

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE AFFILIATES WITH POLITICAL INTERESTS OF COUNTY IN PRIMARY ELECTION

Biggest Gathering of its Kind in Years Held in La Grande Today to Consider High Tax Question

Political candidates for office at the primary election in Union county this spring will have the avowed opposition or endorsement of the members of the Union County Taxpayers league in a body. This monumental question became an existing fact late this afternoon when the biggest gathering of taxpayers in the history of the county—called of course, for tax question purposes—see-sawed and reversed itself until finally it stood in favor of entering politics by a good safe margin of about 12 votes.

The meeting was signalized by the attendance of 59 Cove people who came by special train to Union and there were joined by 60 others, and this number was augmented by farmers and city taxpayers until an audience of about 250 was present. E. S. Norris presided. The first meeting was an overflow affair and was held this morning in the K. of P. hall. This afternoon nearly every seat in the Christian church was occupied. The morning session was purely informal resulting in much profitable discussion on tax questions, but also in the appointment of a committee on rules of procedure, consisting of John Wells, John Shaw and T. B. Johnson. The main fight of the meeting came this afternoon when the report of the committee came up and while two salient features of it slid along peaceably and without debate one section caused a warm debate with Prof. Towner of Hilgard leading the opposition and various mouthpieces for the measure being heard. A vote was taken on the political issue that resulted in a victory for the friends of the step. Then another vote was taken to get everyone present into voting line and the opposition carried the day by a vote of six or more. Finally it was decided to vote the third time and again the friends carried the day by a bigger vote than ever.

The opposition feared that it was dangerous to meddle with politics direct and that the political phases would quickly swallow up the tax questions, as the Populist party did in

Kansas when the Farmers' Alliance became extinct through political relations. As the convention has now voiced itself, it will endorse certain candidates who shall be named by the convention, and antagonize those not fortunate in obtaining the endorsement.

Three Main Phases.

The afternoon's principal business resulted in these three matters being favorably adopted:

First—That a committee of three be appointed to look after membership which will be 25 cents each.

Second—That the Taxpayers' league endorse a set of officers for county offices.

Third—That a committee of three be named to meet monthly with the county board and audit bills, or rather assist in this work.

Officers of the county came in for a grilling and others pointed to the fact that the cause of high taxation, that high taxation can be remedied only by getting "at the root."

"Why are taxes high and how can the conditions be remedied," aptly tells the purpose in the whole of the monster meeting here this afternoon.

ROOSEVELTERS ORGANIZED.

G. L. Sawyer is President of Imbler Roosevelt Club—Expect Results

Imbler, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Imbler Roosevelt cohorts are united and organized. A meeting of Roosevelt boomers was held here this week and a slate of officers selected to manage the campaign in Imbler section. G. L. Sawyer, the orchardist, is president of the club, C. W. Cleaver is secretary and J. P. Larsen treasurer. "Roosevelt will carry hands down," said George L. Cleaver this morning on his return from La Grande where it was announced last evening that Roosevelt had consented to accept the presidential nomination. Mr. Cleaver, besides being one of the prime movers in the Roosevelt boom, is also connected with the state and county prohibition affairs and remarked today that if Roosevelt would embody some prohibition principles into his platform he would be the ideal candidate from any conceivable angle.

TAFT MEN TO UNITE.

Relative of Colonel Roosevelt Marches California Taft Men.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Invitations are being sent out from here today to prominent republicans all over the state to meet Monday at San Francisco to form an organization of Taft republicans of California. They were sent out in the name of Col. Chas. M. Hammond, a brother-in-law of Colonel Roosevelt.

Alaskan Is Murdered.

Seattle, Feb. 27.—Lying between the rails of the Northern Pacific tracks the body of Oscar J. Olson, aged 25, of Iditarod, Alaska, was found today. Murder is indicated. There were two bullet holes in the back of his head and over the heart.

Liner Strikes Derelict.

Southampton, Eng., Feb. 27.—The liner Olympic struck a submerged derelict off port today and broke the propeller blade. It is declared the damage is slight. The Olympic will make regular port calls and then go to Belfast for repairs.

VISCOUNT HASEGAWA.

Succeeds Count Oku as Japanese Field Marshal.



GUY E. McCULLY PASSES AWAY

END COMES LAST EVENING AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.

Funeral Services Held This Afternoon and Interment at Joseph.

