

MEASURES GROW FOR '12 ELECTION

Eleven Out Already to Be Placed on Ballot One Year Hence—"Frames-up" Charges Made—Friends of University Worry.

HALEM, Or., May 20.—So far there are eleven measures to be placed on the ballot at the general election in 1912 to be submitted to a vote of the people. At this time preceding the last general election there were but eight measures. At the present time there are four referendum measures submitted by petition, six referred to the people by the legislature and one initiative petition to be voted upon.

The initiative petition is for a constitutional amendment granting the right of suffrage to women. The four measures to be placed on the ballot by means of referendum petitions are the Maloney bill extending the powers of the state railroad commission to public utilities, appropriations for the University of Oregon, which include two bills and an appropriation of \$50,000 for a dormitory at Monmouth Normal school.

Six Amendments Proposed Referred to the people by the legislature are six proposed constitutional amendments. Three of these are amendments covering taxation, one of them repealing the amendment leading up to single tax.

Another proposed amendment is to create the office of lieutenant-governor. Another makes stockholders of banks liable for the par value of the stock which they hold in addition to the par value of the stock originally paid. Another refers to the manner of amending the constitution.

Charges are being made by the friends of the University of Oregon that there was a "frame-up" against the university in falling to file the O. A. C. and state capital building referendum on appropriations. These charges were made early in the week when it was freely predicted that such referendum petitions would never be filed and if they were filed they would be found defective.

Lift Buckets of Gold SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 20.—A board appointed to appraise the estate of the late James T. Burge, who lived the life of a hermit, filed a statement in probate court showing his estate is valued at more than \$50,000. The furniture in the old man's house is appraised at only \$312. Before he died Burge requested relatives the hiding places of buckets of gold coins and several railroad and government bonds. Burge was a bachelor.

BLANCHE RING CAUGHT A BUG

Cub Reporter Wends His Way Beneath the Stage to Call on an Old Friend and Hears Miss Ring Discuss Bugs.

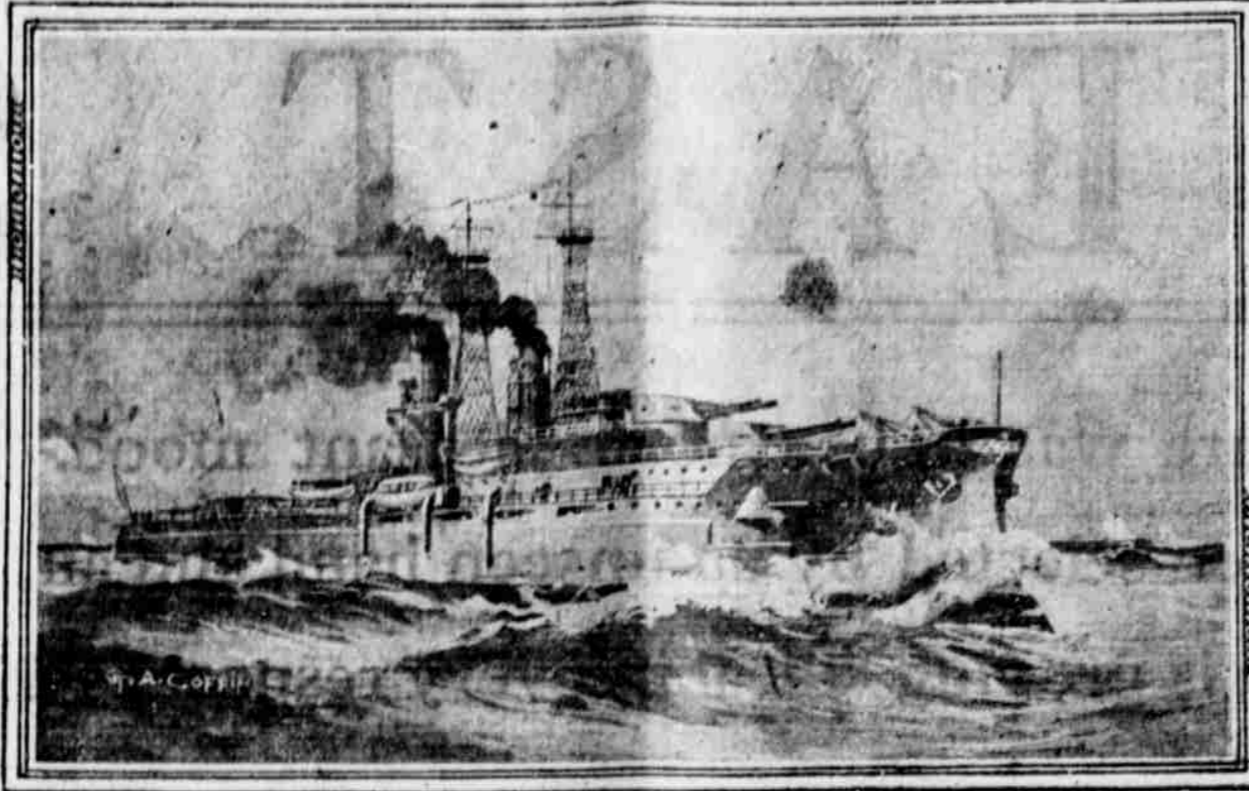
"Say ain't you the fellow with the open umbrella I met the other day up on the avenue?" started Miss Blanche Ring as the Mall Tribune's cub reporter wended his way wearily into the regions below the stage of the Medford Opera House, previous to the performance of "The Yankee Girl" Friday night. A previous acquaintance resulted in a very informal chat. "Oh I see the bug" she cried pointing to a cockroach climbing up the wall. "I thought this was a theatre but I guess I'm in the bug house," and Miss Ring gave vent to one of her ebullient laughs.

