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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

A FAIR DEFENCE.

Section 8 of The Dalles charter bill divided the city, for the purpose of municipal representation, into three wards. The present division, it is well known, comprises two wards, the first embracing all the city north of Third street and the second all the city south of the same street. This arrangement makes all the business part of the city into one ward and all or nearly all the residence part into another. The new charter bill proposed to run the lines of the wards north and south, instead of east and west. The first ward would have been all that part of the city lying west of Court street; the second all that part lying between Court and Jefferson and the third all that part lying east of Jefferson. This arrangement would have given each ward a part of the business as well as a part of the residence district. On the face of it nothing could be fairer. As it is the floating population, the mass of irresponsible voters is congregated in one ward, and that the most populous. This one ward largely controls the city, the irresponsible floating vote control it. The arrangement suggested by the new charter would have divided this vote so nearly as convenient among each of the three wards. But the transparent fairness of this division, the very thing that should have commended it to men who desire good and pure city government was the ground upon which it was condemned. With the ward divided in the manner suggested by the new charter, no ward politician, whose strength lay mainly in the irresponsible vote could control the city elections, or at least control them so easily as at present. For this reason only, as we suppose, because we really can conceive of no other, the section referred to was amended by Senator Hilton and the ward divisions of the city left as they are at present. If any one can show that this section of the bill was objected to in the interest of pure city government and the rights of the people we shall be glad to hear from him.

A PROPER PROVISION.

Section 10 of the defeated charter bill provided for the election of the mayor, recorder, marshal and city treasurer as at present, by the popular vote. But it provided for the election of the street commissioners, attorney and night watchmen or special policemen by the council and made the vote of not less than five councilmen necessary to elect any such officer. The section was objected to by the mayoral delegation because it infringed on the mayor's prerogatives and an amendment was offered making these last officers appointive by the mayor subject to the approval of the council. Section 10 was therefore another provision in the interest of good government. Five councilmen were just as likely to make good selections as one mayor. It is said that the appointments were to be approved by the council, we reply that they were to be made by the mayor. The councilmen could make no appointments. A corrupt mayor could reward his pets or his strikers by appointing them to an office, at his pleasure, and if the council refused to approve the office might remain vacant, to the detriment and inconvenience of the city. No such contingencies were likely to arise under the provision of section 10, and no natural right of any man was curtailed or infringed upon by it. An objection to it was in the interest of autocracy and not in the interest of democratic government.

Raising Horses.

The New York prices for horses of good breeding are about as follows: Fine carriage horses bring \$750 to \$1750 per pair; saddle horses \$400 to \$900 each; drivers \$300 to \$900 each; business horses, \$175 to \$300 each. With such prices as these it would seem to be the part of business enterprise to raise horses on the ranch. Where this is done not only is there always an abundance of power for the work to be done on the farm, but this is furnished at a profit. It would be necessary, however, to so arrange crops as to raise all the necessary feed on the place in Western Washington.

All able men are not optimist, but all able men when they are in full health of mind and body are optimist for it is only when the mind is morbid or the body is transiently or permanently fallen from full health that an able thoughtful man refuses to say with Victor Hugo that God reigns and that "progress is always the very stride of God."—Oregonian.

An English court has decided that to call a man a convict after he has served a term of imprisonment, and is legally free, is libellous.

THE NEW CHARTER.

An Act To Incorporate Dalles City and to Define its Powers.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

CHAPTER III. OF ELECTIONS.

Sec. 15. The council shall designate one place in each ward for holding the election therein and shall appoint three judges and two clerks for each ward.

Sec. 16. The recorder, under the direction of the council, shall give ten days notice of each general election, the officers to be elected thereat, the place designated in each ward for holding the election therein, by posting three notices thereof, in three of the most public places in each ward.

Sec. 17. All elections shall commence at 9 o'clock in the morning and continue until 6 o'clock in the evening of the same day without closing the polls. If any judge of election fails to attend and serve at the proper time, the voters of the ward then present may elect another in his place; and if any clerk of election fails to attend and serve at the proper time, the judges of election may appoint another in his place.

Sec. 18. Judges and clerks of election must possess the qualifications of voters in the ward in which they act as such, but a mistake or error in this respect or a failure to give the notice required by this act shall not invalidate any election otherwise legal.

Sec. 19. On or before the second day after election, or sooner if all the returns from all the wards are in, the recorder shall call to his assistance the county clerk of the county of Wasco and a justice of the peace residing in Dalles City, and they three shall then canvass the returns of the election.

Sec. 20. A written statement of the canvass shall be made and signed by the canvassers or a majority of them, and filed with the recorder within the time appointed to complete the canvass; such writing must contain a statement of the whole number of votes cast at such election, the number cast for any person for any office and the names of the persons elected and to what office.

