

DEEP MYSTERY SHROUDS VOTE OF THE WOMAN

**OLD POWER BUT HOW
WILL IT BE
USED**

**DELICATE TASK OF
SEEKING VOTE FELT**

City's Warmest Election in Decade to Be Staged Monday With Heated Contests From Top to Bottom—The Number of Ballots Increased More Than Twice—Political Situation Is Beyond Diagnosing.

I feel perfectly confident of the outcome of Monday's election. I am content to leave my candidacy in the hands of the intelligent voters of La Grande—John Collier.

I am pleased that the campaign has been conducted along orderly lines. I am drawing my support from no particular class and this fact I think will be satisfactory. The woman vote is uncertain yet I am anticipating a liberal share of that vote for myself.—Bird F. Lewis.

I believe I have as much chance to win in this fight as either of my honorable opponents. As the Socialist candidate I feel sure the final vote will be satisfactory. The woman vote is uncertain yet I am anticipating a liberal share of that vote for myself.—Bird F. Lewis.

With vote-getting efforts speeding at full tilt around the turn and coming down the stretch to the wire, La Grande is on the eve of the hottest election in decades. From mayor down to the lowest office the contests are keen and white-hot. Candidates are proclaiming their platforms to the politically agog voters with zealous energy and the woman question is a study. Just what they will do at this, the first election in the history of Oregon, is mystifying and cannot be diagnosed and is problematical in every respect.

That the women are badly divided on the mayoralty is a self evident fact and it is doubtful if the vote next Monday will tell the story accurately. Wherever women have been grouped, there are always warm friends of both candidates, and the same is true in the race for the chief of police. A black horse is looked for by some wise ones who have concluded that the women are as badly divided as the men over the police chief question and that while the two to ulterior evidence leading the batch of five, are extending their eleventh-hour efforts, it is freely predicted that some of the other three will show unprecedented strength and run close races, though probably not become a winner.

There is no issue at stake that makes a clear line of demarcation between man and woman in this election and to all intents there will be no way to dissect the final vote and separate the women from the men even then. All agree, however, that the women will control the situation; at least, that is expected, and to many well versed in picking votes out of the masses of men, it is a new and delicate job, this vote seeking among womankind.

There will be 2500 ballots for the election, over twice more than have ever been needed in La Grande. The registration books close at 3 o'clock tonight.

The question of what the women propose to do with their sister, Mrs. George Hillman, who is one of the few women candidates in the state for office—is another matter that is drawing interest. She is a candidate for treasurer on the Socialist ticket.

NEW PRESIDENT OF FARMER'S UNION AND HIS WIFE



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swift of Baker who are of the ruling house in Oregon Farmers' unionism. Mr. Swift is not only leader of the farmers, but played an important part in the Bull Moose campaign, being one of the few Oregon delegates who voted with the will of the people when he got to the Chicago convention.

STRONG ARM CLUB MOTIVE

**INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS MEN
PROMOTE CLUB.**

Y. M. C. A. Classes Will Start Under Better Facilities.

Several men prominent in business affairs of the city have started a petition to obtain membership to a Y. M. C. A. class, the ultimate and immediate goal, at that, being to employ a trained director to handle the athletic and gymnasium department. August J. Stange has been instrumental in getting the petition started and circulated and is meeting with good success. Two and a half dollars from now until may is the fee and not only is it expected that this particular group of men, who aim to take the lessons in gymnastics and physical development from 5 until 6 p. m. twice or thrice a week but the interest taken and the financial supporting accruing will immediately draw other classes to the front and put the membership where it belongs. More than that, the financial stability will be fixed. Young men and boys who have been reluctant in joining the athletic classes because there was no paraphernalia, didn't reason it out that membership must come first and that the directors will immediately supply the instructor and paraphernalia. Once the proposed group of men have obtained desired proportions, they will meet and order equipment, and just about that time there will be scores of younger men knocking at the door for admission for the Y. M. C. A.'s future is assured. Proper interest, numbers, thrift, all spell a building in short order.

Athletic Club Rumored.

There is a plan afoot it is said to form an athletic club with wrestling and boxing its chief purpose but such a club, it is believed, would be but a flash in the pan; the Y. M. C. A. may be slow in formation but decidedly permanent once formed. Boxing and wrestling must be as well provided for in the Y. M. C. A. as Sunday afternoon religious services, for that association caters to both the mind and body of the student.

Those who contemplate joining an athletic club should consider the stability offered by the Y. M. C. A. and feel assured that instructions and equipment will be supplied.

