TOWN TOPICS

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COMING EVENTS

Columbia Central and tri-State Luther league, Portland, October 22 to 24.

Multnomah County Sunday School association convention, November 12.

Western Walnut association, Portland, November 12 to 15.

Oregon State Bar association, Portland, November 16 to 17.

Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, November 15 to 20.

Ice Cream Supply Men's convention, Portland, November 15 to 20.

Oregon and South Idaho Educational union, The Dalles, December 2 to 4.

Oregon State Hotel Men, Eugene, December 3-4.

Western Winter show, Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, The Auditorium, Portland, December 13 to 18.

State Teachers' association, Portland, December.

T. P. A., state association, Portland, December 31.

Retail Hardware and Implement dealers, Portland, January 25 to 28.

Oregon Retail Merchants' association, Marshfield, February.

Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists, February 16 to 18.

Brotherhood of American Yeomen, state convention, Eugene, April, 1921.

Foresters of America, grand court, Portland, May 22 to 28.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Portland, May 10.

Knights of Columbus, state council, Portland, May 30.

A. O. U. W., grand lodge, April, third Tuesday.

State Dental society, 1921.

WEATHER FORECAST

Portland and Vicinity—Tuesday probably rain; northeasterly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Tuesday probably rain; moderate northeasterly winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A storm of marked intensity is apparently central this morning off the Washington coast, warnings for which were ordered displayed at 8:30 a. m. yesterday at all Pacific seaports north of Marshfield. The entire country east of the Mississippi valley is overspread by a great high pressure area, central off the New England coast, and the barometer is relatively high in southern California. Rains have fallen generally in the northern Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states; elsewhere fair weather has prevailed. Changes in temperature have been unimportant, but the temperature is from 5 to 20 degrees above the seasonable average over most of the country east of the Rocky mountains, except in Texas, where it is slightly below.

Relative humidity at Portland: Noon yesterday, 69 per cent; 5 p. m. yesterday, 77 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 83 per cent.

Precipitation since January 1: Total, 26.81 inches; normal, 29.72 inches; deficiency, 2.91 inches.

FRANK GILLAM.

OBSERVATIONS

STATIONS	Temp. Highest Yesterday	Temp. Lowest Last Night	Precipitation Last 24 Hours
Baker, Or.	46	38	.14
Boise, Idaho	54	44	.02
Boston, Mass.	64	54	0
Buffalo, N. Y.	60	52	0
Chicago, Ill.	46	62	0
Denver, Colo.	75	50	0
Des Moines, Iowa	78	60	0
Fresno, Cal.	68	54	.02
Galveston, Texas	80	74	0
Helena, Mont.	48	38	0
Honolulu, T. H.*	82	.....	.02
Huron, S. D.	80	58	0
Kansas City, Mo.	70	62	0
Los Angeles, Cal.	68	54	0
Marshfield, Or.	50	38	1.78
Medford, Or.*	56	41	.28
Memphis, Tenn.	84	66	0
Missoula, Mont.	46	30	.01
New Orleans, La.	82	70	0
New York, N. Y.	68	56	0
North Head, Wash.	48	42	1.58
North Platte, Neb.	76	54	0
Oklahoma City, Okla.	78	64	0
Phoenix, Ariz.	84	54	0
Pittsburg, Pa.	68	50	0
Pocatello, Idaho	46	40	.02
Portland, Or.	52	40	.33
Prince Rupert, B. C.	46	.....	.....
Roseburg, Or.	54	38	.66
Sacramento, Cal.	62	52	.42
St. Louis, Mo.	82	64	.08
St. Paul, Minn.	74	54	0
Salt Lake City, Utah	56	44	.20
San Diego, Cal.	66	56	0
San Francisco, Cal.	62	54	.60
Seattle, Wash.	52	38	.70
Sheridan, Wyo.	56	30	0
Spokane, Wash.	50	40	.02
Tampa, Fla.	84	68	0
Tatoosh Island, Wash.	48	48	.48
Tonopah, Nev.	50	34	0
Vancouver, B. C.	50	42	.28
Walla Walla, Wash.	56	42	.01
Washington, D. C.	74	52	0
Williston, N. D.	64	42	0
Yakima, Wash.	48	34	.12

*Afternoon report of preceding day.

