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VOTING BRISK IN UNION COUNTY PRECINCTS

REPORTS FROM STATE HOWEVER INDICATE SMALL VOTE IS THE RULE TODAY.

OUTCOME IS A MYSTERY

Commencing at Noon Local Voters Have Given Much Attention to the Matter of Voting—Full Registration Will be Realized in Union County is the Belief—the Outcome Cannot be Said with Any Safety.

Portland, Sept. 24—It is predicted the primary vote today will be light owing to the fact that polls opened at noon and will close at seven. Politicians declare the political aspect is unchanged since yesterday; that the assembly will nominate a governor, secretary of state and state treasurer and divide the state legislature with insurgents. The direct primary proponents won't concede either the election of Congressmen Ellis or Hawley, standpatters, despite the fact that insurgents have several candidates in the field for the same offices and will likely split the vote. The principal fight will be in Multnomah county where practically one third of the voters are registered. Insurgency there is rampant and it is predicted they will capture the county.

Voting opened in all the La Grande precincts with more than expected briskness this noon and it is not unlikely that the full republican registrations will be voted. Eight hundred and seventy-two is the total registration in the four main precincts but the republican registration is only five hundred. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the biggest Republican ward in the city, number two, showed a vote of 160 which indicates the full vote of 172 will be cast before seven o'clock tonight when the vote ends.

City Extremely Quiet.
La Grande was like unto the deserted village today. Public offices, banks and the post office was closed and as the corrupt practice act is still in full force and effect, the hubbub of former election days is not apparent.

Outcome Much in Doubt.
Seers who are in touch with conditions say that the entire county has assumed that peculiar mien which characterizes the Fourth ward—it is impossible to tell what it will do until the votes are counted. This has always been the case with the uncertain fourth but wisecracks were often able to forecast something about how the other wards in the city and county are going. No one, however, where there is any competition. So many of the republican candidates are running unopposed that where there is a conflict the outcome is a perfect mystery.

Returns This Evening.
The Observer will not only give all the returns from Union and Walla-walla counties this evening but arrangements have been made to connect the entire state up with this office. Telegraphic returns will be received from all parts of the state and read at this office.

Reports from the country say the splendid weather, and Saturday a half holiday has brought out a large vote and the total republican registration in the county of 1291 will be realized.

Quake in Arizona.
Phoenix Arizona, Sept. 24—Arizona was shaken by a serious earthquake beginning late yesterday and continuing until this morning. No damage was done. This is the third quake felt in forty years.

SIX KILLED ON ELECTRIC.

Indiana Scene of Another Disaster on Its Electric Road System.

Tipton, Ind., Sept. 24—Six were killed today in a head on collision between two electric cars on the Indiana Traction line near this city. The dead: Dr. H. Hostchauser of Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Hostchauser, brother; Motorman Baker; Vernal Rallsback, Hymera, Ind.; Louis Brook, Kokomo, Ind.; B. T. Walsh, Ft. Wayne. Dr. Hostchauser was enroute to Tipton to marry Miss Nellie Coxen. It is believed a misunderstanding of orders was the cause of the wreck.

Lumberman Gathering.

Bellingham, Sept. 24—The vanguard of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers reached here last night and a business social session is being held today. Rumor to the effect that a general curtailment in lumber production will be advised at the session by the association was denied by members already here.

CARROL MUST STAND TRIAL.

Des Moines, Sept. 24—A motion to take the libel suit against Governor Carrol out of the hands of the jury and instruct for a verdict of acquittal was denied today by Judge Howland. The case was brought against Carrol by John Cowntie a former chairman of the state board of control whom Carrol "fired."

Ballinger in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 24—Secretary Ballinger, good humored and confident arrived here today, ready for the cabinet meeting Monday. He denied the stories emanating from Spokane that he was pushing the big land fraud cases against prominent Washington citizens.

CHILDREN'S DAY TO USHER IN FAIR WEEK

COMMITTEE TRANSACTS MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

Special Interest Being Taken in the Stock Exhibits for the Fair.

Important matters were considered and acted upon at another meeting of the fair committee last evening. Chief among the items of interest resulting from the meeting is that the fair is to open with children's day. This brings to mind last year's monster parade when twenty-two hundred children were in line on the march through the city. County Superintendent E. E. Bragg was agreed upon as the best man suited to arrange the Children's day program and as he had the huge task last year and made such a splendid success of it, he will be prevailed upon to continue in that capacity, it is hoped. Details for the Children's day will be announced later.

Build More Stock Room.

Doctor P. A. Charlton and Manager Will Church were out at Summitville yesterday looking for stock exhibits and they found them—found so many that more stock sheds will have to be built. In addition to ascertaining that the present quarters were inadequate, the doctor found that the general condition of the stock is above par. There are no contagious diseases going the rounds this year and it will be perfectly safe to bring the stock in for exhibit.

Further discussion came up pertaining to the crowd that is going to Enterprise and it was the general opinion that a large delegation is going.

