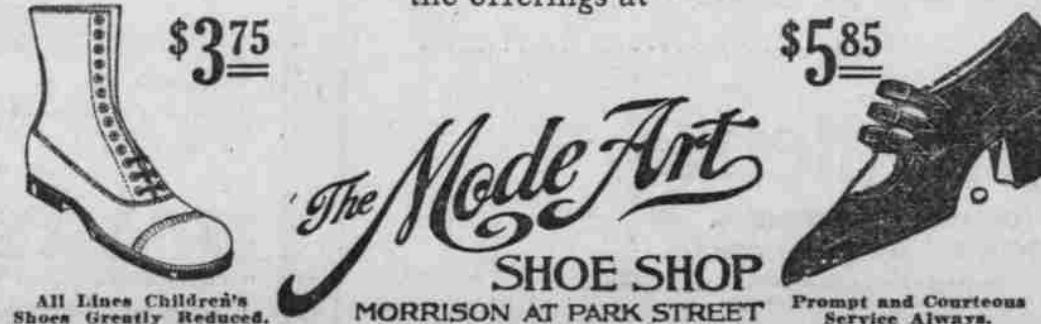
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STATE COMPLETES CIRCUS ROBBER CASE

Defense to Start Testimony Tomorrow Morning.

DEFENDANTS ARE SWORN

Roy Moore and Bert Orcutt Expected to Take Stand in Sells-Floto Trial.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The state completed at 6 o'clock today its case against Roy Moore and Bert Orcutt, charged with robbing the Sells-Floto circus of about \$30,000. Judge Simpson adjourned court until 9 o'clock Monday morning, when the defense, represented by George F. Vanderveer, will begin introducing evidence. It is presumed both defendants will take the stand in their own behalf as they stood and were sworn with other witnesses.

Nelson Steele, chief deputy sheriff, today testified to finding a pair of overalls and a jumper, wrapped around the money in the big roll which was cached near La Center. He identified the overalls in court as the same ones that Miss Rose Brandenstein of the United States Laundry had marked while working for the laundry. J. A. Erickson, driver for the same laundry, testified for picking up overalls at the Roy Moore home in Seattle.

Garage Man Testifies. Chauncey Blee, night garage man at Centralia, testified today to having sold a 34-inch auto tire to the defendants. Kenneth Stevens followed him on the stand. He had been in the garage when one of the men, whose name was in the big roll of bills. The man said something about having to go to his "plant" to get the money, as he took the roll from his clothes. He saw the men and talked with them in a room well lighted by electricity.

Mr. Vanderveer asked for and received a subpoena for the owner of the garage, who will be asked to bring his books connected with the business for September. He is to report Monday morning.

Mike Kane, who discovered the cache, said he had been on the way home for dinner on the Saturday following the robbery and saw two pheasants fly into the timber. He took a .32-caliber rifle and followed them. Not far from the road he found



PIANO BARGAINS

- STEINWAY, upright...\$400
- STEINWAY, old style...\$150
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- KIMBALL, new...\$395
- MARSHALL-WENDELL, only...\$150
- KINGSBURY, mahg...\$300
- STORY & CLARK, wal...\$300
- HINZEMAN...\$125
- CAMBRIDGE...\$285
- SHILLING & SON...\$275
- AND OTHERS--TERMS

SEIBERLING-LUCAS MUSIC CO.

125 Fourth, Near Washington

NO TRACE OF MISSING EX-SOLDIER FOUND.

Sherman Edgington, Employed at Agricultural College, Thought to Have Suffered Mental Lapse.

Aid is sought by friends and relatives in locating Oliver Sherman Edgington, an ex-soldier who had been working in the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, under the federal aid plan, and who mysteriously disappeared from there 10 days ago. Although the young man's wife, who lives at Corvallis, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Edgington of Forest Grove, have been conducting a search no trace of Edgington has yet been found. It is believed his disappearance was the result of a mental lapse.

The young man was in an automobile accident on December 22, when an auto bus in which he was riding from Portland to Forest Grove collided with an electric car. While he appeared uninjured at the time, it was said that he complained of severe headaches almost continually after the accident.

Edgington was discharged from the army slightly over a year ago, after recovery from an attack of appendicitis, and some time ago went to Corvallis, with his wife and baby he went to Forest Grove at Christmas time. After the holidays he returned to Corvallis, his wife prolonging her visit at Forest Grove. On January 5 the wife received a letter from her husband asking her to return. Mrs. Edgington, returning home, found the house vacant, with practically all her husband's belongings gone, including an old bicycle with a flat tire and broken wheel.

Edgington is 22 years of age and is described as follows: Six feet tall, 155 pounds in weight, brown hair, gray eyes with long lashes, long nose turned slightly to one side, several scars on the back of his neck, walks with a barely perceptible limp of the left leg. He would probably be dressed either in a dark gray suit and light hat or in an army uniform.

Wife-Slayer to Be Tried. CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—In order that the trial of

ABERDEEN FACES JINNEY PROBLEM

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Three plans for 11 cars of buses and jitneys operating in Aberdeen will be taken up by the city council next week. One plan is to charge each Jitney owner \$25 a month for every car operated. Another to make a charge of \$1 for every up to 12. The third is to charge 20 cents for each seat, regardless of capacity.

Legion Post Elects Officers.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Dwan Childs post, No. 47 American Legion, elected the following officers: H. C. Meak, commander; Walter White, vice-commander; Harry Clatterbox, adjutant; Allan Higdon, sergeant-at-arms; Ralph Johnson, chaplain.

JENNING'S

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| \$145.00 China Closets, reduced to | \$72.50 |
| \$110.00 China Closets, reduced to | \$55.00 |
| \$125.00 China Closets, reduced to | \$62.50 |
| \$80.00 China Closets, reduced to | \$40.00 |

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DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, Fifth Floor. Here an entire floor is filled with suites and single pieces for the dining room, including the dainty enameled breakfast sets for the tiny bungalow. Both period and modern suites are shown in walnut, mahogany and oak. Reductions are tempting—money-saving.

BEDROOM FURNITURE, Fourth Floor. The daintiest and most restful of fine suites in mahogany, walnut and enamel are here shown in great variety of style and price. This whole floor is given over to furniture for the bedroom. The reductions are important.

LIVING-ROOM FURNITURE, Third and First Floors. On these floors are wondrous vistas of handsome pieces in mahogany, in walnut, and in the always-popular overstuffed and upholstered types. Nowhere else can you see such variety—nowhere else can you find prices so low as here and now.

RUGS, CARPETS and DRAPERIES, Second Floor. Everything for the floor will be found here. Wonderful exhibits of rugs, carpets and linoleums. Here, too, are shown the draperies, curtains and upholstery materials. Prices are reduced in like manner with the other floors.

FINE MAHOGANY GIFT PIECES, Balcony. By all means visit the balcony while you are in the store. See the wonderful and exclusive pieces for the occasional gift. Prices here are at their lowest.

RANGES and KITCHEN UTENSILS, Basement. Here is a veritable stove store with all of its accompaniment of utensil and convenience for the up-to-date housewife, who will be quick to take advantage of the January prices that are everywhere evident.

January Sales of

Axminster Rugs

in 9x12 Size

\$25.75

These rugs are regularly and normally priced at \$37.50. They are the products of leading carpet mills. Our showing of patterns is a large one—that will interest you if you are contemplating the purchase of a new rug. See the window display.

January Sales of

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