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ENACT PERMANENT REGISTRATION LAW

Any Elector Not Using Franchise During Two-Year Period Will Have Name Dropped

State Capitol, Salem, Feb. 15.—House bill 191 providing for permanent registration was passed by the senate today without argument. The law provides that as long as an elector resides in the precinct in which he registers and votes at one election held throughout the county within the biennial election period ending November 30 following the regular biennial general election, he shall not be required to register again.

If the elector fails to vote as stipulated he shall re-register or notify the county clerk in not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the regular November election that he resides in the district from which he registered and requests in writing that his name remain on the register of electors.

This is the second permanent registration law that has been passed by the Oregon legislature, one passed at the session in 1913 having been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The new law provides that the county clerk shall use the card index system in keeping his register of elections. Each elector shall sign a card giving his name, age, political affiliation, etc., and shall take an oath that he is a citizen of the United States. The cards shall be public records and shall be kept in the office of the county clerks as other public records are kept.

It is provided that the county clerk shall register any qualified elector who may request to be registered at any time after the first Monday in January, 1916, excepting during the 30 days next preceding any general or primary election, or 15 days preceding any special election held throughout the county. If the special election is not held throughout the county he shall not register any electors living in any precinct in which a special election is to be held during the 15 days next preceding the special election.

Any elector who is not registered as provided in the act may register election day by giving the information required for registration and making oath to it before one of the judges of the election board, where he desires to vote.

Linn County Towns to Get \$76,991

Albany, Feb. 15.—A total of \$76,991.32 will be collected on the 1914 tax roll of Linn county in the form of city taxes alone. Albany will receive \$51,220.12; Lebanon \$17,204.26; Harrisburg \$3,304.71; Halsey \$1,387.65; Brownsville \$3,259.39; Sweet Home \$510.96; and Sodaville \$104.23.

The prohibition measure passed the state senate in thirty minutes, on Tuesday. The governor's signature is now the only requirement for the measure to become law. It will go into effect January 1, 1916.

TAX SYSTEM IS REVISED IN BILL

The House Passes a Measure on the Recommendation of Joint Committee

State Capitol, Salem, Feb. 16.—A new system of tax collecting is provided in the bill passed by the House this afternoon on recommendation of the joint committee on assessment and taxation of the House and the senate.

At least one-half of the tax must be paid at the first date. The tax paying dates are April 5 and October 5. A penalty of 1 per cent per month is charged on delinquent payments, and if the delinquency extends beyond November 5 an additional penalty of 5 per cent is provided.

No rebate is allowed for advance payments.

END OF FINANCIAL PANICS PREDICTED

The Federal Reserve System is Declared to Have Removed All Danger of Trouble

Chicago, Feb. 13.—"Under the Federal reserve system we shall see no more financial panics," said Chas. S. Hamlin, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, at the annual banquet of the Chicago Real Estate Board tonight. He added that conditions just prior to the opening of the Federal Reserve banks in November were "probably the most ominous in the history of our country."

Discussing the true function of the new banks, he said:

"Their duty is not alone to meet emergencies, but, so far as possible, to prevent emergencies from arising and while ordinarily they do not and are not intended to compete with commercial banks, yet occasions may arise where such competition, through the exercise of their open market powers, will be necessary for the protection of the people of the United States."

"It is often said that the Federal Reserve banks are bankers' banks, but this is true only to the extent that they deal primarily with the member banks. Their true function is to protect the interests of the people."

School Holidays Dwindle

Salem, Feb. 16.—Boys and girls hereafter will have to go to school on Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday and Columbus day just the same as on other days with the exception that these days will be set aside for patriotic exercises. The House yesterday passed Senator Hawley's bill which makes such provisions.

The measure also designates the following additional school holidays besides Saturday and Sunday, upon which no school is to be held: New Year's day, Memorial day, July 4, Labor day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ALBANY HAS A DISASTROUS FIRE

Hamilton's Big Department Store Totally Destroyed; Loss Estimated at \$100,000

A telephone to this city last Friday afternoon, stated that the business district of Albany was burning. As usual the statement was exaggerated. When the fire was gotten under control, the Hamilton department store was the main sufferer, though other adjoining business houses suffered losses in the removal of contents.

The fire started from the furnace in the Hamilton store shortly after noon. But a small amount of goods were saved from this store, as the smoke was so heavy that entrance to the building was prevented. Mr. Hamilton places his loss at near \$100,000, with insurance for about one-half this sum. Other stores, from which goods and fixtures were removed, suffered nominal losses.

Owing to the fact that the fire started in the basement, the firemen could not get at the blaze. The fire followed up the walls, making it difficult for water to reach the fire.

A small portion of Hamilton's goods were removed, though in a damaged condition. The building belonged to Dr. J. P. Wallace and was fully covered by insurance. It was formerly known as the Foster block and was erected 35 years ago. Dr. Wallace expects to rebuild at once. Mr. Hamilton will continue business, though in what location is not stated. The total loss is estimated at \$140,000. One of the buildings included in the fire area was the U. S. postoffice. The contents were removed but were restored to the old quarters within 24 hours.

Self Explanatory Letter

Portland, Or., Feb. 12, 1915.
Dr. A. G. Prill,
Scio, Ore.

