

THIS WILL INFORM THE LADIES HOW TO VOTE

In line with its policy of progress and advancement, the Press requested of Messrs Hollis & Graham, City Attorneys, an opinion relative to the registration of women who may desire to vote at the coming city election, and with great pleasure publishes the following reply, which is carefully and explicitly written and covers all points thoroughly.

Forest Grove, Oregon,
December 7th, 1912.
The Editor
Forest Grove Press,
Forest Grove, Oregon.
Dear Sir:

As requested by you for an opinion as to whether or not the lady voters of the city would be required to register before being allowed to vote at the municipal election to be held this coming January we herewith submit our opinion on the subject.

Section 2, Article 2 of the Constitution of the State which provides that every male citizen of the age of 24 years and upwards who has resided in the state during six months immediately preceding such election, and every white male of foreign birth 21 years old and upwards who has resided in the United States one year and in the state six months immediately preceding the election, and has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the state was so amended as to permit women with similar qualifications to vote at the general election of the state which would include municipal elections.

In addition to qualifications fixed by the Constitution of the State in the section above quoted, Section 3457 of Lord's Oregon Laws provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of every elector in the state of Oregon,

between the first Monday in January; 1900, and five o'clock p. m. of the 15th day of May, 1900, and between the same dates and hours bi-annually thereafter to register with some notary public or justice of the peace or with the county clerk of the county in which the elector resides, in accordance with this chapter."

According to this section the present year would be the year for registration of voters.

Section 10 of article 3 of the city charter provides as follows: "No person shall be qualified to vote at any election under this act who is not entitled to the privilege of an elector according to the general laws of the state and who has not resided within the corporate limits of the city as herein described for the six months next preceding such election." And section 15 of

the same article provides as follows: "All elections under this act shall be conducted according to the provisions hereof and the election laws of the state so far as they are applicable."

The City Charter does not provide for the registration of voters for municipal election but restricts those qualified to vote to persons who are entitled to vote under the general laws of the state and who have resided within the limits of the city for six months next preceding such election."

Women are placed on the same plane as to requirements and qualifications for electors that men are and while section 3451 above quoted required men to register for the general election under the state laws, it would follow that women would also be required to register for election under the general law and as the charter expressly provides that municipal elections shall be held in accordance with the general laws of the state in so far as the state laws are applicable it would follow that it is necessary for women to register in order to qualify them to vote at municipal elections they having the qualifications of electors as provided by the state law passed last November, but since section 3451 fixes no date for registration except between the first Monday in January and the 15th day of May, of each second year, and since the City Charter does not provide for any manner of registration and no ordinance has been passed by the city council providing for registration of voters within the city limits, it would follow that it would be impossible for the women to register for voting at the city election either in 1912 or 1913 unless the city provides some manner for their registration.

The law provides a manner for electors to vote where they are not registered by signing what

is known as Blank "A" of the registration blank forms provided by section 3449 of Lord's Oregon Laws and by meeting the requirements of this last named section the women of Forest Grove can vote at the city election without registration.

Respectfully submitted,
Hollis & Graham.

WRESTLER ARNDT VICTOR HANDICAP MATCH

Walter Arndt, at Hillsboro Tuesday night, was successful in vanquishing two opponents with apparent ease. Kid Exposito was laid to rest the first time with a head scissors in 8 minutes. Second fall with a hammer lock and body scissors in 4 minutes. Heuermann, a husky boy, was put to the mat with a head scissors in 10 minutes and the second time in 1 minute, the same hold being used.

Bisner Brothers put up a clever two round exhibition of boxing as one of the preliminaries, getting a draw. Kid Anderson, of Portland, and Billy Moriarity, of Pueblo, were scheduled to go six rounds, but Moriarity took the count in the third after one minute of work. Anderson knocked him to the floor, and hurt a knee preventing him from coming up. Anderson would undoubtedly have been given the decision, even if the bout had gone to the limit, as he was much the superior of the two. About 150 were in attendance and the contests were clean all the way.

The Royal Neighbors elected the following officers at a meeting recently held. Oracle, Mrs. Dora Emerson; Chancellor, Mrs. Wm. Stockman; Vice Oracle, Mrs. Patton; Past Oracle, Mrs. Graham; Secretary, Mrs. Aldrich; Treasurer, Mrs. Ives. Lunch was served by the social committee.

MRS. ANTON HERMANS DEAD IN CALIFORNIA AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Anton Hermens, of Verboort, died in Oakland, Cal., of cancer of the throat, after she had spent two weeks in that city taking treatment. Her husband had a letter from Mrs. Hermens on Tuesday, stating that she was improving so much that she expected to start home in a few days, and Mr. Hermens left for Oakland at once to escort her home. Several hours after he started for California, a telegram came announcing the woman's death. It is expected that when he reaches Oakland Mr. Hermens will at once bring the body home for interment. Mrs. Hermens has lived in the Verboort neighborhood for many years and is survived by the husband and 10 children.

We want all children under eight years of age to be registered at King & Caples before December 20. 4-4t

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