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TAFT CARRIED EVERY COUNTY

LESSER PARTIES GIVEN ABOUT TEN THOUSAND.

Almost Complete Returns From State of Oregon Show Debs, Chafin and Hisgen Polled But 10,000 Between Them—Marion County One of the Strongest Republican Counties in the State—Twenty-five Thousand Estimate Stands.

Portland, Nov. 5.—That Taft carried Oregon by a plurality of 25,000 is indicated by complete returns from 16 of 24 counties containing three-fifths of the vote, giving Taft a lead of 15,325. In 18 incomplete counties the count has proceeded far enough to indicate an additional 10,000. It appears the lesser candidates received 10,000. Debs probably 7000; Chafin 2500 and Hisgen 500. Taft carried every county in the state of Oregon.

Salem, Nov. 5.—According to an unofficial count nearly 1000 more votes were cast in Marion county for United States senator last June than for presidential electors last Tuesday. The vote in the six small precincts is unknown. Taft's plurality stands at 1,500 in Marion county.

Salem Democrat Wins Bet. Salem, Nov. 5.—So far as known, W. N. Gatens, Chamberlain's secretary, is the only democrat in Oregon to win an election wager. A Taft man bet him Bryan would get no more electoral votes than did Parker.

Seven Blown to Pieces. Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 5.—Seven men were blown to pieces today by a premature explosion of dynamite on the Grand Trunk railroad, 100 miles east of here. Five Americans are among the victims.

HELD BABY FOR RANSOM.

"Killet" Broke Glass and is Taken as Ransom Until Bill is Paid.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Francis W. J. Pommer, a keeper in a notion store, with kidnaping his 2-year-old daughter as a ransom for broken snow windows. The child was in the care of Louisa Koble, a nurse, in a buggy in front of Pommer's store, when it rained itself, seized a handle and threw it through the window. Pommer took the baby and detained the nurse, demanding \$12, as the price of the window. The baby was returned.

GIRL STUDENT HAS DISAPPEARED

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE UNABLE TO TRACE MOVEMENT

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Failing to trace the movements of Edna Clark, aged 18, a student who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Oakland a fortnight ago, private detectives have abandoned the search today. The trail was taken up by the local police. A new light has been thrown on the strange case by the finding of the stub of a Pullman car ticket in a heap of sweeping from the church of St. Mary the Virgin, whose pastor, Rev. Payson Young, had been with the girl shortly before the disappearance. Descriptions of the girl are being sent to the police of all parts of the country.

Second Squadron Sails. Amoy, Nov. 5.—The second squadron of the Atlantic fleet, after a week's receptions, sailed for Manila today. A man near Dufur has harvested his first crop from 3-year-old apple trees.

MASS MEETING FOR LADIES SET

BIG MEETING OF ALL LA GRANDE LADIES SATURDAY.

Council Hands Park Lot Sale Petition to Ways and Means Committee—Promoters Want 28 Acres of Land Near Proebstel Bridge for Park Purposes—Urgent That as Many Ladies as Can, Attend Saturday Meeting.

Carrying out pre-arranged plans, all women of the city who have an interest in a public park, are requested to meet in the Commercial club room Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to discuss the feasibility of the Proebstel park plan. This is not for the elite but for every lady in La Grande who feels she has a part to play in the molding of public park propaganda and can do her little mite toward bringing to a successful consummation the plans now being advanced.

The meeting is called for 2 o'clock promptly and a large attendance is desired—as many as the room will hold.

Council to the Aid. The city council was asked last evening to play a part in the movement. It has been requested to sell the property on Fourth street, known as the "Park" lot, and turn the funds in on the Proebstel property.

Want Twenty-eight Acres. It is planned by the ladies promoting the movement, to purchase 14 acres of the Proebstel grove and 14 acres of the Carbine property. This splendid joint tract would afford ice skating and ice games in the winter time, and ample opportunity for park and outdoor stadium facilities in the summer time.

The petition placed before the council last night was turned over to the ways and means committee, and if that body acts favorably, the property will be sold, and the funds diverted to the new project.

CITY "DADS" IN SESSION

NOT A DOLLAR IN FINES COLLECTED IN OCTOBER.

