

USE REFERENDUM ON VEHICLE TAX PROTESTING DOCUMENT FILED AGAINST NEW LAW HAS 3,254 SIGNATURES.

That a legal battle will follow the filing of a petition invoking the referendum against the operation of the vehicle tax ordinance passed February 24 by the city council over Mayor Lane's veto seems assured by the differing views held upon the subject by City Attorney John Kavanaugh and Frank F. Freeman, attorney for the persons who signed the petition.

City Attorney Kavanaugh holds that the petition is ineffective so far as suspending the operation of the vehicle tax law is concerned, and in his opinion yesterday stated that the only way to repeal the law is through the council or by a vote of the people. He holds that when the measure passed the council in February the old law was repealed, and therefore the petition could not revive it.

Freeman, on the other hand, takes the opposite view, and declares that with the filing of the petition the law is rendered ineffective, and that the old law must be the one under which the city operates. It is pointed out that Freeman is the signer of the petition that the new ordinance provides that it shall become effective January 1, 1909, and that the ordinance was not passed until February 24, more than a month later.

The fight on this ordinance has been a long one and bitter to the extreme. For more than a year the ordinance was before the council, where Councilman Keilshar fought it to the last. Councilman Driscoll favored the measure, and finally, after seeing that no recommendation could be expected from the license committee, where the ordinance had been referred, Councilman Menzies presented an ordinance to the council which was considered as a compromise.

This measure was finally passed by the council and voted by Mayor Lane. By a strictly party vote, the majority part passed the ordinance over the veto.

City Auditor Barber, upon whom depends the collection of the tax, stated yesterday that he would proceed upon the ruling of City Attorney Kavanaugh and collect the tax under the new law. If any one refuses to pay the tax he will file suit against that person, and the measure will be fought out in the courts.

ROUSING PARTY FOR LEWISTON

Hundred Portland Business Men Will Swoop Down on Idaho City.

Portland commercial organizations are taking measures to make the Lewiston and Clarkston a great success. Each organization will appoint committees to cooperate in securing the attendance of a large and representative party of not less than 100 men. The excursion will leave Portland Friday evening May 1, and arrive at Lewiston at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Leaving Lewiston at 12:30 Sunday morning, the excursionists will reach home at noon Sunday. The cost of the round trip will be \$25.40. About 40 men have already signed the list.

Arrangements for the excursion were discussed at the noonday luncheon of the Commercial club's board of governors yesterday. President Hodson will name his committee today. President Townsend of the board of trade has appointed A. B. Steinbach, O. W. Taylor and W. H. McCarron. The chamber of commerce transportation committee will probably take charge of the chamber's part of the work.

Commercial organizations are making preparations to receive and entertain the visitors. They have named the excursion train the "Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's Lewiston-Clarkston Pioneer All-Rail Portland to Lewiston Excursion." The following Lewiston-Clarkston committee on arrangements has been appointed: Dr. J. B. Morris, Storey Buck, A. O. Kloe, G. W. Mount, Robert Schleicher, E. O. Cox, Dr. S. S. Seiberg, S. S. Stacy, E. J. Hall, J. L. Spiker, H. L. Powers, F. W. Kettenbach, John P. Collier, C. S. Smith, John T. Ray, Henry Heitfeld, Bert Chapman, E. H. Libbey, N. R. Gilchrist, F. M. Hinckley, D. B. Parks, R. M. Yount, S. L. Fowler.

THIRSTY MINOR'S FIBS WILL BE WELL SOAKED

New Ordinance Will Compel "Under-Agers" to Handle Truth Carefully.

Councilman Driscoll's ordinance providing for a fine and jail sentence for all minors who enter a saloon and misrepresent their age to the saloonkeeper in endeavoring to buy liquor was favorably recommended by the liquor license committee yesterday afternoon and will come up for passage at tomorrow's meeting of the council.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Sarah Bennett, wife of Henry Bennett, died yesterday at her home, 826 Ash street, after an illness of nearly a year. Mrs. Bennett is well known in Portland and in the Willamette valley. She was 78 years old and the mother of 18 children, most of whom are living. Her husband was sexton at Lone Fir cemetery for a number of years.

The Bristol \$3.00 HATS



All the Very Newest Blacks and Colors

Every Bristol Hat Guaranteed

SOLD ONLY BY

Buffum Pendleton 311 Morrison, Opp. Postoffice

BURIED THOUGHTS WERE RESURRECTED BY A QUEUE

When you are in a street car don't bury yourself in your thoughts. You may stumble into a funny blunder and be rudely awakened by your neighbor.

A fashionably dressed woman entered a crowded car on Washington street the other day and took the only vacant seat, which happened to be next a Celestial who prided himself on his extremely elongated queue.



A Queue in the Hand Is Not Worth Two Any Other Place.

The woman had been dining well and it had set her to dreaming of the future. Her dreams were roseate in hue, judging from the smile that curved her lips, but she reached into her capacious coat pocket for her handkerchief to hide that smile from her fellow passengers. Then she floated off again into dreamland and absent-mindedly put her handkerchief back into the pocket, picking up with it the stray end of her neighbor's wandering queue.



Good Vaudeville.

