LISTS TO BE SENT OUT

OLCOTT APPRISES CLERKS OF INTERPRETATION OF LAW.

Amendment at Session of 1915 Is Explained by Attorney General. Blanks Sent Out.

The secretary of state is still authorized by law to furnish voters' list, constituting poll books, to the county clerks, according to an opinion that has been handed down by Attorney General Brown. Both Secretary of State Olcott and many of the county clerks of the state were in doubt whether this was necessary because of amendments to the law at the last legislature.

Secretary Olcott on November 6 met in conference, Miss I. M. Harrington, clerk of Clackamas county; Stacy M. Russell, clerk of Lane county; Max Gehlhar, clerk of Marion county, and J. N. Bush, deputy clerk of Multnomah county, at which all phases of the law were considered, and blank forms for writing up the alphabetical lists in duplicate of the voters in the several voting precincts in the state were prepared, and when printed a sufficient number will be furnished each county clerk for the requirement of his county. These will be forwarded before January 1.

Secretary Olcott has given this information in a letter sent out to all county clerks in the state and adds the following:

"It might be added for your information that while apparently the provisions of chapters 209, 225 and 326, laws of 1915, conflict as to the forms of poll books and voters lists which are to be used, the attorney general has advised that:

"'A general review of all three statutes under consideration shows that the intention of the legislature in passing chapter 209 was to amend the manner of making and keeping poll books, hereafter to be known as voters' lists, and the method of recording the ballots. The intention in passing chapter 225 was as stated in the title of said chapters 'To provide for the registration of voters,' and that is the entire ground covered by said chapter, including the making of the voters' lists for use by the judges and clerks of election. Chapter 326 as already stated, has reference only to the change in the number of judges and clerks at election.

"'It is apparent, therefore, that there is no conflict between any of these statutes, and that the provisions of chapter 209 are to control with respect to the subject covered by said chapter, and the provisions of chapter 225 control with respect to the registration of voters covered by said chapter, and chapter 325 controls with reference to the number and duties of judges and clerks of election, and does not re-enact or amend any of the provisions of either of the earlier chapters.'

"On account of the apparently conflicting provisions of the several laws pertaining to voters' lists and poll books (chapter 209, laws 1915), the registration of voters (chapter 225, laws 1915), and duties of judges and clerks of election (chapter 326, laws 1915), this office advised with some of the county clerks as stated, so that a form of voters' list and poll book best adapted to the requirements of all might be furnished. The printing of these forms will be taken up at an early date and a few complete copies furnished you in advance of the regular supply in order that you may familiarize yourself with the same prior to the time of their actual use."

MAYBE MILLIONS FOR POLK.

Hop Vine Fiber Makes Fine Paper Says Scientist.

There may be great wealth in store for Polk county hop growers who have almost given up hope of future prosperity in the face of increasing prohibition. Announcement has been made of the results of experiments undertaken by the Institute of Chemical Technology at Brunswick looking toward the discovery of new and cheaper methods of manufacturing paper from vegetable fibers. Willow-tree bark and broom fiber did not give satisfactory results. Experiments were then made with the fiber of hop vines, of which there is a plentiful supply in Germany.

It was found that when the fibers are treated with lye separation is difficult. They are more easily separated by soaking in a 0.5 per cent solution of an inorganic acid. The same results can be obtained by a steam pressure of half an atmosphere. Separation of the fiber is easier when working with old hop vines that have been stored for a long time in the open air. It follows that storage in the open air or, better still, artificial storage in a warm, moist storehouse, is the best method of furthering separation. In this way a return of 20 per cent of good fibers was obtained. The remaining wood, when treated with soda lye under a pressure of three atmospheres, produced an excellent paper pulp, and the roots of the vines yield an especially long fiber.

Plan to Establish Market.

With a view to establishing a marketing place in Portland for the sale of produce Polk county members of the Grange, Farmers' union and Society of Equity have been invited to meet representatives from the counties of Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Benton, in McMinnville next Saturday for the purpose of completing an organization. This plan of marketing the products of the soil has been under discussion for some time past and there is a strong probability that a permanent organization will be effected at this gathering, although it is not known whether Polk county will participate in the project or not.