Sec. 21. Immediately after the completion of the canvass the recorder must make and sign a certificate of election for each person declared thereby to be elected and deliver the same to him on demand; such certificate of election shall be primary evidence of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 22. If at any general election two or more persons, candidates for the same office, shall receive an equal number of votes, the recorder shall, as soon as possible, notify such candidates to appear before him at a time and a place fixed by him, and such candidates shall then and there publicly decide by lot which of the persons having an equal number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and the recorder shall make and deliver then and there to the person declared to be duly elected a certificate of his election, as herein provided.

Sec. 23. A contested election for any city office must be determined according to the laws of the state of Oregon relating to contested elections in case of county officers.

Sec. 24. The term of every person elected to office at any general election under this act shall commence on the first Monday in July next following his election and terminate when his successor is elected and qualified, and by such time such person elected to such office must qualify therefor by taking the oath of office and filing such bond or undertaking as may be required of such officer, if any, under this act, or he shall be deemed to have declined and the office considered vacant. The term of office of every person appointed to office under this act shall commence on the day following his appointment and terminate when his successor is appointed and qualified, and he shall within said day following his said appointment qualify for office by taking and filing his oath of office and giving such official bond or undertaking as may be required, or he shall be deemed to have declined and the office considered vacant.

Sec. 25. All officers elected or appointed under this act, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and file with the recorder an oath of office to the effect following, to wit:

I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States and of the state of Oregon, and that I will to the best of my ability faithfully perform the duties of the office of _____ of Dalles City, so help me God.

If the person affirms, instead of the last clause there must be added: "And I promise under the pains and penalties of perjury."

Sec. 26. All of the laws of the state of Oregon regulating and governing general elections and proceedings and matters incidental thereto, shall apply to and govern elections under this act, so far as practicable, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 27. An office shall be deemed vacant upon the death or resignation of the incumbent or when he shall absent himself from the city without the consent of the council for a period of thirty days. The office of councilman shall be deemed vacant whenever any incumbent thereof shall cease to be a resident of the ward which he represents, or shall fail to attend six consecutive regular meetings of the council, unless absent upon leave of the council first obtained; but a change of the boundaries of any ward shall not be deemed to change the residence of any councilman, so as to create or cause a vacancy in such office.

Sec. 28. A vacancy in any office caused by the failure of any person elected to qualify therefor, as prescribed by this act, or made by or consequent upon the judgment of any court or in any of the cases specified in this act, must be filled by the council by appointment, and five councilmen shall be necessary to elect. The mayor shall not be entitled to vote at any such election to fill a vacancy.

Sec. 29. An officer appointed to fill any vacancy must within five days from the date of such appointment qualify therefor as in case of an officer elected, or he shall be deemed to have declined and the office declared vacant.

It is now stated that until Mr. Gray, editor of the proposed new paper, shows his financial status in black and white, the advertising contracts will not be turned over to him, and that furthermore he does not want to start in until harmony has been established among the different projectors of the new daily.—Portland Welcome.

Authorities Who Differ About Skating.—That clever writer and amiable woman, Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, will have to admit that she has been skating on thin ice, so to speak. In undertaking to instruct her readers in the mysteries, graces, science and customs of dancing and skating, she collides with the world's champion, and it is not the latter who is overthrown. Mrs. Barr describes skating as "par excellence, the pursuit purely idle, gay and aristocratic," says "half the work of the skater is done by the foot that is off the ice," tells of "the Fen skaters of Cambridge and Lincolnshire who, with their long runners and a fair wind, do their mile in two minutes," etc., etc. The article has come under the eye of Joe Donoghue, who, having beaten all competitors and holding the world's skating record at all distances, must be conceded competent to join issue with any skater with the pen. From far off Holland he writes in response to Mrs. Barr.

Declining to discuss the "gayety" or "aristocracy" of skating, he says it has always impressed him as "anything but an idle pursuit." He gives the "foot off the ice" no credit except for being ready to use when its turn comes. "I always thought," he says, "that the work is done by the foot that is on the ice." With pardonable impatience the champion dismisses the romancing about the Fen skaters' "mile in two minutes" by pronouncing it "nonsense," as "there never was a skater in England who ever skated a mile in less than three minutes." Joe concedes to Mrs. Barr the dancing floor, but puts his experience and quite extensive observation against her positions regarding skating and skaters in every important particular. If she has faith in her teachings there is only one thing for her to do—challenge Joe Donoghue in person or by champion, after the manner of Rebecca, to meet her on good ice in fair contest, the vanquished to crown the victor champion of the theory and practice of skating.—Utica Herald.

