

Bonds Ghost Swatted Fiercely

Ed Wright Has Chance to Win Public Service Commissionership

LEADS FIELD LATE IN DAY

McCULLOCH IS MAN HE MUST DEFEAT AT THE FINAL SHOWDOWN IT SEEMS

WRIGHT 2000 AHEAD IN FOUR COUNTIES TODAY

Chance To Win Remains Though Handicap in Extreme Eastern Part of the State Remains As a Menace to Final Success—Leaves Mainline With 2000 to the Good Late Today.

Portland, May 20.—At a late hour this afternoon it is very apparent that Ed Wright of Union county is nominated for Public Service commissionership in the Eastern Oregon district. Bushnell has defeated Campbell in Western district for Public Service commissionership.

The vote on president is Hughes 21,406, Cummins 9,961, Burton 3,915. Delegates to the Republican national convention elected are George Cameron, Charles H. Carey, Charles W. Fulton and Arthur C. Spencer, all of Multnomah county. These are delegates from the state at large. Olcott has defeated Moores by a large majority.

Portland, May 20.—Incomplete returns from Eastern Oregon districts show that Ed Wright of Union county has apparently won the Public Service commissionership over five opponents. McCulloch and Corey are running close for second place. Totals available give Corey 1180; Kyle 417; Rusk 965; McCulloch 1011; Service 816; Wright 1280. Public Service Commissioner Campbell, well known in Eastern Oregon, was defeated as a candidate for re-election from the Western district, by Buchtel, present deputy sealer of weights and measures under State Treasurer Kay.

Going out of his own county with 1308, a figure obtained after a complete unofficial tabulation of Union county less Starkley, Hilgard and Kamela—which combined have less than 50 votes—Ed Wright at 2 o'clock this afternoon likewise went out of Baker county with a majority of 56, and out of Umatilla county at the same hour with a majority of 226, and about 400 out of Walla Walla county with which to combat the votes of J. W. McCulloch of Ontario who is the man the La Grande must beat to become a member of the Public Service Commission. Word is that he is leading all over the district, which lies east of the Cascade mountains. The Observer has obtained the following majorities over McCulloch, the man he must beat, at 1:30 this afternoon:

Walla Walla county 400, Union county 1308, Umatilla 226, Baker 56. A total of 1990 votes from these counties. To offset this, McCulloch has a strong hold on Malheur, Lake, Klamath and Grant, in which the vote is said to amount to 4800 votes. While Mr. Wright is leading this afternoon in the district, it is upon the basis of returns from the larger cities generally and not so much inclusive of the remote counties where it is natural to suppose that McCulloch will take the majorities.

In spite of the imminent likelihood of defeat, Mr. Wright's friends are jubilant this afternoon that the fight has narrowed down to the La Grande man and the Ontario citizen, and before tomorrow morning the outcome will likely be known. Mr. Wright has a fine chance to win, though it is far from a cinch proposition. Mr. McCulloch's stronghold has not to date been conspicuous in the totals compiled both by the Observer and by the United Press.

Good Vote In Baker
Baker, May 20.—(Special)—Seventeen complete precincts out of 41, and all of them the largest in the county, give the following results in Baker county at 1 o'clock this afternoon:

Corey	266
Kyle	16
Rusk	49
Service	413
Wright	153
McCulloch	97

Grant County Reports
Reports from Grant county this afternoon show the following returns: McCulloch 73, Corey 71, Wright 9, Service 6, Rusk 5.

The Umatilla Vote
Pendleton, May 20.—(Special)—At

IS IT FAIR?

To subscribe for the Evening Observer and have it delivered to you every evening costs but 65 cents a month. While this is a fact, it is also a fact that quite a number of La Grande people borrow the Observer from neighbors. Is it fair? No, it is not. The neighbor does not wish to refuse the loan of the paper, but at the same time would prefer having it any time he wishes to read it. It is not fair to the man who subscribes and pays for his paper to have a neighbor "mooch" it. It is not fair to the one borrower for it develops in him a disposition to lean rather than lift; to be a "moocher" and a weakling rather than to stand on his own merit and his own resources. It is not fair to the Observer for we are struggling as best we can to give the public a paper containing expensive telegraph and local stories. It costs the Observer approximately eighty dollars a day to run and we need the support of all. Don't borrow your neighbor's paper. Don't be a "moocher."

PREPARING FOR AN ONSLAUGHT

GERMANS MASS MEN AND GUNS ON BELGIAN FRONT.

