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PLACES DRAWN IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ONLY ONE CANDIDATE RUNNING WITHOUT STIFF COMPETITION THIS YEAR.

ALL VOTE IS EXPECTED

With Time for Filing Nomination Petitions Rapidly Drawing to a Close, Final Lineup on Official State is Obtainable—Socialists Will Not Enter the Field as a Party is Belief—Many Faces Keen.

Mayor—A. L. RICHARDSON, J. H. WATSON, W. N. MONROE, JAMES MAHADY, Recorder—C. M. HUMPHREYS, J. A. CATES, Chief of Police—JOHN WALDEN, M. ELLEDGE, P. W. PORTER, Treasurer—RAY W. LOGAN, Councilmen—First Ward—E. C. DAVIS, ROBERT DEAL, Second Ward—C. L. MACKAY, J. A. WOODELL, Third Ward—W. J. CHURCH, W. D. GRANDY, Fourth Ward—G. E. FOWLER, J. K. SHEAK, ROBERT FINLEY, WESLEY HARRISON.

Tonight at 5 o'clock sees the close of the ante-city election jockeying for places when the nominations must be in. While some may yet creep in between press time and 5 o'clock, it is not presumed such will be the case. In the event that the ticket will read as stated above, La Grande will go through one of the most spirited elections in years, for there are indications of extremely close races for a number of offices. Only in one instance is there no competition and that for treasurer. The mayoralty race warmed up last evening when J. H. Watson's friends pushed him to the front, and his nomination was filed today.

Socialists Keep Out.

It is generally conceded about the political centers of the city that the socialists are not going to enter the field as a party, and it is doubtful if any socialist will appear on the ticket as party men, though there are candidates who are Socialistic in their party affiliations. The election will be held December

12, and with two important side issues on the ballot, the heatiest municipal election vote in many years should be cast. The charter amendment, placing the election of chief of police in the hands of the mayor and council, and the matter of floating a \$10,000 bond issue form the side features of the election.

SEATTLEITES IN ANGER.

Council Will Hire Public Hall and Allow the People to State Objections.

Seattle, Dec. 1.—Yielding to the demands of angry residents, the council committee on corporations has rented one of the largest halls in this city for tomorrow night to hear reasons why the franchise of the Seattle, Renton and Southern line (electric) should not be taken from the owners and the line operated by this city. Recently the lines were ordered to charge 5 cents a fare. They continued to overcharge, and Monday rioting resulted on account of the attempts of the company to throw off persons who refused to pay the overcharge and a mass meeting will be the result.

STRIKING TAXI DRIVERS USE PISTOLS

SECOND DISORDERLY SCENE SINCE STRIKE COMMENCED.

None Hurt in Pistol Play at San Francisco Strike This Morning.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—The striking taxicab drivers and non unionists engaged in a revolver battle this morning but none were injured. One taxi was wrecked. This is the second strenuous disturbance since the strike began three days ago.

PULLMAN RATES TO GO DOWN.

Upper Berths to be Reduced Substantially by the Company Itself.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Threatened with arbitrary reduction of sleeping car rates, the Pullman company this afternoon submitted an offer to the Interstate Commerce Commission proposing to cut rates on upper berths 20 per cent where the charge was over \$1.50. Council for the company virtually admitted the old rates were excessive.

Countess Tolstoy Dying.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Grieving over Count Tolstoy's death, Countess Tolstoy is reported dying with fever at Yasnaya Polyana, according to messages today. She has suffered much since his demise.

APPLE MARKET RECUPERATES AND GROWERS FIND SPIRITED DEMAND FOR LOCAL PRODUCTS

Following weeks of dumpish, uncertain and depressed apple markets, business has looked up perceptibly and already this week eight fine carloads of fruit have been shipped out of La Grande. Not only is the demand increasing but the prices have picked up. This week will close with good substantial sales recorded. This, in view of the recent depression of the market when the demand was little and prices uncertain, has lent a feeling of confidence among the apple growers again. Fruit Inspector Stillwell stated today he believed the prices would continue to keep a stiff upper lip and even advance in time. During the shipment of eight carloads this week Mr. Stillwell has been in close touch with the packing and he says they are exceptionally fine. A

few boxes of diseased fruits among the entire lot were taken in tow by the inspector, and a few boxes not properly marked and addressed were ordered collected before the shipment was allowed to pass muster.

