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DIAZ ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF MEXICO AT MUCH-FEARED ELECTION SUNDAY

Huerta Again In Race, His Withdrawal Yesterday Being a Sham

Mexico City, Oct. 25.—Despite his statement yesterday that he was not a candidate for the presidency, and wouldn't take it if elected, Huerta's name appeared on the official ballot today with General Blanquett as his running mate. Huerta's group has no party designation and his followers are being described as Huertistas.

Diaz Candidate Too.

Vera Cruz, Oct. 25.—Felix Diaz issued the following statement today: "I shall be a presidential candidate tomorrow. My friends are insisting that I run for the office and I shall not withdraw. I will reach Mexico City in time for the balloting. It is impossible to forecast the result."

Statement Yesterday Idle.

Washington, Oct. 25.—In the face of events at Mexico City, the administration can see no signs of improvement in conditions. Huerta's announcement yesterday that he would not accept the nomination again even if he received a majority, appears to have meant nothing whatever. All indications are that he is pushing his candidacy vigorously and the impression here is, no candidate will receive a majority over all others combined, as the constitution requires, and that Huerta will continue his power pending a second election, meaning indefinitely no change in these orders.

Federal Troops Defensive.

Juarez, Oct. 25.—It is asserted that federal troops, under orders to support Huerta for the presidency at tomorrow's election, will pay no attention to the announcement yesterday that Huerta has retired. They have received no change in these orders.

Ships Start Eastward.

Hampton Roads, Va., Oct. 25.—Nine dreadnaughts of the Atlantic fleet, Rear Admiral Badger commanding, steamed out to sea today ostensibly for a two-months' cruise on the Mediterranean. Commanders of the warships believed they will be ordered by wireless to go to Mexico.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The United States government is preparing to notify the nations of the world generally that any interference in Mexican affairs will be regarded as unfriendly to this government.

President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counsellor John Bassett Moore of the state department last evening exchanged ideas on what the proclamation to the world should express. It will be communicated to foreign governments everywhere, in line with the policy established earlier of keeping other nations informed of every step taken in its handling of the Mexican problem.

The proclamation also will serve, it is understood, as a definition of the policy of the United States toward the de facto authorities in Mexico, relating the principle that recognition only can be given to governments on this hemisphere founded on law and order.

Last night it was expected it would be only a matter of a few hours when the proclamation would be made public, but today it was practically decided to hold the note in abeyance until after the elections in Mexico next Sunday.

Art Exhibits Gather.

New York, Oct. 24.—Water-color exhibits from all over the United States were received today at the headquarters of the New York Water Color club, which on November 8 will open its twenty-fourth annual exhibit in the galleries of the American Fine Arts society at 215 West Fifty-seventh street. The exhibit will run from No-

vember 8 to November 30. Exhibits and collections will be received today and tomorrow.

Folsom Prisoners Escape.

Sacramento, Oct. 25.—Armed posses are scouring the surrounding country in an effort to arrest Norman Hair, William Roder and Tom Samuels who late yesterday afternoon overpowered Guard Morse near the Folsom prison, seized his weapon and escaped. The men are in the prison garb and are believed to have no other weapon than the one taken from the guard.

Mining Congress Ends.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—The greatest gathering of mining experts ever to assemble in this country today attended the closing sessions of the sixteenth annual convention of the American Mining Congress which opened here Monday October 20.

Boston, Chicago, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D. C., and Baltimore were some of the cities which strongly urged for next year's convention.

FARMERS GIVE BILLS THOUGHT

REFERENDUM MEASURES DISCUSSED AT LOCAL SESSION.

La Grande Speakers Appear Before Farmers' Union Members.

* Dr. H. L. Underwood, Geo. Hodgins and Joe Williamson, secretary of the Commercial club, will be among the speakers at the Farmers' Union meeting, convened this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the referendum question of the university appropriation, and other measures that will be referred to the people in the coming state election, or November 4th.

Both the state grange and the Farmers' union were active in their support of the measure during the last campaign.

The ladies of the union served a fine dinner to the assembled guests, at the noon hour and the entire meeting proved a big success. Members of the local union left the plow today to get a better understanding of the measures upon which they are to vote shortly, and to get that knowledge asked several La Grande men to appear before the union in an open meeting.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGE FAILS

In the case of the State vs. R. D. Jones, charged with non-support of his wife and children, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The evidence showed that Mr. Jones had been away from home for some time in June until September when he was brought back from Walla Walla to answer to the charge. The evidence further showed that the defendant had settled a parcel of land on Mrs. Jones which land was valued at several thousand dollars and that she still had posses-

THE OFFICIAL COMMISSIONERS' VOTE SUMMARY.

