DIRECT LEGIS-LATION

Summary of Provisions of New Law

Following are briefly stated the provisions of an act passed by the last legislature and entitled "An act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder, and providing penalties for violations of provisions of this act:

Forms are given for the petitions to the secretary of state asking for the referendum on any act passed by the legislature; also asking for the submission of any proposed law or amendment to the constitution.

Each petition must be attached to a full and correct copy of the title and text of the measure so proposed.

These petitions after signing, must be referred to the County Clerk, who shall compare the signatures of the electors signing the same with their signatures on the registration books and blanks on file in the office for the preceding general election, and shall attach to the sheets of said petition containing such signatures his certificate to the secretary of State, showing how many of such signatures he believes to be genuine, how many he believes to be not genuine and how many do not appear on the registration books and blanks in his office.

The County Clerk shall not retain in his possession any such petition or any part thereof for a longer period than two days for the first two hundred signatures thereon and one additional day for each two hundred additional signatures. He shall then deliver it to the person from whom he received it, with his certificate attached as provided.

In the case of signatures not certified as genuine by the County clerk, proof that the parties are legal voters may be made before a notary public, and his certificate to that effect will accompany the petition.

These petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State, who will consider and count only such signatures as have been shown in the above manner to be genuine.

The Secretary shall then decide whether or not the petition entitles the parties to have the measure referred to the people, and either the petitioners or remonstrants, if any, may appeal to the Supreme court from the decision of the secretary of state.

Immediately upon the filing of any such petition with the secretary of state, signed by the number, and filed within the time required by the constitution, he shall notify the governor in writing of the filing of such petition, and the governor shall forthwith issue his proclamation announcing that such petition has been filed, with a brief statement of its tenor and effect. Such proclamation shall be published four times in four consecutive weeks in one daily or weekly newspaper in each judicial district.

The secretary of state, at the same time that he furnishes to the county clerks of the several counties certified copies of the names of the candidates for state and district officers, shall furnish to said county clerks his certified copy of the titles and numbers of the various measures to be voted upon.

Such titles shall be printed on official ballot, and measures proposed by the initiative shall be designated and distinguished from the measures proposed by the legislature.

The manner of voting shall be the same as is now required by law. And no measure shall be adopted unless it shall receive an affirmative majority of the total number of effective votes cast on such measure and entitled to be counted under the provisions of this act, that is to say, supporting seventy thousand ballots be properly marked on any measure, it shall not be adopted unless it shall receive more than thirty-five thousand affirmative votes.

The persons, committees or duly authorized officers of any organization filing any petition for the initiative, but no other person or organization, shall have the right to place with the secretary of state for distribution any pamplets advocating such measure, not later than the first Monday of the fifth month before the regular election at which such measure is to be voted our any person, committee, or organization opposing any measure may place with secretary of state for distribution any pamplets they may desire, not later than the first Monday of the fourth month immediately preceding such election.

All such pamphlets shall be furnished without cost to the state, and the number must be sufficient to supply one to every legal voter in the state.

The secretary of state shall distribute to each county clerk before the second Monday in the third month next preceding such regular general election a sufficient number of these pamphlets to furnish one to every voter in the county, and they shall be delivered to the voters as they register.

The votes are canvassed the same as votes for state and county officers, and the governor shall issue a proclamation of the result, such measures as are approved being in force from the date of such proclamation.

Every person who is a qualified voter of the State of Oregon may sign such petitions.

A penalty of a fine not to exceed $500, or imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceeding two years, or both is provided for violations of any provision of the statute.

Narrow Escape

EDITOR COAST MAIL:

Parties living near the bridge on the road from the McFarlin's landing on North slough have an inclined track to haul water from the creek to their house, and a car with cans is used, being pulled up with a rope.

This came near being the cause of a bad accident lately. The woman turned the car loose at the top of the incline just as my team was passing with my two children in the wagon. The car ran by the team, making a big noise with the cans rattling. This scared the horses and they ran away. The wheels came just at the edge of the bridge an inch more would have sent the wagon over and killed the boy and girl.

These people should be more careful not to use their car when a team is passing.

JAKE MATSON.

Why He Went.

Employer—Yesterday you asked for a day off to get married, yet I saw you in the afternoon coming from the races.

Clerk—Ye-e-s, sir. I—I was trying to win money enough to pay the preacher, sir.—N. Y. Weekly.

COOS BAY CAMP DO THEMSELVES PROUD

Fun and Frolic Charactize Their Saturday Evening's Entertainment

Last Saturday evening witnessed the eighth anniversary of the organization of Coos Bay Camp, No. 106, Woodman of the World, and the affair was celebrated in a way appropriate to the occasion.

The evening's entertainment began in the Opera House—which was decorated with the Woodman colors and emblems. The first number on the program was a selection by Anderson's Orchestra which, by the way, furnished the music for the entire entertainment, and did it well. In fact, Marshfield can congratulate herself upon having such an organization in her midst. In a few words Rev. Lee extended the welcome of the camp to their guests, and also gave some good advice to those men who are still outside some fraternal order.

Another selection by the orchestra and the curtain arose upon a scene in the little mining town of Squatter's Gulch, and the main attraction of the evening: "Tatters; Pet of Squatter's Gulch" was on.

