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ONE NORMAL BILL SUSTAINED; THE OTHERS LOST

MONMOUTH NORMAL SCHOOL WILL BE REVIVED ACCORDING TO LATE RETURNS.

BRADY LOST IN IDAHO

Carter's Chances in Montana are Slim Franklin Wins the Election of Treasurer in Enterprise—Weston Normal Killed, Ashland Normal Has a Chance—The Woman Suffrage Bill Effectually Killed.

Portland, Nov. 11—Additional returns today indicated the Home Rule liquor amendment carried by a probable majority of a thousand. In complete returns show the Monmouth Normal maintenance bill carried and the Weston Normal lost. The Ashland Normal has a chance. Woman suffrage was defeated two to one.

Complete returns from 14 counties and incomplete from the rest give West a lead of 6,034. In the state Bowerman has 43,693 and West 43,727. In Multnomah county West has 14,809 and Bowerman 13,608.

Franklin Wins Treasurership.

Enterprise, Nov. 11. (Special)—Positively the closest political race in Wallowa county was determined today when a judge of election in one of the mountain precincts phoned in the totals on the treasurer race from his precinct. G. W. Franklin of Enterprise one of the two cripples running for the office, wins by fourteen votes. The race has been extremely close and as both men were splendid fellows, the campaign was not marked by "dirt." The missing precinct will not reach here until tonight and at that time the exact outcome in Wallowa county can be determined on the other men.

HAWLEY MAY LEAD IDAHO.

Democrats Crawl Up Rapidly, Brady Seems to be Defeated.

Boise, Nov. 11—Democrats today claimed Hawley's election by a plurality of 500 over Brady, the present incumbent. Republicans say Brady is elected by 200, basing the estimate on the fact that 72 precincts, approximating 2500 votes, are unreported. The square will contain sixteen new faces. There will be ten Republicans and Thirteen Democrats. Unless the Democrats assist it will be impossible to amend the constitution for state wide prohibition.

Carter's Fate Unknown.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 11—The outcome of the election is still doubtful. Early today five counties' returns, are still incomplete, and upon them depends whether the legislature goes strong enough Republican to re-elect L. Toothband May 11 Senator M. M. M. Senator Carter or the Democrats choose his successor. Without disputed seats the Democrats have 50 votes on a joint ballot while Republicans have 47. It takes 52 to elect a senator.

CANVASSING VOTES TODAY.

Expected that Work Will be Completed Sometime Tomorrow.

Official count of votes cast at the Tuesday election is being made today at the court house by County Clerk E. Wright, Justices of the Peace A. Maxwell of Upon and A. C. Williams of La Grande. It is supposed the canvass will be finished by tomorrow but is indefinite.

SCHOOLS WILL PROSPER

New Law Means Nearly Two Thousand More Money Annually Here.

Few realize the splendid benefits to be derived from the county high school law which was passed in Union county by a fine vote. In dollars and cents the system stands for considerable, and in addition it will lift the standard of the high schools all over the county. After January first a lot of red tape will have been cast out which will mean that wherever the school reaches a standard which the state superintendent all prescribe, a certain amount of money will be appropriated for the running expenses of the school. At present time, all students outside the district are charged tuition. When the new law is declared effective, there will be no tuition any-

where in the county. At the present time each pupil in a bona fide high school gets \$8.50. Under the new system, the first twenty in the school will get \$10 apiece or \$360 for the entire twenty. The next thirty gets \$20 apiece and the balance \$12.50. All this means that with 200 students La Grande will receive \$1600 more than it does now and students can attend without tuition.

County Superintendent E. E. Brass believes that Union, Cove and Elgin will immediately raise the standard of their schools to reach the requirements and this will signify that the schools of the county will be brought to a standard not attained anywhere in the state.

EXPRESS DRIVERS RETURN.

Express Strike in New York is Ended and Men Will Return.

New York, Nov. 11—The express drivers strike is practically ended and men will return to work Monday. New York teamsters today accepted the terms offered. The express companies agreed to take back the strikers and consult with representatives of the employees regarding wages and hours.

JEFFRIES DENIES RUMOR.

Says He Has Quit the Fighting Game and Men Will Return.

Los Angeles, Nov. 11—Jim Jeffries denied today that he had received an offer from a Denver promoter to meet Johnson for another championship battle. Furthermore Jeffries reiterated his declaration that he had quit fighting.

GOVERNOR MUST PROCLAIM THE NEW LAWS

LOCAL OPTION EFFECTIVE SOON AND OTHERS JAN. FIRST.

