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ESTIMATES GIVE DEMOCRATS A MAJORITY

UNION-ASSOCIATED PRESS FINDS
DEMOCRATS WILL LIKELY
CARRY A MAJORITY.

FOUR IN LEAD ESTIMATED

General Resume of the Congressional Elections Tomorrow Through Out the Country—Oregon Considered by "Seers" to Have Splendid Opportunity of Electing Republican Governor—The Table.

New York, Nov. 7.—That the coming congress, as a result of tomorrow's elections, will be composed of 197 Democrats and 193 Republicans and one Socialist is the prediction given out today by the Union Associated Press. The figures are based on a careful and unswerving analysis of reports supplied to the press association by newspapers all over the country.

Independent newspapers in each doubtful congressional district were asked to express opinions on the outlook, and the estimate herewith given represents a consensus of editorial opinion. In many cases, however, it was stated that the contests were so mate no better than mere guess work. The figures by states are as follows:

	Dem.	Rep.
Alabama	9	1
Arkansas	7	1
California	1	7
Colorado	3	3
Connecticut	1	4
Delaware	1	1
Florida	3	1
Georgia	11	1
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	8	17
Indiana	1	2
Iowa	2	9
Kansas	1	7
Kentucky	9	2
Louisiana	7	1
Maine	2	2
Maryland	3	3
Massachusetts	4	10
Michigan	1	11
Minnesota	1	8
Mississippi	8	1
Missouri	11	5
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	3	3
Nevada	1	1
New Hampshire	1	2
New Jersey	5	5
New York	18	19
North Carolina	8	2
North Dakota	2	2
Ohio	9	12
Oklahoma	3	2
Oregon	2	2
Pennsylvania	9	23
Rhode Island	2	2
South Carolina	7	2
South Dakota	2	2
Tennessee	7	3
Texas	16	1
Utah	1	1
Vermont	2	2
Virginia	9	1
Washington	3	3
West Virginia	1	4
Wisconsin	1	9
Wyoming	1	1
Totals	197	193

*One district, Fifth, probably Socialist.

The majority of opinion of many editors in the twenty-seven states in which governors will be chosen tomorrow indicates that the Republicans will be successful in fourteen and the Democrats in thirteen states, Arkansas, Georgia, Maine and Vermont have already held elections for Governor this year, all but Vermont going Democratic, and the Republican majority in the latter state suffering a considerable reduction.

In the gubernatorial elections tomorrow, according to the figures com-

puted by the Union Associated Press, the Democratic candidates have "the shade" in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. The Republican gubernatorial candidates are considered to have the better chance in California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Oregon, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In many states the choice is made on the narrowest margin, notably in Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota and Tennessee. New York may well be considered doubtful until the returns are all in. The prospects of a Republican victory in Tennessee, through an alliance of dissatisfied Democrats is admittedly not so good as a few weeks ago, although there remains a possibility that the G. O. P. will break into the real "solid South". Judge Baldwin's personal popularity is expected to capture Connecticut for the Democrats, but, if this proves true, it is highly unlikely that the Democrats will be able to carry more than one congressional district.

FIFTEEN MINERS ENTOMBED IN COAL MINE

MINES NEAR SEATTLE EXPLODED
IN MYSTERIOUS MANNER.

Apparently No Manner to Aid the Entombed Men in Deep Holes.

Black Diamond, Wn., Nov. 7.—Fifteen men are entombed today in the deep slope of the Lawson coal mine near here and all hope of their rescue is abandoned. They were caught by a heavy explosion which closed all entries to various shafts yesterday. The Lawson is one of the deepest in this country and is worth a quarter of a million dollars. Officials cannot understand the explosion.

Rescue forces are working, attempting to reach the miners. Black Diamond is near Seattle.

COME TO LOCATE.

Medford Families Will Make La Grande Their Home Hereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Brown of Medford, Okla., arrived Saturday evening and will make La Grande their home. Mr. Brown is the senior member of the firm of Brown & Sons, contractors and builders of Medford and his impression of this city and locality may mean the adding of several families to our population. The Browns were accompanied by Ross Brooks, a young man from the same town, whose father was a La Grande visitor several weeks ago and who expects to return here with his family in the spring.

TWO MAIL BOXES NOW.

One East and One West Mail Box Will Facilitate Matters Greatly.

The confusion arising from having but one mail box at the depot has been overcome by the erection of a new box and hereafter the mail can be placed in the box which designates the direction of the mail. Previously mail intended for points west was taken east by Number 18 and then sent back on a later train, spelling delay always.

GET ELECTION RETURNS.

County, State and National Returns Available at Observer.

