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## BILLS SEEK TO UNIFY VOTER LAW

### Series of Proposals Designed Remedy Defects—Absent Voters—Ballot Preparation—Special Elections—Board Duties Among Provisions.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—A list of bills introduced in the house today by Representative Robinson of Multnomah county are designed to remedy certain defects in the election laws and, in general, harmonize the statutes pertaining to election.

Six of the measures harmonize the law relating to absent voters and give the county clerk 30 days in which to prepare ballots. The present law, unintentionally it is claimed, gives only 22 days.

Another bill requires discontinuance of the small ballot boxes for state and district ballots. Few election boards, it is said, now use both the large and small boxes as provided by law.

Under the present laws some voters are barred from voting at special elections for the incorporation of cities and towns, although a properly registered voter is presumed to have the right to vote at all elections. One of the Robinson bills proposes a constitutional amendment harmonizing the law.

Since enactment of an amendment requiring all elections to be registered prior to election day, the little check of election boards has little to do. One bill equalizes the duties of the board members.

Another provision removes the one-fifth excess from the law requiring that the number of ballots printed for precincts shall be one and a fifth times the number of registered voters. The law prohibiting swearing in on election day makes the excess unnecessary.

Bills on the program of the state

irrigation congress were introduced today by Representatives Chinnock and Collier. Summarized, these provide as follows:

The assessments levied by irrigation or drainage districts shall be for the benefit of the district and not the county.

That distressed irrigation districts need not repay the state for interest on district bonds guaranteed and paid by the state on condition that the bondholders agree to secure plans of reorganization that will assure successful operation of the project.

That, the time of meeting for election of irrigation district directors shall be the first Tuesday in January instead of February, and that attendance at irrigation congresses and kindred meetings shall be regarded as official business of the district.

Representative Anderson, Chairman and Hamilton and Senator Corbett and Kilde introduce a bill to strengthen the local budget law. It provides that no expenditures not itemized shall be disbursable, and for filing with the secretary of state of each budget adopted and transfers made thereunder. It prohibits transfers from one fund to another without due notice. It provides for the appointment of the lay members of the budget committee by the governor on certain budget committees, and that all bills authorized shall be upon forms furnished by the secretary of state.

## METROPOLIS GROCERS WOULD HAVE HIGHWAY STANDS REGULATION

The people of Medford, and especially its grocers, are interested in the movement that has originated in Portland and which has been approved by the Multnomah county commissioners, for the passage of a law by the present legislature making it possible for counties to regulate the sanitary conditions of fruit and vegetable stands along the highways of the state.

The board has referred the matter to J. H. Middle, state director and food commissioner, asking that he issue a movement to have such a law passed to give a county authority to issue permits and impose sanitary regulations and inspection of fruit and vegetable stands on the highways.

The movement originated with the Portland Grocers' and Merchants' association and is informally endorsed by many grocers.

## POMONA GRANGE HOLD ALL-DAY SESSION AT TALENT ON SATURDAY

By Mrs. M. E. Trayer.

TALENT, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Sp.) Pomona Grange will meet with the Talent Grange tomorrow (Saturday). There will be an all-day meeting. Dinner will be served by the Talent Grange. The afternoon session will be in charge of Mrs. Floyd Bell, the new lecturer. Several speakers will be on the afternoon program. The evening session will be held at Central Point. Wesley Vogel will be a business visitor in Medford Monday afternoon.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hamilton from their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Hotchkiss, who with Mr. Hotchkiss spent a couple of months here last spring with her parents, and who were lecturers in the Linn county in Linn, Colo., which was robbed last May. Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss had all they owned in this bank and the robbery occurred while they were visiting here with their parents. The information received was that Bryan (Whitey) Walker, one of the members of the notorious Ace Pendleton outlaw band, who was leader of the gang which robbed the Linn bank, had been arrested in a Buffalo hotel a few days ago.

The Grange will give a dance at the Community hall next Friday evening, February 1st.