Men Elected to Office Last Tuesday to Take Oath January First.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

Governor Will Declare the Law in Effect Within Ninety Days' Time.

If it is true that the Home Rule bill has been adopted—and it is practically certain that it has—the governor will declare the law effective within ninety days. The wording of the bill is:

Article XI.

Section 2. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special laws. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The local voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter, subject to the Constitution and criminal laws of the state of Oregon, and the exclusive power to license, regulate, control or to suppress or prohibit, the sale of intoxicating liquors therein is vested in such municipality; but such municipality shall within its limits be subject to the provisions of the local option law of the State of Oregon."

AMERICAN OFFICER RELEASED.

Was Imprisoned at Tokio for Using Camera Where he Was Forbidden.

Tokio, Nov. 11—After three days spent in a Japanese prison at Moji, charged with using a camera within the prescribed district, Captain Frank J. Miller, of the U. S. army station in the Philippines, was released today.

STUDENTS LEAD MORE ILLINOIS IN ATTACK ON AMERICANS

MEXICANS IN MEXICO CITY TERRORIZED BY ATTACKS OF RIOTING MEXICANS.

TROOPS PATROL STREETS

Authorities Fear Another Serious Attack on American Consulate—Mobs Headed by Students Terrorize Big Section—Men Lead Other Mobs Against Consulate—Communication With Capital Brief.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 11—This afternoon it is reported the American consulate, at Ciudad, Porfiro, Diaz, Mexico, was wrecked by a mob. Consul Luther Ellsworth escaped through the rear door while the mob stoned the front. He was uninjured.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Nov. 11—Mexican troops are patrolling the American quarter today, every soldier in the military district has been ordered under arms, ready for instant duty if the out breaks become more serious. Authorities fear an attack on the United States consulate.

The night was marked by disorders and anti-American rioting. The situation is improved today.

General Vilasenor is in personal charge of the troops.

Mobs headed by students last night terrorized the American quarter and stoned houses and beat up some.

Many rioters last night were boys but men led the mobs that threatened the American consulate. Disturbances followed street harrangues in which the people urged to seek vengeance for the lynching of Antonio Rodrigues in Texas. Communications with Mexico City today is censored, but they are reassuring, though lacking in details.

Conditions Generally Improved.

Washington, Nov. 11—Today's dispatches to the state department from Ambassador Wilson say the situation in Mexico City is improved. Rurales and federal troops are patrolling the streets. The embassy and consulate are amply protected. Governor Campbell of Texas assured Secretary Knox that the state was making a rigid investigation of the Rodrigues lynching.

WIRE TROUBLES TODAY.

Wires Down in Both Directions and Telegrams are Piled up Here.

Commercial and news telegraph matter was stalled during the forenoon and much of the afternoon today by breaks and grounded Western Union wires at points west of Umatilla. During the forenoon wires were down east, and consequently United Press telegraph matter was blocked in Portland. The usual habit when wire trouble occurs west of here is to relay to Butte, Boise and La Grande, but since the wires are down East, this too was prevented.

WEDDING AT THE SOMMER.

Cove Couple United in Marriage and Public Wedding is Revived.

Union county's fair wedding was revived this afternoon when Orin Robinson, a brother of Clyde Robinson, who was publicly married during the fair here, was united in marriage to Miss Rose Hoatson, both of Cove. Rev. W. H. Gibson officiated, the wedding taking place at the Sommer hotel parlors at 2:30 o'clock. Both are popular Cove people.

NEW MANAGER HERE.

Portland Telephone Man Comes to Take Management of Local Office.

D. G. Huyett, a Portland telephone man, is here today and this morning assumed the management of the local Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company office to succeed C. B. Clarke, resigned. Mrs. Huyett is here also and they will make La Grande their future home.

NEW PASTOR HERE.

Methodist Church South Now Supplied With Regular Pastor.

Rev. J. B. Ball, formerly of Walla Walla, has been permanently assigned to the local pastorate of the M. E. church, South, and he has moved here to make his home. Mr. Ball comes highly recommended from Walla Walla, and is a young energetic man who is well pleased with his new location.

MORE ILLINOIS MINE HORRORS RECORDED

FOUR KNOWN TO BE DEAD AND MANY SERIOUSLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION.

EIGHTY IN ANOTHER MINE

Explosion in Illinois Town Today Jeopardized Lives of Several Hundred, Gave Grounds for Report that Eleven are Missing and Many Seriously Injured—Total Dead in Colorado Disaster About 80.