The usual series of entertaining acts are to be seen at the Grand theatre this week, and although there is no headliner the omission does not seem to interfere in any way with the enjoyment of the audience. The sidons are eccentric comedians and their attempts to amuse are gratifyingly successful.

Lyric—"Hazel Kirke." Real water makes the hit of the show at the Lyric this week and demonstrates the fact that after all the public, child-like and the stage, has a pathetic predilection for reality even on the stage.

Japanese Falls TO GET BAIL MONEY Members of the Judiciary committee of the city council refused to act in the appeal of T. Shagita, a Japanese, for a return of bail amounting to \$500 which Shagita forfeited in the municipal court in January after failing to appear in a case in which he was charged with kidnapping another man's wife.

The Most in Value The Best in Quality Robert's Bros. THIRD AND MORRISON

BIG READY-TO-WEAR VALUES

The wide popularity that our Ready-to-Wear Department has gained is due to the fact that we are ever on the alert in obtaining the most novel ideas of the foremost designers.

- New Spring Suits \$12.50
New Spring Skirts \$5.90
New Spring Waists
New Spring Kimonos 48c
Heatherbloom Petticoats
New Spring Jackets \$6.50

SEASON'S CHOICEST NOVELTIES IN WASH GOODS

A Trustworthy Stock Equalled Nowhere Else—It's time to think of Wash Fabrics for spring and summer wear. Our showing for this season is now complete and we invite you to call and see how moderately we have priced them.

- New Wash Batiste—Full 31 inches wide, thousands of yards, in light, medium and dark colors, dots, stripes, figures, flowers and all the new plain shades. Priced at 15c
New Dotted Swiss—Full width fine dotted Swiss Mull, in dots, figures and flowers, pretty light colors, suitable for afternoon and evening wear. Priced at 15c

FASHIONABLE DRESS GOODS Underpriced

The most fashionable fabrics of the new season are gathered here now. To appreciate the beauty, daintiness and smartness of our big Dress Goods Department, to comprehend the vastness and prodigality of assortments and to recognize the full importance of the values one should visit the department and make comparisons with what is shown elsewhere.

- NEW TAILOR SUITINGS
A special showing of new weaves for spring wear suitable for jacket suits, coats and separate skirts, handsome pure wool fabrics in neat checks and ombre stripes in shades of tan, green, blue, castor, etc.
FANCY DRESS GOODS
AT \$1.00—The greatest assortment of new up-to-date Fancy Dress Goods to be found in the city, including all the popular new spring shades, new Copenhagen blues, new reseda greens, new golden browns, new navy blues, etc.

MAIL ORDERS FOR SYMPHONY CONCERT

All Oregon music lovers will be given the greatest opportunity ever offered them for a musical feast, in the annual spring festival which will be given at the Armory, Tenth and Couch streets, on the evenings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 10, 11 and 12, with concerts on the afternoons of April 11 and 12.

GATES TO PLUNGE IN NEVADA MINES

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—John W. Gates, the Wall street plunger, with his son, Charles G. Gates, M. D. Martin, and James Hopkins, vice-president of the Diamond Match company, are to form a large holding company to operate in Nevada mines, and the details will be completed upon the arrival of the Gates party, which is expected here during the first week in April.

Spell Ramleh Backwards

And What Do You Get? You get the Ramleh under its new name, "Helmar." In the "Helmar" you get the same fine quality with the same "real tobacco taste" that won such tremendous popularity for the "Ramleh."

HELMAR TURKISH CIGARETTES 10c for 10 Sold Everywhere S. ANARGYROS, Mfr., 111 Fifth Ave., New York

New Spring Hosiery and Underw'r Special Sale

- Women's Hose, 75c Values, 50c—A fine showing of Women's New Novelty Stockings, all the latest designs, in laces and embroideries; all colors, blacks, white, lavender, green, tan, and reds; regular 75c values. Special at 50c
Women's Underwear, 35c Values, 25c—A special showing of Women's spring weight Underwear, high neck, long sleeves; they are made of fine bleached cotton; the vests are cut full and are perfect fitting; all sizes; regular 35c values. Special at 25c

THE SEASON'S CHOICEST SILKS

- High Grade Silks at Popular Prices! We believe this is the greatest opportunity the women of this city have ever had to obtain the finest grades of fashionable new silks at such low prices.
NEW SPRING SILKS AT \$1.00 YARD
Our showing of new Spring Silks is now complete with the world's best makes at prices that are a revelation to Portland shoppers—New Dress and Waisting Silks—extra heavy, guaranteed Punjab fancies in all the new popular stripes in ombre effects, hairline stripes and checks, swivel stripes, satin stripes, Pekin stripes, neat novelty checks and new Persian designs in every wanted new spring shade, the best silk values ever offered in the city at this price. \$1.00
CHENEY BROS. SHOWER-PROOF FOULARD SILKS
AT \$1.00—One of this season's favorite materials for soft, clinging, correct gowns, for both street and evening wear, warranted pure silk and spot proof, comes in all the correct shades of green, brown, blue, tan, navy and black, in stripes, dots and set designs; usual \$1.25 grade. Specially priced at \$1.00