

ELECTION BURDENS FALL ON AUDITOR

That Official Will Have Full Charge of Future Municipal Ballot Battles.

NEW LAWS CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE TO CANDIDATES

Declaration of Intention to Seek Office Must Be Filed Before Circulating Petitions.

For the first time in the history of Portland the city auditor will have charge of all the arrangements for the municipal election which will be held in June. Heretofore the county clerk has had charge of the elections, but under the new election laws the city will have to conduct its own elections. The work is now to the assistants in the city auditor's office, and the election laws have to be frequently consulted in order that mistakes will not be made. Ballots for the primary and general election have to be made out, boxes for the ballots purchased, locations for the booths secured and other details arranged. The election will cost the city fully \$11,000. An attempt is being made to locate the booths as near as possible to the old polling places.

Two sets of ballot boxes are necessary, one for the primary and another for the general election. After the ballots are counted at the primaries they are replaced in the boxes by the judges; the boxes are then sealed and are not opened until after the general election. Because of this provision the city has been put to the expense of purchasing 120 new ballot boxes, two for each precinct.

Many candidates are finding much difficulty in complying with the provisions of the law. They cannot understand the difference between the notice of intention or a declaration to become a candidate, which has to be filed with the city auditor first, and the petition which has to be circulated in their behalf among the voters.

In case of a candidate for any general office, such as mayor, city auditor or councilman at large, his petition must be circulated in at least 12 precincts of the city and bear the signatures of two per cent of the total number of voters cast for the congressional candidate of his party at the last general election in the district which he aspires to represent.

A petition was filed Saturday by Dudley Evans, who wants to be elected a member of the Republican county central committee from the 23d precinct before he had filed his intention to become a candidate. The candidate must first file his declaration to become a candidate, when he may circulate his petition for signers.

FAREWELL SERVICE OF CHAPLAIN BRUCE

Rev. C. C. Bruce, recently chaplain and superintendent of the Seamen's church and institute, will leave Portland tonight for London, where he will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Seamen's mission, to be held there this spring. He will first visit Canada, and will sail from New York April 8 on the steamship Teutonic. After remaining a short time in England and Scotland, Mr. Bruce will sail for South America, where he will take charge of mission work. He will make his headquarters at Valparaiso, Chile.

A farewell service was held last night in Trinity chapel. Mr. Bruce spoke on "The Prospects for Mission Work for Seamen," and Bishop B. Wistaf Morris spoke in the warmest terms of the good accomplished by this branch of mission work. Other clergymen present were Rev. A. A. Morrison, D. D.; Rev. E. Van Waters, D. D.; Rev. J. E. H. Simpson and Dr. Hope.

CLASS CONFIRMED AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

Ninety-eight adults and children were confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic church yesterday afternoon. The services were very impressive and were attended by an immense audience. Archbishop A. Christie presided, assisted by Rev. J. C. Hughes of St. Lawrence, Rev. W. A. Daly of St. Mary's, Albina; Rev. E. P. Murphy of St. Patrick's; Rev. J. D. Murphy and Rev. A. G. De Lormier of the cathedral; Rev. H. S. Gallagher and Rev. Thomas Hennessy of Columbia university. Prior to administering the sacrament the archbishop spoke on "The Significance of Confirmation."

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WYOMING TO MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP

Cheyenne Man Says State Will Come to Fair Armed With Broom.

HAS EYE ON MINERAL AND OTHER PRIZES

Predicts Great Future for That Country Whose Praises He Shouts.

"Wyoming will take the prizes for minerals and agricultural products and the Lewis and Clark fair officials may just as well have the medals cast now," said Paul Bailey, of Cheyenne, who is the guest of friends a few days in Portland.

Wyoming's entire population is not as large as that of the city of Portland. But they claim the highest qualities for the products of that state. Their oils, minerals and agricultural products captured first prizes at St. Louis and Chicago.

"Two large irrigation projects that are now being undertaken by the national government will do great things for Wyoming," said Mr. Bailey. "These projects are the irrigation of the 'Oregon basin,' in Big Horn county, and the 'Piedmont' irrigation reservoir near Caspar. They will reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres of arid land, and do more to make Wyoming populous and prosperous than all other things combined. The government will begin work on both of these projects this year. In June, 1906, a portion of the Wind river reservation will be opened, and this will furnish fertile land for many more settlers. The era of his growth has just begun in Wyoming. It is a state containing 87,500 square miles, with immense natural resources, and as yet barely discovered. It has great wealth in gold, oil, coal and agriculture. The latest find is a mountain of razor hone stone."