Air Fighting Has Been the Main Vague the Last Twenty-Four Hours.

London, May 20.—German troops are preparing for a tremendous offensive on the Belgian front, so Holland dispatches here indicated. For the past three days there has been a heavy movement of men and ammunition toward the firing line. Big guns have concentrated in massed batteries from the sea coast to Ypres. Teuton aviators are active over the scene of the expected battle. It is considered a possibility that Germans contemplated renewing efforts to smash Calais.

Aviators Are Busy.

Paris, May 20.—Unusual aerial activity is reported on both sides today. In Belgium and Champagne the German attacks were hurled back in confusion. There was no infantry fighting near Verdun, it is officially stated. German aeroplanes shelled Dunkirk and Bergues, killing six and wounding 38. As a reprisal the French attacked the camps at Wynges, Zerran and Handzaem. Belgium aeroplanes bombed Chieftellen, Aerodome. French guns brought down the eleventh German aeroplane which fell in the allies trenches and both occupants were captured. Four other German aeroplanes were destroyed. Attacking the Belgian front at Stenstraete, the Germans attempted to cross to Ypres but were repulsed. In Champagne the Germans sent a cloud of poisonous gas billowing toward the French. Defenders donned masks and held their positions.

English Coast Raided.

London, May 20.—German aeroplanes raided the east coast of Kent at two this morning. One was killed and two injured. One raider was downed on the Belgian coast. The British pursued the Germans in to the darkness of the English channel.

Four Buildings at "Pen" Burn.

Salem, May 18.—Four buildings in the group of six at the Oregon penitentiary were gutted by fire of unknown origin today. The loss was \$50,000. Convicts aided the Salem fire department in extinguishing the blaze.

The buildings destroyed were situated east of the main penitentiary structure and included the boiler house, drying room for flax, prison shoe shop and the machine shop. Two adjoining buildings, containing the main flax plant and 300 tons of flax were undamaged. Thirty-five tons of flax in the drier burned.

one o'clock this afternoon the public service commissionership in Umatilla county stood as follows: From 46 out of 64 precincts: Corey 541, Kyle 885, McCulloch 225, Rusk 344, Service 184, Wright 551. The Wright figures must be compared to McCulloch as no other candidates in the race have any chance to win. Consequently Mr. Wright's majority, as it were, in Umatilla county is 226 this afternoon.

IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT FATE OF MORTGAGE

TWO PRECINCTS OUT OF 36 EX-PRESS MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF BONDS.

DEATH GURGLE HEARD WITH FIRST RETURNS

As Count Continues, Taxpayers Are Shown To Have Swatted The Bonds Count With Vehemence That Will For Years Stifle Any Further Rattling of the spectre.

Buried under an avalanche of taxpayers' protests, the \$400,000 bond issue proposed for the construction of hard-surfaced roads in this county went down to ignominious defeat yesterday in the final test at the special election. Through a campaign in which both pros and antis waged a fair and open but titanic fight, the bond issue stirred up the county to the very rim as no other phase of the elections yesterday did. So convincing was the protest against bonds—not against good roads—that it is doubtful if the ghost will dare to rattling its bones in the fact of the taxpayers of this county for a long time to come. So vigorously did the taxpayer take the big stick—their right of suffrage, in this instance—in hand and so soundly swat the proposition with solar plexus punches that the bonding question was crushed to pulp. Two precincts saved the bonds from a complete kalsomine. La Grande No. 2, rising out of the mainstream of the campaign with two majority, and Perry with a somewhat larger majority than that, were the only two precincts which favored the bond issue.

The farming district was not alone in voicing sharp rebuke to the plan. The towns of smaller circumference were not less emphatic in turning the boards down than 12 of the 13 La Grande precincts. The fate of the \$400,000 bond issue was clearly indicated by the first returns which were decisively against them. As the returns continued to come, the opposition became more marked until the final vote shows a defeat of the measure by a tremendous majority.

Here is the way the various precincts swatted the bonds:

	For	Against
Alice	12	122
Antelope	8	46
Big Creek	1	42
Cove No 1	23	140
Cove No 2	26	123
Elgin No 1	11	129
Elgin No 2	16	57
Elgin No 3	10	105
Elgin No 4	13	101
Hilgard	3	21

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HUGHES FAILS TO BECOME EXCITED OVER HIS SUCCESS

Portland, May 20.—"Pat" McArthur has been renominated by the Republicans for Congress from the third Oregon district, with ex-Congressman A. Walter Lafferty a close second. Judge E. V. Little field ran a poor third.

