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ELECTION IN NOVEMBER IS ASSURED FACT

SUPREME COURT HOLDS DAY BILL IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL.

GREAT EXPENSE CERTAIN

Ladies Will Have to Be Sworn In as the 1912 Registration Will Be Used—New Precincts Not to Be Used It is Believed—Court Holds No Powers of the People Are Curtailed.

Salem, July 22.—The supreme court has held that the Day bill, calling a special election on referendum brought by the people on bills passed by the legislature last winter, is constitutional, thus reversing the decision of the circuit court in Marion county which declared the bill unconstitutional. The decision means that an election will be held in November, 1913, on at least some of the measures thus referred. Some of the referendum petitions have been attacked on grounds of insufficient signatures, and these may escape but probably will not. The court held that the bill doesn't "disturb nor pervert the referendum power of the people." The opinion was handed down in an injunction suit brought by A. Libbey against the secretary of state.

Oregon will be thrown against an election expense of considerably more than \$100,000 by this election. A great many complications will arise, incidentally. In the first place the 1912 registration will be used, and the old precincts used, notwithstanding that new precincts have been created in Union county. Because the 1912 registrations are used, all women must be sworn in it is said. With the bill held constitutional it follows that at least some of the bills will be acted on and all the expense of an election will be necessary. However, it will be on the basis of the former elections as the expenses of added precincts will not be born because the new precincts cannot be registered as required by law with any degree of consistency, according to men who have given the matter thought and consideration.

PORTLAND GIRLS DROWN.

Portland, July 22.—Rita and Carrie Lee, sisters, were drowned in the Willamette river early today when a canoe in which they were riding with Arthur Hergt and Alfred Mitchell, capsized. The men were rescued.

Flour Rates Suspended.

Washington, July 22.—The interstate commerce commission has suspended until November 22, the increases on flour from Kansas and other western states to California territories. The proposed tariff average is 10 cents per hundred higher than now in force.

RIOT IS HUSHED UP.

Businessmen of Seattle Anxious to Stop Further Publicities.

Seattle, July 22.—Pending an action by the government in the demands of the socialists for an investigation of riots in which property at their headquarters was destroyed, interest in the affair has been dropped locally by those seeking to recall the

IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION IN MEXICO URGED IN THE HOUSE

"ORDER TODAY," SLOGAN. Closing of stores tomorrow necessitates many orders tonight because the stores of La Grande will be closed tomorrow, details of which are explained on another page of the Observer, it will be necessary to place orders for groceries today. Meat markets will be kept open but there will be no delivery.

SITUATION HAS CRITICAL TONE

AMERICANS AND BRITISHERS SUBJECTED TO DANGERS FROM MARAUDERS

Washington, July 22.—Intervention in Mexico within 30 days unless order is restored is demanded in a resolution introduced in the house by Murray, of Oklahoma. Murray denounced Huerta bitterly and demanded movement immediately to take measures to protect Americans in Mexico.

The preamble of the resolution declares: "The revolution liberated Mexico through the guiding genius, Francisco Madero, its rightful ruler; and through duplicity and treachery and murder Huerta a usurping marauder, has nullified the constitution and destroyed lawful authority of government. He also has committed on the person of the president and his family, blackhanded murder paralleled only by Russian cruelty in dark ages. The rule of Huerta has become a contending mass of brute force, bandits, incendiarism, ragnie and murder."

Murray's resolution proposes the president issue a proclamation to the several Mexican factions demanding they restore order and respect Americans and their property. If this is ignored the president, it proposes, shall intervene with American troops. Resolution specifically authorizes the president to use both land and naval forces to establish peace and take possession of public property in Mexico. "Until damages done to any American or any foreign nation shall be fully compensated."

The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committee.

Warlike declarations rang through the senate when the affairs of Mexico were discussed and the possibility of American intervention was freely urged. Senator Fall precipitated a discussion on which hinged the right of the United States to protect its citizens abroad. Fall demanded the consideration of a resolution he introduced declaring its purpose was to prevent war with Mexico. He declared: "When any nation becomes so commercialized it will not become armed with force, if force is necessary, to protect the life and liberty of its citizens abroad, the days of that country are numbered."

Many senators urged caution while others were belligerent.

Washington, July 22.—The president has sent additional orders to Ambassador Wilson to rush from Key West without the loss of an hour. The

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO. Grants Pass, July 22.—During an electric storm last night, Mrs. G. H. Eddie and Mrs. August Kausek, of Leland, were struck by lightning and killed. They were removing clothes from a line. Mrs. Kausek was killed instantly and Mrs. Eddie died 15 minutes later.

Bryan Quits Grape Juice

BUTTERMILK BRIGADE ENLARGED BY BRYAN.

REPORTERS TREATED

While Waiting for His Train Bryan Joins New Drink Ranks.

Chicago, July 22.—Sidestepping grape juice Secretary of State Bryan entered a class with the former vice president, "buttermilk Charley" Fairbanks, when he bought that grade of beverage and a large cantaloupe for each of four reporters who interviewed him at the Dairy lunch counter in the railroad depot here while he was en route to Oelwein, Iowa, to lecture.

He refused to discuss politics or the Mexican affairs, but sipped with a satisfied mood his goblet of buttermilk.

customs officials there have been ordered to lend every possible aid to the ambassador for a hasty transportation to Washington.