Singular Preservation.—A New York undertaker, who for the past few months has been engaged in disinterring the dead bodies of old Knickerbocker families from the vaults in St. Luke's churchyard, received a special order from an old New York family recently to remove the bodies of two children from a vault in the churchyard. The undertaker opened the coffins. The bodies were in old fashioned metallic coffins, made to conform to the lines of the body, with rounded and narrow ends and a bulging center. Glass plates covered the faces of the dead, and these plates were in turn protected from damage by metallic shields.

When the undertaker raised the metal shield, and saw the faces of the dead he was astonished to find, that though the bodies had been in the vault for forty years they were as perfectly preserved as if they had just been buried. The bodies are those of a boy and girl. According to inscriptions on the caskets the boy died on Nov. 24, 1856, at the age of 4 years, 6 months and 1 day, and the girl on Feb. 7, 1851, at the age of 10 years. The little boy looks as though he were asleep. His mouth is just open enough to show a set of pearly white teeth. The girl is just as well preserved. She also has beautiful blond hair falling down over her forehead almost to the eyes.—Boston Transcript.

The Orchid Craze.—Orchids are spreading all over the world in these days, and we may expect to hear of other instances where a species has taken root in alien climes, like E. coccinea in Brazil. I cannot cite a parallel at present. But Mr. Sander informs me that there is a growing demand for these plants in realms which have their own native orchids. Among customers who write to him directly are magnates of China and Siam, an Indian, and a Javanese rajah. Orders are received—not unimportant nor infrequent—from merchants at Calcutta, Singapore, Hong Kong, Rio de Janeiro, and smaller places of course. It is vastly droll to hear that some of these gentlemen import species at a great expense which an intelligent coolie could gather for them in any quantity within a few furlongs of their godown. But for the most part they demand foreigners.—Longman's Magazine.

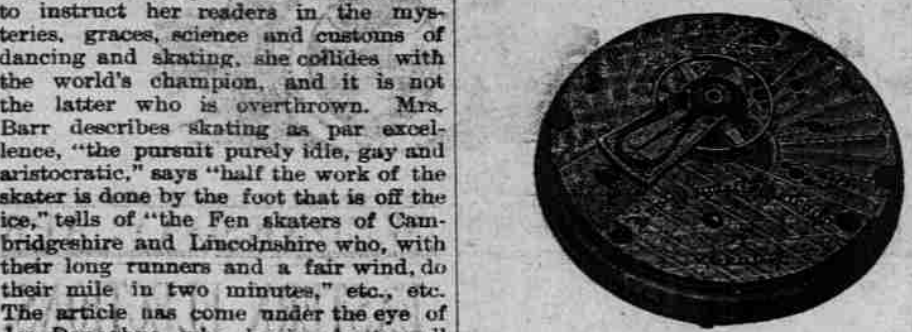
The Figure Nines.—For one hundred and ten years to come, no man, woman or child will write the current date without using the figure 9; for nineteen years during that period 9's must be written—in 1899, 1909, 1919, 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009, 2019, 2029, 2039, 2049, 2059, 2069, 2079, 2089, 2099, and for one year—1999—three 9's will have to be set down. Of the people now living, it is safe to say that no one will ever write the date of his or her own time without using a 9. Besides minding their p's and q's, the next three generations must give particular heed to their 9's. Nine has never been regarded as a particularly lucky number, but beyond question the years in which it will hold so conspicuous a place will bring benefits of undreamed value to the world.—New York Tribune.

Oysters Thriving in California Waters.—Two years ago Max Ehrling placed forty sacks of spawning Long Island sound oysters in the water near the head of the bay. Today the bed extends over a space of 1,500 acres, and the oysters are large enough and in sufficient quantity to furnish the city of San Diego. Compared with the celebrated Saddle Rocks they are one-quarter the size, and with the world renowned Pine Point they are almost identical in shape, size and flavor. The bed is spreading fast.—San Diego Sun.

Burglars' Tools Serve a Good Purpose.—A minor part of our new press came broken, and as the blacksmith here had no drill, through the kindness of Marshall Jackson we borrowed the tools captured from the burglars. It required only about fifteen minutes to drill through a cast iron one and one-fourth inch thick.—Bosnia Vista Patriotic.

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ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of an order of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Wasco, made, rendered and entered on the 25th day of November, 1898, in the matter of the assignment of Wm. Farre & Co., insolvents, I will sell at public auction altogether to the highest bidder for cash in hand upon the premises, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1899, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, all of the following described real property belonging to the estate of said Wm. Farre & Co., insolvent debtors, to-wit:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 in the town of Antelope, in Wasco county, Oregon, together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in in any wise appertaining.

C. V. LANE, Assignee.

Dufur, Watkins & Menefee, Attorneys for Assignee.

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