

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.

Mr. Carter was a candidate for re-election on the republican ticket this year, and was defeated by Miss Stevens, who ran on the populist ticket.

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.

Section 2.—All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

This law is considered invalid by Attorney General Chamberlain, because it is contrary to the constitution of the state. He has not delivered any opinion on the matter.

From a cursory examination of the matter I would say that a woman is not eligible to any county office. Before a woman can be eligible to such a position, the constitution of the state must be amended.

Section 8 of article 6 of the constitution is as follows: "No person shall be elected or appointed to a county office who shall not be an elector of the county, and all county, township, precinct and city officers shall keep their respective offices at such places therein, and perform such duties as may be required by law."

Under the latter provision, one of the first conditions requisite to eligibility to a county office is that the person seeking the office must be an elector of the county, while under the first section of the constitution, quoted above, the qualifications of electors are fixed.

It is not probable that Mr. Chamberlain will be called upon for a formal decision, as the state is not involved in the case.

Multnomah county had an experience similar to that of Union county eight years ago. At the county election of 1886, Mrs. Alice C. Cove was elected county school superintendent, and served until September of that year, when the question of her eligibility to the office was brought up.

A few years ago a woman was elected county school superintendent in Umatilla county and served her full term. There was some talk of contesting her election but no step was taken in that direction.

In Marion county recently Miss Jennie Griffith ran for school superin-

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.

Senator Hall's resolution calling attention to the irregular and illegal status of the meetings now being held may be heard from again in a way that will be both unexpected and unpleasant to the democrats and the trusts.

At the last term of the Union county court a right-of-way was granted along the public highways to the telephone company. The routes proposed to be established radiate from La Grande and extend to the Wallowa county line on the east and to the Baker county line on the south.

M. A. Callison, of Kansas, has been out on a trip to Heppner and Primeville, where he purchased 200 head of horses. He says he was shown one band of horses that the owner asked \$7.50 a head for, and that \$5 a head would have purchased, if the offer had been made looked up by the money.

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. The least said about the matter the better.

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. He served several years in the navy, and is a veteran of the Indian wars, well deserving a good home in his declining years.

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. Mr. East is a pronounced blonde, and his long golden locks, now twelve years uncut, are said to be quite a rare sight.

The Portland longshoremen have found out to their sorrow that going on a sympathetic strike is not what it is cracked up to be. While they were huddling over with sympathy for D.J.s, other men came in and took their places at reduced wages.

Mrs. Harvey Cox, who lives on Cooked Finger creek, Marion county, in her husband's absence the other day thought she would learn how to use a gun. When she pulled the trigger the charge of bird shot, went through the thigh of her little five-year-old girl, Emma, setting the child's clothes on fire.

Mrs. Simons, living on the road between Lebanon and Seioville, has just celebrated her 101st birthday. A photograph showing five generations was taken, the group consisting of Mrs. Simons, aged 101 years, Mrs. Joe Welt, 64 years, Mrs. J. H. Cleon, aged 44 years, Mrs. C. G. Rawlings, aged 20 years, and Mrs. Rawlings' baby, aged three and a half months.

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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 Matasee vs. Kate Matasee, and requiring each to pay costs. This was the sensational suit of the couple living on Mark Halbert's place.

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