Resolution Passed Demanding That City Funds Deposited in Farmers & Traders Bank Be Declared Trust Funds—Petition Presented Asking That Present Park Site Be Sold and Other Property Purchased—Routine Matters.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the city council last evening, instructing the mayor and recorder to make a demand upon Receiver Neidner of the Farmers & Traders National bank, asking that the amount of money deposited by the city officials be considered as preferred claims for the reason that they are trust funds. The recorder's report is one without precedent: not a single dollar was received on fines during the month of October. There were several arrests, where the cases were docketed, but the city received no revenue from this source.

A petition from a number of ladies was presented asking that the block of land which they presented to the city several years ago for park purposes, be sold and the proceeds applied to some other location. The matter was referred to the street committee. The deed conveying this block to the city contains a clause that the property is to be used for park purposes. What effect this may have upon carrying out the wishes of the petitioners will be declared later.

A resolution was passed requiring that hereafter all officials required to give bonds should do so through some reliable bonding company; this means that personal bonds will not be acceptable hereafter.

Hereafter it will be unlawful for anyone to burn rubbish or distribute ashes in the street. By referring to the list of bills audited and ordered paid is the salary list of the mayor and councilmen. This is authorized under an ordinance passed last spring prior to the administration now in existing. Each member receiving \$3 for each session attended.

Much of the session last evening was occupied with ordinary routine work. The following claims were paid.

General Fund.	
Arthur Curtis, city engineer	\$ 9.00
Lighting city	229.00
Lilly-Foster Hdwe Co	28.00
La Grande Iron Wks	15.75
C. D. Goodnough	65.00
Palmer Lumber Co.	70.98
G. E. Fowler, street sprinkling	31.65
Morning Star, printing	13.94
Chas. Montgomery, labor	15.00
John Flanery, labor	21.35
Cleve Montgomery, labor	30.00
John Sutman, labor	45.00
John Ladd, labor	70.00
J. E. Carpenter, labor	57.75
Frank Carpenter, labor	44.70
B. F. Lamm, labor	37.50
Chas. Fall, labor	11.85
J. O. Mills, labor	55.55
E. Monsell, labor	57.50
J. K. Wright, salary	30.00
J. W. Walden, salary	85.00
J. H. McLachlen, salary	75.00
E. R. Carr, salary	75.00
J. F. Baker, city attorney	90.00
Boarding prisoners	3.75
Mayor and councilmen salary, six months	354.00
J. A. Matott, street Supt.	75.00
Road Fund.	
Geo. Palmer Lumber Co.	97.30
Pound Fund.	
J. W. Black, poundmaster	65.00
Feed	19.35
Water Fund.	
N. K. West, mds.	2.40
Lilly-Foster Hdwe Co. mds.	29.75
Warnstoff, wood @ \$4.20	45.15
G. R. Cash Co., coal @ \$7.75	102.08
J. Jones, caring for hose house	5.00
Springs	12.50
Lumber	7.42
Advertising Beaver bonds	6.00
Bay & Zweifel, plumbing	4.30
T. M. Brannon, wood	69.40

La Grande Iron Wks, repairs	7.75
Joe Santos, wood	125.55
Standard Oil Co., oil	5.60
Chas. Knapp, labor	23.50
H. E. Gilman, water Supt.	85.00
John Allen, pumping	77.50
Miscellaneous bills	12.00

To Change Motive Power. San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Berkeley university trustees are today considering an offer by the Southern Pacific to spend \$2,000,000 in improvements in exchange for permission to change the motive power of its road and extend the system into Berkeley. The road desires to use electricity instead of steam in operating trains on the interurban lines.

MISSOURI STEPS IN TAFT COLUMN

PLURALITY IN MARYLAND BUT LITTLE OVER A HUNDRED

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 5.—This afternoon returns show Taft carried Missouri by 935. The state ticket is democratic.

Byan Congratulates. Lincoln, Nov. 5.—Convinced by more complete returns from the doubtful and calm states that Taft is elected, Bryan today sent Taft the following telegram:

"Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for success in your administration."