QUASH RECOUNT PRESENT PLAN

**MOTION TO THAT END IS TO BE
MADE.**

**Judge Knowles Returns and Case to
Come Up Soon.**

That the legislature alone has jurisdiction, that the laws of the state don't provide for a legislative candidate's recount and that no specific instance of error or fraud is stipulated by John S. Hodgins in his demands to a recount of the joint senator vote in which Ed. E. Kiddle was elected by four votes, are three of the principal themes to be argued before Judge Knowles very shortly. Attorney C. H. Finn, acting for Mr. Kiddle, has brought action to quash the demand for a recount on the grounds noted, coupled with other legal phases in the matter.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles has returned from Enterprise where he has been hearing cases, and is now ready to take up local cases, among which is the Hodgins demand for a recount. The Hodgins complaint alleges error in the count in about every precinct in which he was a candidate, and Attorney Finn points out that there must be a specific case of error or fraud alleged. During the past several weeks the discussion of recount laws have been state wide. It is held by some that the legislature alone can conduct a recount, while others claim that it is within the jurisdiction of the circuit court. These points of law will, of course, be ferreted out by the circuit judge, but as the legislature will convene within a few weeks' time, it is presumed the motions to quash will be heard soon and the decision rendered shortly after that. Just what process is followed if the legislature must arbitrate the matter, is not clear—Union county would, however, judging from the usual practice, be represented by the man holding the certificate, until his case is disposed of.

Considerable matter of importance has accumulated in the circuit court circles during Mr. Knowles' extensive stay in Enterprise where a long term of court occupied his attention. Arguments, decisions and hearings are pending here.

Prefer Death to Life.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 7.—The five murderers condemned to hang on next Friday have declared: "Sooner death than life imprisonment."

DARDANELLES GOAL OF SIX GREEK SHIPS

**GREAT EXCITEMENT IS
CREATED BY WAR
VESSELS**

**WHEN VESSELS ARE SIGHTED.
ED ATTACK IS FEARED**

Approach of Six Warship Near the Dardanelles With Evident Purpose of Storming the Porte City After Running Straits, Throws Great Consternation and Fear Into Balkans.

Constantinople, Dec. 7.—Telegraphic communications state that six Greek warships have been sighted in the neighborhood of the Dardanelles. Great excitement prevails not only in the Turkish capital but throughout Europe. For a number of days the Greeks have been holding off for the purpose of considering the protocol. This new move looks ominous and will cause the conference of ambassadors in London considerable worry. It is feared that they will run the Dardanelles and fire on Constantinople.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Despite the fact that all the powers signified their intention of taking part in the ambassadorial conference, arranged by Sir Edward Grey, to settle the Turkish question the German press is pessimistic. It comments dolefully on the unconfirmed reports that Serbia has mounted heavy batteries on the river Danube and that Austria is mobilizing troops around Semlin, Hungary.

Peace Conference at King's Palace.

London, Dec. 7.—It is announced that the Turko-Balkan peace conference will be held in St. James palace official London residence of the king.

MRS. CAMERON DEAD.

**Relative of the McDonalds Dies at
Walla Walla Yesterday.**

Mrs. Alexander Cameron, a pioneer lady of Walla Walla, died yesterday morning at her home near that city. She was born in Scotland about 75 years ago and married in Illinois to Mr. Cameron about 50 years ago and immediately started across the plains as their wedding journey. The happy couple settled on a homestead within a couple miles of the village of Walla Walla in 1863 and there lived until her death. She saw the beautiful city grow from its infancy and contributed in no small measure to the life of the community where she lived so many years. Her surviving immediate relatives are her aged husband, "Uncle Alex" and Mrs. Hattie Stine of Walla Walla, John Cameron of Alaska, George Cameron, Mrs. Charles Hood and Mrs. Hector McDonald of Walla Walla. Mrs. Will Marsh of Walla Walla is a niece. It can be well said of Mrs. Cameron that she lived to bless mankind.

BARRY HAS RESIGNED.

**Rector of Baker Episcopal Church
Tenders His Resignation.**

Many La Grande people will be interested to know that Rev. J. Neilson Barry has tendered his resignation as rector of St. Stephen's church and will leave the first of the year to take up special work in Washington, D. C. His resignation, says the Baker Herald, is to take effect soon after. His plan, which he has had under consideration for some time, is to take up prison and charity work and other duties in similar lines in the capital city.

The resignation which has been

unofficially tendered the the vestrymen of St. Stephens will cause much surprise and sorrow to many in Baker. Mr. Barry has been rector of St. Stephens since 1907 when he accepted a call to the Baker church. Since his coming the church has grown in membership and Mr. Barry's work as a rector and a citizen has been far more than can be comprehended. He has taken much interest in civic affairs and has always been found a willing worker in all movements for the city's good. His work along historical lines has brought out the facts in regard to this section that are valuable and made him recognized throughout the country. Mr. Barry has been actively engaged while here in charity and prison work and has done much good in those as well as other lines. Mrs. Barry has also been an earnest worker in church and other circles and there will be many who will also regret her going.