W. M. Brees met with a very painful accident about a week ago. While cranking his car, the crank not being fully in, it slipped out, striking Mr. Brees across the eyes, leaving a very painful bruise on his face.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Andrews of Medford were guests at the Vogel home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were in Ashland last Friday shopping and attending to business.

The executive board of the Community club met at the home of Mrs. L. C. Finkler Tuesday afternoon and named the following committee: Program Mrs. Charley Holdridge; Mrs. Roy Wagner; social Mrs. Ed Robinson, chairman, who will appoint two members each meeting to entertain; visiting Mrs. Marion Trayer, who will appoint two members each month to visit sick members; finance Mrs. Ferns; Mrs. Gladys; Mrs. Lou; finance and donations Mrs. Frank Holdridge; house committee Mrs. Charley Holdridge; Mrs. Ray Foster; Mrs. Ed Leaning. The Community club will hold its next regular meeting Wednesday, February 28th.

Mrs. John Vincent of Butte Falls is staying at the home of Mrs. Will Fox while caring for her daughter, Mrs. Ella Nelthorpe, who has been seriously ill for the past month or six weeks with pneumonia.

A most delightful surprise birthday party was given by Mrs. Lillian Scott in honor of her son, Earl Bogard. The evening was spent in playing games. Her guests were Messrs. Earl Bogard, Wilby and Warren Conner, Wiley Hill, Wayne Mason, Clarence Byrd, George Conner, James Purvis, Earl Edmondson, Paul Hamberg, Max Carter, Lee VanAuden and Gordon Wiley of Medford; Misses Juanita and Willette Miller, Velma Mason, Lovella and Iris Long, Katherine Estes, Nell Hill, Cora Newhouse, Jeannette McFadden, Laura Trayer, Edna Wisely. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

About eight inches of snow fell in the Talent district last Friday morning, making a lovely scene of the town and surrounding hills. Talent was well represented at the county teachers' institute which met at Phoenix last Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Joeckel and Mrs. Lesley P. Miller were shopping in Medford Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lucile Holdridge and Miss Mildred Hodson were two of the 16 honor students at the State Normal who were initiated into the Sigma Psihon Pi, the women's honor society of the State Normal. Both Miss Holdridge and Miss Hodson were teachers in the Talent school last year. A joint banquet of the women's honor society and the men's fraternity was held at the Lihia Springs hotel last Friday evening. President Churchill, A. C. Strang and V. V. Caldwell were speakers for the

evening. Mrs. Marion Galey rendered a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Helen Osterander.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kincaid and daughter, Charlene, spent Sunday at the home of their father, W. H. Kincaid, on Neill creek.

Mrs. Vogel received word last Thursday from Fresno, Cal., of the death of her youngest sister, Mrs. Clyde Jinks, who died of pneumonia. Mrs. Jinks will be remembered by friends here, as she visited her sister here some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Decker of Ashland visited last Wednesday with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins.

Walter Russell, who has been home on a ten days leave of absence, returned Saturday evening to his work at The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook are temporary residents of Medford until January 31st. They have named the little miss Juanita Grayes. The word was received the first of the week by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cook.

The building being erected by Nelson Park is nearing completion. Mrs. John Robinson is on the sick list this week with a case of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller of Glendale, were guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins, Wednesday evening. The young people motored over from Gopher and were married Wednesday. They returned to Ashland late Wednesday evening.

Jack Tomam of Dorris, Cal., who is attending the Ashland high school, was a guest of Miss Laura Trayer at her home Monday evening. Mr. Tomam is graduate of the mid-year class in 1929.

The Crater Lake Campfire Girls met at their regular meeting at the home of Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Higgins Monday evening. The Talent Rebekah club will meet next Friday, February 1st, at the home of Mrs. Ed Foss.

Mrs. Clarence Mathis entertained last Wednesday an all-day party. Mrs. Lawrence Crawford, Mrs. Fred Rapp, Mrs. Edith Hayman and daughter Bertha of Talent and Mrs. Earl Briscoe of Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell of the Siskiyon camp have been camping at the Manning camp ground while sorting a load of apples to take to Willows, Cal. They left Tuesday for California.

Charles Harris of Ashland was a dinner guest Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bullen.

