

## BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE STATE ZONES SEVERE

MANY STATES GRIPPED IN SUDDEN COLD SPELL AND SNOW STORM.

## MANY DEATHS REPORTED

Wire Service Is Crippled and Subsequent Reports May Add to Death-list—Snow falls in Chicago—Lake Traffic Abandoned, Trains Tied Up—Is Earliest Storm In Years.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—A blizzard raged at daybreak over most of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota and Iowa. The cold wave covered the entire territory from the great lakes to the gulf, though through the southwest it is less severe. The storm has compelled the abandonment of Lake Superior traffic.

Lake Michigan was stirred to a fury and there are two inches of snow at Chicago. Trains are tied up. It is known that six lives were lost in the blizzard and full reports may increase this total. The storm is the earliest in years and everyone was taken by surprise.

### Atlantic Coast Suffers.

New York, Oct. 23.—A 60-mile gale raged along the Atlantic coast last night and the greater part of today. As a result several ships are reported in distress, and it is feared the havoc among the smaller craft will be great. The crew of the schooner Marjorie was picked up by the liner as the vessel was sinking 200 miles from shore. It is estimated the loss along the coast will be the heaviest for this time of the season in years.

## BOISE BRIDE FATALLY SHOT

HUSBAND KILLS WIFE THEN SUICIDES.

Quarrel After Six Months' Married Life Ends Fatally.

Boise, Oct. 21.—Glenn Wardell shot and fatally wounded his wife and then turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet through his own heart today. Mrs. Wardell died on the way to the hospital. The Wardells were married but six months.

A trivial quarrel is said to have caused Wardell to lose his temper. He was the son of a prominent real estate broker.

### Musical Dates Set.

At last night's meeting of the Lyle Tuesday Musical club, it was decided to hold the first concert of the season on November 4th. Programs will be rendered in the Commercial club rooms as usual until some other room has been found which has better acoustics. It is thought the club rooms of the new library building might be utilized for this purpose, providing the sound qualities are better than those of the present rooms. A banner program will be arranged for the opening night. It will be published at a later date.

# Wood, Russell and Gardner Elected To Office Under New Form Of City Charter

## Second Choice Necessary to Name Winner In Quadrangular Contest For Second Year—Qualification Date Is Muddled

WHAT THE NEW COMMISSION MUST DO AT ONCE.

- Select a city manager.
- Name a chairman who shall be president of the city of La Grande.
- Select a municipal judge.
- Control the city government until a complete organization is perfected.
- The Commissioners.
- Mac Wood, for one year.
- J. A. Russell, for two years.
- John A. Gardner, for three years.

Mac wood, merchant; J. A. Russell, meat dealer and John Gardner, locomotive engineer, all heavy taxpayers and long-time residents of La Grande, were elected yesterday at La Grande's first municipal election. They were picked from eight candidates, all of whom were considered well fitted for the position, and the consequence of it was that the election was quiet and the campaign was quiet, and the selection of any three of the men would have been generally satisfactory. John Gardner's majority was the largest of any in the group, though he did not compete where there were three choices to be obtained.

Second Choice Elected.

J. A. Russell was named from a group of four candidates for the second year term by resorting to the second choice. His first choice was not a majority of all votes cast, hence the addition of the second or the third if necessary. He is under the majority with his first choice, and far in advance of it with his second added to the first. In other words he lacked comparatively few votes of being elected on first choice votes. The third choice will not be officially counted as the second choice completes the majority.

Majority Is Uncertain.

Until the city recorder calls in two electors to act as canvassers of the election it will be impossible to ascertain the precise majority of all votes cast. Figures given herewith are approximate and are sufficient at least. It is hardly possible that there would be a variation in the majority large enough to necessitate the addition of third choice votes to elect Mr. Russell. The exact majority by which he is elected, however, is not known and won't be until the official canvass is made. It is impossible to ascertain the exact amount of votes cast from the tables appended, but as noted, they will scarcely vary enough to call in the third choice and they can scarcely be sufficiently off to give him a first choice majority. In any event he is elected.

There is some uncertainty about the time the men take office. Under the charter both at present and January first, seem right, yet the charter has also taken away all rights, it is agreed, for the old council to act now that the new men are elected, and a majority of the committee which framed the charter is of the opinion that there is great need for immediate occupancy of the new commission. Some hold they should wait until the regular January date, but the present council is inclined to believe that it can do nothing regularly hereafter,

and therefore, in all probabilities the new commission will take hold of the reins of government within a few days. The first big proposition that faces the commission if it is formed now is the fixing of the tax levy, and though the commissioners individually must qualify by taking their oath of office at once, it is thought that the new commission will shape up a few minor matters before actually taking the government in hand. This may require a week or 10 days, but the tax levy does not need to be arranged for a considerable length of time, and the council will have ample time to hold another meeting and clean up matters which were commenced prior to the time the new charter was passed. The committee which drafted the charter had in mind that the new commission take hold of things as soon as possible. Mr. Gardner is ill and this may delay organization.

### Manager Not Considered.

Immediately the commission must commence to cast about for a manager to run the city and in the interim, the city will of course, be slightly handicapped but the charter provides that appointive offices shall hold until their successors are appointed and it follows that heads of departments can proceed as before until a regular manager is named.