The president examined all the confidential reports received by the various departments and has prepared a series of searching questions to ask the ambassador upon his arrival.

While no name is given as authority the general report here is that the United States is to avoid intervention and may recognize the belligerency of both factions in Mexico and leave them to fight it out.

Japanese Alliance Feared.

Charges that President Huerta of Mexico, is deliberately seeking an understanding with Japan so that they will have the Mikados aid against the United States if intervention comes are freely made by officials of the administration, although no cabinet officer is allowed to use a name backing the allegation. It is the belief that the Japanese-Mexican alliance is a thing of the near future. It overshadows the interest taken in confidential government circles, the peril of the Americans and foreigners throughout the interior of Mexico. Secret advisers to the state department say that the Americans and British are in the greatest danger. This is mainly due to the fact that the rebels are everywhere assailing Huerta forces, plundering and torturing and murdering the federals and non-combatants wherever they are encountered. There is no doubt that President Wilson is troubled.

Probable Decisive Clash.

Mexico City, July 22.—A probable decisive clash in Mexico City was revealed by the re-establishment of communication with Laredo. The rebel troops are in close proximity of the capital. Huerta has ordered all federal troops to the defense of the capital. The constitutionalists are ad

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CHAMBERLAIN LASHED BY HIS PARTY 'WHIPS'

DEMOCRATS WILL PUT PRESIDENT SURE TO BEAR TO GET HIS TARIFF VOTE.

REPUBLICANS CARRY FIGHT

Democrats Aim to Sit Still and Let Republicans Do the Talking in Debate on Pending Tariff Bill—Party seeks Support From Democrat From Oregon However

Washington, July 22.—Democratic leaders will attempt to persuade Senator George Chamberlain of Oregon to withdraw from his stand taken on the floor of the senate yesterday when he said that he was not bound to support the tariff bill but as "A senator of a Western state that had been discriminated against, I desire more light." The democrats want every vote they can get and pressure will be brought to bear on Chamberlain to have him vote with his party.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee announced that only a few democrats will speak in defense of the tariff bill, but on the other hand the republicans have said they intended to maintain practically a continuous discussion of the measure.

Even today denunciation of the tariff bill came, when Smoot attacked several clauses in it. Weeks and Townsend will oppose it to.

Middies Return.

Annapolis, Md., July 22.—The battleship Illinois, with the third class of the naval academy on board is due here today after the most extensive cruise ever made by any other class of middies. Leaving here in June the Illinois has visited Antwerp, Diego Cadiz, Gibraltar and the Madeira islands.

FIVE BIG CONVENTIONS TO MEET HERE IN NEAR FUTURE

FEW COMING CONVENTIONS

Late this summer, Idaho-Oregon Methodist conference, bringing 350 delegates.

Thanksgiving week—Eastern Oregon division of State Teachers' association bringing over 500 delegates.

Early winter, State Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, bringing several hundred people.

Next winter or spring—State Retail Merchants' association.

Next February—District Convention of Knights of Pythias, Union and Wallowa counties.

State Sunday School convention during winter months some time, bringing at least one hundred.

When the Eastern Oregon Epworth League institute delegates at Joseph yesterday decided to come to La Grande for their next annual session

FORTY GIRLS CREMATED IN FACTORY FIRE

BINGHAMPTON OVERALL FACTORY BURNING WITH A GREAT DEATH TOLL.

DEATH LIST IS UNCERTAIN

Fact That Many of the Rescued Were Taken to Private Homes It is Difficult to Determine Just How Many Were Burned to Death in Disastrous Blaze in Factory Building.

Binghamton, N. Y., July 22.—At least 40 girls, and several men, it is estimated, were burned this afternoon in a fire raging in the Binghamton Overall company factories. One hundred and fifty were trapped at first, but some of them escaped, many of them in frightfully burned states, leaving about 50 all told in the factories as the fire's toll.

The fire spread rapidly and had communicated to other structures near the factory but time was ample for the employees in them to make their escape and while these buildings are burning this afternoon no lives were lost in them.

The estimate of 40 girls being burned is said to be very low. The employees scattered immediately after their rescue and it is hard to learn how many burned. Some of the injured were taken to homes and thus track has been lost. The officials base the number of dead on estimates only but that a great conflagration and destruction of human life has occurred is generally believed. Fire fighting apparatus is struggling with the blaze, and doctors are being called to minister to the injured.

Cattle Bring Returns.

J. D. McKernon this week sold 26 head of cattle on the Portland market for \$92.25 per head and one for \$105.00 making a total of \$2,503.50 for 27 head of cattle.

CITY WINS FIRST ROUND IN FOURTH STREET WARS

Temporarily at least, the city of La Grande has won a victory in the Fourth street paving litigation. W. C. Hanson, one of whom will be assessed for the paving of Fourth street, asked for a writ of review some time ago and a decision on the case handed down by Circuit Judge Knowles, holds that this proceeding was prematurely brought. This will permit the city to proceed with the assessments and allow the city to ratify the contract with the Warren people.

Validity of the proceedings whereby the city instituted the paving contract are not entered into by the court. Such a decision would be forthcoming should a suit be filed after the assessments have been made. The writ of review was asked for some few days after the paving concern this summer started to carry out a contract entered into last year, but which was not carried out then because of the approach of winter.

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