

ELECTION LAW NEEDS CHANGE

Polls Closed at Noon Hour for Luncheon in Three Precincts.

Out on Wilson street, not far from Twenty-first, voters in precinct 3 voted yesterday in a little wooden shack that looks more like a barn than a voting booth. When noon came, the judges closed the voting place for nearly an hour, from 12:30 to 1:15, and betook themselves to a restaurant for substantial refreshment. In the meantime a number of voters appeared, but as no one was around to receive their ballots they were forced to return to work and take a chance at voting after working hours in the evening.

While the law allows the judges to close the polls for one hour, from 1 to 2 o'clock, the practice has not heretofore been followed in Portland. Section 2783, Oregon code, says:

"In the discretion of the judges the polls may be closed at 1 o'clock for one hour, provided proclamation of the act is made by the chairman of the board; but the judges and clerks must be kept together and at no time shall more than be out of the sight of the others."

County Clerk Fielder says that this provision of the election law has rarely been taken advantage of in this county,

and that on account of the serious inconvenience that it entails upon the voters, the judges of the election ought to find some means of getting their meals without closing the polls in the middle of the day.

On Columbia street between Front and First the polling place in precinct 24 was closed for an hour at noon, resulting in much inconvenience to a number of electors.

In precinct 42 the polling place on Yamhill avenue near East Eleventh street, Sellwood, was closed from 12:15 to 1 o'clock, according to Foreman Larry Evans, who went there at that hour to vote and was unable to raise any of the election officers. He was compelled to come away without casting his vote.

Criticism of the election officers in the polling places mentioned was very general and the opinion was freely expressed that the law ought to be amended so to require the polls to be kept open continuously from 8 a. m. to closing time in the late afternoon.

INVITES PHYSICIANS TO USE LABORATORY

The latest bimonthly bulletin of the state board of health announces that every physician in the state is invited to make use of the board's laboratory facilities. In addition to issuing this invitation, the bulletin gives reports on contagious diseases, typhoid and tuberculosis. An article on "Tuberculosis and the Family Cow," explains how easy it is for children to contract tuberculosis from the milk they drink. Advice is on the selection of healthy stock.

Fire Sale—Peterson & Roberts, wholesale furniture manufacturers, 55 North Front street, corner Davis.

EMPEROR IS PAID HONOR

Portland Japanese celebrated the 57th anniversary of the birth of their emperor, Mutsuhito, last night in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. The program, which was under the direction of S. Ban, consisted of the reading of the imperial morality edict by J. Iwaya, secretary of the Japanese consulate, and the singing of the national anthem by the audience, while a large portrait of the emperor was unveiled.

Mr. Ban, in his opening address, declared that Japan had only a most friendly feeling toward the United States. He referred to the recent visit of the American battleship fleet to Japan and the welcome it received as a proof of Japan's regard for this country.

Other addresses were delivered by Japanese Consul Y. Numano, Secretary Stone of the Y. M. C. A., British Consul James Laidlaw and S. Kato. The imperial edict which was read by J. Iwaya, enjoins love of country and family and respect for parents.

Tomorrow night at the Hotel Portland, Mr. Numano will entertain at a banquet several invited guests, among them Governor Chamberlain and United States Senator Bourne. The dinner will be in honor of the emperor's birthday and was postponed until tomorrow evening on account of the election.

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226 Alder Street, between First and Second.
512 Williams Avenue.
791 Mississippi Avenue.
Corner Fifth and Main Streets, Oregon City.
12th St., bet. Commercial and Bond, Astoria.
253 Taylor Street, Astoria.

Beef to boil.....5¢	Hamburg Steak.....10¢	Loin Roast Pork.....15¢
Beef for braising.....5¢	Sirloin Roast Beef.....10¢	Loin Pork Chops.....15¢
Beef for baking.....5¢	Prime Rib Roast Beef.....10¢	Rib Pork Chops.....15¢
Beef to stew.....5¢	Prime Rib Roast Beef, better cuts.....12½¢	Hams.....17½¢
Beef for potpie.....5¢	Small Porterhouse Steaks.....12½¢	Breakfast Bacon.....17½¢
Beef Liver.....5¢	Large Porterhouse Steaks.....15¢	Smith's pure Lard in 5-lb. pails.....65¢
Soup Meat.....3¢	Legs of Mutton.....12½¢	Loins of Veal.....15¢
Soup Bones.....3¢	Legs of Lamb.....15¢	Breasts of Veal.....8¢, 10¢
Pot Roasts of Beef.....6¢	Shoulder of Mutton and Lamb.....10¢	Veal Stew.....8¢, 10¢
Better Pot Roasts.....7¢	Mutton and Lamb Loin Chops.....15¢	Shanks of Veal.....6¢
Oven Roast Beef.....7¢	Mutton and Lamb Rib Chops.....15¢	Shoulder Roast Veal.....10¢
Choice Pot Roasts.....8¢	Pigs' Heads.....5¢	Better Cuts of Shoulder Roast Veal.....12½¢
Shoulder Roast Beef.....8¢	Pigs' Feet.....5¢	Loin Veal Cutlets.....15¢
Chouder Beefsteak.....8¢	Pigs' Hocks.....8¢	Rib Veal Cutlets.....12½¢
Chuck Steak.....8¢	Shoulder Roast Pork.....10¢	Best Rib Veal Cutlets.....15¢
Brisket Corned Beef.....6¢	Whole Shoulder Pork.....11¢	Shoulder Veal Cutlets.....12½¢
Plate Corned Beef.....6¢	Center cuts Shoulder Roast Pork.....12½¢	Necks of Veal.....8¢, 10¢
Rump Corned Beef.....6¢	Shoulder Pork Chops.....12½¢	Absolutely fresh Columbia River Salmon, 3 lbs.....25¢
Round Steak.....10¢	Fresh Side Pork.....12½¢	All other kinds of fish at Smith's.
Tripes.....10¢	Corned Side Pork.....12½¢	Many different brands of Creamery Butter, per square.....65¢
Beef Tongue.....10¢	Dry Salt Pork.....12½¢	All full weight.
Flat Bone Steak.....10¢	Leaf Lard, fresh.....12½¢	Ranch Eggs, per dozen.....30¢
Tenderloin Steak.....10¢		
Sirloin Steak.....10¢		