CANDIDATES	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Totals
For One Year.					
Collier, John	41	57	113	63	274
Wood, Mac	49	125	169	45	388
Wood majority	8	68	56	18	114
For Two Years.					
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	42	290
Second choice	17	30	69	20	136
Third choice	3	15	16	2	36
Russell total	63	132	203	64	462
Dunn, C. S.					
First choice	16	37	71	18	142
Second choice	13	34	64	13	124
Third choice	10	15	31	6	62
Dunn total	39	86	166	37	328
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
For Three Years.					
Gardner, John	69	114	190	68	441
Fitzgerald, D.	23	87	86	39	235
Gardner majority	46	47	104	29	226
Total vote cast					683

A slight reduction in the majority by which J. A. Russell was elected commissioner for the two-year term at the election held last Monday is caused by the official canvass of the vote made yesterday afternoon. The total vote cast was raised considerably by the official canvass over the unofficial count by the Observer Tuesday. The official figure is 683, a majority of which is 342. Russell's first choice was 290, not a majority, hence the necessity of adding the second choice which gives him a total vote of 426, 84 more than a majority without counting the third choice. The official summary of the vote cast is published above. James Mahady received one vote in the third precinct and John Fitzgerald one in the fourth precinct.

American Autos Win.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The United States has taken the lead over France in the automobile trade between the two countries, according to statistics officially given out today. Leading dealers fear that the lead is a permanent one. During the first six months of this year France sent \$147,809 worth of autos to the United States and the United States shipped to France \$331,200 worth. During 1912 France exported to the United States \$375,738 worth of cars, importing in the same ships only \$285,200 worth. Thus for the six months ending with June the United States led France by about \$185,000, while the entire year of 1912 France led the United States by about \$90,000.

Arbor Day Observed.

Pittsburg, Oct. 24.—Several hundred trees were planted in and about the city today by pupils of the public schools, in accordance with the usual observance of Arbor Day in Pennsylvania.

Headed by their teachers they marched to the various places of planting and participated in exercises which embraced speaking and singing.

Much-Mooted Township Filing Regulations Are Officially Made Public

Township plat covering township 6, north, range 42 east, Willamette meridian, was filed in the United States land office at 9 o'clock a. m. October 22nd. This township embraces a large tract of land which has always been considered to be very valuable and of which conflicting opinions have been published. Most of this land, however, lies within a timber belt but contains tracts of fertile land very valuable for agricultural purposes. The filing of this plat, however, does not mean that all of the land within this township will be subject to entry, as all of this land was withdrawn for national forestry purposes in May, 1905, and now forms a part of the Wenaha national forest. In all cases however, where settlers upon this land can establish their settlement rights prior to the withdrawal, such rights will be recognized by the government. Where a bona fide settler goes upon unsurveyed land of the United States and establishes residence, cultivates, and improves the land, the rights of this settler will be recognized and cannot be defeated by a subsequent withdrawal of the land for forestry or other purposes. There are a large number of settlers within this township, some of whom have been there since 1898 and have continued to reside upon, improve, and cultivate the land and otherwise comply with the requirements of the homestead laws up to the present time. These settlers, however, could not make entry for the land until the township plat of survey had been filed; but will not be allowed a 90 days' preference right, from October 22nd, 1913, in which to file their applications to make entry. With the regular form homestead application these settlers will be required to file a supplemental affidavit setting forth the date on which residence was actually established and make a detailed statement as to all acts performed by them since the date of settlement with reference to residence, improvements, and cultivation. On filing these applications, if it is shown that the settlement rights attached prior to the

withdrawal, the land office will allow these applications. In all other cases, where no settlement rights are alleged, the applications will be rejected for being in conflict with the national forest withdrawal. It has also been held by the department of the interior that, in the event that the settlers do not exercise their preference right within 90 days, such settlement rights thereupon become forfeited and the national forest withdrawal operates as an entry by the government for all of this land now embraced within the boundaries of such withdrawal. It is anticipated that all settlers who are now upon this land will present their applications within the 90 day period allowed by law. In fact Register Bramwell states that a large number have already filed.

There is a way, however, in which lands withdrawn for national forestry purposes may be entered under the homestead laws of the United States. The act of June 11th, 1906, provides that, in all cases where lands within a national forestry are most suitable for agricultural purposes, the same may be listed for entry upon application to the district forester having jurisdiction over the national forest in which this land is located. If the forestry department will recommend the restoration of the land, an order will then be made by the secretary of the interior designating a specific date on which this land will be subject to entry. In cases of this kind, if any settler was upon the land prior to January 1st, 1906, he is awarded the first 60 days' preference right in which to apply for the land, and in the event that there is no settler to exercise this right, then the party who has the land listed has the next preference right and will be permitted to make entry.

