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ELECTION QUIET BUT VERY LIVELY

FREEMAN SYSTEM NOT GENERALLY FOLLOWED.

Not Before the Votes Are Counted. After Seven Tonight, Will It Be Possible to Ascertain Who is Victor—Both Mayorality Candidates Claim the Victory—Vote is the Largest in Several Years—Little Outward Appearance of the Real Interest.

- Number of Votes Cast.
- The total vote cast, by wards, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, follows, and in three of the four wards, is considerably higher than at the last election at the same hour.
- First ward, 178.
- Second ward, 217.
- Third ward, 170.
- Fourth ward, 127.
- Total, 692.

With June weather prevailing and interest at a high pitch voting has progressed rapidly today with the result that one of the largest votes polled in several years are expected tonight when the official count is made. Early this morning, in fact, as soon as the polls opened, the voters were in line and all day there has been brisk voting. The first ward was the slowest, but that precinct always makes a strong finish. The reason for this condition is that so many of the voters living in South La Grande are employed in the downtown district and do not take the trouble to vote until after working hours. As the polls are open until seven o'clock this evening, this can be done.

Averting Freeholder Trouble. Few unregistered voters have been turned in by the customary freeholder system. This has alleviated much trouble. The custom used today is to

swear in, individually, all who have registered on the county books. Hence, one who has registered in the county registration books, can swear himself in at the city election on the same oath he takes when backed by six freeholders.

About the usual number have been sworn in at all the polls today, but the usual disturbance and annoyance

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SPECIAL SESSION BEING PLANNED

PROMINENT BILLS WILL BE UP FOR PASSAGE.

Leading Republicans Have Plan Whereby Many of the Leading Financial and Tariff Revision Bills Can Be Passed—Will Call a Special Session of Congress When the Present One Expires—Lower Rates on Steel and Iron Proposed.

Washington, March 9.—Tariff revision has been agreed upon by republican leaders. A special session of congress will be called immediately after the expiration of the present congress next spring and bills prepared by Cannon, Payne, Dill and Sherman will be presented.

It will lower the duties on steel and iron and equalize others. Representative Sherman is now circulating a petition among members of the house requesting the ways and means committee to sit during the summer recess for the purpose of gathering data which will aid members in framing up new tariff schedules. Many signatures have already been secured and it is almost certain the committee will sit.

Buffalo Automobile Show. Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.—Convention hall is today the scene of the largest display of new models of motor cars ever seen in Buffalo. The show will last all week.

FLEET RUNNING AHEAD OF TIME

UNITED PRESS GETS WORD BEFORE GOVERNMENT.

Evans' Fleet Will Reach Magdalena Bay on March 14, Three Days Earlier Than Planned—Remarkable Message Received at Pensacola by Wireless—Over Mountains and a Continent Ahead of Formal Message to Government

Pensacola, Fla., March 9.—One of the most remarkable wireless messages ever sent was received here today, signed by Norman Rose, of the United Press association, from the Evans fleet on the Pacific, stating the battleships would reach Magdalena Bay on March 12. This is three days earlier than planned.

The wireless flash which crossed two mountain ranges and a continent, beat Evans' formal telegram to the navy department. Rose's message was the first word heard from the fleet since it left Callao and was at once forwarded to the president and Secretary Metcalf, who were greatly pleased. The message declared the fleet was in excellent condition, and making extraordinary time.

Sweden Favor Uncle Joe. Aurora, Ill., March 9.—Hundreds of members of the Swedish republican league of Illinois gathered in Aurora this morning for what promises to be the most enthusiastic convention in the history of the organization. A majority of the delegates are apparently admirers of Speaker Cannon, although Secretary Taft also has many friends among the Swedish-American voters of the state. The convention will close with a great banquet, at which several men of prominence in republican political circles will respond to toasts.

CHINA PATCHES UP TROUBLES

WAR CLOUD IN THE ORIENT BLOWS OVER

By Making Concessions and Retractions China and Japan Have Cleared Away Their Difficulties in a Large Measure—Tatsu Maru Will Be Returned to Japan With Flag Which Was Dishonored—Knotty Tangle is Satisfactorily Untangled.

London, March 9.—The Chinese-Japanese war cloud has been scattered and China has diplomatically capitulated. Japan has made concessions from her unconditional surrender ultimatum of Saturday, that will allow China to "save her face," and yet satisfy every material Japanese demand.

The problem is a knotty one and not all the details are yet cleared up in a general way, the proposition has been settled in this manner: China will release the steamer Tatsu Maru and restore the flag to the vessel's commander.

An official note of regret is to be sent to Japan. China promises a speedy trial and punishment of officers who seized the boat. Japan will take steps to suppress smuggling of contraband from Japan to Chinese rebels.

Japan will recall its shipment of arms and ammunition on the Tatsu Maru. The full conditions of settlement will not be known until Japan receives the Chinese note of apology for the incident.

POPULIST PARTY BOOMS HEARST

WILL FORM ALLIANCE WITH INDEPENDENTS.