Plans for the selection of a successor to Mr. Barry have not been taken up.

Kirtley Sale Opens.

Fulfilling his every pre-sale announcement E. E. Kirtley opened his big sale this morning as per schedule. The sale drew a large attendance early in the day and the house was crammed with people from the opening of the doors. This is to be an annual sale and Mr. Kirtley is anxious to make it a banner event in the matter of sales for this city. The number of people who got early selections of the choice sales are real boosters for the sale today.

COUNCIL ACTS ON EPIDEMIC

**MAYOR KIDDLE AND COUNCIL
SCORE DOCTORS.**

**"If Laws Are Not Explicit They Will
Be Made So," Says Kiddle.**

Mayor Ed. E. Kiddle, of Island City, is in La Grande today and in speaking of the small pox situation said: "At a meeting of the city council at Island City last night, the matter of the smallpox epidemic was thoroughly discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion of the councilmen present that there was some very slack work somewhere by the doctors in not notifying the authorities of the fact that there was a case of smallpox in the city, and to see that the same was properly quarantined. The family having smallpox now are quarantined, and all cases of sickness are watched very closely, and do not anticipate any further danger. If our laws are not explicit enough so the doctors know whose business it is to notify the authorities, they should be made plain enough so there would be no danger of a repetition of the present exposure of the entire community."

LOCAL TIME CHANGED.

**La Grande Local and Joseph Branch
on New Schedule.**

Effective tomorrow, the La Grande local to Baker and return will change its running time, as will the Joseph branch line, the latter affording an in and out service each day.

The branch service sends a passenger train out of here at 10 o'clock each morning as now, and it reaches Joseph at 2. At 2:45 p. m. the train starts La Grandeward reaching here at 7 o'clock p. m. These trains are numbers 32 and 31, and a freight train service provides for Monday, Wednesday and Friday train going out and a return train on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Want Sun Yet Sen to Come Here.

Local and Baker Chinese are endeavoring to get Dr. Sun Yat Sen to visit Baker next January when three members of the Chinese

PLEASE FIVE OATH BAKERS AT HIS OPPOSITION

**REITERATES HIS DE-
TERMINATION ON
MOB RULE**

**OATHS HURLED WHEN
GOVERNOR IS ANSWERED**

Tells Governors He Is Running Rich-mond Institution and Doesn't Care, With Emphasis, Who Has Anything To Say—His Stand on Mob Law Is Re-Pronounced by Him—Republicans Will Rebuild Party.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Republican governors who are here in conference have endorsed the idea to rehabilitate the Republican party along the lines laid down by President Taft and Senator Cummins of Iowa. Governor Hadley of Missouri declared the plan "excellent."

They propose, however, to hold a joint convention of both Republicans and Progressives. The question of management is bothering the Republicans.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In a statement given out concerning his speech at the governor's conference at Richmond, Virginia, in which he declared that he would not call out the militia to protect negroes, jailed for the crime of assault upon white women, nor expose the soldiery of the state to the wrath of the populace and who said yesterday "To hell with the constitution," Governor Bleas of South Carolina said:

"I don't care a damn what a few governors may say about my actions at Richmond. As long as I am governor I will not call out the militia to protect black scoundrels who insult white women. I don't want to see good men shot down by soldiers who are called upon to protect black brutes. I have been frequently misquoted in the papers about my doings in Richmond but I have this much to say: If the constitution of my state stands between me and the safety of womanhood, then my battle cry will be 'To hell with the constitution.' If the negro does anything that deserves swinging I will not interfere. I expect to go to the federal senate and know I will win."

Cabinet will visit America. O. H. Fong, leader of the Baker colony is confident that the visit to Baker can be arranged for. In case it can the Baker Chinese will provide a hall in the city and arrange for an address by Dr. Sen.

Dr. Sen was the first president of the new Chinese republic and is now supervisor of railroads of the new republic. He and his associates of the trip will visit this country, it is believed, in an endeavor to raise funds for 3,000 miles of railroad to be built into the interior of China. They will land at San Francisco and will make main stops at Washington, D. C., and New York.

AUTO DELIVERY HERE

Finest Machine of Its Kind in Eastern Oregon Is Description.

Admittedly the largest and finest auto delivery in Eastern Oregon is now used by J. G. Snodgrass, the grocer, in the distribution of his sales in the entire residence district of La Grande. It is an Overland 30 horse power machine with a large ambulance-like enclosed box on the rear. The space noted to passengers is nearly six feet long, five feet high and average of five feet wide. The new machine is fresh from the factory and was put into use for the first time today. Local automobile owners are envious of the new machine, both as to its appearance and its utility.