

SOME CHANGES ARE LIKELY

Contestants Are Getting Busy In Effort to Win Prizes.

This week is starting out with evidence that the contestants appreciate the fact that there are only a few weeks until the contest closes and the prizes will be awarded. Some of the votes being received indicate that they have been held back but are being voted now to make a showing. There promises to be some changes this week.

Each day brings forth greater effort on the part of the contestants. They and their friends are straining every nerve to secure as many votes as possible between now and the close of the contest. Every friend of every contestant are interesting themselves more intensely every day and are rolling up large numbers of votes and subscriptions daily. That alone shows that they do not intend to see their favorite lose, and will put forth every effort to see them lead all the way and not be beaten in the end. Get into the habit of rounding up every subscription and coupon you possibly can and keep it up. Get out among the numerous friends who have pledged their support and make a good showing every day. Lose no time if you expect to win one of the handsome prizes. Those who are advancing their scores daily stand a better chance of winning than those who stay in the same position from day to day and endeavor to make a final rush the last day or two. It is the experience of all in voting contests that candidates who are at the top secure votes from the fact that the public believes they have the best chance of winning. Your friends also think your chance the best and extend help in many ways.

There is a ballot box in The Times office where the votes may be deposited for any candidates whom you may see fit to vote for. If you cannot bring the ballots to the office, send them in by mail to the Contest Manager and the votes will be accorded to the young lady for whom they are intended. The votes are counted twice, so there can be no mistake as to the proper number of ballots accorded to each candidate. The votes are always open for inspection to insure a fair deal.

The easiest and quickest way to win is for candidates to ask their friends to prepay their subscription for 6 to 12 months. It costs the subscriber nothing extra to do this and they are saved the annoyance of weekly and monthly collections. By so doing you receive a special vote ballot which is good any time during the contest.

Orders for the prizes will be given the successful contestants at the close of the contest; same may be used by the contestant or disposed of in any manner they may see fit.

ARTILLERY CO. ONE OF THREE

Proposed Military Organization On Coos Bay Part of War Defense Plan.

The purpose of Adjutant General Finzer's visit to Coos Bay, the latter part of the week, is to organize a coast artillery company here rather than an infantry company of the Oregon National Guards.

The adjutant general of the United States, recently authorized the formation of three coast artillery companies for Oregon. Nothing was done by General Finzer until a few weeks ago when he reminded by the authorities at Washington of the necessity of artillery companies on the Pacific coast. General Finzer at once got busy. He has visited Yaquina Bay and Astoria. On account of the small population no organization will be effected on Yaquina Bay at this time. Astoria will probably get two. If the Coos Bay people show sufficient interest this point will get one, which will be made the basis for coast defense at this port.

Those having an inclination toward the life militant, will hold a meeting during the presence of General Finzer on the Bay.

A telegram from General Finzer to Walter Lyon today, announces that Mr. Finzer will reach Coos Bay about Monday.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL LAWS

Rural School System Will Be Revolutionized By Proposed Measure.

If a measure proposed by the county superintendents of Oregon becomes a state law, the government or supervision of the public schools, especially in the rural districts, will be revolutionized. The measure provides for the abolition of the districts and makes the county the unit of school taxation and organization.

According to the new measure, the sub-districts in the various counties will be abolished and with them the district directors. In place of the district directors, a county school board of five members will be elected. To guard against a majority of the members of this county board coming from one section of a county, provision will be made similar to the restriction thrown around the election of supervisors or county commissioners. This board will be given the entire supervision of the rural schools, the cities being left in charge of their schools. Instead of the county superintendent being elective as at present, he will be hired by the county board the same as city superintendents are engaged by city school boards.

One feature of the new system is that the rural schools will be located in the centers of population where they will accommodate the greatest number instead of being located by districts as at present. It is claimed that this provision will eliminate the present trouble of building and maintaining district schools where there are only one or two pupils.

County Superintendent W. H. Bunch of Coos county, who was in Marshfield yesterday said that he had studied the proposed measure considerably and that it appeared to be a good thing. He said that while it would be revolutionary in a way that it was certain to eliminate many of the drawbacks that now prevent the accomplishment of the best results in rural schools.

DREDGE IS READY.

Digger Oregon Disabled Recently Will Resume Work.

