

## OUTCOME OF CHARTER ELECTION LOOKS DUBIOUS TO ITS FRIENDS

### SMALL VOTE

STRONG FORCES WORKING AGAINST ITS PASSAGE.

Total Vote to Be Cast at Special Election Will Be But Little Over Two Hundred and Twenty-Five—In the Event of Defeat It Means That Beaver Creek Project Can No Longer Be Resorted to—Government Will Withdraw Reserve.

A concerted rally to the defense of the new charter is the only thing that can save it from defeat and once more place La Grande in a column of unprogressiveness, according to the most sanguine promoters of the new charter this afternoon. To all appearances the count this evening will divulge that the vote is extremely close, with chances favoring defeat. The friends of pure water and a step in advancement by the city, had best cast their vote before 5 o'clock tonight.

Vote is a Sham. Apparently, the entire vote of the city will not run over 225. This afternoon the largest precincts in the city had not gone over the 50 mark. At press time No. 2 had 49 votes, No. 4 had 45, and No. 3 about the same number of ballots cast. The total vote may reach more than 225, but it is not likely. Laboring men have not voted, and in fact, cannot as the polls close at 5 o'clock.

been working in opposition and has been working hard. In No. 2 it seems that the charter will carry. In No. 4 the reverse is apparent. No. 3 is said to be progressive and wants the new charter, while the South La Grande precinct is yet in doubt to the "dopesters." A whirlwind finish by the friends of a new charter and better water is absolutely requisite.

Means Great Setback. If the charter is rejected for the second time the government reserve will be thrown back to the rangers. A protected watershed will no longer be available at the head of Beaver creek.

To Address Lawyers. Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 24.—Hon. F. W. Lehmann of St. Louis, president of the American Bar association, will deliver his principal address at the meeting of the Oklahoma lawyers in this city early in January.

### FATHER SHOTS GIRL; MAIMS SON

PREACHER IS RAVING MANIAC FOLLOWING TRIP AMUCK

Washington, Nov. 24.—Liquor crazed, Carl Loos, aged 57, shot and killed his daughter Meia, aged 16, and severely wounded his son, Rev. Frank Loos, at the breakfast table today, because the son suggested that family differences be settled. The girl died instantly. Loos continued to shoot until overpowered. He was taken to jail where he is raving.

### PRISONERS FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

IF GUILTY, MEANS FROM ONE TO TEN YEARS IN "PEN."

Flem Gabbart and Curtiss Arraigned This Morning—Trial Set for This Afternoon—Large List of Witnesses for the Defense—But Few for the State—Trial May Drag—Public Opinion Is That the Police May Have Wrong Men.

As serious as it well could be, is the specific charge brought against Flem Gabbart and Bert Curtiss, accused by Charles Anderson, the Jefferson avenue soft drink dispenser, with attempting to rob him and later firing several shots, some of which took effect in the accuser's anatomy. Though the men were arrested early Sunday morning and held in the city jail in the interim, it was not until last night that they were informed of the specific charge, and not until this morning that they were arraigned. Before Justice Stewart this morning they heard the charge read to them: "Assault with intent to kill and rob." The penalty for this crime is from one to 10 years in the state prison.

Trial This Afternoon. During arraignment this morning, the state asked for more time, but Gabbart and Curtiss are disgusted with the delay and demanded prompt trial. To pacify both parties the court set the case for trial this afternoon at 3:30.

Many Defense Witnesses. That the defense will fight the charge vehemently is disclosed by the large number of witnesses for whom subpoenas are out. The list includes E. B. Carr, night patrolman; A. W. Laffel, messenger on the Joseph line; J.

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### COSTLY VANCOUVER FIRE

Heavy Damage and Narrow Escapes by Firemen in Costly Fire.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 24.—One hundred thousand dollars in damage was done and several firemen narrowly escaped death today in a fire which destroyed a planin mill, and moulding shop of the Royal City mills. The fire gained great headway before it was discovered. It threatened to destroy Chinatown. The orientals dumped their goods into the street. The property may be rebuilt.

