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ASQUITH NO LONGER 'OUT'

COMES TO HIS OWN BY FORMING A COALITION WITH TWO OTHER STRONG POLITICAL ELEMENTS

WHEN FIRST TEST COMES LIBERALS ARE STRONG

Coalition formed out of wrangling masses in London Parliament and it is now believed that Liberal ministry can weather session. Danger of ministry resigning is still great however.

London, Feb. 25.—Members of Parliament have today learned that the Liberals can muster enough votes on minor measures to secure control in the Commons, but the slender majority has aroused speculation as to whether they can carry out the policies of the government.

The first test came yesterday when Austin Chamberlain's fiscal amendment was rejected by a margin of 41 votes. The result has proved encouraging to Asquith's supporters. Incidentally the Laborite members voted with the government.

The Liberals now believe the ministry will weather the storm of coming legislation.

Premier Asquith today surrendered to the new alliance of radicals of his own party and the Nationalists

and Laborites and has agreed to introduce a veto bill and budget measure simultaneously. The premier had originally planned a forced vote on the veto bill before the budget was taken up.

The action of Asquith is taken to indicate that he already has the assurance of King Edward to appoint enough Liberal Peers to pass the veto measure if the Lords reject the bill. If the King fails to do this, the cabinet will resign without passing either budget or salary list. This would paralyze business.

London News and Views

London, Feb. 25.—The most talked about young man in England today is Austin Chamberlain, son of Joseph Chamberlain, whose pathetic appearance at the opening of Parliament last week is still remembered with the keenest regret. Although he has been in the public eye to some time now, new interest is being manifested in young Chamberlain because it is realized that his father who played such an important part in making the history of Great Britain is a wreck, mentally and physically. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, ex-Colonial Secretary and originator of the tariff reform campaign, has represented the West Division of Birmingham for almost 34 years and his recent reelection was intended as much as an honor for his services as an appreciation of his worth. When Mr Chamberlain appeared in the house he was unable even to sign his own name and many prophesied with regret that it would probably be his last appearance. Austin, who is himself a prominent, signed for his father, then led him away. The scene was pathetic, but it served its purpose of inspiring the prediction that young Chamberlain would continue the work where his father left off.

TAXPAYER PLEADS FOR VOTE FOR NEW SCHOOL

Polls Open From One To Four Tomorrow When Noted Question Comes Up

ONLY TAXPAYERS CAN CAST VOTE

URGENT NEED OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL ADMITTED BY ONE WHO HAS ADVOCATED OTHER PLANS RECENTLY

To the Editor—I have been requested by a number of taxpayers of La Grande to express through your paper my views of the question of issuing bonds for improving our public school facilities on which the people will be called to vote on Saturday.

As everyone who is acquainted with me knows, I have always been a friend of the public school. It is the bulwark of liberty, and the community at large owes a duty to the rising generation, and to itself, to give the very best possible school facilities to our girls and boys. This should be done without any useless bills or unnecessary expense, but the best interests of the community demands that it be done. Prior to my appointment on a committee recently by the president of the Commercial Club to investigate conditions in La Grande, I was of the opinion that our present needs would be met with building a wing on the west of the central school building, but a careful investigation convinced me that this would not be adequate and that we needed a new high school building and need it bad. With a separate building for the high school the grades can be better taught and governed than under the present arrangement. Every department of the school is now overcrowded and the school board is compelled to use the old White Building and the Little Brick, both of which are unfit for school purposes. The Little Brick ought to be sold and the White Building kept only for emergencies.

With a separate building for the high school there would be sufficient room in the other two brick buildings for the grades. For the health and comfort of the grades and to reduce to a minimum the danger from fire, \$10,000 or \$12,000 ought to be expended in improving the central building and in installing a heating plant on the north side. From careful estimates made, it will cost somewhere from \$60,000 to \$75,000 to make these improvements and build a new high school building and to equip this building with the apparatus and laboratories necessary for teaching students in the high school and giving them the equipment for lift which will not place them at a disadvantage in life's hard struggle. I am assured also that the board of directors will not issue any bonds not absolutely necessary to meet the requirements and if we authorize the board to issue \$75,000 of bonds, and on competitive bidding they find they can accomplish the necessary purpose by issuing only \$60,000 that no more will be issued. I have the utmost confidence in the judgment of our present school board and believe that no unnecessary expenditures will be made by them, but I believe, also, that whatever expenditures are necessary should be made even if it takes the whole of the \$75,000. We ought to have such high school facilities in La Grande that our own students may be kept at home and other high school students from the county may be kept within the county. This would not only be a matter of economy to our own people but sound ethics requires that boys and girls

of the high school age ought to be kept as much as possible at home under the watchful care of their parents. It is also good business policy for the district as a whole, because the high school plan adopted by the last session of the legislature which will surely be utilized in this county, will bring into the district treasury about \$4000 a year which will very materially lessen the expense of the high school to the district, and give every high school student of the county who wishes to attend here, the advantage of free tuition.