To attempt a review and criticism of the acting would be well-nigh impossible—suffice it to say that those taking part played their parts very well and were several times encored. Possibly the most popular were Miss Bessie Brown, as Tatters, Mr. C. A. Woodward, as Moses, Lilly Blossom and Mr. Pratt in his Dutch specialties.

At the conclusion of the play the hall was cleared of the chairs and those who so desired—and they were not a few—enjoyed the pleasures of the dance until an early hour.

The third floor of the building was given over to those who did not care to dance, and here cards and other games and friendly conversation made the time go quickly.

In the ante room of the lodge hall the Coos Bay Camp, Women of Woodcraft had spread an elegant lunch of cold ham, salads, cheese, cake, coffee and other good things which was enjoyed by some 306 persons. This part of the entertainment was in charge of the ladies, which is sufficient assurance that it was not only very fine, but most successful and not one of the departing guests but were ready and willing to vote the Woodmen, their wives and daughters royal entertainers.

That such a nicely arranged and finely executed an affair as that of last Saturday night should be marred seems a pity, but in every town there are a lot of long eared animals who will presist in letting their long-eared-ness crop out to the great discomforture of the respectable people. It does seem that these creatures, who, by the way, consider themselves bright and shining examples of young manhood, should know better, but they don't and are always very much in evidence.

To applaud some pleasing part of a performance, is well, and is greatly appreciated by the performer fortunate enough to be so favored, but for heaven's sake, and in the name of decency cut out the stamping and ear spliting whistle—and the long-eard-ness will dissapear.

A Resemblance.

Wifey—Why do you call my dressmaker an old pelican?

Hubby—Because she always has such a big bill.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

One That Never Fails.

"Do you believe in signs?" she asked.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "Whenever I meet a good-looking girl whose father is rich it's a sure sign that I'm going to fall in love."—Chicago Record-Herald.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Convict Gates, of Lane County, asks a pardon.

The Dufur Dispatch is now a 6 column Quarto and things are coming their way.

The tannery at Dallas was destroyed by fire recently.

Benton county pays $2 bounty on coyates, mountain lions, panthers, cougars and gray wolves.

A large number of applicants for the position of Matron at the penitentiary are on file.

George Willis aged 80, and Melvina Nash, aged 76, were recently married at McMinnville. May they live long and prosper.

Blanks for securing money under the Indian War bill passed by the recent state legislature may be secured of Adjutant General C. U. Gantenbein of Portland.

The Guard Printing Company at Eugene have dissolved partnership. J. R. Campbell being now sole proprietor. The Guard has recently put in a new typesetting machine and is gradually assuming metropolitan airs.

James Dicks, a well-known young man of Myrtle Creek, was drowned eighteen miles east of Myrtle Creek while breaking up a jam in a log drive down the South Myrtle creek to the mill of the W. P. Johnson Co.

Last Thursday a number of boys in the grammar department of the public school at Jacksonville organized a company of the American Boy Club and named it the Crater Lake company.

Eugene proposes, according to the papers, to raise the saloon licenses from $500 to $800.

A. M. Humphreys the Salem warehouse man, and the only one who was ever sentenced in Oregon has been pardoned by Governor Chamberlain. He was sentenced for two years.

The Florence people are agitating the expenditure of the $35,000 appropriated by congress for the Siuslaw bar. The Florence board of trade has taken action.

The trial of the case of John Bock vs the City of Astoria, was concluded Thursday by the jury returning a verdict in favor of the plantiff for $2500.50. The suit was to recover $5000 damages for injuries received on the evening of August 21, 1900, by falling through a hole in the planking on Duane street.

An Exciting Panther Hunt.

(Curry Co. Recorder)

E. R. Miller and son, Elmer, had an experience with a panther last week which they will not soon forget. They went out for a hunt on the mountain and about three o'clock in the afternoon got sight of a panther. They succeeded in treeing it toward dusk and forthwith started to build a fire with the avowed purposes of staying there till daylight next morning, but Mr. Panther would not have it that way and before they were aware of its intentions, the panther was down and the dogs after it. An hour and a half was consumed before the dogs were successful in again treeing their game. As it was dark it became necessary to shoot by torch light and upon being wounded came down, the dogs gave chase for a quarter of a mile where they cornered it in a creek. Mr. Miller, wishing to take no more chances, went up to within 8 feet of the panther and shot at it again by torch light, this time killing it. It was a large one, measuring nine feet.

From Bad to Worse.

Mistress—Well, Jane, did you find the ornament for my hair yet?

Jane—Yes, ma'am. But I've mislaid your hair, and now I can't find that.—Chicago Daily News.

Corn Meal to Fatten Geese.

The increased importation in France of American cornmeal is due chiefly to its use for fattening geese.—N. Y. Sun.

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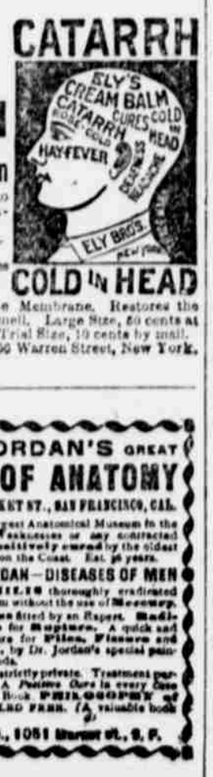

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