

WOMEN ARE INELIGIBLE.

Attorney-General Chamberlain Thinks Law Allowing them to Hold Office Invalid.

The proceedings to contest the election of Miss Nellie Stevens as school superintendent of Union county, instituted by J. L. Carter, who for many years occupied that position, has created a lively discussion in legal circles.

Section 1.—Women over the age of 21 years, who are citizens of the United States and of this state, shall be eligible to all educational offices within this state.

This law is considered invalid by Attorney General Chamberlain, because it is contrary to the constitution of the state.

From a cursory examination of the matter I would say that a woman is not eligible to any county office.

Section 2.—All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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tendent on the democratic ticket and polled a large vote, but was defeated. There was a larger number of female candidates for educational offices this year than usual, and the surplus may be attributed to the belief that the law of 1893 was operative.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

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The alleged conference of committees from the house and senate on the tariff bill, which is actually only a conference between eight democrats and the various trusts which demand protection of their interests in payment for past and future contributions to the democratic corruption fund, is still going on, and from what has leaked out there has been some very lively word battles in the committee room in which the meetings are held.

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THE NEWS OF OREGON.

Interesting Items Gleaned from the State Exchanges.

Kit Bateman of Medford, is the originator of a highly successful method of exterminating lice from hen coops. He put hay in the coop and set fire to it. The henery was destroyed, and a bucket brigade saved the adjoining buildings.

Eli Allen, an old pioneer of Douglas county and about 80 years old, came into Roseburg Thursday to enter the soldiers' home.

The election held at Dayton last week to vote \$8000 bonds for a new brick school building carried by eight votes. It is probable that the election will be contested on the ground of illegal voting.

Edward East, of Seio, 79 years old, and a pioneer of 1850, has just been paying a visit to Meadows Vanderpool, of Seioville, aged 97.

The Portland longshoremen have found out to their sorrow that going on a sympathetic strike is not what it is cracked up to be.

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Claude Mansfield drove the mail wagon to the depot Sunday noon. At Fourth street he started to cross the railway track, but did not notice the motor backing down, neither did the engineer notice him and the result was a slight collision.

C. C. Hobart, superintendent of the Oregon state portage railway, between The Dalles and Celilo on the Columbia river, was in this city for a short time yesterday.

Senator Allen of Nebraska, is the latest victim of personal explanation. He told the senate Saturday that it was not true as published a few days previously that he had made a monkey of himself while in a glorious state of intoxication.

Bicycles for sale or hire at the GAZETTE office.

The commission which Mr. Cleveland has agreed to appoint under the act of 1888, to investigate the railway strike, is not likely to secure any very valuable information, inasmuch as it will have no authority to get to the bottom of the trouble by investigating the causes of the strike against the Pullman company, which was responsible for all the rest.

There is a feeling of relief in congress and in administration circles at the failure of the strike, which by reason of the non-action of the half-anarchist democratic governor of Illinois, at one time threatened to become a very serious matter.

Judge Burnett has filed his decision refusing a divorce in the case of Gues-teppo Matsee vs. Kate Matsee, and requiring each to pay costs.

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