Many miles of railroad will be built in Wyoming within the next two or three years. The Laramie and North-Western, now terminating at Caspar, has surveyed for an extension of about 100 miles to a point in the Indian reservation that is to be opened for settlement. The Burlington, which now has a branch terminating at Cody, will extend 200 miles southward to the Indian reservation. This branch will run through the proposed irrigating district of Big Horn county. It is said both of these lines will eventually build into the region where Rock Spring coal is now monopolized by the Union Pacific, with its line running through southern Wyoming.

There is a heavy immigration movement of Mormons into Wyoming, and they are colonizing in some of the best agricultural sections of the state. They bring all the customs and policies that are complained of in Utah and Idaho. Wyoming's state government has planned to make a great exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. Two of that state's commissioners, Chairman C. B. Richardson and Secretary W. C. Deming, are expected to arrive in Portland today to complete preliminary arrangements.

WINTER IRRIGATION OF ECHO COUNTRY

After investigating conditions relative to irrigation in the country about Echo, Samuel Fortier, an agent of the government reclamation bureau, has decided that conservation of water by means of reservoirs there is not feasible, but that there are factors which can be made productive by a system of winter irrigation, which consists of cross-ditching. Mr. Fortier is at the head of the department of irrigation and agriculture in the University of California, and has been sent by the government to look over Oregon and report on a number of irrigation propositions. He is impressed with the possibilities in cross-ditch irrigation in portions of this state, and will probably recommend that an expert be sent here to make exhaustive experiments in evaporation and seepage. If it is found that his first impressions are correct, an effort will be made to induce the government to recognize this class of irrigation, and establish a system on the cross-ditch plan.

Mr. Fortier departed yesterday for Bend, where he will take extensive observations in the country that is about to be tapped by the Deschutes Irrigation company's automobile road.

One would conclude that the streets of Bend are regular runways for wild game, from the chances that are given to pack hounds every day or two, says the News.

PROPER VALUES IN OREGON COUNTIES

Yamhill Assessment Is Not Within Fifty Per Cent of True Cash Worth.

PROTEST AGAINST STATE TAX IS HARDLY TENABLE

Assessor Sigler of Multnomah Explains System by Which Levies Are Made.

Assessor E. D. Sigler says the position of Yamhill county people in opposing the imposition of the state tax under the provisions of the present law is untenable.

"The proposition comes from Yamhill county," said Mr. Sigler, "that it is unjust to make them pay their state tax on the basis required by the statute, because their millage rate is apparently higher than it should be. They cite the millage of Clatsop county as an instance of the alleged injustice of the state tax. The fact is that Clatsop county has increased its total valuation of property in the past two or three years to nearly double what it formerly was, and this explains the apparent discrepancy. The assessor of Yamhill county himself admits that the valuation is not above 40 to 60 per cent of the cash valuation, and the records show that Yamhill county has not increased in valuation more than 6 per cent in five years."

"The plan of levying the state tax for the coming year is to average the expenditures of each county for a five-year period and levy the tax according to the pro rata thus shown. This law was continued in force by the 1905 legislature, which extended the operation of the rule until 1910.

"Any other method would be manifestly inequitable. Valuations in the several counties vary from 25 to 80 per cent of the true cash valuation, and to impose the state tax according to valuations returned by the assessors would be to put a premium on low valuations, and induce, indeed, almost compel assessors to adhere to the present custom of avoiding the law and not valuing property at its cash valuation."

"No law stands on the books that is plainer than the one referring to assessments. It states in unequivocal language that assessors must assess at what the property would bring at a voluntary sale. It is beyond comprehension how anyone can have the effrontery to ask an assessor to assess at less than the full cash value, just as the statute commands."

Mr. Sigler has received a letter from Assessor Peter Applegate of Jackson county, which says:

"I intend to assess all property in Jackson county at exactly its cash value, as nearly as I can ascertain it, and will do this regardless of what other assessors do. I expect that, next fall, when the board of equalization meets to correct what property owners think are unjust assessments there will be a large audience in attendance and that standing room in the court yard here in Jacksonville will be at a premium."

It appears to be the opinion that, if the Yamhill people persist in their attempt to prevent the payment of their state taxes as has been announced, they will stop the movement now statewide for the reformation of the methods in vogue by assessors of Oregon. The movement has gained considerable force, and the time seems to be near when property owners will realize the wisdom of full cash value assessments, with its attendant low millage and increased prestige for the state by reason of the larger property values that could be shown.

SOME OF THE THINGS SPIRITUALISM DID

At Fifty-Seventh Anniversary Services Speakers Point With Pride.

At the celebration of the 57th anniversary of the birth of modern spiritualism, held in Artisan's hall yesterday, members of the First Spiritual society of this city declared that spiritualism has had a great influence on the wonderful progress of civilization in the past half century. It was their belief that such inventions as the telephone, telegraph and the discovery of radium are largely to be attributed to it. They also claimed the coming of fatherhood emancipation of women, as it was in their societies as mediums that women were first allowed to take part in public meetings.

