

REGISTRATION MUDDLE IS SUBMITTED TO CITY ATTORNEY TO SOLVE

Legal Tangle Regarding Election in December Affects 2700 Citizens.

The question whether or not 2700 citizens, who registered under the provisions of the registration act passed by the legislature and recently declared void by the supreme court, will be allowed to vote at the special city election December 8, was put up to City Attorney La Roche at settlement today by City Auditor Barber.

In a communication forwarded to the city attorney, Mr. Barber asks if the supreme court decision makes it mandatory upon election officials to deny all the newly registered citizens a vote unless each one qualifies at the polling place under the provisions of the old act.

If it does, as the auditor believes, it means that every man and woman who registered under the nullified act will be compelled to qualify by bringing six freeholders as witnesses to swear to the right to cast a ballot, save those whose names appear in the old books.

Registration Books Closed.

As the registration books are now closed there is apparently no other way out of the difficulty, in the opinion of Mr. Barber. Moreover, he declares, the tangle is almost certain to affect eligible voters who re-registered. Their names were scratched off the old books, and it is said, when they registered in the new ones, and election judges, it is anticipated, will deny them a right to vote, unless steps are taken to acquaint the judges with the true state of affairs before the election.

City Attorney La Roche said he did not wish to discuss the matter finally without giving it careful thought.

In 1899, he said, "the legislature passed an act for registration which provided, among other things, that voters may qualify by having six freeholders swear to their eligibility. The act of 1913 changed the old law in many respects."

But it was set aside by the supreme court as unconstitutional recently, and naturally, the act of 1899 is in force.

"The question, therefore, is whether those who registered under the act of 1913 can be allowed to cast their ballots safely. The fact that they registered will simplify this matter to a marked degree. However, if they cannot be allowed a vote on the strength of the fact that they have registered, then they must, it seems to me, qualify in the regular way at the voting booth. In any event, it does not mean that any eligible voter will be denied a vote. The old law gives them this right. However, there is little doubt but that a large percentage would not take the necessary steps to qualify, and many votes would be lost as a result."

EXAMINATION FOR CAPTAINCY

Civil Service Board May Give Applicants Police Test.

An examination for captain of the police will be held in the city hall, provided the plans now under consideration are carried into effect.

The proposed examination will be held on the request of Mayor Albee, and arrangements are now being made by Secretary Tupper.

Owing to the fact that the eligible list was abolished by the board recently on account of irregularities connected with the examinations, it is impossible at the present time for the mayor, as commissioner of public safety, to make any permanent appointments to the rank of captain.

At present there is one vacancy, which is being filled temporarily by Sergeant Riley. Should Captain Slover resign to enter evangelist work on December 31, as he previously announced, his action would create another vacancy.

It is understood, however, that Slover intends to remain in the service after the first of the year, for the reason that his name was connected with the charges recently developed at the public hearings of the civil service board. Moreover, it is said the board as a whole is unwilling to accept any resignation from Slover until the charges have been thoroughly inquired into.

REDUCE HOURS AND PAY, TOO

Commissioner Finds Solution of City Hall Problem.

An opinion in reference to the applicability of the eight-hour law in the case of W. Smock, an engineer who operates the heating plant in the city hall, was forwarded to Commissioner Brewster by City Attorney La Roche today.

Under present conditions Mr. Smock is working an average of 10 1/2 hours per day, and is receiving pay in ratio.

Recently State Labor Commissioner Hoff notified Commissioner Brewster that it was in violation of law to work Smock so long, notwithstanding the fact that the engineer is willing to do so.

Mr. La Roche states that the city has a chance to win in case it wishes to continue Smock's hours. Mr. Brewster, however, said that he will reduce Smock's working hours instead and avoid any possible friction. Smock's pay will be reduced as a result.

NEW AUTO PUMP IS TRIED OUT

Mayor and Firemen Witness Exhibition of New Device.

The mayor and all the commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Brewster, Chief Dowell of the fire department, Battalion Chiefs Young, Laufer, and Holden, and several out of town fire fighters, assembled at Front

KENTUCKY RATE CASE DECIDED AGAINST THE RAILROADS BY COURT

Reaffirms Right of States to Create Rate-Fixing Commissions; Other Decisions.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Kentucky's maximum freight rate law was approved, in effect, today by the United States supreme court in a test case brought by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. The decision is a landmark in the effort to create railroad commissions with the power to fix intrastate rates.

While the supreme court did not directly declare the maximum freight law valid, it affirmed the decision of the Kentucky court.

In rendering its decision in the Kentucky case, the opinion of the court said:

"The right of a common carrier to make its own intrastate rates is subject to the authority of the state. As long as legislative action is within its sphere, the courts are reluctant to interfere."