Hear Cure for the Grouch—The audience of young men that gathered Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium heard the receipe for a "sure cure for the grouch," as discovered by Dr. W. T. McElveen, pastor of the First Congregational church. "That grouchy mood may be due to a number of causes," he said. "It may be due to the fact that you live indoors too much. Get out in God's open. Go on a hike. Breathe deeply. Perhaps you are lazy. Your blood is sluggish and your liver is torpid. What you need is not a prayer, but a pill. Bad humor is frequently the result of over nutrition. But more likely your grouch is due to an erroneous philosophy of life. Some think of God as unfriendly, but he is love and good will."

More Books Is Slogan—Children's Book week will be observed from November 15 to 20 by all the local organizations connected with the American Library association, the Booksellers' association and the Boy Scouts of America. The public library will have special programs at the main library and the branches and in the schools, librarians will give talks at the noonday luncheon clubs and other organizations, and the ministers will speak from the pulpits on the value of religious education through books. Exhibits will be placed in downtown windows and model collections of books for children will be shown in branch libraries. "More books in the home" is the slogan adopted.

He Loses His Horse; Walks—Daniel Williams, 618 Wendle street, caught nothing but a cold and bad luck Friday when he went fishing at Oregon slough. Without a fish, and in the rain, Williams had to walk back into the city to catch a streetcar. Daniel had gone fishing in the early morning and, like a king in a chariot, drove out behind old Dobbin; but, when the day was drawing to a close, old Dobbin decided he would wait no longer and broke his tether. Williams asked the police to help him find the animal, which did not return to its stable.

Salem-Mill City Stage Line—Connects O.-E. train No. 5 Salem, arrive Mill City 1 p. m. Also connects O. E. train No. 9 Salem, arrive Mill City 7 p. m. Joseph Hamman, proprietor. Salem. Phone 44.—Adv.

Musicale Tuesday Night—The public is bidden to attend the musicale to be given under direction of the Schumann society in room A of Central library at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Assisting on the program are Genevieve Gilbert, Kathryn Sharkey, Gladys Wheeler, Virgil Edwin Isham, Lila Mae Jewell, Edith Barber and Mary S. Martin, with a lecturette by Roy Marion Wheeler.

Irish Fair Plans—Plans for the Irish fair, to be held in Hibernian hall, November 11, 12 and 13, are almost complete, according to John Farrell, chairman of the committee. The fair will be conducted by a committee from division one, Ancient Order of Hibernians, the women's auxiliary and the Hibernian building association. The object is to liquidate the hall debt. An electric range will be offered as first prize. The two opening nights will be typical fair nights, and the closing night a big dance is scheduled.

Salvage Bureau Topic—The Rotary club will continue its discussion, Tuesday noon at the Benson, of the question as to whether the club should auspice the organization of a salvage bureau for the gathering, renovation and distribution of second hand garments, the primary purpose being to supply the needs of Portland charities and the secondary purpose being to conduct a second hand store for the sale of such articles, all profits to be divided among participating charities.

Missing $420 Found—Excitement reigned supreme in the home of Mrs. F. Wellington, 414 Jefferson street, Sunday morning, when she awoke and found that $420 was missing from a dressing table drawer. The police were called. Investigation revealed no clue. Mrs. Wellington told the police she left the money in a small purse before retiring. Late Sunday afternoon Mrs. Wellington telephoned that she had found the money.

Brooch Is Stolen—Mrs. William James, 153 Thirteenth street, reported to the police that her room was entered and a brooch containing 75 pearls and a small diamond was stolen. The pin, she said, was in the upper drawer of a dressing table. Lilly Sue, 427 Second street, lost a jade pin set with four small diamonds as she steepped from a streetcar at Third and Davis streets. Miss Sue told the police she missed the pin after she had walked nearly a block.

The Next Regular Examination by the Oregon State Board of Dental Examiners will be held in Portland commencing at 1:30 p. m. on November 18, 1920. For further information address Dr. F. W. Hollister, president, 583 East Broadway, or Dr. W. D. McMillan, secretary, 407 Oregonian building, Portland, Or.—Adv.

Clerks for Municipal Service wanted. Twenty-five vacancies. Good positions, steady employment. Bookkeeping experience absolutely necessary. Examination to be held Friday, October 22, 1920. Applications received at room 409, city hall, up to 5 o'clock p. m., Thursday, October 21, 1920.—Adv.