When seen this afternoon by a representative of the Observer Mac Wood the newly elected commissioner of the city, prefaced all remarks by the statement: "I am sorry that I was elected. It will mean a great deal of work in addition to the work that I am now performing, and I feel that it will be burdensome. There seemed to

### THE UNOFFICIAL VOTE SUMMARY.

CANDIDATES	Totals				
	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	
<b>For One Year.</b>					
Collier, John	41	57	113	63	274
Wood, Mac	49	125	169	45	388
Wood majority	8	68	56	18	114
<b>For Two Years</b>					
McMillan, W. D.					
First choice	6	9	28	11	54
Second choice	7	12	29	4	52
Third choice	6	16	44	6	72
McMillan total	19	37	101	21	178
Russell, J. A.					
First choice	43	87	118	43	291
Second choice	17	30	69	20	136
Third choice	3	15	16	2	36
Russell total	63	132	203	65	463
Dunn, C. S.					
First choice	16	37	71	18	142
Second choice	13	34	64	13	124
Third choice	10	15	31	16	72
Dunn total	39	86	166	47	338
Sargent, W. B.					
First choice	18	47	62	27	154
Second choice	7	24	25	11	67
Third choice	12	25	45	12	94
Sargent total	37	96	132	50	315
<b>For Three Years</b>					
Gardner, John	69	114	190	68	441
Fitzgerald, D.	23	34	64	33	154
Gardner majority	46	80	126	35	226
Total vote cast	93	190	230	108	621

Majority of 621 is 311 and Russell's first choice is 291, hence need of adding second choice a total of 291 giving him total vote of 427 or 116 majority without counting his third choice. (Based on approximate majority.)

be no one on the ticket who was quite anxious for the job."

When told that it was rumored that the recent council might resign, Mr. Wood hardly thought there could be much foundation to the rumor inasmuch as the present incumbents of the various offices had been elected by the same electorate and would in all probability look upon the matter as a duty to stand by the guns until the very last.

## WILSON WON'T INVITE CHIEF OF MILITANTS

MRS. PANKHURST WONT CALL ON PRESIDENT WILSON WITHOUT REQUEST.

## OFFICIAL DOORS OPENED

Information Given Out at White House That If She Calls She Will Be Received But President Will Not Invite Her—No Stamp of Approval on Militancy to Be Given by Wilson.

Washington, Oct. 21.—If Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst, the British chief militant now in America, sticks to her expressed determination, made at New York today, not to visit the White House except by invitation, she and the president will not meet, it is intimated at the White house today. If she calls she will be received, but Immigration Officer Caminetti said today that if an audience was granted, the president could not be construed as having set his seal of official approval on militancy.

Mrs. Pankhurst Explicit.

New York, Oct. 21.—The Belmont house was filled to overflowing today at the reception in honor of Mrs. Pankhurst.

"When I reach Washington," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "I shall call on the president only if invited. I shall esteem it an honor to see President Wilson but will not visit the White House unless asked to do."

## LOWER COURT UPHELD.

Supreme Court Orders That Compensation Act Shall Go on Ballot.

Salem, Oct. 21.—The supreme court found no evidence of fraud in the workmen's compensation petition. The supreme court thereby sustains the Marion county circuit court in dismissing the suit. The measure will, therefore, be on the official ballot this fall to be voted upon.

## SULLEN QUIET PREVAILS OVER DIAZ'S RETURN

MEXICO CITY IS QUIET BUT A STORM IS PREDICTED WHEN DIAZ ARRIVES.

## DIAZ HURRIES A CLIMAX

Alarm Felt In Sullen Quietness That Prevails Throughout Mexico Today—Government at Washington Meets In Cabinet to Discuss Situation—Bryan to Stay at His Office.

Mexico City, Oct. 21.—Quiet reigned in the city today but it is the quiet which goes with fear. Trouble is expected soon after Felix Diaz sets foot on Mexican soil. Diaz didn't arrive at Vera Cruz yesterday as was expected but is due this afternoon. His friends said that he would come directly to the capitol. Such a move is interpreted as indicating a determination to take the offensive against Huerta immediately.

Huerta is in seclusion. The national palace is heavily guarded. Cabinet Considers Matters.

Washington, Oct. 21.—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan conferred for an hour today concerning the Mexican situation. A cabinet meeting followed. The consensus of opinion is that important developments will come in the near future, it being admitted that Diaz is bringing matters to a speedy crisis.

The president, if he carries out his present plans, will be away from Washington to attend the Southern Commercial congress at Mobile, October 26. On that day is the Mexican election. Bryan has cancelled his engagements to accompany the president, because of the possibility of a sudden happening in the southern republic.

### Quake at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Oct. 21.—A slight earthquake shock was felt today. There was no damage done. The surrounding towns also felt the shock.

## FONG TRIAL IS NOW AT ISSUE

CHINESE IS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING LICENSE LAW.

Bank Case Returned In Favor of the Defendant Yesterday.

In the case of the American National bank of Pendleton vs. A. Huit and Brother, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. It was incorrectly reported that the bank involved was that of North Powder.

This morning the court was busy impaneling a jury in the case of the state vs D. R. Fong, charged with practicing medicine without a license. Testimony was taken this afternoon but up to the time of going to press the case had not been given to the jury for deliberation.

Attorneys for the defense in the case of State vs Newlin endeavored to have the case postponed owing to the absence of important witnesses, but the court refused to allow the postponement. This case will follow the D. R. Fong case, and will probably be tried tomorrow.

The Newlin case opens at 8 a. m.



—Reynolds in Portland Oregonian.