

PETITIONS INVALID

Secretary of State will Not File Petitions.

MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS BEGAN.

C. H. Walker Says That Linn County Grange was Treated Unfairly by the State's Attorney.

Despite the arguments and authorities to the contrary, submitted by Attorney Tillman Ford, for the petitioners, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion, holding the petitions for the referendum of the State University appropriation bill invalid, on the ground of insufficiency of title. At the request of George J. Pearce, of Salem, who presented the petitions for filing, Attorney General Crawford will prepare the complaint by which mandamus proceedings will be instituted to compel the Secretary of State to accept the petitions and place the question on the ballot.

In declaring the petitions insufficient, Attorney General Crawford stands upon the mandatory declaration of the law, which provides that a full and complete copy of the measure and the title shall be put upon the petitions and that if any portion of the title or body of the act is to be omitted there is no rule provided by which a line is drawn or designating what portion of the title or act may be eliminated. All of the questions involving the legality of the petitions will be brought out in the suit.

C. H. Walker, who returned late Monday night from Salem, states that the referendum committee of the Linn County Grange did not believe that the Attorney General had acted with fairness to the petitioners in that after he had verbally agreed to leave the matter to some disinterested attorney for decision, he had then rendered an opinion himself against the referendum petitions.

Speaking in this relation, Mr. Walker said that while in Salem, Attorney General Crawford and Attorney Tillman Ford and himself had had a conference, in which the Attorney General said that he would abide by the decision of any circuit judge in the state as to the right of the petitioners to file the referendum petition on the university appropriation.

"Having this clear statement of the Attorney General to go by," said Mr. Walker, "Mr. Ford and myself did not take any further action Monday. We expected that by mutual agreement the whole question would be referred to some prominent legal expert, and whatever his decision might have been we were to abide by it. Imagine my surprise this morning when I read in the Oregonian that Attorney General Crawford had rendered an opinion contrary to our position in the matter. What could have caused him to back down on his verbal agreement with Mr. Ford and myself, I cannot say. However, the Linn County Grange will make a fight to test the legality of the Attorney General's decision, and Mr. Palmer will go to Salem to confer with Attorney Ford concerning the commencement of mandamus proceedings. The members of the Linn County Grange do not believe that the wishes of over six thousand voters should be turned down on a mere technical provision, and will carry the case, if necessary to the highest courts."—Albany Herald.

Latest style of visiting cards at The Leader office at 75 cts. per 100.

THROW NAMES IN WASTE BASKET

Says Eberlin, Southern Pacific Land Agent, When Roseburg Men Make Tender for Timber Land.

Roseburg, Or., June 1.—Attorney Orcutt and Al Creason, who represented the Douglas county settlers who wish to purchase railroad lands, have returned from San Francisco and state that they called upon Mr. Eberlin three times before they finally were admitted. The chief clerk informed them that Eberlin knew who they were, where they were from and their mission, and that it would do no good to see him. Mr. Orcutt persisted and was finally admitted, when after hearing the names of the settlers read, he invited Orcutt to throw them in the waste basket. They were left on file, however, in the railroad agent's office.

Oregon Girls Not Pleased With New York City.

New York, June 2.—A New York paper today says:

Fourteen Oregon girls who were sent here to study New York are greatly disappointed with the country's metropolis. New York is not all that they imagined from the full-page Sunday paper accounts of the largest city of the Western hemisphere. The buildings along Broadway are small, the women are "actressy" looking, the men impolite enough to retain their seats in the cars while women stand, and the streets are dirty. Philip S. Bates is chaperone of the party and also chancellor of the exchequer, because the girls hustled subscriptions for his paper. Mrs. C. E. Redfield is the chaperone proper. Everybody at the Martha Washington hotel, where the tourists are stopping, agree that the girls are so sensible, so well-behaved and so interested in the higher things of life that Mrs. Redfield must have an easy time.

Salt Water Found at the Depth of 600 Feet.

Roseburg, Or., June 4.—The contractors who are boring the well on the Southern Pacific company's property near the roundhouse in this city, made an unexpected discovery last Friday. For the past month they have been drilling through a hard blue stratum, but Friday the drill at a depth of 600 feet, passed through this formation, and into a sand resembling sea sand, but considerably darker at this point. A very salty and brackish water began flowing into the well and soon reached a depth of about 130 feet, or nearly sea level. The United States Geographical survey places the exact measurement at the place as being 464 feet above the sea.

Drilling operations were at once suspended and the strike reported to the Southern Pacific officials, who will investigate, as the contract is for a 1,000-foot well, and it is not known whether the company will continue the work or not, as their object in drilling the well is to get a supply of pure water for use on the trains and engines.

Dies at Harrisburg.

R. A. Rappy, a prominent Harrisburg banker, died at his home in that place Monday night at 6 o'clock. The deceased was aged about seventy years and has resided in Oregon since 1852.

Eighth Grade Examination.