"Honestly now! this appears to be a very lively town and oh Freddie!" she wailed to her husband Frederic McKay. "They've brought my looking glass and my clothes and you just know I can't face the audience in a looking glass." Here Blanche gave vent to another gurgle and said "Come Freddie, we must eat." "But I've forgotten where our car is parked." A delegate of the waltz orchestra just told me not to eat in a non-union house and it's the best in town," Miss Ring was able to satisfy her appetite however and then, after jacking a short tour about the city in an automobile, went back to the "bug house" and the rest you all know.

Arkansas Takes Ninth Wife IMBERN, Ark., May 20.—Lawrence county is the home of the most successful battler, H. H. "Uncle" Samuel Kellow of Walnut Ridge. He acquired wife No. 9 last Sunday afternoon at Miami Beach, Fla. The ninth helpmate of "Uncle" Samuel was Mrs. Vivian Melton, a widow 22 years old. "Uncle" Samuel is 66 years old. He does not think he has broken any records in his pleasant and profitable industry. However, he proudly boasts he has never broken the heart of any lassie and always marries those he loves. Mr. Kellow is a leading citizen and politician.

Wall Paper Poisons Sleepers PAYETTE, Mo., May 20.—A peculiar case of poisoning occurred near this city in the case of Ethel's daughter of Bonnie Leach, and Christine, daughter of Ernest Dougherty. The children were sleeping in rooms freshly papered with green and purple wall paper. The mixture caused the deadly poison to fill the rooms. The order was perceptible, but the parents believed it harmless. The Leach child is at the point of death.

Delaware Completes Long and Hard Trip



THE U.S. DELAWARE

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Since the famous around-the-horn cruise of the U. S. battleship Oregon at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, nothing so notable in American naval annals has occurred as the record-breaking voyage of the Delaware, just completed.

On April 28 last, the Delaware finished by wireless to the Navy Department "All's well on board and ready for anything." This was on her arrival outside the Boston harbor, after a cruise of 26,000 miles. She had stopped for no longer intervals than to take on coal and stores during the cruise, and the day after reaching Boston, was sent to sea again for a grilling 24 hour endurance trial and two day's standardization run. This last test she met superbly.

Navy officers are fairly jubilant over this demonstration of sea-going fitness. They declare it proves beyond question that the United States navy is an efficient sea-going, fighting force, and all-

ways prepared for "a fight or a frolic." As a demonstration of the advance of the United States since the days of 1898, the cruise of the Delaware may be most interestingly compared to that of the Oregon, which at that time marked an epoch in naval history.

The long cruise of the Delaware began last fall with the despatch of the entire Atlantic battleship fleet of sixteen vessels to Europe. The fleet engaged in a war game on the return, and proceeded to Guantanamo. Immediately upon the arrival of the warships at that station, the Delaware was ordered to Hampton Roads, to get the body of Minister Crux, of Chile, who died in Washington last December, and convey it to Valparaiso, Chile.

The cruise to Europe and return via Guantanamo covered a total distance of 9,000 miles, while the voyage to Chile and return to Boston was 17,000 miles—a total of 26,000 miles. During the cruise

to Chile and back again, the Delaware an exacting schedule made out before her departure, and on her arrival at Boston, was exactly 20 minutes behind the hour set on her itinerary. Her only stop was for the purpose of taking on coal and provisions.