The Kentucky rate case was the last of the so-called "railroad cases" decided by the supreme court. Forty-four of these cases were decided against the railroads last summer, among them the much discussed Minnesota rate case. Opinions in all these cases were delivered by Associate Justice Hughes.

In general they affirmed the right of state railroad commissions to regulate intrastate rates even though interstate rates were indirectly affected. The court held that congress had absolute power to give the federal authorities complete jurisdiction over interstate rates, but had not seen fit to do so in the rate regulation thus far placed on the statute books.

The authority of the State Railroad commission of Kentucky to regulate rates was squarely raised in the Kentucky case. The State Railroad commission of Kentucky was created under the McChord act, passed in 1909. It was drawn by Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord. It authorized the state commission to "fix reasonable rates and enforce restitution of overcharges upon traffic strictly intrastate in character."

The Louisville & Nashville railroad instituted a test case, denying the constitutionality of the McChord act as an interference with congress's supervision of rates. On August 31, 1911, the railroad sued to enjoin enforcement of an order of the Kentucky commission reducing rates on liquor between Louisville and other points within the state of Kentucky. The railroad claimed the rates to be confiscatory, but the federal courts of Kentucky upheld the doctrine of "States rights."

The "Commodities Clause."

The supreme court affirmed the \$2000 fine imposed by the federal circuit court at Buffalo, N. Y., upon the Louisville & Nashville railroad for violation of the "commodities clause" of the interstate commerce act. The company admitted transporting hay to be sold to its own meat staples at Scranton, but challenged the validity of the clause.

The supreme court sustained the ruling of the interstate commerce commission establishing a compulsory uniform system of railroad accounting. The court rendered its decision in a test case brought by the Kansas City Southern railroad, in which it was alleged that the commission's order was unreasonable.

GAMBLING IN PRIVATE ROOMS NO SECURITY AGAINST CONVICTION

Can there be such a thing as a portable gambling den?

Attorney B. S. Pague this morning in the municipal court raised this question by saying that six Chinese took a game to the rooms of four Chinese on Saturday night, whereby all were arrested for gambling. This happened at 70 North Fourth street, where the 10 men were arrested. Four live there while the other six were visiting, said Pague.

The four do not gamble, maintain a gambling place or approve it, but the six visitors brought the gambling paraphernalia with them and set up a den.

The court held the six guilty, but discharged the four. One of the six visitors was fined \$10 for promoting the game while five were each fined \$10 for playing.

FIRST EUGENIC PAIR GET MARRIAGE LICENSE

Toia, Kan., Dec. 1.—A marriage license was issued Saturday night to Homer B. Terrill, an assistant in the treasury department, Washington, D. C., and Miss Belle Reed of this city. The bride couple are said to be the first to embrace the modern idea of Eugenic marriage.

Because of the wide publicity given the story of their engagement, both Mr. Terrill and Miss Reed last night refused to state the hour of the wedding, but it is believed to be in prospect for today.

violation of the city ordinances. It is alleged the company charged A. Hebert \$3 for a job netting only \$45 a month, which is excess of the legal limit.

New Fiscal Year Begins.

Today is the beginning of a new fiscal year in Portland. Officials of the treasury office are particularly busy making preparations for the annual audit. The bonds in the hands of the treasurer, amounting to more than \$2,000,000, were brought out of the vaults for counting. They completely covered one of the big desks in the office.

Sues for \$1800 Damages.

James O'Donnell, in a suit before Circuit Judge Gates, asks \$1800 damages against Thomas and R. E. Case, proprietors of Pacific hotel bar, at Twelfth and Washington streets, alleging that he was beaten up by the father and son on May 7. The defense of the Cases is that O'Donnell invited and compelled them to fight, and that only enough force was used to subdue him.

Traffic Manager Coming.

Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway, is expected in Portland this week on a general inspection trip. He is visiting the various business points of the Oregon lines.

Accompanying him is A. J. Wells, a special writer employed by the company, who is authoring a book on the history of Oregon to be published by the company.

COPYRIGHT MONOPOLY IS REFUSED BY COURT

Dealers Can Sell Books for Whatever Price They Please.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Publishers were denied today the right to maintain arbitrary sales prices on copyrighted books, in a decision by the United States supreme court, which also refused to establish a "copyright monopoly" similar to the "patent monopoly" decreed in the Dick Mimeo graph case.

The court's decision was handed down in the suit brought by R. H. Macy & Co. of New York against the American Book Sellers' association and the American Book Sellers' association, charged with composing the national "book trust."

The supreme court in the book trust case was forced to pass upon the validity of laws which it was alleged led to a "copyright monopoly." Some years ago the New York city department store of R. H. Macy & Co. began a legal fight against the American Book Sellers' association and the American Book Sellers' association, charged with constituting a monopoly in restraint of trade.

Mrs. Prudhomme alleges that her arm is useless because of improper treatment following the break. Dr. Rockey contends that the condition of the arm is due to carelessness on the part of Mrs. Prudhomme.

