

ABUSE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Speaker Advocates Prohibiting Circulation of All Petitions

Abuses in the initiative and referendum could be prevented by prohibiting the circulation of petitions, and instead having them on file with county clerks, city recorders, school principals, and primary election boards throughout the state, according to William M. Hamilton, manager of the PEP company, in a speech before the chamber of commerce at its Monday noon luncheon.

At present only about one-eighth of the people who sign such petitions know what they are signing, he says. This is shown in the large number of measures that are overwhelmingly defeated at the elections.

Placing of such futile measures on the ballot costs in the neighborhood of \$100,000, Mr. Hamilton believes.

Reason for the large number of such ignorant signatures is that many people sign them just to get rid of the circulators, he said. The proposed change would eliminate this difficulty and make it sufficiently easy to reach the petitions so that anyone could, with a little trouble, sign one he believed really worthy.

Several other proposed reforms in the present law were outlined by Mr. Hamilton, and alleged weak points in them were pointed out.

Considerable discussion followed the talk, in which it was pointed out by U. G. Boyer, county clerk, that an extra judge would probably be needed on election

boards to answer questions about such petitions, in case they were filed there.

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Hit on Head With Pan Court Sentence Deferred

Anna S. Moline hit Fred Bigler over the head with a steppan yesterday morning, and as a result Mrs. Moline was found guilty of assault and battery yesterday in justice court. Sentence was deferred until report comes concerning more trouble between the two.

Mrs. Moline, who is about 60 years old, was divorced three years ago, and her former husband awarded part of their property. He sold the property to Bigler, and from this the trouble grew.

The ex-husband was the only witness to yesterday's affair, which is said to have been caused by Bigler's attempt to erect a fence. The ex-husband made no effort to warn Bigler of his peril, he said, although he well knew that his former wife was dangerous when angry.

Monthly Dental Report Given at Executive Meet

Dr. Estill Brunk, county dental officer, gave a monthly report yesterday at the meeting of the executive committee of the Marion county dental unit. Those present were Dr. Walter H. Brown, Dr. Brunk, Dr. Carl Miller, Dr. Carl Ellis, and Miss Helen Pippy.

A total of 433 examinations were given to school children, the report stated. Clinics were conducted at 18 schools. Meetings were addressed at the Aurora community club, and the Southern Willamette dental society.

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Roy Livingstone Arrested on Statutory Complaint

Roy Livingstone is lodged in the county jail here, charged with a statutory offense upon the person of a minor girl, a student at Parrish-Junior high school. She is said to be about 12 years old. He is 23. Livingstone appeared in justice court yesterday morning, demanded a hearing, and his case was continued.

Bail was set at \$1000, which Livingstone failed to furnish. The complaint was filed against him by the father of the girl in question.

Fire Equipment Drive Meeting With Success

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Silvertown volunteer fire department opened its drive for funds for more equipment at an early hour this morning. Members of the drive committee report that they were meeting with pretty good success, very few people refusing to contribute. The drive is for the purpose of securing a light fire wagon in order to give more protection.

FIRST TIME SALEM GETS GRAND OPERA

Let's Make Salem Spiritual, Literary, Dramatic, Musical Capital

Editor Statesman: Knowing that your paper takes pride in boosting the natural resources of Salem and vicinity, I felt that you would give some space to the following.

A community is judged according to certain standards, chief among which is its cultural standards. Religions, educational, industrial and artistic aspects of life must be properly balanced if the most is to be had in a well regulated society. Material prosperity is not enough. The exploiting of natural resources will not develop the highest type of home life, and this is nothing new. All thinking people who have the welfare of their home towns at heart realize this truth.

For the first time in the musical and artistic life of this city we are to be favored by the visit of a grand opera company. This company stops in Salem—the only stop between San Francisco and Portland—to give us Puccini's "Madam Butterfly." This to my mind is a challenge and an opportunity for a "main street" sort of existence we are to be given a taste of grand opera in our own home town. Surely this is something to arouse enthusiasm in the most indifferents.

The unconscious influence—our physical and spiritual environments—make us what we are and help shape the destiny of those who come after us. Many a small city in Europe is famous because it is recognized as a musical, religious, or dramatic shrine. Why can we not help make Salem such a shrine? If we show appreciation of the men who are making these opportunities possible we may have and enjoy musical and dramatic feasts; if not, then we sink again into the deadly and deadly routine of mediocrity.

When I was a youngster I used to sell newspapers to make enough money for gallery seats so that I might be able to enjoy the finer types of cultural entertainment. Many a time I have gone without lunch in order to hear Mantell, Mansfield, Bernhardt, Sotheron, the Barrymores and others. Time after time I have sat in the gallery of the Philadelphia Academy



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I am writing this as a lover of all things worth while, and because I want my home town, Salem, to be not only the state capital, but the spiritual, literary, dramatic and musical capital as well.

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Boys Escape, Night Cold, Capture Staged Sunday

Four boys who broke from the basement of the state training school after turning out the lights Saturday night were caught the following morning in the hills near Tarbet after a night spent lost in the woods. The boys showed evidence of considerable exposure to the cold when caught.

They are Morley Galareau, John Burke, Franklin Anderson, and Norman Burroughs. They waded streams, crossed rough land, and wandered through brush during their night in the open, and also broke into a house to take some clothes.

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EAGLES MINSTREL SHOW FOR TONIGHT

Dress Rehearsal Typical, Excellent Entertainment Assured All

Every newspaper reporter knows from sad experience that a dress rehearsal is just "one of those things." There is always a lot of worry, bustle, confusion and fuss. Last minute stuff is bound to be confusing. It takes more than ordinary tact to persuade an orchestra leader that music is not to be played "as written" or to induce a performer to rearrange his ideas as to how to do his stuff.

However, if the Old Fashioned Minstrel show to be presented by Salem's Eagles at the Grand theatre tonight is half as good as the dress rehearsal of last evening indicated it will be a "wow."

The comedians, led by Tom Akers, who also is directing the show, are funny and their songs are of the rollicking order. The ballads, however, deserve a paragraph to themselves. The idea was to select for ballads old-time favorites—the kind that mellowed the hearts of dad and mother in the days of long ago. This idea was a happy one and is certain to make a hit with the public. Every song is well

presented, and some of the solos are really beautifully sung. The big chorus is well drilled and helps amazingly in effectiveness. That most difficult of roles, the interlocutor, is well carried out by S. N. Willitt who gives seriousness and dignity to his lines. The first part, called Merry Memories, is typical of the old fashioned minstrel, with the circle and end-men, and members of the ladies auxiliary in the background above the level of the circle.

The after-piece or Oleo, is excellently planned and presents several elaborate acts as well as specialties by talented residents of Salem. It closes with a rollicking sketch in which the entire company participates.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUBS MEET

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Trinity and St. Johns Young People's societies met at St. John's church and organized a society to be known as Emmanuel Young People's society.

Dorcas society and the Daughters of the Reformation will hold a meeting Tuesday evening of this week at which time they will formulate plans for union.

Portland plans three-mile Vancouver avenue paving project, to Peninsular district.



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