The eighth grade final examination for the public schools will be held:

May 16, 17; June 13, 14, 1907. Teachers who have pupils ready for the examination should notify me of the number of questions wanted and the name of the person appointed to conduct the examination at least 15 days before the date for which the questions are wanted.

W. B. DILLARD, County Superintendent.

STATE AND COUNTY

News of Interest In a Condensed Form

AS TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

If you want to see the beauty of nature, get up at 5 o'clock in the morning. Then the air is the purest and sweetest, the birds are bursting their throats and the flowers are sending out their perfumes. Try it once, and see how it affects you. As for the Argus force—"please go 'way and let me sleep."—Hillsboro Argus.

We believe that more than 75 per cent of the voters of Stayton favor an open saloon properly conducted, but we doubt if 10 per cent favor conditions as they exist at present, and the indications are very plain that, if the saloon-keepers will not obey the law, and the city authorities will not compel them to do so, the people at the next local option election will put them out of existence.—Stayton Times.

Articles of incorporation were filed in Salem this week by the Myrtle Creek Baptist church; trustees, C. Luddington, J. W. Benefiel and James Harman; location Myrtle Creek; capital stock \$30.

The steam schooner Leggett, now lying in Yaquina harbor, where she is loading lumber for San Francisco is to sail Thursday. She will carry 825,000 feet of lumber from the Curtis Lumber Company's mill at Mill City to the Bay city.—Corvallis Times.

Three Benton horses went by boat to Portland Friday, having been purchased by Wiley & Snow of J. W. Melville, who resides on a farm he recently purchased out of the R. Skipton place. An interesting part of the shipment is that the three animals are said to have brought \$900 and that for one or them about \$500 was probably paid. The latter is a driving mare of phenomenal parts. She has a record of going to Salem, 35 miles in four hours without any sign of fatigue or distress. She can cover 10 miles an hour on a country road with the ease that most horses can do six. She is but five years old, but is a thoroughbred Altamont, which accounts for her going ability, both on the road and in the market. The other two horses were an ordinary span of draft animals.—Times.

Gene M. Simpson has over 250 little China pheasants already hatched, on his place in the western part of town and it is a busy time with Gene, as the little birds are difficult to raise unless one knows his business. There is such a demand for these birds that fanciers get almost any price they ask for them, as other states are desirous of stocking their domains with the beauties.—Corvallis Ex.

Fire started from the sparks of the Jefferson sawmill last week threatened the destruction of the entire town. It was by desperate efforts that the blaze was extinguished.

Eugene Business College will begin a summer session June 1st. Book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting. Removed to the Rankin building, 7th and Willamette Sts. Send for catalogue. Address W. J. Hooker, Principal, Eugene, Oregon. 7-3.

For Sale.

Surface sidewalk lumber cut to length \$11. Better grade \$13 at Brown Lumber Co's mill Cottage Grove, Oregon. 6-4

SALARIES FOR POSTMASTERS

Beginning July 1 several Oregon postmasters will have an increase in salary. Ashland comes up to \$2200, Corvallis to \$2100, Dallas to \$1700, Hood River to \$2200, Jacksonville to \$1400, Klamath Falls to \$1800, LaGrande to \$2400, Lebanon to \$1400, McMinnville to \$2100, Marshfield to \$2000, Medford to \$2000, Newberg to \$1600, North Bend to \$1400, Oregon City to \$2200, Portland to \$5000, Prineville to \$1600, Roseburg to \$2200, St. Johns to \$1500, Tillamook to \$1500. The only towns going back were Huntington from \$1200 to \$1100, Wasco from \$1400 to \$1100, and Weston from \$1000 to fourth class.

Live Stock Interest to be Recognized.

(Special Correspondence)

Portland, Oregon, June 3d, 1907. Tremendous interest is being developed in the convention of the Oregon Development League June 21st and 22d and large delegations are assured from all sections of the state as a result of the low rates of transportation. An advance meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the different organizations composing the league will be held in the convention room of the Portland Commercial Club (second floor 6th & Alder streets.) Thursday night, June 20th at 8 o'clock. The hope of the league officers relative to this meeting is, that the active men of Oregon may be able to unite upon plans that will greatly add to the population of the state, and agree upon some scheme which will secure the co-operation of the entire population of the state in getting the full advantage of the colonist rates which begin September 1st and continue until October 31st.

The Portland Rose Show and Fiesta is to be a great attraction and it will certainly be of much benefit to visitors from all parts of the state of Oregon, as any movement that brings us nearer to nature's beautiful things does us good.

Dr. J. T. McCormac, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, spent two days last week in Portland studying the advertising carried on by the league and the commercial bodies and also to decide upon plans which will result in the greater advertising of the Coos Bay country.

Hon. John Barrett's address before the Portland Commercial Club on "Oregon's Growing Influence in National Affairs" was easily one of the very best development speeches ever delivered in Oregon.

