

ODDS AND ENDS FROM SALEM

Railroad Balks at Road Tax---Pure Seed Law Joker Fixed---Ten Hour Law Involved---New Petition Method is Proposed.

(Special to The Bulletin)
SALEM, June 30.—A mandamus suit brought in the Marion County Circuit Court last week by the Oregon & California Railroad Co. against Sheriff William Eech to compel him to accept the company's offer of tax payment minus the amount as special road tax will probably result in the question of the validity of all special road taxes levied last year being carried to the Supreme Court.

This will involve the validity of thousands of dollars of special road tax throughout the state.

While the Legislature was in session this year, the Supreme Court handed down a decision declaring the law under which special road taxes were being voted was void because of the defects in the manner of giving notice of election and keeping the records. The Legislature then enacted an amendment to the law, and added a curative clause with the intent of making the taxes voted in 1912 valid. But the railroad company does not accept this last act of the Legislature as making the road taxes legal.

An evident joker in the pure seed law enacted by the last Legislature was discovered by the Portland Seed Company, which asked the attorney general for an interpretation of the law last week. It was pointed out that in section 61, the law says it is to apply only to such warehousemen and seed dealers whose "principal" business is dealing in seeds. This would practically nullify the effect of the law, but the attorney general held that as all the preceding sections of the law relating to the introduction and sale in the state of agricultural seeds, and laying down the standard of purity in order to keep the seeds and diseased seeds out of the state, the intent and purpose of the Legislature are plain. Under this interpretation, he held that the courts would reject the word "principal" and make the law apply to all dealers in agricultural seeds in the state.

The law provides that seeds must be marked with their proper name, with the name and address of the

seed man, dealer or anyone offering them for sale; the percentage of purity of the seeds must be shown, and below the standard fixed by the act, the percentage of impurity must be shown. The law fixes a high standard of purity.

The question of whether the general ten-hour law enacted by the last Legislature repeals the special ten-hour law for women will likely be carried to the Supreme Court, as a result of the arrest and conviction of the manager of the Salem Cannery Company, for employing women over ten hours a day. The new law provides that persons may be employed in factories and mills three hours overtime, on time and a half pay, but the specific ten-hour law for women prohibits the employment of women in such places more than ten hours under any condition. The arrest was made on complaint of Labor Commissioner Huff.

As a preventive of possible frauds in initiative and referendum petitions, and to discourage the wanton use of these tools of popular government by incessant law breakers, S. A. Kozier, assistant secretary of state, has made some pertinent suggestions for amendments to the election laws in an interview given out a few days ago.

The most important of these is the recommendation that all signatures should be obtained voluntarily. He suggests that initiative and referendum petitions be placed with the county clerks and official registrars of the voters for the counties, and published notices thereof given in the newspapers, so that only those who have a personal interest in the measure would seek to sign the petitions. He suggests that only registered voters should be permitted to sign such petitions, and that the names should be secured from a certain percentage of the precincts of the state. He points out that on some of the recent petitions circulated, all the signatures were secured in only one county.

You will have no irritated face if you have your shaving done at the new Davidson's barber shop.—Adv.

PLAYGROUNDS.

Man plays only where he is a human being in the fullest sense of the word, and he has reached full humanity only when he plays. This proposition will acquire great and deep significance when we shall learn to refer it to the doubly serious ideas of duty and destiny. It will then sustain the entire superstructure of aesthetic and of the yet more difficult art of life.—Schiller.

The organized games under the direction of good trainers develop respect for the rights of others, fairness and self control, cement the schools and homes and counteract the lawlessness and destructiveness which are the lesson of the vacant lot.

Amusement is stronger than vice, and it alone can stifle the lust for it.—Jane Addams.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE!"

The hen stood on the busy nest,
Where eggs had on her fed.
And gazing round the homelike coop,
She shook her head and said:

"With life by riding down my back,
Miss crowing me at night,
And hither and yon waiting for a chance
To make of me a bite,

"And had she'st been flouting all around,
How snorting all my feet,
It surely is discouraging
And makes my poor heart bleed.