Immigration Agent Here.

Isaiah Wheeler of Cerro Gordo, Ill., traveling immigration agent of the Union Pacific railway system, was in Portland today arranging for the trip of the Dunks who will hold their national convention in Seattle next summer.

Mr. Wheeler said today indications point to a heavy immigration of middle west farmers within the next few months, the short crops of the season just closed having decided many to seek new homes in the northwest. Some, he said, are waiting only for an advantageous sale of their property.

MINING COMPANIES MUST PAY TAX ON ORE

Supreme Court Rules Such Proceeds Are Taxable Income.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Proceeds from the sale of mine ores are "taxable income," according to a decision rendered today by the United States supreme court in a test suit instituted by the Stratton Independence company, limited, against Revenue Collector Howbert of Colorado.

The Stratton Independence company, limited, a foreign mining corporation doing business in the state of Colorado, instituted the test case decided by the supreme court today, involving to a large degree the amount of revenue the government may collect under the corporation tax from mining corporations. This concern maintained that the treasury department's interpretation of the law was incorrect, and although losing in the federal courts of Colorado, carried its appeal to the highest court.

The keystone of the whole case was three leading questions, which were certified to the high court by the United States circuit court of appeals, as follows:

1. Does the corporation tax law apply to mining corporations?

2. Are the proceeds of ores mined by a corporation from its own premises in-

RECEPTION AT MONTAVILLA

The Montavilla Parent-Teacher circle will give a reception tomorrow evening at the Montavilla school house in honor of Superintendent and Mrs. L. R. Alderman, Professor and Mrs. L. A. Wiley and the teachers of the Montavilla school.

HANSON IS CANDIDATE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—Ole Hanson, one of the leading Progressives of Washington, and large property holder in and about Seattle, today announced his candidacy for the Progressive nomination for United States senator to succeed Wesley L. Jones, whose term expires in March, 1916.

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A UNPRECEDENTED opportunity to buy now, before the holidays, at prices even lower than you would pay in January! The crowds Saturday and today were immense, but there are still thousands of the most attractive garments left. Come early tomorrow morning—before they're all gone!

Lot 1-	Lot 2-	Lot 3-
Smart Suits at a great saving. Suits of serges and mixtures, in blues, grays, browns and blacks. Plain tailored and fancy models. Sizes 14 to 42. Splendidly tailored. Suits worth to \$20, for only	Excellent values at the regular price, offered for year-end clearance at a mere song! All styles and materials, both plain tailored and fancy models. All sizes. Suits easily worth up to \$27.50 for	Stunning Suits of the finest men's wear serge, velours de laine, eponge, bedfords, chevots, poplins, etc. Plain and fancy models. Sizes 14 to 51. Come in and convince yourself. Suits moderately priced up to \$32.50 for only
\$11.85	\$16.45	\$19.65
\$22.50 Coats	\$14.45	To \$30 Coats \$18.65
At the very beginning of cold weather, the season's smartest coats sacrificed! Zibelines, Chinchillas, Novelty Mixtures, etc., in the newest models. Specially priced for the Year-End Clearance at		Swagger Coats in handsome two-toned Boucles, Mixtures, Zibelines and Novelty Weaves. In the new 7/8 and 3/4 lengths. Many clever belted effects. Stunning models, splendidly made and excellently lined
only	\$14.45	\$18.65

Dresses Reduced	\$5 Silk Waists \$2.89
\$10.75 Dresses \$ 6.95	Of plain and striped messalines and chiffons in all colors. Tailored and dressy models for the Year-End Clearance \$2.89
\$14.75 Dresses \$ 8.95	
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\$24.75 Dresses \$14.85	
\$31.50 Dresses \$17.95	

Year-End Clearance of Furs

OUR Fur Department is known to sell at the very lowest figures in the beginning of the Fur season, and now, in our Year-End Clearance, we defy comparison! Convince yourself by coming in tomorrow morning. All the season's smartest effects—Shawls, Stoles, Pelerines, Throws and many more. Sets and single pieces, large Barrel and Pillow Muffs. They're going fast, so an early selection is advisable.

\$ 3.95 Furs at \$ 3.19	\$24.75 Furs at \$19.80	\$ 50.00 Furs at \$39.75
\$ 5.95 Furs at \$ 4.60	\$30.75 Furs at \$24.00	\$ 55.00 Furs at \$43.50
\$10.75 Furs at \$ 8.60	\$35.00 Furs at \$27.95	\$ 69.50 Furs at \$55.60
\$14.75 Furs at \$11.85	\$40.00 Furs at \$31.95	\$ 89.50 Furs at \$71.60
\$19.50 Furs at \$15.65	\$45.00 Furs at \$36.00	\$115.00 Furs at \$92.00

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Models Priced Regularly Up to \$25—Hundreds to Select From

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