It has been stated that there are a number of tracts of land within this township which are valuable for agricultural purposes, and it may be expected that a large number of applications for listing this land will be filed within the near future.

RESCUE WORK AT MINE NOW HOPELESS JOB

NO CHANGE TO RECOVER MANY CORPSES FROM DISASTER MINE SHAFT.

HELMET MEN IN DANGER

Situation About Mine at Dawson Is Fearful—Total Number of Men Entombed Now Estimated at 263 With No Chance for a Single Man to Be Alive—Seventy-two Corpses Saved.

Dawson, Oct. 25.—Seventy-two corpses have been removed at 10:00 o'clock today from the disaster mine. Foreman Smith, who, because of familiarity with the workings, has taken a leading part in the search for survivors said, there was not the slightest possibility of a man of the 260 entombed being taken out alive. The latest estimate places the number of dead at 263.

The condition of the tunnels is bad, and it seemed doubtful that recovery of the rest of the corpses is possible. The fire has been checked by walling up a part of the mine where it was raging, but ventilation fans failed to clear out the gas. Work for more than a few minutes at a time without helmets is suicidal. The helmeted men fear another explosion, in the event of which they would be killed too.

Tax Question Talked.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Round-table discussions participated in by tax officials of various states who are attending the seventh annual Conference on Taxation here, was today's important feature of the program. Today's discussion hinged on the speeches of T. B. Paton, general counsel of the American Bankers' association; Dr. R. H. Whitten, statistician of the New York Public Service commission, and an authority on valuation of public utilities; A. S. Dudley, tax commissioner of the St. Paul railway, and W. Pollock, of the Manufacturers' Appraisal company.

Masonic Ceremonies Over.

New York, Oct. 24.—Ceremonies and administration of degrees in commemoration of the centennial re-union of the organization of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., closed today. High degree Masons from many sections of the country attended the celebration.

QUAKE FELT AT SAN FRANCISCO

NO DAMAGE DONE BUT TREMOR IS STRONG.

Two o'Clock Earthquake Awakes San Francisco Citizens.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The city of San Francisco was shaken by a strong earthquake at 2:00 a. m. today. No damage is reported but the quake was the hardest felt here in several years. Its duration was short but sharp while it lasted.

The tremor was sufficient to wake the citizens almost to a unit.

SMALL FRUITS CROP IS LARGE

FINAL RETURNS ON SALES SHOW GOOD PROFITS.

Cove Prune Crop Fair, and Pear Crop Light—Potatoes Held.

Cove, Oct. 25.—(Staff correspondent)—In addition to the great cherry crop grown in the neighborhood of Cove this year, which netted the growers very substantial returns and which was the subject of considerable comment at the close of the season, completed the returns concerning the berry output give Cove a prestige in the fruit line that is enviable. Karl J. Stackland, one of the most prominent of the growers of the section, sold 2500 crates of first class strawberries which netted him \$2.00 a crate. Red raspberries and black caps created another total of 3,000 crates of berries in addition to the 2,000 crates of blackberries.

The pear crop was light for some reason or other and the sale was limited. Only one car of these was shipped out. Plums were not as plentiful as in other years, only four cars going to distant points.

The crop of Italian prunes is fair and the shipping season is about over. Nineteen cars of fresh prunes have left Cove for distant points. Both of the large evaporators are busy and the output for the season will be in

PETITIONS IN THE AIR EARLY

COMMISSIONER ELECT DRAWS PARALLEL WITH BUSINESS.

Stockholders Elect Directors and Let Directors Pick the Officers.

A. J. Russel, one of the newly elected commissioners of La Grande, returned from a business trip to Walla Walla last night and was soon aware of the fact that things were doing in the way of circulating petitions. In an interview this morning Mr. Russel expressed considerable pleasure about the view taken by the Observer in an editorial on this question and gave the same his hearty approval. "It's just like this," said Mr. Russel, "if stockholders in a large business concern elected men to fill the place of directors or superintendents, the directors would not wish to have the stockholders intimate to them who they should elect to immediate management. The people have placed enough confidence in us to elect us and they ought to give the commissioners a chance to look about for the best man for the place. This attitude is equivalent to saying that they do not have that confidence in us. Personally I would as soon elect a local man to the place as anyone else, providing he possessed the necessary qualifications for the place. This matter requires some deliberation and

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