The success of the Live Stock Association is assured. Thursday morning at 10 o'clock there will be a meeting in the parlors of the Portland Commercial Club to solicit subscriptions for stock, and Portland owes the perfecting of the organizations to the state at large, for everyone realizes that the greatest success of the Lewis & Clark Exposition was the live stock show; that the greatest advertisement Oregon received at the St. Louis Exposition was the fact that "Loretta D" proved to the world by drawing first prize that Oregon was the world's best dairy country, and now with the location of both Armour and Swift, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest should go forward in the development of live stock and supply the Orient and Alaska, the best markets in the world.

The tourist rates at a little more than one fare for the round trip and good for Oregon from all parts of the United States went on sale Saturday in all ticket offices throughout the country.

Attention Horsemen.

The Leader Job office has just bought several new horse cuts and is prepared to print horse bills at very reasonable prices. Horsemen will do well to call before placing their order elsewhere.

EXCELLENT SHOWING

Of Cottage Grove Post-Office Receipts.

LARGE INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

The New Post Office Building and How it Will be Equipped With all Modern Devices.

It is generally conceded that the pulse of the business of a town is reflected by the business of the post office and if this be accepted as correct Cottage Grove is in a very healthy and enviable position. On inquiry we learn that the receipts of the sale of postage stamps for the month of May 1907 exceeded by 20 per cent the same period in 1906. Our city, while not experiencing an inflated boom, is building up quietly and surely. The improvements being made are numerous and permanent both in beautifying our homes and the public streets and if the same good work in this line is kept up during the summer we will have a city that will attract the attention of capitalists all over the state.

The new post office quarters will be finished by July 1, the new equipments for which are now on the way from the Pacific Post Office Equipment Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., the cost of which is \$1600. It is of the most modern style throughout and will include all the conveniences for a third class office. It will have 500 keyless automatic lock boxes, but no call boxes will be installed. At the present time the office is equipped with a total of four hundred lock and call boxes, but the demand is greater than the supply, several parties being compelled to patronize the general delivery, but at the per cent increase of the past year another year may demand a further increase of boxes. This shows a healthy growth of the city, the future of which only depends upon the energy and all-pull-together will of the people.

A Dramatic Scene.

When at the close of his address on decoration day Dr. Bell asked if there were among the veterans present any who had taken part in the battles of Winchester or Cedar Creek, the two union soldiers stepped to the platform. "Are you willing to shake hands with a man who for four years wore the gray?" Three hands were grasped and as the trio stood there, a concrete illustration of a reunited North and South, the audience thundered its approval. Many eyes in the large audience were dimmed with tears at the sight, which was a spectacle of dramatic intensity seldom seen.—Times.

Hinds has some of the best residences in the city for sale on good terms.

WEST COAST MINES COMPANY.

The New Company Which Takes the Place of the Oregon Securities.

The West Coast Mines Company is the name of a new mining company just incorporated under the laws of Oregon, and in substance takes the place of the Oregon Security Company that has been operating several years in the Bohemia Mining district.

The story of the old company has been often told and the details and objects of the new company are as was given in the Nuggett some weeks ago. The new name, West Coast Mines Company, have been selected, and the officers and remainder of the directors will be elected at a meeting of the company to be held in New York city early this month, part of the directors have already been decided upon. There are one million five hundred thousand shares of stock in the new company; eight hundred thousand shares have been disposed of in securing the property holdings of the Oregon Securities Company and paying accrued debts of the former company. The amounts were raised by selling four hundred thousand shares of preferred non cumulative seven per cent stock at sixty cents a share, and four hundred thousand shares of common stock at twenty cents a share, making the three hundred and Twenty thousand dollars with which all right and title of the Oregon Securities Company passed into the possession of the new company, leaving seven hundred thousand shares of treasury stock in the treasury and every incumbrance paid off.

The plan for future development of the properties of the companies is to sell to former stockholders of the Oregon Securities Company what they want of the seven hundred thousand shares of Treasury stock at twenty cents a share, then offer it to investors at a higher price.

Considering the reduction in capitalization from five million shares in the Oregon Securities Company to the capitalization of the new company, fifteen hundred thousand shares the price of twenty cents a share, is really no higher than the former stock and capitalization would have been at six cents a share, that is, the new company have the same property as the old company, and at the twenty cent price per share in the new company the same purchasing value is had as if six cents were paid in the former company with its capitalization. The price asked is the same price paid for the common stock by the principal owners of the stock of the company.

A system of deep development is planned and all money earned by the mill, and that received from the sale of treasury stock will be expended as rapidly as possible in carrying out the present arrangements. The success of this company and many others, has its influence in interesting capital for Bohemia.

Lebanon Criticism:—There is not only a car shortage but there is a big shortage in mechanics, especially among carpenters. A call came from Albany this week for a few good carpenters to go there but they could not be found here. All the workmen here had all they could do and weeks of work ahead.

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