Coffee Can "Bank" Robbed—M. Spiro, manager of the Liberty restaurant, 288 Burnside street, does his own banking. His vault is a coffee can on the shelf over the kitchen stove. Saturday, Spiro went to the "bank" and it was empty. Not being able to comprehend he called for the police. It was reported that $55 was missing.

Hood River Stage leaves St. Charles hotel daily at 8:15 a. m., 10:30 a. m. and 2:45 p. m. Stage for Bridal Veil leaves 4 p. m. Leaves Hood River for Portland at 8:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 2:45 p. m. For further information phone Shepard's Auto Bus Line, Inc., Marshall 4381.—Adv.

Portland-Newberg Busses leave Fourth and Alder daily, 8:30, 9:30, 11 a. m., and 1, 2:30, 4:15, 5:30, 6:30 p. m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 p. m. Phone Main 3314.—Adv.

Oregon Synodical will hold its annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, program beginning Tuesday at 1:30, in First Presbyterian church. Nursery conducted both days where small children may be cared for—Adv.

Steamer Iralda for St. Helens and Rainier, daily at 2:30 p. m., foot of Alder street. Sundays, St. Helens only, 1:30 p. m.—Adv.

McCargar, Bates & Lively—Fire, life casualty and automobile insurance, Yeon building. Telephone Main 168.—Adv.

COMPEL VOTING IS AIM OF PROPOSED LAW AMENDMENT

Seven proposed amendments to the state constitution and four measures—eleven propositions in all—are to be submitted to the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 2. For the information of the voters these various proposals will be summarized and their provisions stated in brief form, commencing with the first to appear on the ballot and continuing in the order in which they will be found there. All are important, some of vital moment to the future welfare of the state and its citizens. Because of this every voter owes a duty not only to the public but to himself individually to digest these different amendments and measures and to register his vote for or against each according to the conclusion he reaches as to the wisdom or unwisdom of each.

The legislature at its regular session of 1919, adopted senate joint resolution 22, providing for the submission of an amendment to section 2 of article 2 of the state constitution, to the people at the regular election of 1920, for their approval or rejection, which proposal has been given the ballot title of "Compulsory voting and registration amendment." This proposed amendment stands first at the head of the list on the ballot. Those who wish to vote for it will vote "300 X Yes," those who desire to vote against its adoption will vote "301 X No."

Section 2 of article 2 of the state constitution as it now stands provides merely that "In all elections not otherwise provided for by this constitution, every citizen of the United States of the age of 21 years and upwards, who shall have resided in the state during the six months immediately preceding such election, shall be entitled to vote." The legislature has provided by statute for registration of voters and for election procedure generally.

TO BROADEN SCOPE

The proposed amendment would broaden the existing provisions of the constitution very materially and pass to the legislature the duty of broadening the statutes in conformity. It provides that "provision may be made by law":

First, "requiring all such persons (that is such citizens as are now qualified to vote by the constitution) to register within their respective election precincts";

Second, "permitting such persons to cast their ballots by mail or otherwise in case of (a) illness sufficient to prevent attendance at the polls, (b) absence from the voting precinct during the entire day of election, (c) service in the army, navy, or marines of the United States";

Third, "providing for compulsory voting."

The law provides that "every elector may be registered" by appearing before the county clerk or by following other special procedure in special cases. Registration is wholly optional with the elector.

ACT COMPULSORY

The proposed amendment contemplates that registration be made compulsory by statute so that every citizen qualified to vote would be forced to register or face the penalty of the law. This is the first radical departure of the amendment from the existing constitutional provisions.

The second subdivision of the amendment presents three cases in which voters may cast their ballot "by mail, or otherwise," which greatly broadens the provisions of the existing "absent voters' law" now on the statute books.

As the law now stands "any elector who is a student in attendance at any institution of learning, also any officer or employe of the United States or of this state and commercial travelers who are absent from their legal residence" may cast their ballot by mail, provided they request that privilege of the county clerk of the county in which their residence is situated 30 days prior to the election.

ABSENT VOTERS' PRIVILEGE

The amendment would extend the privileges of the absent voters' law to those too ill to attend the polls, those who were absent on election day for any cause and to soldiers, sailors and marines.

The third subdivision of the amendment gives the legislature authority to enact a statute compelling electors to vote or to suffer whatever penalty the legislature might see fit to inflict for failure, neglect or refusal to cast a ballot.

It goes without saying or contradiction that all qualified citizens owe a civic duty and rest under a moral obligation to take part in the conduct of government, but the existing theory of the law has fated this duty a moral rather than a legal duty.

