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## EFFORTS ALL IN VAIN

COULD THROW OUT DISPUTED PRECINCTS AND STILL HAVE SUFFICIENT VOTES TO CARRY LOCAL OPTION LAW HERE

Until a hearing is held before Circuit Judge Crawford, at which time the friends of the anti-saloon movement are entitled to and will be given a hearing, on the question of whether or not the injunction temporarily granted yesterday will be dissolved, the county court will be prevented from declaring the results of the election on June 1. If, upon the hearing of the motion for dissolution of the injunction, it satisfactorily appears that the injunction should not have been allowed, it will be vacated accordingly.

The county court met this morning in special session as per request of the court some time ago, but as the restraint is hanging over the body, nothing was done and adjournment was taken after a trivial matter or two had been attended to.

The duty of defending the litigation brought by the liquor interests yesterday, devolves upon Judge Henry and Commissioners Sellers and Brown, constituting the county court. The county court having met for the purpose of performing their duty in declaring the result of the election, it will now be compelled to enter a decision to the litigation. This defense undoubtedly will be in the nature of an answer setting up the regularity of the proceedings, among which might be mentioned the filing of the sufficient petition requesting the election, the order calling the election, the issuance of the notice by the clerk, the posting of the same by the sheriff, the placing of the question upon the ballot, the returns of the judges of election, the canvassing of the result by the canvassing board, consisting of

the clerk and two justices of the peace, and, lastly, the duty of promulgating or proclaiming the result. All of these requirements the county court will now claim were done and performed by the proper officers, upon whom the law has imposed the respective duty.

These matters will be placed before the circuit court at the earliest opportunity and the question of the correctness of the temporary injunction will then be submitted, both sides being represented and all the facts brought before the court.

All the foregoing will be matters of temporary relief, and in either event, the case will have to be tried on its merits, the same as any other suit in equity. All this can be done within the next 10 days by merely filing the papers and demanding a hearing.

**Real Purpose Frustrated.**  
It is understood that the real purposes of the litigation is to gain the advantages of the law's delay, but this will not be realized, as it is understood the case will be heard immediately, as soon as all parties are before the court. Speaking of the matter from a legal standpoint, Attorney C. E. Cochran said today:

**Decision Not in Favor of Saloons.**  
"The recent litigation filed by the liquor interests seems to be a suit brought for the purpose of invalidating the election held upon the subject June 1, and various rumors as to the effect of this move have gained circulation.

"The friends of the anti-saloon movement should be assured that this proceeding is nothing more than an attempt to test the question and is not

a decision in their favor, by any means.

**Injunction Was Justified.**  
"The injunction granted by the court is merely temporary and has the effect to hold matters up pending a hearing. Judge Gantienbein yesterday granted a similar injunction to hold up matters in St. Johns, Multnomah county, while Judge Bean also granted a temporary injunction yesterday in Umatilla county, so the whole matter is but the ordinary attempt on the part of the liquor interests to defeat the will of the people, but let it be understood that it is only an attempt.

**A Victory in Spite of It.**  
"The points made in the complaint are yet to be proven and if proven whether or not the election will be thereby invalidated is a question for decision. The sheriff, personally, posted the notices in the five La Grande precincts, in two Union precincts, North Powder, Big Creek and Cove, and caused the notices to be posted, under his directions, in the balance of the precincts in this county. The sheriff knows, personally, that the notices were posted in all of the precincts except Starkey and Camp Carson, and as a matter of fact, five notices were posted in each precinct of the county as required by the local option law, and while I do not wish to pre-judge the case, yet, at the same time, it is clear that the public had ample notice of the election.

"As a matter of fact, the election could fall in every precinct where the sheriff did not personally post the notices, and yet the returns be ample to justify the proclamation of prohibition.

**Can Be Heard at Once.**  
"The question of the dissolution of the injunction can be heard immediately and, in fact, with reasonable diligence on the part of the friends of the anti-saloon movement, in presenting their side of the case to the court.

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## BILLEK'S LIFE IS PROLONGED

**TEMPORARY REPRIEVE GRANTED HIM TODAY.**

**Bohemian Fortune Teller Who Committed Wholesale Murder and Was Condemned to Die Today is Given Brief Respite Through Efforts of Catholic Priest—Will Decide Today if Case Can Be Appealed to the State Supreme Court.**

Chicago, June 12.—Federal Judge K. M. Landis today granted Herman Billek, condemned murderer, a temporary reprieve as a result of heroic measures adopted by friends, and the Bohemian will not hang today. Landis will decide whether Billek can appeal his case to the state supreme court or not.

Governor Dineen and the pardon board took up the case at 10 o'clock this morning, after refusing to grant the pardon.

Billek's two daughters accompanied Father O'Callagan on his speaking tour of the city in the interest of Billek.

Yesterday afternoon it looked dark for the condemned fortune teller. His friends and uninterested parties, had looked for a hanging bee this morning in accordance with the decree of the court. The untiring efforts of the priest, who claims the evidence was forced in some instances, is responsible for the prolonging of life to the murderer of five members of the Vreal family.

The reprieve was announced just as the jailer of the Cook county jail had marshaled his deputies into line and the physicians had made ready for the march to the gallows. Instead of reading the death warrant, the jailer told Billek of the news. The condemned man nerved himself to the last, and almost collapsed.

here today and are being distributed by friends of Senator Knox. They say they realize that he has no chance of the nomination, but explained that "He is a good fellow." Charles Farr, brother of the secretary, were one for a minute. The national committee today decided to consolidate all contests from Texas and hear them at once. This brings about an early adjournment of the committee. Boosters of Fairbanks, Dolliver, Hammond, Guild and Cortelyou for second place are urging the claims of each.