Guy E. McCully, aged 38 years, died last evening about 6 o'clock after a brief illness of about 10 days from a complication of Bright's disease and pneumonia. After a rally last Saturday he sank rapidly and the end was expected momentarily after yesterday morning. His mother, Mrs. Asa McCully of Joseph, his brother, Mayor F. E. McCully, cashier of a Joseph bank, and his sister, Mrs. Sonnie Baker, were at the bedside when the end came. These are the only surviving relatives.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Elks lodge of which he was a prominent member and for several years the secretary, and the La Grande band, of which he had also been a member for many years. The services were conducted in the Elks' auditorium and tomorrow the remains will be shipped to Joseph for burial. The band and the Elks lodge will pay honors by en masse presence tomorrow when the remains are taken from the Henry & Car undertaking parlors to the depot. The deceased has been a resident of La Grande almost continuously for over 10 years and was assistant cashier of the Farmers & Traders' National bank. Shortly after the failure of that institution he went to Baker but returned recently to accept a position with J. G. Snodgrass, in whose employ he was when taken ill with pneumonia a few days ago. During his stay in La Grande he was actively connected with the band and was rated as a musician of more than passing worth. Always popular with his acquaintances and exemplar in his habits, he was one of La Grande's popular men.

Mexicans Kill Cowboys.

San Antonio, Feb. 27.—Three American cowboys are reported killed in a battle with Mexican troops today at the Nelson Morris ranch, opposite Sierra Blanca. The men were shot down in an attempt to relieve the employees of the ranch which was besieged, when Pascal Brown, manager of the ranch and several employees refused to supply the Mexicans with horses, saddles and arms.

JAUREZ FALLS BEFORE REBELS

ATTACK MARKED BY A SHARP CONFLICT IN JUAREZ

AMERICANS SEE CITIZENS FIRE FROM ROUSTOPS

Rebels Under Commander Attempt to Restore Order in Juarez This Afternoon Following Invasion by Rebel Army—American Soldiers Stand Ready to Prevent Any Injury to the Americans.

El Paso, Feb. 27.—Juarez surrendered to a rebel force today following a brief but fierce clash between the insurgents commanded by General Campa and 400 citizens who offered some resistance. Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning the rebels advanced to the outskirts of the city. The citizen guards opened fire from the house tops, the rebels replying. The battle raged furiously for a few minutes and hundreds of shots were exchanged, but the number of casualties if there were any, has not been learned.

Realizing they were hopelessly outnumbered and couldn't cope with the superior force, the citizens' guard retired, abandoning Juarez to the revolutionists. The firing then ceased, and General Campa is seeking to restore order.

Hundreds of residents of El Paso witnessed the conflict. The American troops stood in readiness to cross the border and drive back the rebels had the battle endangered American lives. So far as known no stray bullets have crossed the border.

The clash, while expected today, came suddenly. At 8:30 all preparations by the rebels for the attack had ceased. At that hour the entire force lined up on the Mexican side, opposite the union station in El Paso, and opened fire.

Clark Boomers Active.

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—Clark democrats of Southern California meet on Friday in this city to complete an organization of the club that will work to secure selection of delegates in California pledged for Clark to the democratic national convention at Baltimore. Several hundred have already signed the rolls.

J. D. FACKLER.

Head of Progressive Republican League of Ohio.



COUNT AEHRENTHAL.

Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Has Had a Severe Illness.



CROP ESTIMATE FOR 1912 OUT

BETWEEN 15,000 AND 20,000 IS ESTIMATE.

Imbler Fruit Association Acts on the Pending Apple Box Bills.

CROP ESTIMATES OUT

Between 15,000 and 20,000 carloads of apples is the estimated apple crop for the northwest this year the estimate being determined by the Northwest Fruit exchange of Portland and is based on the ordinary amount of damages from frosts. While the Northwest exchange does not segregate the different localities in its estimates, just bulletinized, 800 carloads is generally conceded to be the estimate that fits the Grande Ronde valley for 1912.

Imbler, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Imbler's Fruit association yesterday held a meeting here to take action on the pending apple box bills to come up in congress this year. The movement is a national one and Imbler, like the Northwest Horticultural society, has gone on record as favorable to a uniform apple box throughout the northwest, but no larger than what is known as the northwest "Special," containing 2170 cubic inches. Several bills to enlarge the apple boxes are now pending in congress and C. E. Wissler is representing the Oregon Horticultural society as lobbyist in Washington against them. Uniformity is needed but the larger boxes will be fought hard.