The proposed amendment would reclassify the exercise of suffrage as a legal duty and provide a punishment for anyone who failed, neglected or refused to vote. Under its intent every elector would be compelled to vote or to face the penalty of loss of money or of liberty or both, according to the wisdom of the legislature and the temper of the judge.

AMENDMENT RADICAL

The amendment is a radical divergence from the existing theory surrounding the exercise of suffrage, would compel that to be done which is now optional, would make that unlawful which is now lawful. Its proponents contend that it is intended as a weapon with which to put an end to "minority government," where nominations are made, offices are filled and laws are either enacted or rejected by small, minority segments of the voting population.

Its opponents argue that it would be an encroachment upon the privileges and liberties of free and independent citizenship, that it would be unworkable and unenforcable.

Those who would wish to see the amendment written into the constitution will vote "300 X Yes," those who oppose its enactment will vote "301 X No."

LAD STOLE TO GET DRAMATIC TRAINING

William Herder, Portland high school boy, admired the movies. His desire to eclipse the motion picture performances of present stars resulted in his being placed in the city jail.

Herder was arrested last week on charges of petty larceny. He told Lieutenant of Inspectors John Goltz that he wanted to be a great detective star of movieland. He had no money and he wasn't sure he could act.

So he committed many small burglaries to increase his money roll, he said. Then he enrolled in a course of motion picture acting in a local dramatic school. He was given detective parts and was assured of making the movies within a year, he told the police. But he became reckless in his habit of taking other people's property. So he was caught by the police.

John Spady and John Lehr, accomplices of Herder, also were taken into custody by the police. Herder is alleged to have admitted to be the leader of a gang of boys engaged in petty thieving.

Robberies committed by this gang are said by the police to amount to several hundred dollars.

Spady said it was also his ambition to star in the movies. Because he was not so successful as Herder in raising money for his course in motion picture acting, Herder financed his training, he said. These two boys intended to go to California and try to break into the movies next summer, they said.

Hot Lake Arrivals

Hot Lake, Oct. 18.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Friday were: F. W. Cline, Umatilla; Mrs. Leon Comstock, Hailey, Idaho; Peter and George Bofus, Colfax, Wash.; Frank Stillwell, La Grande; L. E. Frietag and J. B. Sullivan, Baker; N. P. and Helga Nielsen, Hayward, Cal.; Marion Strowbridge, Elgin.

Ticket Office Opened

The Reidar Gjolme Co., Inc., has opened offices at 249 Washington street and will engage in the sale of railway and steamship passenger transportation. The company represents the Norwegian American line, the New York Overseas Co., Inc., and other traffic concerns and will also handle a general exchange business. The local office will be in charge of Andrew Anderson, formerly vice consul for Norway at Seattle. A long term lease of the property at 249 Washington street was secured through Wakefield, Fries & Co.

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Big ham and bacon sale, 35c lb.; bacon backs, 30c lb.; 6-lb. cans Rex corned beef, $1.80 can; picnics, 25c lb.; Magnolia and Green Valley butter, 63c lb., $1.25 per roll; strictly fresh ranch eggs, 75c dozen; sirloin steaks, 20c lb.; pork chops, 30c lb.; prime rib roast (boneless), 25c lb. Pacific Market, Fourth and Yamhill.—Adv.

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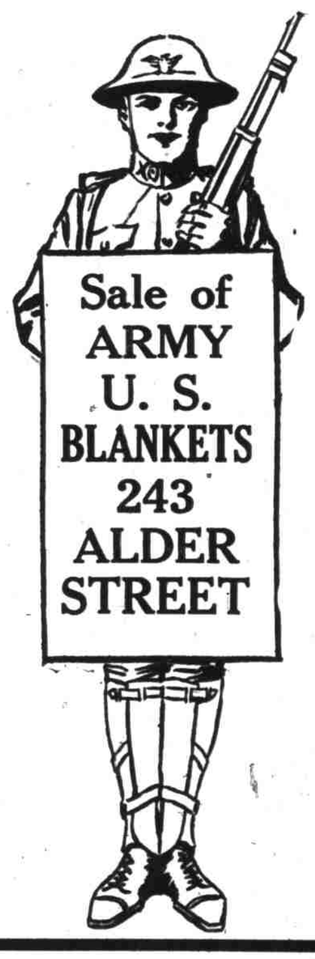

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