### CORBIN MAY BE INAUGURAL CHIEF

HIGH HONORS MAY FALL TO RETIRED ARMY OFFICER, CORBIN

Washington, 24.—Politicians are waiting expectantly to know whether the prediction is true that Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin, U. S. A., retired, will be selected as the chairman of the inauguration committee. The prediction is followed by the announcement that Mrs. Corbin contributed \$10,000 to the campaign fund. The chairmanship, which is much sought, rarely goes outside of this district. Corbin is listed as a resident of Ohio, but since he married Edith Agnes Patten, in Washington seven years ago, he has called the capital his home. Chairman Hitchcock selects the inaugural chairman.

### BEACH'S VISIT IS MYSTERIOUS

MUCH SPECULATION AS TO MOTIVE FOR COMING HERE.

Seneca C. Beach of Portland, Evidently Has Concealed Motive for Coming to La Grande Yesterday—Is Considered One of Leaders of the Opposition to Statement No. 1—Talked With a Few Here, But Made no Public Declarations.

What was Seneca C. Beach, the Portland politician, doing in La Grande and Union yesterday? That is the "heavily" question that is being discussed by local politicians who seize on any clue to bring politics to life now that the presidential election is past and all local interest centers on the coming session of the Oregon legislature. Beach has state-wide reputation as a clever politician, and his position on Statement No. 1 is almost as widely known. If Beach was here as the advance man of the fellow coming with the petition to have statement No. 1 solons retract their promise, it was cleverly covered up. In fact he talked with few people. As far as known his conversation did not disclose the real purpose of his visit. Ostensibly he came on land office business and to shake hands with party leaders. If he dared to approach the statement proposition one way or the other it too was speculative, though it is generally believed that he was blazing the way for others who will bring the real paper of so much notoriety, to La Grande.

Called a Leader. In Multnomah county Beach is generally conceded as being opposed to the precepts of the statement and in fact is charged with being one of the workers against it. That is the primary reason for kicking up a flurry in La Grande by his visit her last night.

Conferred With a Few. Beach was seen to confer with several republicans in the city, but uninterested parties were unable to elicit any direct statement from the politician.

Visits Union. Mr. Beach went to Union during the afternoon and transacted business there, presumably with republicans of that city. He returned to La Grande late in the afternoon and went to Pendleton on the evening train.

A Peculiar Field. If Beach was here on a secret mission that if successful would help de-

ture and put some republican in the United States senate, he had a peculiar field to work in. Turner Oliver, an out-and-out democrat, could not be swayed from his statement No. 1 precepts. No politician would be foolhardy enough to attempt it. S. F. Richardson, the other solon, never signed the statement, though he affirmed frequently that he was in favor of its principles. When he filed his declarations last spring, they were void of signatures on the paramount question. Later he desired to sign them, but was refused the privilege by county officials. Then, in public statements in the press, and verbally, he said he would abide by the statement. Consequently Richardson can vote for a republican at the next session without violating signed pledges, but making his word valueless.

### INQUEST SLAPS 'FRISCO POLICE

DEPLORE THE STRIFE BETWEEN CHIEF AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—A verdict rendered late yesterday by the inquest of Morris Haas, the would-be assassin, censures the police. A part of the verdict reads: "We further find from numerous witnesses that the negligence and incompetency shown by the police officials having in charge the searching of the prisoner in not properly safeguarding the best interests of the people, and thus making it impossible for a small Derringer to remain secreted on his person."

The verdict deplores the feeling of animosity between the police and district attorney's office. It suggests the mayor investigate this.

While hitting the police, the verdict is looked upon as a vindication of their theory that Haas carried a Derringer with him in his shoe into the cell.

Burns and Langdon held that the pistol was given Haas after he entered the jail.

