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NEW ELECTION LAW PLEASING TO WOMEN OF OREGON.

Number of Members on Board Reduced From Six to Five—County Clerk Now Selects.

Hereafter judges and clerks for county and state elections will be selected by the county clerk, instead of by the county commissioners. This is according to a change made in the election laws by chapter 325, laws of 1915. Chapter 325 also reduces the number constituting an election board from six to five. Formerly there were three judges and three clerks on each board. Hereafter there will be two judges and three clerks.

Another change made in the election laws eliminates the requirement that voters must give their age when registering. This was very objectionable to many women voters. All that is required now is to make affidavit that the voter is over 21 years old.

Varying opinions have been expressed on the provision authorizing the county clerk to select the list of election judges and clerks. The list must be approved by the county commissioners. One view is that the change gives the county clerk a great deal of patronage, although petty in nature, and may be used by the clerk to further his political interests. Another view is that the change is in the interest of efficiency, as under the old law the work of selecting the judges and clerks was largely delegated by the county commissioners to an employe. It is contended that when difficulties arise on election day a county official should be responsible and be on hand rather than an employe.

"BATHTUB" IS NORMAL QUIZ.

College Students Start Novel Move For Cleanliness.

The first bathtub census of Monmouth, if not the first in history, was carefully and systematically conducted recently by students of the state normal college with what is presumed to be a remarkable showing for cleanliness. It was shown that 42 per cent of the city's homes were in possession of the sanitary arrangement known as a bathtub. The percentage of homes using the tubs was not recorded by the students with the foregoing result. However, the social survey has only begun in earnest, it is announced, and ere long independence, being nearest to the seat of hygienic and bathtub culture, will, in the language of the tonorialist, be "next." The result will naturally be watched with interest, the horse race city having become somewhat famous for foamy baths. Dallas and Salem, too, would naturally fall into the path of the normalists for an investigation as to cleanliness. Should the girls at the normal be so bold as to announce their itinerary in advance it is a sure bet that Dallas would be proud of its record. Dallas people, while leaning strongly toward the sponge bath, the sun bath, and dips in the placid Rickreall, will welcome any kind of census that may be taken by the college students. Dallas fears not the investigation of the normalites.

GOVERNOR NAMES DELEGATES.

Four Polk County Boys Appointed to Corn Convention.

At the request of the National Top Notch Farmers' club, Governor Withycombe has announced the appointment of three boys from each county of Oregon as delegates to the Universal Corn convention to be held in San Francisco, August 5 and 6. These boys have been selected upon recommendation of the county superintendents of the state because of the interest they have manifested in agricultural work, either in school or on the farm.

This is the list of those named from Polk county: Ebben Ray, Williamina, Paul Scott, Independence, R. 2; Edwin Brown, Dallas, R. 1; Frank Tubandt, Airtie.

Buell Trout Recognize Orr.

Buell correspondence to Sheridan Sun: "County Sheriff Orr and family of Dallas spent Sunday trying to catch brook trout on Mill creek, but the trout had had their breakfast before the sheriff arrived. So after spending some time without any luck, he decided to try some other place. At Rogue river he made a second attack on the trout."

Another Complaint From Polk.

S. H. McElmurry of Ledford, a station three miles south of Independence, has filed formal complaint with the public utilities commission asking that the Southern Pacific railroad company be required to install a spur or sidetrack at that station, for the accommodation of carload shipments of freight to and from that station.

Sheridan Sawmill Shuts Down.

The closing down of the Sheridan mills last week threw some 200 men out of employment at the mill and camps, said one who had just returned from the work. The Sheridan Sun says at the closing down of the plant, puts a large number out of employment, and most of the crews took

the misfortune with good nature. Two of the mill crew, the Sun says, who had listened long to the song of the saw, fell into the arms of the muses with the following which was engraved on a shingle and posted in the mill:

"We got it at last straight in the neck, hit in the pocket with a big time check; we obeyed the order of Foreman Hill and now we are leaving the dear old mill. Like sawdust and chaff in the wind we are whirled and are now going forth in the cruel world; we are going forth against our wish with nothing to do but to hunt and fish; where we go we cannot tell, but the little fish will sure get h-l."

APPROPRIATION BILL FAULTY.

Location of Normal Training Building Omitted From Act.

Although attorneys question the constitutionality of the act passed by the last legislature appropriating \$50,000 for a training building for the state normal because the act does not specifically state where the building shall be erected, Attorney General Brown has expressed the opinion that this is not a fatal defect, and work will probably go forward on the structure after plans and specifications have been completed. The title of the bill simply refers to the Oregon normal school, the location of the institution being omitted entirely. Leading attorneys of the state hold that under the act it would be difficult to determine where the building is to be constructed, notwithstanding the fact that there is but one normal school in operation within the state. A further objection urged is that neither the title nor the act itself specifically state for what purposes the training school building is to be used.