Hillsboro, Ill., Nov. 11—Four miners are killed and eleven injured, several fatally and four hundred imperiled by an explosion which wrecked the tunnel of the Shoal Creek company's coal mine near here today. The bodies were recovered. The cause is unknown.

It is reported this afternoon that eleven more are missing and possibly they perished in the mine.

SIXTY-NINE BODIES RECOVERED.

Evident That Total Death List in Mine Disaster will be 80.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 11—With sixty-nine bodies recovered from the mine at Delagua, the total death list is expected to reach eighty. Mine officials admit eleven miners are still missing. Inquests will be held as soon as the rescue work is completed. Inspector Jones issued a statement declaring smoke combustion resulting from short irritation of the ventilating fan, caused the explosion, which was a small one. The men died from gas.

TACOMA STADIUM WRECKED.

Sodded Hill Slides Down on One Tier of Seats, Doing Damage.

Tacoma, Nov. 11—Tacoma's great stadium which seats thirty-five thousand was considerably damaged today by slides following heavy rains. A large section of the sodded slide gave way covering the whole end tier of seats. Several trains were delayed yesterday and last night by washouts due to floods.

RUNNING FIGHT FATAL.

Robbers Figure in Gun Fight With Police in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 11—One man is dying and five others are seriously wounded and two probably fatally, following the early morning battle between the police and hold-up men in a little suburb of Cicero. Three highwaymen entered the saloon of Louis Belmont, two patrons, Fred Kop and Miles Kohler. They rifled the till, secured a small amount and started down the street. Patrolmen Kalowsky and Kane saw them and started a running fight. One robber is mortally wounded and another shot but escaped. Kane is wounded badly. Two robbers with the coin are at large.

LUMBERMAN INJURED.

Perry Resident Brought to La Grande Hospital, Suffering With Injury.

Nathan Caldwell, a resident of Perry, where he is employed by the Perry sawmill company, sustained a broken arm last evening. The left arm was broken between the wrist and elbow and he is now at the hospital. Dr. Molitor set the break.

First Witness Called.

Los Angeles, Nov. 11—With the waiting room crowded with witnesses, Antone Johannsen, the first witness was called before the Times dynamiting grand jury today. He remained in the jury room an hour and was followed by H. G. Morton of San Francisco.

Portugal is Recognized.

Lisbon, Nov. 11—German, following the example of France, Spain and England today recognized the republic of Portugal.

Recovery is Doubtful.

Mr. Ross, the aged veteran stricken with paralysis a few days ago is still the same. While there is a very slight chance for recovery, the general belief is that he is beyond complete recovery.

WILL ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Five Hundred Guests in the City Will be Taken Care of.

Entertainment of the 500 teachers coming from all parts of Eastern Oregon a week from Monday to attend the annual convention of Eastern Oregon teachers, is now absorbing considerable attention. County Superintendent Brass and the commercial club are working out a campaign of entertainment for the visitors which in the rough includes a public reception Monday evening. It will be necessary to have automobiles to carry the guests to their places of entertainment, and the subject is no small one. Several important committee meetings will be held during the week to make the entertainment complete.

At Pendleton the teachers were locally entertained last year; fifty five automobiles were at their services.

BOGUS CHURCH IN TROUBLE

Money Collected Must Be Returned to the Donors Says Court.

Enterprise, Nov. 11—By a decision of Judge W. W. Black, the "Church of the Living God" must dissolve and \$14,500 held by "Prophetess" Wells, the church leader who recently departed for California to start a similar church, must return the coin to those who contributed it. W. A. Alloway, treasurer, through a guardian appointed by him months ago when relatives alleged he was mentally incompetent, brought suit for recovery of money. Alloway refused to go on the stand to testify against the woman whom he insists is a prophetess.

SOCIETY WANTS PROSECUTION OF WALKER

MORALITY AND SOCIAL LAWS DISREGARD WITH BOLDNESS.

Story Brought Out in Justice's Court, Worst Ever Heard in La Grande.

