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**OREGON'S ELECTION
STATUTES CHANGED**Privilege of Casting Vote
By Mail—New Limit On
Ballots Provided.

Salem.—Numerous changes in the election laws, important among which was the extension of the definition of an absent voter, were approved by the 1929 legislature and will be in Oregon elections this year.

The privilege of voting by mail no longer is restricted to a person who anticipates being away from his home county on business, but is implied to one who is absent for any reason. In case of ill persons, the amendment provides that the application for an absent voter's ballot must be accompanied by a certificate of a duly licensed physician stating that the voter will be unable to attend the election in person. An application for a ballot may be made after the 30th day preceding the election and must be returned to the clerk so that it be received at least six days before the election.

Carrying out the principle of enabling ill persons to vote, the registration law was amended so as to provide that a person incapacitated by illness, presumably toward the close of the registration period, may make application to any official registrar to be permitted to register at his place of abode. He must remit 25 cents with his application, also an amount equal to 10 cents a mile for the distance which the registrar shall travel in registering the elector.

A section of the election law which required that electors who reside in a county seat must register in person with the county clerk was repealed. Another section was amended so as to provide that an elector may register before any official registrar in the county, as well as with the county clerk.

Other amendments provide that there need be furnished for each election precinct only as many official and sample ballots as there are registered voters in such precincts. The official and sample ballots for any precinct shall conform to the number of names on the poll books.

Officials said the state and counties would save considerable money as a result of reducing the number of ballots.

Amendments to sections 4012 and 4014 more nearly equalize the duties to be performed by the different members of the election boards and correct a sort of disorganized condition which resulted from the repeal of the "blank A" provision, permitting electors to be sworn in on election days.

The first clerk will now deliver the ballot to the elector, and the second and third clerks will note the number of the ballot opposite the voter's name on the poll books. The stubs are taken and strung by the judge.

Another amendment removes the necessity of furnishing a ballot box marked "general" and another marked "state and district" for each precinct. Only one registration ballot box is now required to be furnished to each precinct, except that an additional box must be provided in those precincts in which two boards have been appointed. The amendment also provides that the ballot boxes or pouches may be of leather, canvas, metal or wood.

**Jeffrey Files Candidacy
For Governor's Office**

Salem.—Free school books, preservation of water power for public development and exclusion of all Mexican and Filipino immigration are among the planks in the platform of John A. Jeffrey of Portland, who has filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for republican nomination for Governor. Jeffrey is the first of the gubernatorial candidates to file.

Other planks in his platform are: Abolition of all "useless commissions," reduction of state expense at least one-third, development of highways and waterways, "to place the enforcement of our laws in the hands of clean honest men who believe in law, order and decency," and "to uphold the hands of the president of the United States at all times."

After his name on the ballot will be a slogan stating that he is a "regular republican."

Inter-State League

The name of the Walla Walla County Baseball League has been changed to the Inter-State League. At a recent meeting it was proposed that Wallula, Touchet, Prescott, Fruitvale and two Walla Walla teams would be in the league, which begins the season's schedule on March 2 and will close on July 6.

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**WILL REORGANIZE
COAST ARTILLERY**Movement Toward Greater
Economy In Army Is
Under Way.

Washington. — Moving toward greater economy in the operation of the coast artillery and increased efficiency in the anti-aircraft and coast gun training of the national guard and other reserves, the war department announced its first step in a widespread reorganization of the entire coast artillery corps.

With all but five of the coastal forts of the continental United States placed on a caretaker basis, formation of the first of four new anti-aircraft units has been started at the Aberdeen proving grounds, Maryland.

Eventually this regiment is to be stationed at Fort Crockett, Texas, and the other three are to be at Fort Totten, N. Y., Fort McArthur, Calif., and Fort Sheridan, Ill., all selected because of their accessibility for training the many coast artillery units of the national guard scattered through the interior.

The five seacoast defense posts which are to be operated at full strength are forts on Long Island Sound, Chesapeake Bay, Pensacola, Fla., San Francisco and Puget Sound, Wash. These also were selected because of their accessibility for training of reserves. At the same time the war department has required that all coast artillery units become proficient in the use of anti-aircraft batteries, explaining that anti-aircraft artillery has lagged far behind the expansion of the air corps under the five year program.

Reorganization of the coast artillery was brought about largely, it was said, because of the high cost of transporting guard units for training and because of lack of funds to continue full training and practice work at all the coast forts maintained.

Equipment at all the forts not garrisoned is to be kept in such condition that battery units could march in and begin operation immediately. Railway and tractor-drawn artillery units will be stationed half at Fort Monroe, Va., and half at Fort Hancock, on Sandy Hook.

Only one third of the coast artillery strength is stationed in Continental United States, the remainder being divided between Hawaii and Philippines and the Canal zone.

**Steamer Is On Sand At
Mouth of the Columbia**

The steamer Admiral Benson went on the sand at the end of the north jetty at the entrance to the Columbia river, during a dense fog Saturday evening, and is apparently doomed to the same fate as that of many other vessels that have in the past piled up on the shallow sands of the north spit.

A crew of 65 and 40 passengers were on the coastwise vessel when she struck. Twenty-five passengers were removed by life saving crews early Sunday morning at low tide, and the crew and 15 passengers remained on the vessel until the following ebb came on.

The Admiral Benson might be ready to sail—her skipper is on the bridge, there are waving passengers on deck and steam is up. But, not more than 200 yards off her bow, is an embarrassing stretch of sandy beach. And, crashing into her stern, are breakers that mean business.

That is the picture from the air—a ship all dressed up and not going anywhere. It is a picture of a very live sea voyager in a graveyard with no way out.

She lays there, within about 400 yards of the Columbia river's entrance jetty, queerly tilted to port (left). Smoke curls from her stack and is whipped about by the wind until, at first glance, the ship seems to be on fire.

Great swells—the same swells that wash over the two masts of all that remain of the steamer Laurel, about 2000 feet distant—sweep toward the ship to crash on her stern and shower her with spray. Back they wash, leaving part of her rudder and a propeller blade out of water. Then on they come again to repeat their damaging work.

Declares Candidacy

The second person, says the East Oregonian, to officially enter the race for county treasurer, is C. K. Cranston, who filed his declaration of candidacy with the county clerk. Mr. Cranston, a pioneer of this county, and a staunch republican, was before elected to the office of treasurer and asks that the words "Former Treasurer," be printed after his name on the ballot. The first candidate to enter the race for treasurer was Bettye DeHart, present treasurer, who is also on the ticket for the republican nomination at the primary election in May.

Kiddle Will Again Run

Fred E. Kiddle, of La Grande, joint senator from Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself and will seek nomination by the Republican party at the May primaries.

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**Corbett Takes Up Slack
On State Loaning Funds**

Portland.—Senator H. L. Corbett, chairman of the interim legislative committee, continued the debate on the authorization of loans from the state industrial accident funds for building the new state office buildings before the northwest branch of the associated general contractors of America.

Corbett characterized the loans as the "most unmoral thing the senate ever did."

The state is open to strong criticism for misapplication of industrial accident commission funds, he said, because being a trustee of the funds it has no right to invest them in its construction program."

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Smallpox at Penitentiary

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