I am returning you herewith the ordinance of the City of Scio. In my opinion, the whole thing is not operative for the reason that the health officer is the executive member of the board and in this instance you have none. Farther, no municipality, county or community could require anyone to serve without pay. Then, with this in view, I would say:

1. In case families are quarantined, it is your duty to inform the county health officer.

2. The law says that in families quarantined, food, provisions and medical attention must be furnished by the city or county in which they live if unable to provide for themselves.

3. In the absence of a city health officer, it is the duty of the county health officer.

4. You are not required to make a visit to families without pay. If the county health officer is called over from Albany, it would be absolutely with the county court what remuneration would be made for his expenses. This, I think, answers

LINN CO. ROADS COST \$161,943.95

Considerable Volunteer Work Was Also Done on the County Highways

Albany, Feb. 13.—Linn county expended \$161,943.95 in improvement of its highways during 1914. These figures are compiled from records in the county clerk's office and show the total expenditures for all road and bridge improvement during the year. Of this amount \$15,583.49 was spent on bridges, and the remainder in general road work. The amount listed as strictly road expenditures, \$146,360.46, includes all moneys paid out of the general road fund of the county, the district road funds and special district road funds.

Considerable volunteer road work was performed also.

A NEW FEATURE IS INAUGURATED

Oregon Farmers Are to Be Supplied With Help—Government Employment Agency

Portland, Feb. 16.—Not only in Oregon, but in all parts of the country the government has inaugurated a movement to secure work for the unemployed and to furnish men or women to farmers and other employers outside the cities. It is a common sight to see men standing around the streets in town at all seasons of the year who would be glad to go out into the country and go to work if they only knew just where to go and could be certain that the job would be there when they arrived. John Barbour, U. S. Inspector, Oregon Immigration Service, has started to list applicants for positions of all kinds and is anxious to receive applications for help from employers of labor of all classes.

Every applicant for work will be given a thorough examination as to his qualifications and no man will be sent out for any specific line of work unless he is fitted for it, thus leaving no room for the annual complaint that farmers are supplied with laborers who know nothing of farm work, at a time when the farmer is too busy to teach them.

Be Sure

And read The Country Gentleman. You can get it from Everett Burden

the questions asked in your letter.

The only sane and sensible thing for a city the size of yours to do, is to pay a health officer, say a salary of \$150 a year and he can earn that much in cleaning up the sanitary conditions of the town. I think, however, physicians would do well to allow people to have a little experience and thoroughly acquaint themselves with these things through experience.

Yours very truly,
Calvin S. White,
State Health Officer

ALLIES USING ONLY THIRD OF STRENGTH

Ten Billion Dollars to be Spent Bringing Balance of Power Into War This Year

London, Feb. 15.—The countries fighting against Germany, Austria and Turkey up to the present time have thrown only a third of their strength into the field. To maintain this force and to bring the remaining two-thirds into action will cost 10,000,000,000 during the current year. This announcement was made in the House of Commons today by David Lloyd-George.

Mr. Lloyd-George drew cheering by a reference to loans to countries which he said he expected would throw in their lot with the allies. These countries the Chancellor did not name. It was the first time that a reference was made in Parliament of such expectations.

Great Britain, the Chancellor said, had resources which would last for five years and those of France perhaps were sufficient for three years.

"The allies are fighting the whole mobilized strength of Germany with perhaps less than one-third of their own strength" said the Chancellor. "The problem of the war for the allies is to bring the remaining two-thirds of their resources and strength into the fighting line at the earliest possible moment, and this is largely, though by no means entirely, a question of finance."

Jury Panel for March Term

For the March term of the circuit court in the department of law, the jury panel has been drawn by the county clerk and sheriff of this county. Those from whom the jury will be picked are as follows:

J. M. Rice, Holley; O. G. Wyman, Shelburn; E. O. Watrous, Albany No. 8; James E. Arnold, South Lebanon; W. H. Condra, East Halsey; J. D. Ellis, Albany No. 7; Elmer E. Fox, Crawfordville; John Sandner, Kingston; John H. Geddes, Jordan; W. A. Barrett, Albany No. 2; Levi Ellis, Foster; John Meinert, Tangent; Henry F. Boedeker, Fox Valley; C. S. Bruce, Albany No. 6; Ed Schoel, Sunrise; H. Sheldon, North Brownsville; E. B. Doty, Calapooia; Samuel Hyder, Lacombe; Lincoln Overton, Lincoln; G. M. Bilyeu, South Scio; C. C. Jackson, West Halsey; P. H. Freerksen, Peoria; J. L. Sharp, South Brownsville; D. F. Newland, Shedd; E. H. Hart, Albany No. 9; A. Horner, Sweet Home; A. R. McCoy, Albany No. 2; I. F. Hadley, Albany No. 8; R. W. Hutensin, Tangent; E. L. Gilbert, Berlin, H. M. Palmer, Albany No. 1.

Colonel John McCracken, a Portland pioneer merchant, died in that city Monday morning. Mr. McCracken has seen Portland grow from a village to a city of 250,000 people. He has been identified with this growth all these years.

We have printed some exceptionally nice subscription receipts. If you want the signature of The Tribune editor as a sort of souvenir, come in and get one.