Services began at 11 o'clock and continued intermittently all day. In the morning the theme for discussion was "The Communion Between Mortals and Spirits Brings Progress." At noon over 200 people had luncheon in the hall. The Children's Progressive Lyceum, the Pioneer society and the Ladies' Building Fund Aid society met in the afternoon.

It was announced that subscriptions amounting to \$700 had been secured to a building fund, and that the members were very hopeful of raising \$50,000 with which to erect a temple. J. H. McMillen stated that he would donate a suitable building site, and prominent citizens have promised material support. In the evening John Milton Hodson lectured on "Why Be a Spiritualist?"

LIBRARIANS ORGANIZE IN EVERGREEN STATE

(Journal Special Service.)

Ellensburg, Wash., March 27.—As a result of a conference in session here today a permanent organization will probably be formed by the librarians of Washington state. The objects of the proposed association are a closer relationship and an exchange of ideas and methods in the management of the different libraries throughout the state. The membership will embrace the librarians of Seattle, Olympia, Walla Walla, Bellingham, Everett, Ellensburg and other principal cities and towns of the state.

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Art of the Chef Unknown in California Town, and Ideas Are Scarce.

San Francisco's culinary products are under a severe ban. Jerome Brizatori does not like them!

"But who is Brizatori? Ho! ho! Well may you ask. Know then that 'Briz' is the chef of the Hotel de Portland, that institution for which the metropolis of the Willamette valley was named.

When Manager H. C. Bowers made up his mind to follow the example of all big hotels that are making money in the United States and cut out the American plan, which will be done on April 1, he needed a lot of new silverware for the cafe and ideas. The latter for the chef's department. So, with Brizatori on one side and a satchel on the other, Mr. Bowers struck out for San Francisco.

"You visit the best hotels and gather what is new," said the manager, "while I will carry among these jewelry stores and at once up with silverware and cut glass."

Thus 'twas done. When they met at the depot for the homeward journey, "Pop" Bowers had a bunch of invoices that required an express baggage check. Brizatori had what he took with him.

"How about your ideas?" asked the manager.

"There are no ideas," he replied. "The cook's 'brico.' I couldn't stand it longer. They know not the art in 'Frisco. I shall go to Butte and see."

Brizatori admits that he took in only such places as the St. Francis and Palace hotels. Had he gone into the 50-cent French dinner joints, he thinks possibly he might have learned something he did not already know.

There are twenty different cinnamon barks, and they cost from 4 to 55c lb. This explains the market, all but one particular. Schilling's Best is the best with the coarser pieces picked out; not thrown away; oh no; they go to some less particular grinder.

Keeps up everything.

RURAL DELIVERY WILL BE EXTENDED

Within a Month Three or Four Routes to Be Established in Oregon.

COUNTRY POSTOFFICES ARE NOW UNNECESSARY

Postal Facilities Have Been Very Greatly Increased by Generosity of Congress.

E. C. Clement, rural free delivery agent for the Pacific northwest, with headquarters in this city, reports that three and perhaps four more rural routes will be established in Oregon next month. A special appropriation of \$300,000 was granted by congress to meet the requirements of this district until July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year when the regular funds set apart for the purpose, will be available.

"Because of the extension of the service," says Mr. Clement, "it has been necessary to discontinue many of the country postoffices in the United States. The following offices were closed in Oregon last year: Banks, Beaver Creek, Bellefontaine, Berkeley, Clarke, Clarno, Ely, Farmington, Garrison, Glenbrook, Glencoe, Highland, Lewisville, Manning, Monitor, Phillips, Rowland and Winona. Of course, there was no further use for them when mail was being delivered at the doors of all the residents in those sections.

"There is no ground for the report that any of the rural routes in this state are to be discontinued. On the contrary, the service is being extended at such a rate that the most remote regions will be covered in the course of a few years by Uncle Sam's carriers. On July 1 the sum available for carrying on the work in the United States will be \$28,120,000. Larger appropriations are made by each succeeding congress, and the time is not far distant when the farmer will receive his daily paper as regularly as does his city friend."

HOOD RIVER TO HAVE OWN WATER SYSTEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., March 27.—After wrestling five years over the question of a water supply for fire protection and domestic purposes, the city council announces that an option has been secured on a source of supply five miles south of town, which it is estimated can be brought into the city at a cost of \$10,000. The mayor and entire council think very favorably of the proposition, which will likely result in municipal ownership of a water system for the city of Hood River.

The announcement was made but a few days ago that the Hood River Electric Light, Power & Water company had floated \$50,000 bonds, and was preparing to enlarge the system for domestic supply. A movement was also on foot to meet the council on a proposition to supply the city with water for fire protection.

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