Get Exhibits in Early.

Special stress is being placed on the rule that exhibits must be in at noon on the opening day of the fair. Exhibits of any sort coming later than that hour will be refused space.

FIND GIRL'S BODY UNDER CEMENT CELLAR

DISAPPEARANCE OF PASO ROBLES, SCHOOL TEACHER HAS COME TO LIGHT.

DOCTOR DID THE CRIME

In Quarrel Over Eighteen Dollar Debt, Fiendish Crime Comes to Light—Doctor in Performing Criminal Operation on Young Girl Was Unsuccessful and Buried Remains in a Rented House—Confessor now Under Arrest.

San Francisco, Sept. 24—To prove that the acid-mutilated body taken from a shallow grave by detectives under the cement basement of a little house on Eureka street is that of Eva Swan, the Paso Robles school teacher who disappeared January 2 was the task the police applied themselves to today.

Friends are asked to come to the coroner's office to examine the body, the acid burned clothing and a blanket in which the body was wrapped. The discovery was made after Ben Gordon told the police that Dr. Jas. Grant, assisted by Willie Sachs had performed the operation in January and that the girl died on the table, and that the physician, Sachs, who has since disappeared, covered the body up and stuffed it in a trunk in a rented house, and buried the body. Gordon says Sachs told him of the affair and he told the police because Grant refused to pay to him a debt of \$18. Grant is under arrest pending an investigation.

Miss Swan came from Paso Robles in December and secured a position as a stenographer. She suddenly dropped from sight leaving all her belongings. The search since then has been fruitless until Gordon told his tale.

Besides Grant, a nurse, Miss Messersmith was taken into custody. The police are now trying to ascertain who owns the trunk on which blood is smeared. It is believed this will go a long way to clearing up the mystery.

CANNERIES BURNED UP.

Fires Does Damage to Herring Business in British Columbia Town.

Nanaimo B. C. Sept. 23—Fire this morning broke out among the local herring canneries and destroyed three of the largest salteries entailing a loss of \$20,000. Origin is unknown.

MINNESOTA MAN DIES HERE

LEAVES WIDOW AND TWO WEEKS OLD BABY.

Body to be Shipped East This Evening for Interment in Home State.

Succumbing to the ravages of consumption, William Hoast, a native of Minnesota and about thirty years of age, died yesterday in the northwest portion of town and the body will be shipped to Kimball, Minn., this evening for burial. Mr. Hoast is survived by a wife, a two-weeks' old child and a brother. The brother will accompany the remains to the eastern home, but the widow and infant child will remain in La Grande.

NORTHWESTMEN MAY BE PUT ON CARPET

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING ALLEGED LAND FRAUD COMBINATIONS.

FOLLOWS BALLINGER'S VISIT

Some Four Hundred Entries of Coal, Mineral and Grazing and Timber Lands will be Investigated—Grand Jury in Session and Investigation Going on—Department Plans to Help Ballinger's Situation.

Spokane, Sept. 24—Wholesale inquiry into the alleged land frauds in the northwest and Alaska is believed to have been quietly started before the federal grand jury which is now in session here. It is understood the interior department and department of justice has ordered the probing.

Special agents have been active in Spokane and also other cities the last few days, following Secretary R. A. Ballinger's recent visit here. It is said the inquiry will cover some 400 entries of coal mineral, grazing and timber lands and many prominent northwest citizens will be called upon to explain. It is believed by many that the investigation is a part of a plan to vindicate Secretary of the Interior Ballinger before the congressional committee reports on the Pinchot charges.

CANADIAN OFFICIAL REMOVED.

Accused of Irregularities in Connection with Chinese Immigration.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24—J. W. Bowell, son of Sir MacKenzie Bowell, controller of the Chinese immigration at this port, was suspended today by the Minister of Trade and Commerce for alleged irregularities discovered in connection with the arrival and admittance of orientals to Vancouver. The minister has given as his reason for suspension that Bowell reinstated a Chinese interpreter who had been discovered by the government after an investigation. It is understood the government is investigating to ascertain whether Chinese had been smuggled into Canada.

GOLD BULLION COMING.

Seattle Sept. 24—More than \$750,000 of gold bullion is enroute to Seattle according to today's advices, mostly from Tanana and Fairbanks.

CHANDLER GOES WESTWARD

HOPES TO DODGE PROCESS SERVERS IN THAT WAY.

Lina Cavalleri is Busy Planning Suit Forcing Payment of Fortune.

New York, Sept. 23—Robert Chandler is today enroute to the west. It is reported, while Lina Cavalleri is taking steps to collect a fortune which he signed over to her before the couple were married. Attorneys for the Diva are busy planning a suit to force Chandler to live up to his agreement which will probably be filed within a couple of days.

Chandler according to rumor will attempt to conceal himself from New

York reporters and process servers. In her suit Lina proposes to assert that Chandler made a pre nuptial agreement in the presence of a lawyer that he cannot now set it aside without showing extraordinary cause.