The close inspections over and above what the packers give the fruit spells returns for local growers for it tends to raise the standard of fruit shipped out.

MANY AMERICAN POACHERS.

British Columbia Waters Alive With American Poaching Boats.

Victoria, December 1.—Many small United States fishing vessels are engaged in poaching in British Columbia waters in the vicinity of the Scott group, according to arrivals from the west coast today.

AGED LADY WILL ENTER PRISON FOR MURDER

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER BROUGHT AGAINST WENATCHEE WOMAN.

TRESPASSING TO BLAME

Daughter of Aged Woman Convicted Earlier in the Week of Murder in the First Degree While Mother, White Mother, Aged 68, is Charged With Manslaughter—Taker Her Sentence Without Show of Emotion.

Wenatchee, Wn., Dec. 1.—Without outward show of emotion Mrs. Hannah Debs, aged 68, tried for complicity in the murder of James Sutton, a rancher, who trespassed on her ranch, listened to a verdict of manslaughter brought in by the jury which was out eight hours.

Mrs. Totten, daughter of the woman, charged with killing Sutton, was convicted of murder in the first degree last week. Both women were arrested last July. They had a dispute with Sutton which ended when Mrs. Totten shot him dead.

Western Senators Angry.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1.—Governor Marshall presided today over the conference of governors. Spring Lake, New Jersey, was selected for the conference next year. Little business was done today. The western governors complain that too much time has been spent in social duties and not enough chance given to the westerners to unburden themselves on conservation and other questions.

TAFT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS SAID TO BE FINISHED TODAY

Washington, Dec. 1.—A hurried call for a cabinet meeting today indicated that President Taft has completed his annual message to congress. It is believed copies of the documents will be sent to the printers tonight.

Estrangement May Be Gossip.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Whether Col. Roosevelt and Clifford Pinchot are really at outs or whether their seeming estrangement is merely fiction of gossip is a much discussed question in political circles today. Rumors say that the two stalwart friends of conservation and usually bosom friends disagreed over Roosevelt's attitude toward framing the New York political

FIGHTERS UNDER BAN AGAIN IN 'FRISCO

NELSON AND MORAN AND OTHERS MIXED WITH RECENT SCRAP TO BE GIVEN TRIAL.

GENERAL PUBLIC OPPOSED

Expressing Their Desire to End Boxing, Church Federation Plans a System of Prosecution Against Principals in Recent Fight. Fans Dubious, Although District Attorney Says He Does Not Oppose.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Declaring that his purpose is not so much punishment of the principals in the Nelson-Moran fight as to prevent repetition of such fighting in California, Attorney White of the church federation today accepted an invitation of District Attorney E. E. Ert to co-operate with the authorities in prosecuting those who were deemed violators of the anti-prize fighting laws. Ert, while stating in his opinion that no law was violated, appointed his assistant, Harry Lane, to undertake the prosecutions. Popular feeling is against prohibition fights.

Fight fans are dubious about the outcome of the matter. Both Nelson and Moran are deemed to be clean exponents of the fighting game and followers of the fist game are loath to see either of them punished for violating the law. In addition to the feeling of regret felt for the men themselves, they hate to see the small fry thrown out of San Francisco and California.

PENN STATE HAS GROWN.

Six New Congressmen Will be Apportioned to Pennsylvania Hereafter.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The population of Pennsylvania is 7,646,111, an increase of 21.6 per cent entitling the state under the present apportionment to six new congressmen. The states of West Virginia is 1,251,119, an increase of 37.4 per cent, one additional congressman.

YOUNG OFFICERS PROMOTED.

Great Upheaval in Japanese Army of Modern Times Ordered Today.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—The promotion of 2,000 young army officers to important positions on the line and retirement of elderly officers and other important changes in the roster of the naval officers were ordered today by ministers of the Japanese navy. The shakeup is the first in the history since Japan entered the world's fighting force.

HAREM BEAUTY HELD BY THE OFFICERS

ASSERTS SHE WILL BE KILLED IF SHE IS RETURNED.

Greek Girl of Rare Beauty Held at New York Pending Investigation.