Commencing tomorrow evening The Observer will supply the election returns from the county, state and national elections. Eastern returns will arrive before the local returns commence to come in.

MALIGNING AN HONORABLE MAN.

The contemptible stories being told on Judge Henry by B. B. F. Wilson's friends should arouse the ire of every citizen of La Grande regardless of political opinion. James C. Henry has resided here for years; he came here when a young man; he has been associated with La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley ever since. Everybody knows Mr. Henry, and when anybody says he is dishonest, when anyone even assumes that he would accept or countenance a graft, when anyone accuses him of robbing the dead—which has been done in the last two days—we say emphatically that the party, whoever he may be, that so wilfully maligns him, not only lies, but that he is a person who should be shunned by decent folk.

Citizens of La Grande, ask yourselves regardless of party feeling in this contest, whether James Henry is a man of honor; whether he has ever been anything but a good citizen. Ask yourselves if he has not taken this country from a debt-ridden community and transformed it into a community free from incumbrance. Count up the many improvements made—the steel bridges, the rock roads, the mountain highways, and many other things. After doing so then determine in your own minds whether or not you will sit by and see the reputation of a good man suffer the murderous attack now being made upon it.

If there is an ounce of home pride in the city of La Grande the opposition to Henry should find no comfort or support here. If La Grande would continue to be the metropolis of the Eastern Oregon country she can only do so by having in office men who will not foster strife or encourage internal dissension.

Go to the polls on tomorrow, every citizen of La Grande, and swear to yourselves that you will resent these attacks by voting for a fellow citizen whom you know to be square; whom you know to be honorable; whom you know will continue to give this county an administration that promotes prosperity and satisfaction among the fast increasing population of this magnificent valley.

TO RAILWAY AND CORPORATION EMPLOYEES:

GENTLEMEN:
Under the present system of your employment you know that any person with a grudge can report you for alleged misconduct. Under Jay Bowerman's proposed law they will be afraid to report you unless the charge is absolutely true, as you can force them to confront you. The law has been a blessing in Oklahoma to both employer and employed, as the "bosses" are as anxious to keep men innocent of unjust charges as the men themselves are to retain their good names. Mr. Bowerman's proposed law as published on Page 12 of the Oregonian of October 12th is appended and it vitally interests you:

LAW PROTECTS EMPLOYEES.

Bowerman Proposes Measures Aimed Against "Spotters." Acting Governor Bowerman, Republican direct primary nominee for Governor, has a measure patterned after a law now in effect in Oklahoma, which he has announced he proposes to recommend for adoption in his first message to the Oregon Legislature and which law has received the indorsement of the railway and other corporation employees.

The act provides that when an employee is discharged the employer—individual or corporation—must, upon request, state the reason for dismissal and must, upon demand, confront the accused with the accuser. While this law was framed in the first instance by members of the Order of Railway Conductors and serves to protect them from unjust accusations of so-called "spotters" or any other person having a personal enmity, its provisions go farther and protect the positions and reputations of all employees.

As it now is, a conductor, engineer, motorman, or other employee is called "on the carpet" and discharged without a clearance very frequently no reason being given. If a man be guilty of a breach of the rules, or any offense, he realizes his own guilt and will not ask for a hearing. If the employee be falsely accused, however, Mr. Bowerman's bill will protect him and his reputation. With such a law on the statute books of the state alleged detectives or others will not be so prone to make false charges, knowing that they will be called upon to face the accused.

Stated. REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

S. D. MASON, JR., Secretary. C. W. NOTTINGHAM, Chairman.

MRS. JOH ' VAN BLOKLAND IS DEAD

From good health at noon yesterday she was stricken by the stroke. Her health up to that hour had been perfectly normal. She was sixty-nine years and two months old, but notwithstanding her advanced age, was able to be out and about with alacrity of a much younger person. An illustration of her hardihood it need only be said that she and her husband returned two weeks ago from an extended trip through the east.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church with Rev. Shangle of Milton officiating.

Mrs. Van Blokland, better known as Blokland, is survived by her husband and four children, all of whom live in Union county: Andrew, Garrit, Mrs. Wm. Webster and Mrs. W. J. Case.

Starkey Club Meets.

Starkey, Nov. 4 (Special)—Starkey's needlecraft club met Nov. 3rd at the home of the President, Mrs. John F. Alden. A good number were present. Luncheon was served. All went home saying they had an enjoyable time. Next Thursday is our missionary meeting day and all are expected to attend.

Paper at Bandon.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 7 (Special)—The brotherhood of Oregon daily papers will add another this week when the Bandon Daily Eagle will make its first appearance. It will have the distinction of being situated the farthest west of any daily paper on the mainland of the United States.