Harry Lynch is having the electric lights installed in his home on Wagner creek.

Merl Hughes had the misfortune to receive several bad burns about the arms and upper part of the body by a gas explosion in Los Angeles. He has been for the past three weeks at the General hospital in that city and is not yet able to leave the hospital.

Mrs. Marian Millon returned to the business college in Medford Wednesday after several days illness.

Tom Lamb, Mrs. Katie Mason and daughter Valma, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hodson and daughter Charlene spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lamb at the Rivera plantation near Foots creek.

The basketball game played between the Ashland Junior high and the Talent boys' team and the Eagle Point and Talent girls' teams last Friday evening resulted in the Talent boys winning, 38 to 18, and the Talent girls winning, 27 to 26.

The first basketball game of the county tournament will be played at Talent tonight (Friday) between the Sams Valley teams and the Talent teams. It will be a double game.

Mrs. Will Ferns, Mrs. Elsie Churchman of Ashland were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter in Ashland Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins were shopping in Medford Monday afternoon.

O. L. Lindly was a business caller in Medford Monday afternoon. Mrs. John Hearing and Mrs. Opal Demmer spent Wednesday afternoon shopping in Medford.

**Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
G. W. Burnett, pastor.

**Methodist Church.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Lester Newby, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.  
Regular prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.  
Rev. Aubrey Brown, pastor.

## BELLVIEW PHONE CONCERN DECIDES TO EXPAND LINES

BELLVIEW, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Plans to rebuild the original 2-F line of the Bellview Telephone company, established more than a quarter of a century ago and since that time in constant use, were made at the annual meeting of the company.

Fred C. Hambs was re-elected president and A. C. Joy was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the company. The annual report of the secretary-treasurer showed that from the standpoint of uninterrupted service, the last year has been most successful in the 39 years' history of the company. This excellent service is attributed to the policy of the company in keeping the lines in the best condition. The financial report showed a surplus of \$1,000.00 and this will be used for rebuilding the original line.

For a number of years the Bellview company has had the distinction of being among the best built and best managed farmers' lines in the state. This company owns and operates four lines in this vicinity. The stockholders voted at the meeting to place a telephone in the Community club house for the use of the school and patrons. This will certainly be appreciated by the club women, as much time and worry will be eliminated by having a telephone available.

W. L. Moore, C. A. Brown, W. B. Boebe were named directors. A. H. Peachey was re-appointed as "trouble man" for the ensuing year. An assessment of \$2.50 was levied on each telephone in the system.

On Sunday, January 29, a number of relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory at Central Point, to help her celebrate her 84th birthday anniversary.

A wonderful covered dish dinner was enjoyed by the group of relatives. Mrs. Gregory received many gifts. Those who were present to enjoy the day with Mrs. Gregory were Mrs. Lucinda Weedon and sons, Grover, William and Sherrill of Applegate valley; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tracy of Bellview; Mrs. Elizabeth Owens, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. John McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sellers, Misses Helen and Mildred Gregory, little Lucille Sellers, Herbert and Keith Gregory.

The members of the Upper Valley Community club are planning an old-fashioned dance to be held at the club house on the 7th of February. This promises to be quite an affair. Good eats will be served by the ladies during the evening.

The Yeoman lodge held their regular lodge meeting on Tuesday evening at their club rooms. A very profitable business meeting was held after which a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served by the committee in charge. Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Barnes and daughter Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Miles and daughter from Bellview were in attendance at this meeting.

Mrs. L. D. Menzies and Mrs. A. W. Moon attended the card party at the Civic club house on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ira Chastain, teacher at Central Point, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Emigrant creek had an accident near the Klingor place Sunday when they were returning home. A car driven by a party bound for the north, forced the Smith car to the extreme edge of the road, where it skidded on the frozen pavement, causing Mrs. Smith to be thrown overboard. The driver of the other car did not stop to see what damage he had caused. Other people traveling the highway soon came to their rescue. They were both very fortunate in escaping with minor injuries.

Mrs. Rufus Trusty spent the week-end in Dunsmuir with her husband, who is in the employment of the railroad company.