Young Man Changes Name.

New York, Sept. 24—Richard Franklin Sears, aged twenty-one, was today cut off in the flower of his youth, but was succeeded by Richard Franklin Weeks. The authority to change his name was granted by the courts, the official order becoming effective today. His mother married Bartow S. Weeks nine years ago, and the young man alleges that he is generally known by his step-father's name.

Taft in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Sept. 24—President Taft spent a quiet day visiting old friends. Secretary Norton announced E. R. Griswold of New York had been appointed secretary of railroad securities commission which was recently created. Taft left this afternoon for Washington.

Sailors Robbed.

San Francisco Sept. 24—William Sahlgren, a sailor was attacked by two thugs, robbed and thrown into the bay from which he was rescued. A few minutes later Kenneth Smith, a sailor was robbed of \$250 near the same spot. It is believed the same thugs are responsible. The occurrences were just before sunrise.

Aviator Will Live.

Domodossola, Italy, Sept. 24—Aviator George Chavez will live, though he is badly broken up as a result of yesterday's fall. He passed a fair night and was able to see visitors and told the story of the accident.

SIX KILLED BY UPSETTING OF AUTOMOBLE

JOY RIDERS COME TO GRIEF IN NEW ORLEANS.

Three Chorus Girls, and Three Other Men Instantly Killed.

New Orleans, Sept. 24—Three members of the Queen Moulin Rouge company chorus, Thomas Butler, owner of the machine, Joseph Foston, a perfumery salesman were killed today when the automobile plunged into a canal. Later reports say another unidentified man was also killed. The girl's names are unknown, but they were out joy riding and was rounding a curve when Butler lost control and the machine turned turtle and landed in the canal fifteen feet below.

The police are trying to raise it and recover the bodies.

Remove Ban on Haircuts.

Munich Sept. 24—Barbers of Oberammergau, where the great passion play has been in progress, are today sharpening their shears and preparing for a great rush of business. For a year the hair-cutters of that quaint town have had no home patronage and have depended on tourists for a living. Last October the Burgomaster of Oberammergau issued an order forbidding all the male citizens of the town from having their hair cut, or even trimmed, until after September 25, 1910. The mayor declared that the prohibition of the haircut was necessary in order that the hirsute appearance of the participants in the passion play conform strictly to the demands of historic accuracy. The order expires tomorrow and the barbers are happy.

BANKER WALSH' PARDON NOW ATTEMPTED

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS AGAIN COMPANY REQUEST FOR BANKER'S PARDON.

ALL DEPOSITORS ON LIST

Voluminous Bundles of Letters Handed to Department of Justice This Morning Asking for Release of Chicago Banker Who Ruined Big Institution There—Said to be Suffering an incurable malady and is Aged Too.

Washington, Sept. 24—A move on the part of the attorneys to secure the release of John R. Walsh, aged 73, the Chicago banker now serving a term in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, was made today when a monster petition was filed with the department of justice asking the president to pardon Walsh. Accompanying the petition are thousands of letters bound in volumes and seeking Taft's clemency. The petition says the banker is suffering from an incurable malady.

All living officers and directors of "Walsh banks" have joined in the application for his release. Stockholders and every traceable depositor save one signed the petition, all affecting they did not lose a cent by Walsh's alleged irregularities.

Show Coming Soon.

Lawrence and Sandusky are bringing their famous New York success, "Going Some" for an engagement at the Stewart opera house Wednesday eve and with it all the merriment and fun that could possibly be crowded into five acts of any play. Twenty comedians are on the go from curtain rise to curtain fall and there is not a single dull moment during the five acts. The story is about a race for a phonograph which occurs on a ranch in New Mexico with a mixture of cow punchers, college girls and boys and the usual attaches of life on the southern plains. "Going Some" ran for a year at the Belasco theatre, New York and was hailed as the best of all the comedy success of many seasons.

Catholic Charity "Trust."

Washington, Sept. 24—A national Catholic charity "trust" may result from the National Conference of Catholic Charities, which opens in the national capital tomorrow for a session of four days. The meeting will mark an epoch in the history of the church in the United States, since for the first time an effort will be made to correlate the various forms of charitable activity carried by the church on national lines, to discover the weak spots in the church's philanthropic work and how the problem of poverty in this industrial age may best be solved.

Dependent families, the care of the children, juvenile courts, probation, and social settlements are some of the topics that will occupy the convention, but the principal session of the congress will be given up to a discussion of social reform. At the latter meeting the speakers will grapple with the problems of underpaid labor and employers' liability laws.

United States Commissioner of Labor O'Neil will read a paper on "Industrial Accidents and Diseases as Related to Poverty." Many women will take part in the conference, and it is likely that a national organization of women engaged in charity work will be effected. Mrs. Carter the wife of the Montana senator, and an active charity worker, will preside at one of the sessions.

Pope Pius X has sent his blessing to all who take part in the conference.