Our public schools should be the pride of our town, and the better we can make it the better it will be for our community and our state. We cannot afford not to keep our public school in the van of progress and we ought to have the best high school in Eastern Oregon. This will tend more than anything to make La Grande a city of homes and cause well-to-do people to locate in our midst and become citizens among us, thus sharing the advantages and burdens incident to the highest grade of community life. Every citizen of the school district who pays a tax in the school district whether male or female, over 21 years of age, can vote on this question. No others can, and it is my judgment that these taxpayers ought to vote "YES". The law provides that the polls shall be open at one o'clock and remain open until four p. m., and while it may be inconvenient for some voters to get there within these hours, the law of the state and not the school board is to be blamed. The only polling place will be at the high school building.

Respectfully yours,
TURNER OLIVER.

Three-cornered Debate

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—"Resolved That the commission form of government should be adopted by the American municipalities."

This question will be settled for all time by tonight's debate in which eight man teams representing the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, and Cornell will take part. Trials have been held at all three Universities to select the best oratorical talent, and a spirited verbal warfare is likely to result.

Twenty Mile Race

Chicago, Feb. 25.—William Hilton, the New York distance runner, and several other famous men will compete in the twenty-mile race and other events of the Riverview Speedway games tonight.

Utah Wool Outlook Good.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 25.—Utah wool growers anticipate a highly prosperous season. Losses among Utah flock have been light this winter, but in Nevada and Wyoming the sheep men have suffered heavily.

Thumb Amputated

J. H. Evanson an employee at the Palmer planing mill, injured his hand in saw yesterday, which resulted in the amputation of the end of one thumb. Dr. Mollitor dressed the injury.

Bank Looter Arrested
Boston, Feb. 25.—George Coleman accused of looting the Bank of Cambridge of nearly \$250,000, was arrested today upon return to surrender himself. The affairs of the bank are being investigated by the Bank Examiner. Many Harvard students had their money tied up in the bank.

To Count Live Stock

Washington, Feb. 25.—Farmers and ranchmen all over the country are appealed to by the census bureau to aid in the gigantic task of counting the live stock on April 15th next. The bureau hopes to obtain the most complete and accurate figures ever gathered on the subject embracing not only the number but the approximate value of all animals, and asks owners to prepare such statistics in advance, as far as possible.

The bureau will try to assure the ranchmen and farmers especially of the Western range states, that their interest will not be affected by frank and full disclosure of their live stock possessions. The information that is gathered by the census bureau will be held strictly confidential. It will not be imparted even to other departments of the government.

PRACTICING DIPLOMACY

King Edward gives a series of social functions

London, Feb. 25.—The King and Queen are holding a Diplomatic and Official court at Buckingham this evening and it will be an unusually brilliant affair. It would seem that everything possible is being done to diffuse hospitality and good feeling into all public functions in the hope, perhaps, that some of the amiability generated will find its way into the Parliament. Their Majesties have also announced a court at Buckingham Palace for next Friday evening which will be more generally social in its character than this evening's function.

Payette Beats Baker City

Baker City High lost to the team from Payette in the basketball game last evening in the last half of a most exciting game. Although in the first half Baker clearly outplayed the visitors and finished at the call of time with a score of 17 to 13, Payette came back strong in the opening of the second half and after a few fortunate plays coupled with some brilliant work secured the lead over the locals. Then did the five from Baker High lose their poise and foul after foul by the locals counted for the visiting team.—Baker Herald.

J. R. N. HAS CITY WATER

TENTATIVE DEAL CLOSED BY THE CITY FOR A LARGE AMOUNT OF BEAVER CREEK WATER

THREE MONTHS TRIAL TO BE GIVEN PROPOSITION.

About three thousand dollars revenue in sight for the city if water can be used in boilers of engines—Reduced water rates make it feasible that contract can be successfully filled.

An experimental contract was entered into today between the city and the O. R. & N. whereby the city is to furnish the company water on a basis of 250,000 a day for \$250 per month. The city will send for a meter and in due time will know exactly what the company requires. The company for some time has been having trouble with water in their engines and until they try the Beaver creek brand does not know exactly whether they can use it or not. Under present circumstances this looks like an equitable contract for the city has an abundance of water, which is now running to waste and will have for many years to come, consequently if the city can realize an additional revenue of practically \$3000 annually with practically no expense, this will be no small item.

Last year the revenues from the water plant averaged about \$1000 a month. Since the rates have been adjusted it is natural to expect that the revenues will be somewhat reduced, unless the reduced rate will increase the number of patrons which will be the natural result in time. However this contract if continued, after the three months experiment, will more than make up for the loss caused by the reduction in rates the first year.

Roy Standley of the contracting firm of King & Standley, employed by the Palmer Lumber company and located at Rondwa, went to Portland this morning.

You Are Invited



Ladies you are invited to see our advance showing of early Spring suits. We have spared neither time nor money to place before the ladies of La Grande the best line of ladies suits we have ever shown.

We urge you to make your selections early as the best styles will be on display early

ALTERATIONS FREE

We Have Them

You will find here the latest weaves and styles

Serges

We have these popular suits in all shades. Prices \$15.00 to \$39.00

Fancy Weaves

A fine assortment of suits in the very latest. Prices \$12. to \$25.

Novelties

You will find here some thing different. Prices \$18. to \$30.



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