Though the cruise of the Oregon, in 1898, from the Pacific coast to Sampson's fleet off the coast of Cuba was more thrilling, as the warship was depended upon to lend valuable aid in the expected engagement with Cervera's fleet, the cruise of the Delaware is considered more remarkable.

The Delaware is almost exactly twice the size of the Oregon, her displacement being 20,000 tons, while that of the "bulldog" of the navy, she was known as 10,250 tons. Uncle Sam is now building, it is worthy of note, 27,000 tons battleships, though the Delaware has been in commission less than a year.

Circus Pass Inked on Arm

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—About fifty boys are being rubbed and scrubbed by mothers who are trying to erase the words "I worked" from their arms. When the circus visited here the boys were engaged by the manager to help get the big show ready. Instead of giving them patchboard passes he stamped with indelible ink on each boy's arm, the legend, "I worked."

Midget Woman Has Child.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 20.—A seven pound baby, perfect physically, has been born to the midget wife of Samuel D. Parks, the "frogman" of Hingham circus. Parks' legs are so bent under him that he can use them only for springing and cannot walk. He resembles a frog in other physical characteristics. His wife is 37 inches high.

102 Killed by Railroads

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 20.—Figures collected by the state railroad commission show that in March 102 people were killed and 450 injured on the railroads in the state, a singular coincidence being that the number of railroad fatalities in March of last year was the same. In the list of killed were 51 trespassers and 28 employees. The street railway accidents number 15 killed and 200 injured.

MAN RIDES ON AUTO'S SPRINGS

Automobile Driven by County Assessor W. T. Grieve Hits Man on Front Street—New Pair of Trousers Purchased.

Alex Duff a resident of Medford took an unwilling ride on the front springs of an automobile driven by W. T. Grieve, county assessor of Jacksonville, at the corner of Front and Main streets about 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Another man, narrowly escaped being run down only by quick stopping on his part. Grieve was driving up Main street from the west and upon turning north on Front street, kept close to the left hand curb in an endeavor to pass two lumber wagons which were going in the same direction as he was. Duff had just stepped off the sidewalk and tried to jump out of the way when he saw the machine but was unable to do so and when struck by the automobile managed to grasp the front springs, and riding in them and the crank managed to keep from falling under the wheels. The machine was stopped immediately and both parties went to Mayor Canons office where Chief Higgins took unofficial charge of the case. Grieve invested in a new pair of trousers for Duff and agreed to pay any reasonable fine.

Man for Will: Fined \$5,000 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 20.—William T. Toot is dead and the heirs and administrator have been searching for a will. Noting that some bricks had been removed from the basement wall, a passageway was found and a jar containing \$5,000 in securities dug up.

MONTREAL, Quebec, May 20.—His mouth full of black pepper, 2-year-old Romeo Dombrowski choked to death here. The family was moving and everything was in confusion. Romeo and his 2-year-old brother got hold of a box of pepper. In their play the older child filled his brother's mouth with the spices. All efforts to save his life were futile.

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GENESEE HOME IS BURGLARIZED

Small Sum of Money and Jewelry is Taken—Tracks of Midnight Prowler Are Found About the House on the Lawn.

The home of Cliff Beckwith, 21, Genee street was entered by a burglar about 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning and about \$12 in money and a few small articles of jewelry were stolen. Tracks under all the doors and windows indicated that the burglar had tried several means of ingress before he went to the back door, through which he gained entrance. Mr. Beckwith had locked the rear door and left the key in the key hole, turning the key half way over so that it could not be inserted. A small pair of pinchers was used to turn the key after which it was shoved out and a key inserted from the outside. The thief took about \$10 from the pockets of a pair of trousers lying on a chair and \$2.50 from a pocket book in a bureau drawer. The lights were burning but this did not deter the burglar who went into the kitchen where a noise made by him was heard by Mr. Beckwith who arose and went to investigate only to hear the thief run out of the back door. No trace of the burglar has been found.

Girl of 13 Weds HARRISBURG, Pa., May 20.—Miss Elsie V. Bishop, who will be 14 years old next September, was married to Augustus P. Bell, 24 years old, by the Rev. B. H. Hart. The bride is the youngest person to whom a license has been issued in Dauphin county.

Was Buried 19 Children. TRENTON, N. J., May 20.—Mrs. Michael Hornyak, a middle aged woman, has borne nineteen children, not one of whom is living.

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