A large amount of spray material was ordered for Imbler through the Ramsey dealers at La Grande.

PROMINENT PIANO MAN HERE.

Manager of All Reed-French Houses on Coast in the City Today.

H. G. Reed, manager and owner of all the piano houses on the Pacific coast operated by the Reed-French Piano Manufacturing company, is in the city for a short stay to attend the opening of the big factory-to-home piano sale which will be opened for business Wednesday morning at the sample rooms of the Sommer hotel. Mr. Reed has just returned from a long trip east where he visited the big cities and has a very interesting story to tell of what eastern manufacturers and the people in general think of the

CZAR-PRACTICE LOSING GROUND

COSSACK-LIKE M.A.B. SHALL AT LAW-RENCE LOSES

THREE CHILDREN GET AWAY FROM CITY TO ASSISTANCE

Determined to Let the Officers Do Their Worst, Parents of Three Children Make Getaway on Early Train—Effort Made to Stop Them—Children and Women Arranged This Afternoon.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 27.—Collapse of the mill owners' "starvation plan" to hold children of the striking textile operatives in Lawrence, came today when successful defiance of Marshall Sullivan was made and three children were allowed to leave for Boston. The children were accompanied by their parents, who boarded an early train. The parents declared they intended to take the children from the city and defied the police officers to do their worst. Marshall Sullivan endeavored to prevent it, but his efforts failed, and he finally left the car.

More Girls Are "Persecuted." Further persecution of women came today when five girl pickets were arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. The strikers allege their only offense was to plead quietly with several strikebreakers not to go into the mills. Charigan Akochuk, an alleged striker, was arrested today charged with throwing pepper in the eyes of several strikebreakers. He resisted arrest with a knife but was finally overpowered.

Strikers of both sexes and the children arrested Saturday will be arraigned this afternoon. The children are charged with being deserted children, and the parents with "neglecting dependents."

Damage Suits Likely.

If the defendants are discharged today, strikers assert that damage suits will be filed. The situation is quiet and the strikers are jubilant over the fact that three children were allowed to leave Lawrence. Sullivan, the strikers declare, would have used violence had he caught the children and their parents before they boarded the train.

Boston Flooded With Objections.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Boston is spurred to action by the flood of telegrams of protest from all parts of the country, and Governor Foss today ordered Attorney General Swift to investigate the clubbing of women by the Lawrence police and preventing them sending away their children to comfortable homes while the strike is on.

Children to Visit Congress.

Washington, Feb. 27.—To protest to congress against the persecution of Lawrence women by the militia and the police of Lawrence a delegation of textile workers, including men, women and children are due to arrive here Friday or Saturday. The house rules committee, it is announced, will listen to the delegation at a special meeting.

vast opportunities existing on the Pacific coast, especially the opening of the Panama canal at which time thousands and thousands of new people will be coming into the western country looking for land and business openings. Mr. Reed says there seems to be a great rejoicing since Lewis Hill and his associates have decided to open central Oregon, cutting up their vast tracts of lands into small tracts. This will call in the small investor or seeker of a home to come into our country and be a producer, the direct benefits of which we will all receive.

Highwaymen Arrested.

New York, Feb. 27.—Charged with highway robbery and assault to kill, Edward Kinsman, Jesse Abruzzi and Gene Montani, alleged to be daring taxicab robbers, were arrested today.

DEMOCRATS TO ESCORT BRYAN

LA GRANDERS TO JOIN BRYAN PARTY HERE.

Commoner Will Pass Through La Grande on No. 5 Thursday A. M.

William Jennings Bryan, the Commoner, will pass through La Grande Wednesday night, or more properly speaking at 1 o'clock Thursday morning en route to Portland and will be joined here by a delegation of Union and Wallowa county democratic war horses. The Commoner speaks at Portland Thursday night and though the La Granders will not rouse the Nebraska on the arrival of the night train here, they will be on hand to greet him when he peeps of his berth in the morning. The personnel of the committee which goes to Portland with the colonel is not made up in full yet and will probably be much larger than the list herewith, now certain not joining the party: Turner Oliver, J. D. McKennon, Sam Pace of Enterprise.