"With cholera in the air I breathe,
I read your germs drawing near
And ought to feel my wits machine
How can I lay in here?"

"To be or not to be" like me,
Cried Hamlet in his lay,
Perhaps the best thing I can do
Is to put myself away.

"Oh, no; I'll not take rough on rats
Nor about me with a fan
I'll simply cross the public road
Where automobiles run.

"And so goodbye! The die is cast,
The rat heads never miss,
A speeding car, a little far—
Frisco—I'm out of this!"

C. M. BARNITZ.

TO FILL THE WINTER EGG BASKET.

Winter is when many wonder why their hens don't lay. They get poles of eggs in the cheap season, but get left when the winter egg brings the long season. If these disappointed folks investigate and find what their hens get in the winter season that they lack now and furnish the same or a good substitute the problem is solved. They will discover that spring and summer of fort variety; that, besides greens fed, the best and most excellent greens, juicy weeds and turnips and exercise, and thus the ration is well balanced between protein and carbohydrates so that the hen gets plenty of egg maker and body builder.

Now, let sprouted oats, cut clover, alfalfa, cabbage, leeks, substitute for greens; fresh cut lime, or leaf wrap represent lime and worms and a grain ration of equal parts wheat, oats and corn and a crumbly mash of equal parts wheat midds, ground oats, ground corn and two parts bran be the remainder. These coupled with exercise for the grain in litter, and you have a winter menu we have never seen fail for lots of eggs.

Try this for a day's fare: At dawn scatter a good handful of grain for each hen in the litter and two for the rooster; at 10 feed plenty of greens. Cut clover and alfalfa go best steamed in the mash. Hay vegetables are best for hens. At noon serve cut lime feed sparingly at first. At 4 serve crumbly mash all day long. Feed spray about 10 per cent of bulk, is best fed in mash and should be washed with the below mixture. Of course this quantity isn't arbitrary. Hen's appetite and condition must be guided. There should always be some grain in litter to reward her efforts.

These remarks do not apply to hens housed on the hogan plan, to anti-diphtheria relief use to birds of the fat faddy bustle style. To make them lay use the ax.

PRUNING SHADE TREES.

The writer has taken note lately of a number of shade trees in the locality in which he lives, which are in bad shape as a result of the careless and faulty way in which large side limbs have been removed. In taking off these limbs more or less of a stub has been left, which in the growing process will probably never be covered. But worse than this is the fact that these stubs are likely to begin to decay and thus weaken the tree and ultimately cause its destruction. When such limbs are removed the final cut should be made as close to the trunk as possible, and if the diameter of the tree is considerable two secondary cuts should be made, one on either side, so as to make the exposed stub or surface more nearly conform to the central surface of the trunk. When the surface has been properly trimmed it should be given a thick coat of white lead paint to keep out the rot fungus.

INJUSTICE TO DAIRYMEN.

The makers of oleomargarine bid fair to again put forth a strenuous effort at the coming session of congress to secure the passage of legislation which will make it possible for them to palm off steer fat at a fancy price under the delusion on the part of the consumer that it is dairy butter. If congress sees fit to pass a law that will prevent oleomargarine from masquerading in the guise and at the price of butter, but will give it a plain label which it will bear when it comes into the consumers' hands, well and good. But any arrangement which will enable it to reach the market under the guise of dairy butter should be squelched as simply dishonest and a gross injustice to the dairy interests.

RAILROAD FARE REDUCED.

From June 29 to July 5 the fare to Portland and return from Bend via the Oregon Trunk Railway will be \$9.00. Tickets are good to return until July 7. See J. H. Corbett, agent, Oregon Trunk Railway, Bend, Oregon.—Adv.

POUNDMASTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have in my possession, pursuant to the provisions of ordinance No. 22 of the City of Bend the following:

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