INVESTIGATE BUILDING.

Portland Committee Reports on Money Spent at Monmouth.

To ascertain where city, county and state funds are being expended and how, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, through the Industries and Manufactures' bureau, has made a report covering the new training school building at the Monmouth Normal. The committee reports that, acting on a resolution of the Board of Regents, this building is constructed and furnished with Oregon and Pacific coast materials, except for that used in the concrete foundations and the water tables of white cement. An example of economy is noted in the contract for 25 desks for the art department. Factories at Detroit, Mich., quoted a price of $206 f. o. b. The contract was let for the same desks to a Portland factory for $103.-75.

The conclusion is drawn from the foregoing instance that careful search of the Pacific coast for the materials used in the building has resulted in a large saving of money. The committee which made the investigation found that purchasing agents are not aware in many instances of the wide range of articles that may be secured of Pacific coast manufacture. The consumers of the Pacific coast, like all other consumers, purchase largely through habit. Purchasing habits are encouraged through systematic advertising. The selling of a product may be called a personal matter with its manufacturer. The duties of the committee which is at work can be only along the lines of encouragement. It consists of Colonel E. Hofer, O. C. Hughson and F. W. Skiff.

WON'T STOP SUNDAY CLOSING.

Portland Federal and State Jurists Differ Over Law.

Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton has declined to issue a temporary restraining order to prevent the enforcement of the Sunday closing law in twenty-five counties of Oregon pending hearing upon injunction proceedings brought against officers of those counties. At the same time Judge Wolverton declined to dismiss the main proceeding in the application for an injunction.

Judge Gantenbein already has temporarily enjoined enforcement of the law in Multnomah county and has announced his intention of making the injunction permanent. The law is an ancient one which long had been disregarded until a few weeks ago, when the Oregon attorney general rendered an opinion that it was still in force. The law requires that all places of amusement and nearly all places of business shall be kept closed Sundays.

RECLAIMING LARGE TRACT.

Drainage Ditch Two Miles in Length Constructed Near Independence.

In order to reclaim a considerable area of valuable land, County Commissioner Wells, William Addison and Sam McMurray, who have farms in the Independence district, are draining the swamp lands on their places and also a lake of several acres. A ditch nearly two miles long, commencing at Mr. Wells' place and running toward Independence, has been dug to carry off the water, the cost of the improvement being in the neighborhood of $1,000, to which the owners of the land contribute according to benefit received. A portion of the land to be thus drained is covered with willows and ash, and it is the purpose of the owners to clear this, believing that when under cultivation the tract will be valuable for onion raising, the character of the soil so indicating.

STILL AWAITING BETTER TIMES

Western Lumber Company Will Not Resume For Another Year.

The Western Lumber company, which has a sawmill at Black Rock, and which last summer, after having been closed down for more than a years, sawed the last of the logs in the pond in order to save them from waterlogging, will not resume operations for at least another year, unless there is unforseen improvement in the market. It was thought last fell that the plant might be started again in the spring, but Mr. Hamilton of Portland gives assurance that this cannot be under present, or even slightly improved market conditions. The company has sufficient timber to last it for at least two years, and with this exhausted has an option on additional land easy of access to its railway, which extends some five miles into the timber.

Elks Receive Invitations.

Mr. Piasecki has been requested by the Salem lodge of Elks to tender to each and every member of that order whose residence is in or around Dallas, an invitation to attend a ball to be given by that lodge on November thirty, and he is complying with that request. This is the first of a series of dancing parties to be given by the Salem Elks during the winter, and will be followed on December 2 by a "high jinx," to which all Elks of the surrounding diggings are also invited.

The public schools of this country are doing a good deal to erase the citizenship hyphen.

EDIFICE ERECTED 1856

MONMOUTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIEWS ITS PAST HISTORY

Early Settlers Gathered From Country Surrounding School Town and Builded a Place of Worship.