Social and moral degradation that outstrip the customs of darkest Africa, disregard for the home that is shocking in its horridness and revolting in a family home in a highly civilized state and nation, were brought to light yesterday during the trial of Mrs. A. M. Walker, charged by her husband with illicit cohabitation with a man named C. W. Johnson. C. N. Walker, husband of the woman, told a story that has never been heard before in this city, and it is doubtful if police records of the nation are blotched and grimmed with as "dirty" a story of gross violations of family bonds and vows as was the admission and evidence of Walker. Without showing the slightest signs of discomfort when grilled and burned by the attorney for the defense, Walker related and reiterated points of his evidence so frequently and so often that there would be no possible chance for misunderstood questions. That he permitted Johnson to occupy the same bedroom with his wife for a period of twenty-five consecutive nights, while he occupied a room up stairs where their two daughters, aged eight and eleven years also slept, and that Walker combed his hair in a room occupied at the time by his wife and Johnson in the morning before going to work and did not move a hand to prevent the shameful practice, were only a few of the astounding revelations brought to light. Walker did admit that he spoke to his wife occasionally about the matter.

When the case comes to trial in the circuit court—for Mrs. Walker was bound over—it will be shown no doubt, that the promise of Johnson to buy a farm in Washington for Walker and his wife, was direct pay for the illicit practice going on in the Walker home, for Johnson paid money and donated presents to Mrs. Walker to pay for his board. The farm deal fell through, or was at least thwarted by Walker when he learned a few days ago, that his wife would not stop the habit of living with Johnson in Walker's house.

Walker told of how the arrest was made. It was only after his brothers demanded that something be done that he took action. His brothers went to the police and had them make the arrests, and they accompanied the officers to the bedroom on the evening of the seventh. Mrs. Walker and Johnson were at that time occupying the same room.

The shameful status of affairs did not bother Mrs. Walker much. She was neatly dressed and has the appearance of a woman of thirty years.

SUGAR FACTORY WILL CLOSE SHORTLY

RAIN DOES NOT INJURE THE DIGGING AND SEASON HAS BEEN

RAIN BENEVOLENT

Rainfall Since Monday in This County is 7.5 Inches—Without Floods—Benefited Both Here and Doubled Area—Heat in Wallowa County This

After one of the most successful runs in its history—made possible by additional acreage, from Wallowa county and a splendid crop on diminished acreage in this valley—the Amalgamated Sugar factory is anticipating a close down for the year within the present week. It is possible the run will extend over into next week, but the end of the cut is in sight.

Fortunately for all concerned, the present rain storm did not injure any beets in this valley. The crop had been dug and hauled before the rainy season commenced, and there has been no losses anywhere during the fall months.

While beets have been harvested in time to prevent loss, the wheat growers are now to be blessed with a thorough rain. The fields needed it, and with 1.35 inches of rainfall from Monday until this afternoon the wheat area has had a wonderfully valuable benefit through sufficient moisture to start the grain thoroughly.

Wallowa Wheat Area Doubled.

Enterprise, Nov. 11 (Special)—Rain, falling in true Willamette valley fashion is soaking Wallowa county soil wonderfully and the doubled fall wheat acreage is thriving beautifully since last Monday. For some reason the wheat acreage in this county is more than doubled this year. Men in close touch with the total area of winter wheat sown say that acreage more than doubles former records, and the present rains were timely indeed for the results were manifested in a few days. Last Monday the crop was stunted in growth and those who had doubted their area were discouraged. Today, they are rejoicing for the wonderful rainfall has insured them—other elements being favorable—of a crop of wheat next year that will be at least twice as much as Wallowa, normally stock-raising country, has put out in one season.

Few Beets Undug.

Fortunately there are only a few beets undug but it is doubtful if what little remain in the field will be eventually harvested at any material profit.

is as intelligent as the average person, and carried herself with dignity on the streets, yet during the rehearsal of the awful conditions in her home she neither colored with that blush of shame which should race over the countenance of a civilized woman, nor showed the slightest trace of mental disturbance.

To her, the trial was apparently a matter of fact incident in her life. To those who heard it, pity for the two girls was the uppermost thought. That the children should be taken to the Portland home for dependent children is but a human request. To permit them to live with parents whose disregard for social laws and home and nuptial vows are preposterous. Action to remove them from such terrible home influences should be made at once, according to public opinion.

Since the news of the awfulness of the affair has spread the citizens are demanding the prosecution of Walker. "The penitentiary is the place for such as he," said one man after the trial. "It would do much in favor of ridding La Grande of such characters and the sooner the entire trio are on their way to the Salem prison, the better for social laws in La Grande." While the nauseating case is temporarily ended, it will of course come up in the circuit court. Johnson, in apparently, doomed to a prison sentence, for on the testimony of Walker he is apparently convicted. The defense did not make any efforts in justice court to deny the story told by Walker. Walker himself is not accused at this time but there will be a blot on civilization that needs expunging if he is not summarily tried and if found guilty of what he says and punished to the full extent of the statutes.