Harmon Gets 20,000. Republican Chairman Williams today concedes the election of Harmon, democrat, as governor, with a plurality of 20,000. The legislature will be republican.

So Wilson Waning. Chicago, Nov. 5.—Secretary Barnes of the national socialist committee, said today the total vote would not exceed 525,000. The Illinois vote will barely reach 50,000. The Oklahoma vote made a gain compared with 4400 at the last election.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 5.—The election results are swinging Missouri back into the republican column, where it took a place four years ago as a "mysterious stranger." Attorney General Hadley, republican, is undoubtedly elected governor over Cowherd, democrat. The nomination of Senator W. J. Stone and his re-election over Governor Folk is assured. Stone's majority is estimated at 18,000.

Returns from all parts of Missouri today indicate that Taft carried the state by a small plurality, probably 100. Early returns showing a big plurality for Bryan, is decreasing constantly.

Warner Re-elected. Detroit, Mich., Nov. 5.—Practically complete returns from the state today assure the re-election of Governor

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PUBLIC FEARED AN EXPERIMENT

COL. WATTERSON VOICES SENTIMENT OF CENTER.

"Dollar, Though Tainted, in the Hand, is Better Than Bush Full of Patriotic Abstractions"—Taft Stood for Rest While Bryan Represented Urgent and Aggravation, Says Courier-Journal Editor, of National Repute.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 5.—Reviewing the election, Colonel Henry Waterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, says the result shows conclusively that the great majority of the controlling sections of the union, were contented with things as they are, and that it is better to endure a conceded shortcoming of the party in power than to embark upon an unknown sea of continuous aggravation; that Bryan meant this, while Taft meant rest.

He says, in short, "A dollar—though tainted—in the hand, is worth a bush full of patriotic abstractions." The idiosyncrasy of the times is commerce. As in the last century, when it was liberty reaching out after institutional freedom, measurably attaining it—now it is materialism reaching out after markets.

"The result shows we are overstrained spiritually and undersized materially in the hearts and minds of the people, and they are deaf alike to precedent, reason and eloquence; for nothing could surpass as nothing has ever equalled the personal canvass of Bryan. Its wondrous lucidity, power of statement, splendid intellectual and physical endurance and unanswerable arguments. Nor did Ignatius of Loyola sweep through the world of incarnate evil bearing the cross of Jesus to triumph with greater force or inspiration and truth than did the heroic son of Nebraska traverse a land gaping with curiosity.

"There is something better than being a president, and that is, a real sense of duty.

"Tilden will live in history when Hayes is forgotten. History will say of Bryan, that in three great popular movements, clouded sometimes by errors of judgment, obstructed always by corruption, he led sublimely, and that he went down beaten with clean hands, in high repute, and carrying with him the homage of patriotic men."

Helped Woman Rob Husband. Oakland, Nov. 4.—R. C. Blake, a stepson of Michael Hallpan of San Francisco, the well known politician, is in jail here as the result of a confession made by Mrs. C. R. Bright, that he aided her to chloroform and rob her husband. She says she acted on a suggestion of Blake. After the husband retired, the drug was administered, Blake securing \$175.

The new county of Hood River has about 1600 voters and 9000 population.

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COURT REVIEWS UP-RIVER CAMPS

ANOTHER MONEY-SAVING PROJECT BEING FORMULATED

The county judge and Commissioners J. M. Selder and Ben Brown, this morning visited the camp on Grande Ronde below Perry, where Bridge Superintendent Campbell has a force of men at work making the extensive changes in the right of way and the channel of the river. The court was highly pleased with the first two days' work and are satisfied that they can do the work better themselves than by letting it by contract. The saving in this decision alone will mean considerable for the taxpayers. This afternoon the court went into chambers again, to consider several reports from the county officials and to transact other routine business coming before them.

To Make New Changes. There are still other changes to be made above Hilgard that will return to the coffers of the county a neat little sum. The work will not be done this year, but it is planned to make the change next spring. By building a half mile of road, two of the present expensive bridges near Hilgard will be abandoned. The court also viewed this project today on its trip up the Grande Ronde river.

A Newport man has returned from a seven-weeks vacation, spent mostly on horseback.

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