One of the oldest church organizations of the state is the Christian church of Monmouth, which will soon enter upon its sixtieth year under a very prosperous condition, financially and otherwise. This anniversary, says a correspondent, has prompted recollections from its oldest members of its early pioneer activities. Only a few survive to tell the early experiences, the last charter member, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Lucas, having died one year ago. In 1856 members of the scattering country settlement met in the territory now occupied by Monmouth and organized the Christian church. John E. Murphy was chosen minister and services were held in a little square schoolhouse. Later on, when the Christian university was built, meetings were held in this auditorium. A regular edifice of worship was erected nearby, where the normal dormitory now stands. As recorded in the books from the early days, 1209 persons have been members of the Monmouth congregation during the period of 60 years. The 35 charter members were:

Elijah Davidson, Margaret Davidson, John E. Murphy, Frances W. Murphy, James T. Murphy, Nancy A. Murphy, Thomas H. Lucas, James L. Cooper, John C. Harris, Cinderilla Harris, John A. Kramer, Mary A. Kramer, Sr., Mary A. Kramer, Jr., Amanda S. Doughty, George M. Kramer, Lewis P. Kramer, E. Allen Shirley, Mary T. Shirley, William Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy, Melissa J. Smith, Rachel Butler, Mary E. Haley, Albert W. Lucas, Elizabeth F. Lucas, Squire S. Whitman, Elizabeth Whitman, William Mason, Margaret Mason, Calvin S. Murphy, Margaret E. Murphy, John B. Murphy, Mary A. Murphy, Martha Haley.

Just 20 ministers have served during the 60-year period. They served successively as follows:

John E. Murphy, A. R. Elder, Charles Bradshaw, G. O. Burnett, T. F. Campbell, H. M. Waller, A. Buchanan, J. F. Floyd, R. P. Moss, R. M. Messick, H. W. Laye, P. R. Burnett, B. F. Bonnell, J. N. Smith, William Sumpter, Aleyn Esson, E. C. Wigmore, J. A. Brown, W. A. Wood, J. M. Orrick and H. F. Jones. The present pastor is George C. Ritchey.

YOUNG MEN FILL PRISON.

Oregon Governor Appalled at Increase in Convicts.

Governor Withycombe has said that indications are that the Oregon state penitentiary will be confronted with a deficit at the end of this year. The prison now has 532 inmates, the largest number in its history. Last year 257 prisoners were received and up to November 1 this year 229 had been received, showing a slightly increased ratio over last year.

"A rather striking feature," said the governor, "is that 20 per cent of the prisoners were committed for forgery or obtaining money by false pretenses, and, most unfortunately, the larger portion of this class of criminals is composed of young men just entering maturity. This is really appalling and shows a serious moral obtuseness among some of our young men. Whatever influence is responsible for contributing to this deplorable condition should be remedied if possible, whether it is due to social conditions or to general carelessness of bankers and business men in cashing checks."

INTERCLASS GAMES FEATURED

Monmouth Normal Students Like New System of Athletics.

Students of the Oregon Normal school are enthusiastic concerning the new system of athletics used this year. Most of these athletics are confined to the campus. Two large silver cups have been offered as prizes; one for the champions in a series of basketball games to be played between the boys of the senior and junior classes, and one for the girls of the same classes.

The first of the series of five games was played recently, the seniors being victors over the juniors in the boys' series and the juniors over the seniors in the girls' series. Because of the death of Miss Stronberg, a former Normal student, all game planned for Saturday were postponed.

EDISON'S FIRST PHONE CALL.

Mr. Uglow Tells Surprising Story on Great Inventor.

John C. Uglow, who sells some of the Wizard Edison's wonderful inventions in Dallas, made a statement yesterday that almost made one look for proof. Recently, when Mr. Edison visited the exposition at San Francisco, he talked over the transcontinental telephone. Although he is very hard of hearing Mr. Edison can hear his phonographs and with the telephonic conversation it was found that he had no trouble in hearing a voice 3400 miles away. The surprising part of the incident is best told in the words Mr. Edison used over the phone.