The Portland Telegram says: "J. S. Polhemus, assistant United States engineer, has returned from Coos Bay, and reports that the government dredge Oregon has been repaired and is ready for service. The dredge was disabled a week ago by colliding with a pile which penetrated the bottom of her hull. She filled with water and settled on the sands. But it was found that the craft had not been badly damaged and the work of putting her in shape for active service did not require long. The Oregon will be kept employed at Coos Bay for about two months, deepening the ship channel leading through the bay. Mr. Polhemus made an inspection of the channel at the mouth of the Coquille river. He says the north jetty recently completed is scouring out the channel in good shape. At low water the depth of the ship passage is not less than 12 feet. During flood tide the channel has a depth of 18 feet."

CLARK'S SON BALKS.

Montana Youth Fleeced At Roulette In Los Angeles. — A LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15. — A roulette wheel operated in a fashionable apartment house in the western district of the city, the fleecing of a millionaire's son out of \$20,000 and the attempt of officials of the Police Department to coerce him into paying the money to the ring of sharpers are features of a case which is on file for investigation.

Charles W. Clark, son of ex-Senator W. A. Clark, was inveigled by a ring of gamblers into an apartment. He did not have a large amount of money with him. For that reason the gamblers were compelled to wait until the end of the roulette game for Clark to give them a check in settlement. By the time Clark's losses reached \$20,000, he came to the conclusion that the roulette wheel was not being operated honestly by the dealer and refused to pay.

A \$75.00 scholarship for some young man or woman getting subscribers for The Times.

Friday Specials Sale

For Friday only, we have grouped together at startlingly reduced prices, a class of merchandise on which great savings can be effected, by those taking advantage of same.

We are not half-hearted in this announcement for in each instance where we will mention special prices, it will not be the cullings of a season or the unsalable patterns, but our entire complete stock of the articles mentioned will be reduced as advertised.

Ladies' Cravenette Coats 1-3 Off

This announcement coming at this time will be greatly appreciated by those who desire a saving. Our entire stock has been marked out to sell at our Friday Special Sale at 33 1-3 off the regular price. The styles are such as the famous C. Kenyon & Co., of New York have shown this season and are regularly sold from \$12.00 to \$25.00. A choice variety of styles and colorings are at your disposal.

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The old reliable fabric for all-around use we have marked out as an extraordinary bargain for

Friday at 4c a yard

Magnes & Matson

"NEAR BEER" CAUSES STIR

Brewers Claim That Initiation Is Taking the Place of the Real Thing.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 15.—Are half of the people of the country giving up the use of beer, whether they are forced to by prohibition or not? Is the alarming question that confronts the Independent Brewing Company, a concern composed of a dozen or more big breweries of this city and its vicinity. In the last few months so many towns in the Pittsburg district have gone "dry" that the Independent Brewing Company, to keep even, placed on the market a mixture which looks like and tastes like beer.

The Prohibitionists approved it and finally the company had orders for far more than it could fill. In the meantime the sale of beer began to drop off even in towns where beer is legally sold. Saloons in several towns were forced to go out of business because the demand for the new, non-intoxicating drink became so great. Finally the owners of the beer combine became alarmed.

A meeting of the stockholders of the company was held here and there was much excitement. Two factions are represented in the combine, one the old German brewers, who want the brew nothing but beer, ale, etc. The other faction is composed of young financiers, who have their money in the concern and do not care whether beer or threshing machines are made, just so the returns come in as they are doing at present. At today's meeting two of the directors threatened to resign,

and there are rumors of a general reorganization of the company unless a general understanding be reached.

Salt in Cooking.

If one portion of a vegetable is cooked in pure water, the other half in salted water, a decided difference is perceptible in the tenderness of the two. Those boiled in pure water are vastly inferior and in many cases will be almost tasteless. Salt brings out the delicate flavor of cauliflower, cabbage, potatoes, peas, beans and practically all vegetables. Onions cooked in water without salt can be rendered almost tasteless. As salt increases the temperature of boiling water, its cooking advantage is at once apparent. Salt in cold water is used to drive insects from vegetables growing above ground.

The \$500,000 wage earners who have money in the savings banks are not clamoring for the "guarantee" stimulus to speculation with bank funds.

Now is the time to get busy in The Times' Prize Contest.

THE PRESSURE OF Laundry Work

Done at home is felt by the head of the house and all the family. Why not be relieved of it? Send all or at least the fine things to this laundry and the result will be highly satisfactory. We use fine soap, pure water, and a liberal allowance of skill and common sense. Shirts, collars, cuffs and starched goods are a specialty.

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Washing Machines



We have several kinds of Washing Machines from \$5 to \$16. The 1900 Washer will give you the best of service and never tear the lightest fabric.

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