ORDER DEDICATES NEW HALL.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Unite in Celebration.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Kings Valley are now comfortably located in the new hall, recently completed upon a beautiful site in picturesque Kings Valley. The building was dedicated on the evening of June 4th in the presence of members of the order from all parts of the valley, and it is said by those present that the ceremonies conducted by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the home lodges were very beautiful and impressive. Grand Patriarch Andrews and Deputy Grand Master Westbrook of Portland were present and expressed themselves as highly gratified at the ceremonies. The supper served on the occasion is said to have been of the highest order and did credit to the ladies who prepared it. The Observer congratulates the three-linkers of King's Valley upon having built and moved into their new home.

DESPONDENT DANE IS SUICIDE.

Patient at Insane Asylum Hangs Self By Strings and Suspenders.

Hans Sorenson, an epileptic patient at the Salem asylum, on Thursday hanged himself to earth by hanging himself to the fixtures in a toilet room of the asylum, the attachment being made of shoestrings and suspenders. Having been informed that there would be no funds available for his transportation to his native land when discharged, the patient imparted the knowledge that there would be little chance for a Dane and soon his lifeless body was found in the toilet. Sorenson was committed from Multnomah county and was 56 years of age. He had been crippled in a railway accident at Portland.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST DALE.

Temporary Insanity Will Be His Plea When Brought to Trial.

Ira Dale, formerly a resident of Dallas and well known throughout this county, was twice indicted at Pendleton last Saturday for second degree murder, he being charged with shooting and killing Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogilvie, who lived south of Pilot Rock, on June 3, a detailed account of which has heretofore appeared in the columns of The Observer. Dale will probably be brought to trial at Pendleton within three weeks. It is reported from there that he will offer temporary insanity as his plea.

Perrydale Band in Portland.

The Perrydale band, under the leadership of S. P. Caldwell, attended the Rose carnival at Portland last week and discoursed music during the festivities. Of this organization the Portland Journal says: "This band was organized by Mr. Caldwell in 1911 at Perrydale, a small town in Polk county, and is the pride of the community. Most of the members are farmer boys who find recreation in the study of music during leisure hours, and that they do so industriously was demonstrated by the splendid showing made both on the band stands and in the various parades in which they appeared."

Fill Your Boxes Well.

The state sealer of weights and measures has officially ruled that "berry boxes must be well filled when sold by the box." He adds: "A well filled box is not a box three-fourths full, but is one in which the contents will average level full." The state legislature of 1915 passed a law standardizing the size of the berry boxes, and this law is in effect at the present time.

Yocum Home Is Burned.

Fire, which is supposed to have been due to a defective fuse, destroyed the farm home of H. A. Yocum, southeast of Balltown, causing the complete destruction of the home on Wednesday; most of the contents being saved. The fire was discovered about two o'clock in the afternoon. The property was insured for a small amount.



ANOTHER DALLAS CHAUTAUQUA ATTRACTION.

This community may consider itself fortunate in having H. Ruthven McDonald, the Canadian baritone, on its program. If Mr. McDonald does not create a most favorable impression here, it will be the first place in the circuit that music lovers have not been fairly entranced by him. There is probably no singer so much sought after for concerts and entertainments, for he is a general favorite. He has an extensive reper-

NEW PLANT IS IN VIEW

GRANGE WOULD HAVE FERTILIZER FACTORY HERE.

Agricultural College Experts Give Encouragement to Proposition, and Make Recommendation.

The Oregon Agricultural college has undertaken to induce the state to purchase land in Polk county carrying lime stone, and erect thereon a fertilizer manufactory for the benefit of the farmers of this and other Willamette valley counties. Representatives of the state institution have visited the property deemed practicable for this use, made tests of the material there found, and pronounce it equal to anything of the kind in Oregon.

It has been figured out by these experts that fertilizer can be furnished here at \$2.50 per ton as against \$5 per ton for the imported article, thus making it possible for farmers to use it extensively not only in Polk county but throughout the Willamette valley. The grange is urging that action be taken by the state without unnecessary delay, and with the support of the college authorities it is not improbable that a fertilizer manufactory may be in operation here in the not very distant future.

GRADUATES WITH HIGH HONOR.

Louis Holsington Passes An Examination of Note at U. of O.

The distinction of being graduated with "highest honors in a given subject" will be accorded tomorrow to Louis B. Holsington, acting principal of the Astoria high school, who early this week emerged successful from an hour's oral examination before a committee of four which applied the "highest honors" test. Mr. Holsington's subject was psychology, in which he has taken all the courses offered at the University of Oregon. In all his psychology courses he has received either S. or H., the highest two grades possible. He received H. in his experimental work.

Mr. Holsington's graduation thesis was on "Eccentric Projections of Touch." In preparing which he did an amount of original research work that is uncommon for a candidate for merely a bachelor's degree. His thesis was as good as those ordinarily put in for a Master of Arts degree, according to Dr. Kari Dallenbach, instructor in psychology, with whom Mr. Holsington did his experimental work.

Mr. Holsington is the first man to receive highest honors in psychology at the state university and is the only one who will receive that grade in psychology this year.