"It may seem strange to those who know of my work on the telephone carbon transmitter that this is the first time I have ever carried on a conversation over the telephone. Trying to talk 3400 miles on my first attempt at a telephone conversation may seem a pretty big undertaking, but engineering skill has made it easier to talk 3400 miles than it used to be to talk 34 miles." Mr. Edison heard an address by one of his admirers transmitted over the phone after it had been reproduced on a phonograph record, and he also listened to a rendition of Anna Case's bird song as it had been reproduced on the Edison phonograph.

PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZES.

Oak Point Association Plans Active Year of Effort.

About thirty of the patrons of the Oak Point school, district 27, assembled at the school house on Friday evening and organized the Oak Point Parent-Teachers association. The meeting was lively and the discussion interesting throughout. Edward Rex was elected president of the association and Miss Carrie Dahm, teacher at Oak Point, is secretary. Plans were laid at the first meeting for the gathering of the association on December 3, when, with a fine lunch and program prepared it is hoped to attract all patrons of the district who did not attend the first meeting. At the meeting in December plans will be laid for the year's work. The work of the year will center about the construction of a playshed which is the only apparent requirement about the school, which is modern and well equipped. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting. H. H. Parsons, supervisor of rural schools, attended the meeting.

DALLAS BAND IS IMPROVING.

Prof. Downey Injects New Enthusiasm Into Local Organization.

Under the efficient directorship of Professor Downey, the Dallas band is showing marked improvement at the frequent rehearsals that are now being held in the city hall building. On Friday night last the attendance was unusually enthusiastic, and the notes that boomed forth from the various instruments was convincing evidence there was something doing, as in days of yore when Mr. Downey was in command. The city council has incorporated $600 per year in the 1916 tax budget for the support of this organization, and in return for the money thus expended the community will be favored with weekly concerts next summer without the usual popular subscription. In addition, the band will furnish music on such occasions as the council, or a committee therefrom, may direct.

GRANGE HEARS SPEAKERS.

Rural Credits and Cost of Living Are Questions Discussed.

The Monmouth Grange is attracting wide attention among the farmers as well as the business men of that city because of its discussion of practical problems. At a recent meeting the subject, "The High Cost of Living and How it May Be Reduced," was presented by E. R. Ostrom and E. C. Cole, followed by a general discussion. Ira C. Powell gave a talk on "Rural Credits," from the standpoint of the country merchant and also from the standpoint of the farmer.

MAKES APPEAL FOR CHILDREN.

Dependents of State Need Contributions of Money and Clothing.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid society is making its annual appeal to the schools and the public for Thanksgiving contributions of money, food supplies and clothing. For thirty years the society has been caring for the dependent and neglected children of Oregon, and it should have the generous support of all citizens interested in child welfare. During the past year the society has cared for 491 children in its receiving home, and supervised over 500 children, whom it has placed in private homes. Until they are placeable, the children must live in the receiving home, where everything is done to give them the advantages of normal children. It is in furtherance of this work that the cooperation of the public spirited people of Oregon is sought. All contributions should be addressed to The Boys' and Girls' Aid society, Portland, Oregon.

Club Becomes Active.

The Airlie Commercial club, which had been dormant during the summer months, held its second meeting on Tuesday evening, and started something that, if carried to successful consummation, will result in much good to the entire community. C. V. Johnson, president of the organization, is enthusiastically, and persistently, boosting for better conditions, and his projects are receiving the support of the members of the club. The latest undertaking is an effort to secure a road improvement to the Benton county line in order that a fence may be built around the home dollar.

Will Exhibit at Portland.

Mrs. Winnie Braden has started to condition her excellent flock of chickens for exhibit at the big poultry show at Portland early next month. Mrs. Braden has a prize-winning flock and if she is as fortunate with her own poultry as with the county's products, there will be another set of blue ribbons in Dallas soon.

W. T. Sherman post, D. A. R., added the name of Mrs. Martha Cosper to its roll at a meeting on Saturday.