The Party Which Once Held Sway and Power in Kansas Has Issued Call for State Convention Tomorrow—Hearst and Watson Will Probably Receive the Presidential Sanction of This Party—Chairman Hanna Explains Populist History.

Topeka, Kan., March 9.—Remnant of the disorganized people's party since a power in Kansas politics, will meet in Topeka tomorrow for the state convention, when delegates will be elected to the national populist convention to be held in St. Louis early next month. Hearst and Watson is a presidential ticket that has been suggested by several populist leaders, and an effort may be made in the convention to secure the endorsement of the New York editor.

It is admitted by the populists that they will not be able to carry the election in Kansas, but they hope to form an alliance with the Independence league and other reform forces that will make their influence felt.

In his call for tomorrow's convention, Chairman George Hanna appealed to the voters of the party that produced a Jerry Simpson and a Senator Peffer, in the following language:

"There is ample reason to maintain the organization of the people's party, with the record of the people's party as the advocate of reform principle which have since been claimed in name by both of the old political parties, each claiming to be the champion of the same. We are proud of the people's party's record in reform and we would gladly greet the old parties if they would adopt our pure democratic principles of government in relation to finance, land and transportation.

"What we call the people's party was organized in the homes and school houses of the country and not in its capitals and chief cities. It organizes sovereign political powers and admits no other organizations to be sov-

eign. It has no head centers. Unlike committees of other parties which flourish best when people are dormant our committees cease to live when the people abandon their home organizations."

The convention will be in the nature of a mass meeting of all the populists of the state. It will be decided at this convention whether or not a state ticket shall be put out.

WAR CLOUD NOT GONE IN TOKIO

EXPECT DEMONSTRATION THERE MOMENTARILY.

There is No Confirmation in Japan That China Has Taken Steps to Smooth Over International Difficulties—Trouble is Brewing Rapidly and Report From London is Given No Credence—Speedy Apology is Only Preventative of Trouble.

Tokio, March 9.—A full-fledged revolution against the Chinese dynasty has broken out and threatens to sweep across the south channel, according to dispatches received here.

Tokio, March 9.—There is no confirmation here that China has taken steps to placate Japan in regard to the Tatsu Maru incident.

A demonstration against China within the next 24 hours is expected here. The story which was sent out by a London news agency to the effect that China was ready to apologize, is given no credence.

There is great activity about the foreign office, but no official statement is forthcoming. The press is advocating an aggressive policy. A speedy apology must come from Peking if the movement against China will begin.

Activity in naval centers is marked and increasing hourly. This activity is probably responsible for the rumor that a naval demonstration will be made against China at once.

STOESSEL MAY ESCAPE.

Chances of Escaping Death Sentence Appear to Be Excellent.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—General Stoessel's chances of escaping the death sentence pronounced against him in a military court, are now considered excellent. Czar Nicholas has commuted his sentence to ten years' imprisonment, it is said, and his pardon is expected shortly.

Special Rate Meeting.

Chicago, March 9.—Railroad rates less than two cents a mile will probably be adopted by several lines because of the numerous national political conventions and other meetings to be held this year. Several conferences on the subject have recently been held and a final decision on the special rates matter is expected when the Central Passenger association meets in regular session this week.

GOVERNOR HUGHES IN NEW ENGLAND

LIKELY PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER TO SPEAK.

New York's Choice for the Presidential Nomination Invades New England and Will Speak on All the National Issues in an Address This Evening—Will Be the Largest Gathering to Which He Has Spoken Since His Inaugural Address.

Boston, Mass., March 9.—Governor Charles E. Hughes will make his first public appearance in New England, since his election as chief executive of New York, tomorrow evening, when he will be the special guest of the New England Dry Goods association at a big meeting in Tremont temple, and will afterward be the guest of the Brown University Alumni association.

Governor Hughes has said that he intends to speak upon national affairs, and as this will be the largest gathering he has appeared before since his election to the governorship of New York state, it is expected he will have many interesting things to say.

The officers of the dry goods association expect there will be 3000 dry goods men in Tremont temple when Governor Hughes makes his speech. The meeting is not public and is restricted to dry goods merchants, superintendents, managers, buyers and commercial travelers in that line.

There will first of all be a reception in Tremont temple at 5:30 o'clock then a banquet at Lorimer hall, and at 7:30 the meeting in the temple proper will be opened. The reception and banquet will be open only to the members of the dry goods association and the invited guests. In addition to Governor Hughes the association will have as its guests Governor Curtis Guild, Mayor George A. Hibbard, Lafayette G. Blair and probably President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard university.

At the conclusion of his engagement at the temple Governor Hughes will attend the dinner of the alumni of Brown university, the institution which is his own alma mater.

Governor Hughes came to Boston February 12 of last year to address the New England Dry Goods association, but shortly before the banquet he received a telegram informing him of the death of ex-Governor Higgins of New York. He left immediately for Albany.

Walsh Wants New Trial.

Chicago, March 9.—Motion for a new trial in the case of John R. Walsh the aged financier, who was convicted of irregular practices in his management of the defunct Chicago National bank, will probably be argued tomorrow. Attorneys for Walsh are confident that they will yet secure the acquittal of their client.

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