Portland, May 20.—Justice Hughes is the choice of Oregon Republicans in the Presidential primaries. Complete returns from all parts of the state indicate he received more votes than Cummins and Burton combined. The overwhelming victory surprised even his supporters.

The race for secretaryship in the state shows Ben Olcott maintaining a substantial lead over Moores. Buchtel is apparently nominated for public service commissionership in the western district over Campbell. Ed Wright of La Grande is leading the field in Eastern Oregon. "Pat" McArthur was nominated to Congress in the third district by a substantial plurality.

Hughes Is Unmoved
Washington, May 20.—Justice Hughes failed to get excited when in-

C. A. SMALL A "BLACK HORSE" BUT A WINNER

ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED HE JUMPS FROM "POOR THIRD" TO AN EASY WINNER

KIDDLE RENOMINATED OVER HAYWORTH EASILY

Davidhizar Badly Beaten Here and His Opponent Goes Into Wallawa County With Better Than a Thousand to the Good—Kiddle's Vote Substantial and Flattering.

Sweeping over the county with a wave of votes that was the big surprise of the Republican primaries yesterday, Charles Albert Small became the Republican nominee for the office of county representative. There is little use of deny. Opinion placed him a poor third from the start. Opinion was divided between Pat Foley and George Huntington Curry as to which would lead, but it was 1, 2, 3, for Mr. Small everywhere—up to the last moment. When the tidal wave commenced to wash over the county the popular trend immediately commenced to admire the thoroughness with which Mr. Small built his line fences. He won the nomination of an exceptionally clean but hard triangular fight, and won it big—coming up from behind with a whirlwind finish. He was not given a ghost of a chance from the public prior to the vote, yet, he stands today an easy winner. The feat was easily the sensation of the whole election. Mr. Small carried a big majority of the precincts.

The total vote as compiled this afternoon is:

Small	996
Foley	648
Curry	612

Plurality for Small, 350.

The Legislative Slate
Further items of the legislative ticket include the fact that Senator L. E. Kiddle was renominated for his present office over S. R. Haworth. In Wallawa county Mr. Haworth was ahead for a time, but soon fell behind. Returns from Wallawa county this noon show Kiddle far ahead in that county.

In Union county the vote stands:

Kiddle	1572
Haworth	630

This gives Mr. Kiddle a majority in this county of 942.

Fred Ashley of Enterprise, ran away from H. B. Davidhizar in this county. Mr. Ashley leaves this county to go home to his own county with a majority of 1053, the vote here being:

Ashley	1659
Davidhizar	606

Davidhizar will probably lose the fight by a wide margin.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE IS L. WARNICK

TOM JOHNSON OF COVE IS BEATEN BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN COUNTY.

LOCAL CITIZENS HONORED WITH FLATTERING VOTES

More or Less Complete Democratic Ticket Forms Out of Written in and Uncontested Candidates—Will R. King Runs Strong Race in the County Everywhere.

With district and state contestants the only phases on the Democratic ticket to detract interest from the contest, the race for Democratic nomi-

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MOORES MEETS SHARP DEFEAT

OLCOTT HANDY WINNER OVER REPUBLICAN LEADER.

Union County Gave Olcott a Splendid Lead Over Moores.

Olcott carried Union county over Charles B. Moore by a vote of 1457 to 778.

Portland, May 20.—Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, has defeated Chas. B. Moores, chairman of the Republican State Central committee, as the Republican nominee for secretary of state by a substantial margin in the returns indicated at 2 this afternoon. Twenty-five counties including 126 precincts in Multnomah county give Moores 10,683, Olcott 13,576.

MRS. KAY DEAD.

Young Woman Succumbs After Long Struggle With Disease.

La Grande was grieved late yesterday afternoon when word reached the city from Pendleton telling of the death of Mrs. Roger Kay who has been bedfast nearly a year. The remains are being prepared for shipment to La Grande and will reach here, probably tomorrow morning. Mrs. Kay was formerly Kathleen Thomas, a beautiful accomplished girl of this city, well liked and loved by those who knew her. Some three years ago she was married to Roger Kay formerly of Enterprise, and shortly after that they moved to Pendleton where she was seized with tuberculosis, from which she failed to recover.