Mrs. S. K. Barnes entertained the Bowmen circle of the Yeoman lodge at her home in Bellview on Thursday afternoon. This was a very important meeting, as officers for the ensuing year were elected at this time. Mrs. S. K. Barnes was re-elected president of the organization. Mrs. Howard Gearhart was named vice-president.

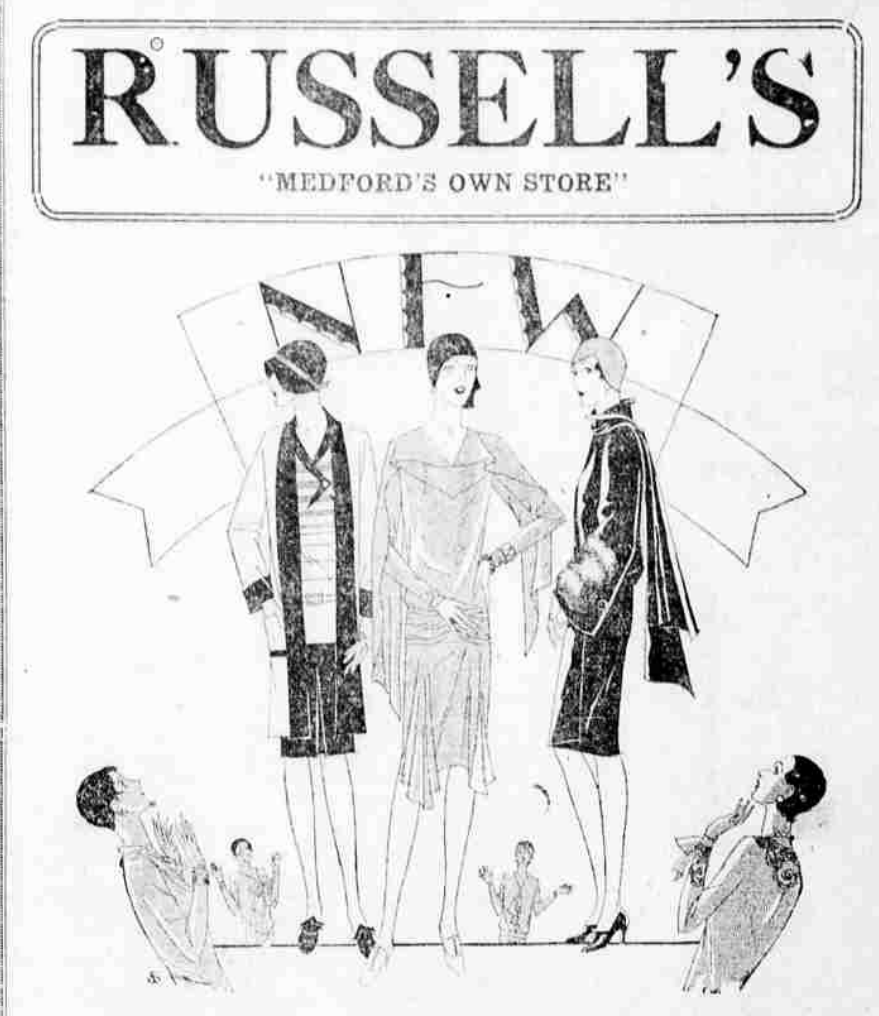
Mrs. Lloyd Lacey of Talent was elected secretary and Mrs. Fay Yarian became treasurer of the coming year.

After the business meeting a pleasant social afternoon was participated in by about 20 ladies. Six new members were taken into the society at this meeting.

At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Barnes, with the able assistance of Misses Letha Miles, Daisy Fargan, Fannie Warren and Frances Barnes, served delicious refreshments arranged attractively in keeping with the spirit of St. Valentine. The home bore pretty Valentine decorations. The next meeting of the circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Warren.

Mrs. Rufus Trusty was a dinner guest at the home of Mrs. T. A. Merryman on Thursday.

Wade Wells is busy hauling hay from Bellview to his stock on Emigrant creek.



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