Grange Will Picnic Sunday.

The members of the Monmouth grange will assemble at the farm home of Mr. Stockholm, south of the school town, next Sunday and enjoy a basket dinner and picnic. Mrs. Stockholm is secretary of the grange. On July 4 the grange will picnic on the Cephas Nelson place.

H. F. Smith and family of Moscow, Idaho, are to become residents of Dallas.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE OVER

THIRTY PUPILS GRADUATE FROM THE DALLAS HIGH.

Superintendent Churchill Delivers Stirring Address, and Mrs. Craven Presents the Diplomas.

The closing exercises of the Dallas high school commencement week were held Friday evening at the high school auditorium, a large audience being in attendance. The students assembled on the lower floor, and marched to the auditorium to a grand march played by Miss Marjorie Holman. The spacious stage was banked with beautiful roses and ivy, pink and green, the class colors, predominating. The young ladies were daintily gowned in white frocks, while the young men wore the customary blue, making a stage setting that was decidedly pleasing. The gowns worn by the girls of the class did not exceed in price the five dollars stipulated by them, which may be considered an economical departure from the usual custom for such occasions. The auditorium was most artistically decorated with ivy, sweet peas and ferns.

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The Alumni Banquet. The Alumni banquet on Saturday evening concluded commencement week. The dining room at the Gall hotel was artistically decorated for the occasion, while the tables carried beautiful bouquets of roses and ferns. The dinner was in four courses. Mr. Harold Miller of the class of 1914 acted as toastmaster, and during the evening the following toasts were responded to: To Dallas High School, Dora Hayes, '14; Looking Backward, Josephine Leubke, '13; To the Girls, Ray Boydston, '13; Looking forward, Jack Eakin, '15; To the Boys, Carolyn Ghorke, '13; The High School from the View Point of a Director, Mrs. Ora Cooper.

The toasts were much appreciated by the guests and alumni. The menu was as follows: Olives, sweet pickles, salad, baked salmon and potatoes, spring chicken with dressing, vegetables, hot rolls, ice cream, cake, nuts, raisins, coffee.

The guests of the Alumni Banquet association were: Messrs. Laird Woods, Pauline Coak, Hallie Smith, Ray Boydston, Helen Loughary, Elmer Baldersee, Muriel Grant, Frank Wilson, Josephine Leubke, Dora Hayes, George Ellis, Ned Shaw, Ruth Campbell, Jessie Snodgrass, Willis McCandless, Helen Casey, Ernest Holsington, Elva Lucas, Miriam Hart, Marjorie Bennet, Francis Harrington, Fred Gooch, Harold Miller, Herbert Shepherd, Marguerite Krite, Ada Blodgett, Georgia Curtis, Mrs. Ora L. Cooper, Marie Griffin, Fred Stinnett, Pearl Smith, Jack Eakin, Lucille Hamilton, Joe Helgeson.

OLD ALUMNI TO GATHER.

Christian College at Monmouth to Be Host Tuesday.

Farmers, teachers, lawyers, doctors and business men, who completed their training at the Old Christian college at Monmouth in the years following '74, will gather in that city today. A picnic will be held on Cupid's Knoll, west of the city. Many student romances have occurred there. Although it has been nearly a half century ago, the old "grads" who say they will be there, have bright recollections of school mates and former surroundings. The alumni now number more than 1300.

Gets Light Sentence.

W. E. Fox, whose escapades as a labor bureau manager were chronicled in The Observer several weeks ago, and whose arrest was made by a United States marshal, pleaded guilty last week in federal court at Portland and was sentenced to three months in the Multnomah county jail for defrauding through the mails. Mr. Fox worked at his trade as painter while in Dallas.

Annual Picnic at Shady Lane.

Saturday, June 13, has been named as the date for the annual farmers' picnic at Shady Lane, ten miles south of Dallas. The usual program of sports by the schools will be carried out with cash prizes for winners of the sports. H. T. French of the agricultural department of the state agricultural college will deliver the address.

Railroad Work Resumes.

Work on the Valley & Siletz road has been resumed and Superintendent Ronald expresses the opinion that there will be no further delay in the completion of the line. Operations are now in progress at the west end, and about fifty workmen are employed.

Odd Fellows Elect.

Independence Odd Fellows have elected the following officers for the coming term: Ray S. Reeves, noble grand; Edwin J. Stringer, vice grand; D. D. Good, secretary; H. Hirschberg, treasurer—Monitor.

Death of Richard Elder.

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McCoy Man For Governor.

There is talk in some quarters of the state of campaigning the Hon. C. L. Hawley of this county for governor at the next election, the promoters believing that he would receive greater support than any other republican that could be named, not excepting the present incumbent. That Mr. Hawley is peculiarly fitted to fill the important position of chief executive of the state is a foregone conclusion, and should he whirl his hat into the gubernatorial arena he would have a larger following than even his most intimate friends might hope for. But what's the matter with the present incumbent?