She is survived by the grieving husband, her mother Mrs. W. W. Graham, of Pendleton, her father William Thomas of Portland, and several other near relatives, among them her aunt, Mrs. Fred Gaskill of this city. Mrs. Gaskill left last night for Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Kay of Enterprise will arrive tonight to attend the funeral of their daughter-in-law. Mrs. Herbert Browning of this city is a sister-in-law of the deceased and "Tap" Thomas of Riverside park is an uncle.

Federal Court Indicts Druggist.
Tacoma, Wash., May 19.—George Gill, a Tacoma druggist, was indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday on two counts. He is charged with having imported liquor from California in cases labeled "seeds" which were seized at the dock by county officials, and to have abetted and commanded the Julius Levin company, of San Francisco, to ship four cases of whisky in the disguised packages. He furnished \$1000 bail.

This is the first action taken in federal court in the state since the prohibition law went into effect. A charge of keeping liquor for illegal sale is pending against Gill in the superior court also as a result of the seizure of the "seeds." He is at liberty on \$500 bail on that charge.

Chautauqua Board to Meet.

There will be a business meeting of the board of directors of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, at 7:30 o'clock.

K. M'CORMICK NEXT CLERK

PRETTY RACE BETWEEN THREE ENDS WITH COMFORTABLE MAJORITY FOR DEPUTY

TOM WILLIAMSON WINS SHERIFF NOMINATION

Race for District Attorney Close Between Dixon and Kitchen—Mrs. Ivanhoe Renominated for Superintendent—I. W. Faulk Seems To Be Winner—Graham Wins.

Kenneth McCormick, present deputy county clerk, brought home the bacon to the county clerks' office yesterday. His nomination is election and we introduce to you the next county clerk, Kenneth McCormick, formerly of Union.

The race was one of the keenest on the Republican ticket. C. M. Humphreys and David H. Proctor were the other contenders and it was not until well along in the night that it became apparent Mr. McCormick had seized said piece of bacon. The race was an honorable one.

The vote for clerk this afternoon stands:

McCormick	975
Proctor	806
Humphreys	686

Plurality for McCormick 169. Both the losers ran splendid races and the contest as a whole was keenly watched.

Tom Williamson Wins
Tom Williamson, recently deputy sheriff, won the nomination of Republican party for sheriff.

He went into Hal Rees' ballpark with a big majority but lost goodly portions of it in Cove where Mr. Rees rolled up about a five to one lead on Mr. Williamson. This insures a spirited fight between Mr. Williamson and Mr. Wamick, both sterling young men of La Grande. This race, too, rapidly showed its color when it became clear early in the evening that Mr. Williamson was likely to win. The Cove majority for Rees came near overtaking the lead that looked so big earlier in the evening.

District Attorney Close

Early in the compilation of returns, it was thought H. E. Dixon of this city had won handsily for district attorney on the Republican ticket. The farther the vote progressed, the stronger grew R. J. Kitchen, and by the break of dawn this morning, Mr. Kitchen had overtaken the La Grande, only to fall behind again, and it will require recruiting of every vote to determine the outcome. Eugene Ashwill and L. Denham of Elgin, fell behind early in the count. The vote stands:

Dixon	819
Kitchen	829
Ashwill	425
Denham	279

Uncounted ballots and possible errors can readily change the outcome. Plurality for Kitchen 10.

W. J. Townely was unopposed for commissioner, John Frawley likewise for treasurer, Ulysis G. Couch for assessor, Arthur C. Williams for justice of the peace.

Mrs. Ivanhoe Superintendent

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe remains superintendent of schools of Union county by virtue of her renomination of the Republican ticket. She displayed her gameness by remaining steadfastly at her telephone until after 2 o'clock following closely the swinging of the pendulum. Aubrey Smith of Union ran a splendid race, but not enough to overtake Mrs. Ivanhoe. The final vote stood:

Mrs. Ivanhoe	1875
Mr. Smith	1097

Majority for Mrs. Ivanhoe in the county 278.

Dr. Graham Renominated

Cutting deep gashes in the returns in North Powder and Union, Dr. Malcolm Irvine of North Powder ran Dr. J. P. Graham of this city, a good race earlier in the evening for coroner, but as the votes began to come in from other sections Mr. Irvine fell behind and the final vote stands this afternoon:

Dr. Graham	1301
Dr. Irvine	697

Majority for Dr. Graham 604.

I. W. Faulk was given a strenuous chase for constable in the La Grande constable district. While the vote is not as complete as some of the others, the vote indicates that though

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