ALL PAY THE SAME PRICE FOR ROLLERS

COUNTY PAYS NO MORE THAN
COMPANY THAT BUYS THEM.

Price the Same to All—Construction Company Called for Evidence.

All this hullabaloo about the county court paying an exorbitant price for a steam roller has not a leg to stand upon. The court wanted a steam roller. An agent from the Buffalo-Pitts company came here and made the sale. The county paid the regular price, just the same as individuals pay a certain price for the John B. Stetson hat. And that is the whole story. There was no rake-off, no scheming, no dark-lantern methods used whatever.

To verify the price of the roller as correct as obtaining the country over the Observer interviewed the Warren Construction company, a corporation that is laying the paving in La Grande. This company has one of the steam rollers at work on the streets and they are heavy buyers of the Buffalo-Pitts machine because they use it in all of their plants, and they have plants scattered from Boston to Portland and from Michigan to Texas. Here is what information was obtained from that company: They buy the same machine that Union county bought and they pay exactly the same price whether they contract for one roller or twelve at the same time.

This should settle the steam roller matter in the mind of every thinking man and cause the attack on Judge Henry and the county court to have no weight whatever.

Will Talk Tonight.

Hon. Walter M. Pierce and J. A. Burley will talk on prohibition this evening on Adams avenue.

Two Railroaders Killed.

Spokane, Nov. 7.—Reports today add nothing to the list of eight dead and four injured as a result of a head-on collision on a sharp curve near Chat-taroy yesterday of westbound freight 451 and the apple special east bound on the Great Northern. The body of Engineer Hepburn will be shipped to Barron, Wis., tomorrow. No arrangements have been made for the removal of Fireman Blanchard's body, or other trainmen.

Mrs. Myers Injured.

Mrs. C. A. Myers a well known dyer of Summerville, fell Saturday and broke her hip bone. Dr. Moffatt, attending physician, reports her condition very satisfactory today.

CRIPPEN'S LIFE PROLONGED BY WILD RUMOR

MRS. CRIPPEN SAID TO
BEEN SEEN ALIVE IN AMERICAN CITIES, IN HIDING

RUMOR IS NOT OFF

Crippen's Life Prolonged in a Manner Which Leads to Belief that Story of Mrs. Crippen's Presence in America May Have Some Grounds—General Feeling is Postponement is Indefinite.

London, Nov. 7.—The execution of Dr. Crippen who was to hang tomorrow, was indefinitely postponed today. It is semi-officially announced he will be executed on Nov. 22. The Home office has ordered the postponement.

Scotland Yard detectives declared the postponement was in no way connected with the report from Philadelphia that Mrs. Crippen was seen alive and was in hiding. It is generally believed the postponement is in accordance with an ancient custom which gives the condemned man two Sundays between the final hearing and death. Crippen was overjoyed and says he believes something will intervene to prove he is innocent.

Arthur Newton, Crippen's counsel, in a petition for clemency addressed to Home Secretary Winston Churchill asked for either pardon or commutation. It is not believed Churchill will interfere with the court's mandate.

Nothing Authentic.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Replying to the assertions of the people interested in the Crippen case that Mrs. Crippen was seen alive in Chicago, Chief of Police Sullivan denied today that the department had any authentic information that the woman was alive.

RIVALRY BECOMES INTENSE.

Next Saturday's Game at Corvallis Promises Great Time.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 7 (Special)—Great preparations are now in progress at the Oregon Agricultural college for the annual contest between the football teams of the University and Agricultural college. It is expected that more than 5000 people will be in attendance at this game. Besides the entire student body of this institution, members of the faculty and a great number of citizens of Corvallis, there will be the student body from Eugene with the faculty and a large following of townspeople. Also many members of the alumni of both institutions and others who are interested in the schools will be present. Bleachers are being constructed which will have a seating capacity of over 3,000 people. These with the grand stand and the bleachers which are now erected will take care of the enormous crowd.

The intense athletic rivalry which exists between the students of these two institutions is certain to make the game one of exceptional merit. The members of the Agricultural College team will be much lighter than their opponents but they have been working exceptionally hard and feel that they have a chance to afford this handicap. Keck's wonderful ability as a kicker is a factor of no small importance in favor of the college men. On the other hand, greater weight and the fact that the University men are more mature and more experienced, gives the University a better chance in the game.

Mr. Carlson Sustains Injury.

Mr. Carlson, an employee of the Palmer mill, who the other day was working with Mr. Johnson when the latter was killed, was slightly injured last Saturday night at the Palmer mill. His foot was quite badly hurt.