NEW STREET CAR RULES WILL GO INTO EFFECT TOMORROW

Look out for the cars! 'Cause tomorrow they stop—on the far side of the street.

And you, you men, you look out, too, 'cause after tomorrow morning there ain't a-going to be no smoking on the streets. That is on closed cars, and the open cars have all been closed for the winter.

At track crossings, however, the cars will continue to stop on the near side. This is required by law. So when you want a car at a track intersection, get on the near-side. At all other places, except where there is but the one crossing as in some of the out lying districts, the cars will stop to let off and take on passengers on the far side of the street.

The motormen and the conductors haven't much to say about the far side stop order. But oh, how glad they are about the new no-smoking ruling! They never knew, they say, how poor some tobacco really was until they became platform men for a streetcar company.

"We get it here in every shape and form that it can be smoked, chewed or sniffed," a conductor said this morning in speaking about the prohibitive order, "and I tell you it sometimes actually makes us sick. Of course, now and then a man gets on who is puffing away on a good cigar, but the old pipes and the chabagates put the smoke of the better cigars out of commission entirely. And some of the foreigners! Where in the world they get hold of that stuff some of them smoke is too much for me."

"It isn't tobacco, I don't believe, so to get around this the new order says, 'no smoking of any kind.' I guess that will fix them all, ah?"

Douglas county papers are complaining about prunes of that county being labeled as coming from Willamette valley points.

CONSUMPTION STATISTICS.

Prove that a neglected cold or cough puts the lungs in so bad a condition that consumption germs find a fertile field for fastening on one. Stop the cough just as soon as it appears with Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Soothes the torn and inflamed tissues and makes you well again.

Very Beautiful Dresser \$29.00

No. 241—This is a fine quarter-sawed oak Dresser with full serpentine front; the delicate flakes exhibited by the method of sawing are especially fine in these dressers; the shape, too, is especially pleasing; the size of the case is 22x44 inches, with French plate mirror 21x28 inches; we not only give exceptional values during this sale but our terms are such that they should appeal to all; instead of \$35 to \$45—with \$1 and \$1 a week—you pay only

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No. 241.

Ladies, why be without a beautiful dresser when we make it so easy for you to possess one?

One in Every Home

That's what these special terms should do—Put one of these fine Dressers in every Portland home.

\$1.00 Buys a Fine Dresser

—That is, a one dollar payment will enable you to possess and use one of these elegant pieces; then the small payment of \$1.00 a week will soon pay the entire cost and you'll not feel the outlay.

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This Grand Dresser \$39.00

No. 523—Golden oak, Spanish mahogany, Tuna mahogany or birdseye maple, finished and polished equal to any piano; the size of the base is 23x44 inches, topped with a heavy French bevel plate mirror 24x32 inches; drawers have both glass and wooden pulls; an elegant dressing case at the above low price—\$39—and you need pay but one dollar down; other stores ask you from \$45 to \$50 for the dresser we sell for \$39

Center Tables \$2.10

New, neat and nobby in design. Tops 24x24 inches and shaped just like cut; made in quartered golden oak and mahogany maple.

You'll admit that these are worth much more than we are asking for them, but we give you the benefit of a big special cut in price we've obtained by ordering a large quantity; Mostly-hot-Air dealers will ask you \$4 for these tables; Big East-side Store price, only.

\$2.10

50-Piece Dinner Set for \$3.35

Mostly-hot-Air dealers would ask you \$8.00 for this fine set. There are five patterns from which to make your choice. The cups are not "skimpy" in size, but of good size—just right for every-day use. Large creamer, large sugar, large platter and covered vegetable dish in the set. Gold edges, floral decorations. Delivery at our convenience. No phone, no C. O. D. orders taken.

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We are closing out 200 of these \$12 Morris Chairs at this great special price; covered just like cut in black Boston leather.

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