New York, Dec. 1.—Declaring she escaped from a harem at Damascus and that she would be killed if she returned to Merceles, her former captors, Marie Hoppla, a Greek woman of great beauty, today pleaded with the immigration officials not to deport her. Her pleas were temporarily successful and she, with Antonio Jabara, who rescued her, are being held pending a thorough investigation of her assertions. It is probable she will be allowed to enter this country because her cousin, Mrs. Hafit Hebelia, promised to care for her. The woman was held a prisoner nine years after being kidnapped. She is 22 years of age.

To the immigration officers she told the story of her imprisonment, mistreatment and slavery. It is believed her case will stir up a thorough investigation.

On Trial for Bribery.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Attorney Charles Erbeinstein will go on trial tomorrow for bribery in connection with the trial of Lee O'Neil Brown, when Brown was being tried for the legislative bribery.

COOK HID AWAY IN NEW YORK FOR WEEKS

DOCTOR CROSSED ATLANTIC TWICE WITH NO DISGUISE BUT AN ASSUMED NAME.

CROSSED OCEAN TWICE

Man Hunt Carried on Across Two Continents Last Summer Failed to Reveal Location of Explorer Who Was All the Time Hid Away Near New York.

New York, Dec. 1.—While newspapermen on two continents were seeking Dr. Cook he had crossed the Atlantic twice with no other disguise than an assumed name. For months he lived at Troy, New York, and there started the story of his wanderings in the Arctic and wrote his confession that he did not discover the pole.

Benjamin Hampton, editor of that magazine today gave this information in explaining how he made arrangements for articles announced yesterday. "When Hamptons decided to seek Cook, we communicated with his brother William, and thus learned the name of his London collector. In truth we got Cook's address there and then we sent a representative to make arrangements for the story and he brought Cook to America where the articles were written."

Hampton says Cook is extremely anxious to push his claim and that he was sincere in announcing the discovery of the pole as he believed he did it.

Cook's Confession a Graft.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—That Cook is a fakir and that the confession that he was suffering mentally when he claimed the discovery of the pole is written with a view of regaining the good graces of the American people is the belief expressed today by Admiral Melville, U. S. N.

Diaz Inaugurated.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Precaution against disorder in the palace marked the inauguration of President Diaz to the presidency today. The Mexican president is now beginning his eighth term, hampered by the most serious uprising since he seized the government.

Following his induction into office Diaz received diplomats and officials at the national palace.

GAS PLANT FOR LA GRANDE SEEMS NOW TO BE CERTAIN; STRONG FINANCIAL BACKING

A public utility that La Grande has long needed and one which has been urged by local people a number of times in the past, now seems assured. This utility in question is a modern gas plant for the purpose of furnishing gas for illuminating and heating purposes to the business and residential districts of the city.

J. L. Lambirth, one of the best known electric and gas men in the Northwest, is in the city for the purpose of asking the mayor and common council for a franchise to install a gas plant here, and the provisions of that franchise, according to Mr. Lambirth, are such that La Grande will in a very few months be assured of a gas supply.

That public sentiment favors a plant here there can be no doubt whatever.

For the convenience of gas is known to practically every person these days, and it would equip La Grande with an essential utility that every municipality must have in order to rightfully take the name of a metropolitan city.

It is looked upon as fortunate that such a man as Mr. Lambirth should be the one to ask for the gas franchise for his capability of delivering the goods on all electrical and gas propositions is well known to many offices of this part of the country. His connection can be traced to the largest concerns operating and in every instance he has made good. With plenty of capital behind him to install the plant it means but a short time after the franchise is granted until La Grande will have gas.

WEST RESIGNS HIS OLD JOB

Salem, Ore., Dec. 1.—Governor-Elect Oswald West today tendered his resignation as railroad commissioner, to take effect tomorrow. He is arranging to go to California in a few days. Tom Kay, state treasurer-elect, accompanies him. It is believed the men,

who are warm personal friends, will fix up appointments for the different state officials.

Politicians are satisfied now that Benson, secretary of state elect, will not resign despite rumors to this effect.

DALLAS TEXAS SUFFERS BY FIRES

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 1.—Five hundred are homeless and \$100,000 worth of property destroyed as the result of a fire that swept over a large section of the city today. Fifty buildings were burned including many residences. It started shortly before midnight and

was uncontrolled on account of high wind. One woman and two firemen were struck by a hose wagon and fatally injured.

Ineffective water pressure, the result of a long drought rendered fire fighting apparatus practically useless. The fire died out on its own account.