Hold Troops in Readiness. London, Nov. 24.—It is reported in naval circles today that the commander-in-chief of the British West Indian squadron has been ordered to hold his forces in readiness to go to Hayti in the event that the revolution there threatens British interests.

Another Operation on Heney. San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Another operation on Heney was performed before night to relieve the system of the anaesthetic delivered at the first operation. Heney's condition is improving.

### GRANT'S ORDER OF SALE TO NEIDNER

U. S. N. PEOPLE WILL SECURE PROPERTY, IT SEEMS.

Circuit Judge Knowles Orders Sale of Farmers & Traders Building and its Fixtures to United States National People Through Receiver Neidner—Still Five Days of Grace for Other Bidders to Present Offers—Price is \$25,000.

Unless more than \$25,000 is offered for the building and fixtures of the Farmers & Traders National bank before next Saturday evening, the property will be sold by Receiver Walter Neidner to the incorporators of the United States National bank, which is to be furthered in this city in the near future.

Order of Sale Granted.

When the only bid made was authorized by the comptroller, it was held up, pending a sale order by Circuit Judge Knowles. As the judge returned last evening from Wallawa county, and was able to transact business here today, one of the first matters coming to his attention was the bid in question. He ordered a sale with the proviso that the consummation of it be held up, allowing the appearance of other bids during the next five days. These several delays have given ample opportunity to all parties to present a bid, for there has been nothing of the "railroad" nature in connection with the transaction. The next five days are the last days of grace, however, and if no other authorized bid is presented before the expiration of the allotted time, the F. & T. N. building and fixtures will be sold to the United States National bank people, who are T. J. Scroggin, N. K. West, A. T. Hill, C. T. Bacon and Julius Roesch.

Need More Drydocks.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—Congressman Humphrey, who goes to Washington tonight, says if he can get an appropriation for three drydocks at Bremerton, he can get a fleet on the Pacific.

Hearing on Metals.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The tariff revision committee of the house will complete its consideration of the earthenware and glassware schedule today, and tomorrow will take up the schedule relating to metals and the manufacture thereof. This session will occupy the balance of the week, and is considered of great importance, in view of the effect it may have on the steel trust.

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\$1.00 Fascinators, each	48c	Remnants of Percale, yd	8c
\$2.50 Knit Skirts, each	\$1.19	Remnants of Ducking, yd	7 1/2c
Table Linen Remnants		\$1.50 Shirt Waists, each	.95c
25c Hankerchiefs, each	13c	\$1.50 Ladies' Hats, each	27c
\$2.50 Shoes	\$2.37	\$1.50 Dress Goods, yd	.95c
Rockford Sox, pair	21c	\$2.50 Sateen Skirts, each	\$1.59
Hooks and Eyes, a card	1c	\$3.50 Dress Skirts, each	\$1.89
Pearl Buttons, a dozen	2c	\$1.50 Blankets, pair	\$1.19
Paper Pins, a paper	1c	\$2.00 Lace Curtains, a pair	\$1.48
\$7.00 Wool Blankets, a pair	\$5.95	\$1.75 Ladies' Felt Slippers, a pair	\$1.39
75c Stocking Caps, each	45c	15c Ladies' Hose, a pair	.75c
Men's Work Shirts, each	.37c	18c child's Hose, a pair	.11c
\$2.50 Men's Pants, a pair	\$1.59	\$1.00 ladies' Underwear each	69c

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### WANT FLEET IN PACIFIC WATERS

MAYOR TAYLOR SENDS PLEA TO ROOSEVELT FOR RETENTION

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—A request addressed to President Roosevelt by Mayor Taylor of this city, asking that the Atlantic fleet be kept in Pacific waters, is on its way to Washington today.

The mayor sends the request at the suggestion of the board of supervisors, who yesterday adopted a resolution pleading for retention of the fleet. A part of the resolutions read:

"The fleet's departure will leave exposed our possessions in the Pacific and coast cities. In view of all circumstances it is extremely desirable that the fleet remain in these waters."

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