Taft had won the whole Texas delegation today, carrying the consolidated contest of that state, referred to above. Joe Bryan, counsel for the allies, withdrew anti-Taft contests of delegates at large from Virginia. The remainder of the Virginia contests were consolidated and Taft won them in quick order.

## ANNA GOULD TO HOLD THE PURSE

**CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN ANNA AND DE SAGAN.**

When Mrs. Gould and Prince de Sagan are married, the bride will control the Gould millions—Prince's Husband Must Ask for Money When He Wants It—Protestant Minister Will Likely Perform Ceremony—Look for Wedding Soon.

Paris, June 12.—It was learned here today by the United Press correspondent that the marriage contract signed Thursday by Mrs. Gould and Prince de Sagan, provides for a complete separation of property so Mrs. Gould will be able to hold the purse strings and the prince will have to ask her for money whenever he wants to dip into the Gould millions. The papers say the prince will have complete charge of his own estate.

It is customary in such cases for the wedding to follow within two weeks of the signing of the contract. It has been learned on the highest authority that the marriage will be performed in France. It is probable the couple will go to England in hope of escaping notoriety. The ceremony will probably be performed by a protestant minister, the pope having refused to sanction or even permit the marriage of a divorcee in the Catholic church. Registration fees for the contract are about \$4000.

## SELECTING SITE FOR BUILDING

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS.**

**In Official Notice of Call for Proposals for Building Site, the Department at Washington Sets Out Many Interesting Points—Must Be Corner Lot, About 130x135 Feet—Notice to Be Published in The Observer on Monday, Next.**

In next Monday's issue of the Evening Observer will be published a call for proposals for a building site for the federal building in this city. The notice for these proposals stipulates the general requirements of the lot. The call for proposals will say that the site must be located on a corner lot conveniently near the central portion of the city. The approximate dimensions called for are 130x135 feet. The official notice issued by George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, goes on to stipulate that the proposals will be opened on July 14 at 12 o'clock and immediately afterward, if suitable proposals have been entered, La Grande will be informed just where the new \$55,000 federal building will be located.

This settles all discussion as to when and just how the selection of a site will be made. On the proposals will be written the exact date covering the location and the like, in as clear a manner that the department can make its selections at Washington.

Full directions covering the wording and form of the proposals will be included in the official notice which will appear in this paper next Monday.

## INVESTIGATION OF REBZTES

**FEDERAL GRAND JURY PROBING CALIFORNIA CASE.**

**Southern Pacific Admits Granting Rebates to Box-Shoop Manufacturers—Interstate Commerce Commission Looking for More Cases of Discrimination—Citrus Growers Were Beneficiaries of Rebates.**

San Francisco, June 12.—The federal grand jury today resumed the investigation of the alleged granting of rebates by the Southern Pacific to a number of big California concerns. H. B. Durman of Washington, D. C., appearing for the interstate commerce commission, continues to probe into the freight auditing departments of the road. In the case of box lumber from northern California to the citrus district in the southern part of the state, the road admits that a reduction was made because of an appeal from the California Pine Box & Lumber company for a low rate because competitors were getting a very low rate from Albuquerque.

## SEARCHING FOR TAIL END MAN

**BITTER FIGHT AGAINST SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION**

With Taft Assured the Nomination on First Ballot, Interest Centers in Finding a Suitable Vice-President—Hughes Cannot Afford to Accept—Congressman Clark Says Allies Will Carry Southern Delegations Question to Credentials Committee.

Chicago, June 12.—Congressman Francis Burke of Pennsylvania, leader among the allies, announced today that they will not give up the fight on Taft until the convention has passed upon the question of representation in the south.

"We will carry the matter before the resolution committee and fight it out before the credentials committee," he said. "We will present a resolution providing that in the future representation is to be based on four delegates at large from each state, and one district delegate for each 10,000 votes cast in the election next fall."

"The south will never again nominate delegates to the national convention unless the machine men agree to take the responsibility for the machine's work."

**After Tail-End.**  
With all indications pointing to a certainty that Taft will be nominated on the first ballot, interest here centers on the work of picking a vice-presidential candidate. State Senator Alfred B. Page of New York, a personal friend of Hughes, threw cold water on the movement to boom him for the job. He said:

"Hughes will not accept a nomination for second place."

It is known that Hughes, who is a man of small means, has been forced to pay \$25,000 out of his own pocket for expenses during his term as governor. It is estimated by his friends that he could have easily made a hundred thousand dollars practicing law. The first campaign buttons arrived

### LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DAY

## AT THE GREAT FAIR STORE UNLOADING SALE

To-morrow, Saturday, We Turn Our Store Over to the Special Wants of Ladies and Children. Women and Little Girls will Find Much to Interest Them Here and a Notable Opportunity to Purchase Summer Apparat at VERY LOW AND INTERESTING PRICES

Corset Covers Worth 25cts to 65cts at . . . . . 19c, 21c, 28, 38c	42 x 36 Pillow Cases of Pepperell Sheeting . . . . . 19c
15c Values Misses Sleeveless Vests Now . . . . . 10c	1000yds. Summer Dress Goods yd. 5c
Lace Curtains, Worth \$1.50 to \$1.57 To-morrow . . . . . 98c	Boys' Russian Wash Suits . . . . . 98c
	Childrens White Dawn Dresses . . . . . 39c

HALF PRICE All Ladies Ready Trimmed Hats Special for Saturday HALF PRICE

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN TABLE LINENS, LACE CURTAINS, SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES, LINEN, HUCK AND TURKISH TOWELS, IN FACT EVERYTHING FOR THE HOUSE AT PRICES THAT WILL GLADDEN THE HEART OF THE ECONOMIC HOUSEWIFE.

# THE FAIR

LA GRANDE OREGON

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the responsibility of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon