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POINDEXTER AHEAD FOR U. S. SENATOR

M'BRIDE AND SUTTON LEAD OVER HARTLEY

VOTE SO CLOSE NO SAFE PREDICTION CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME

PROGRESSIVE ELEMENT VICTOR IN MOST CASES

King County Gives McBride Good Lead for Governor But Tacoma, Spokane and Other Large Centers Split so Badly Outcome Not Clearly Indicated.

Seattle, Sept. 13.—Miles Poindexter is leading his opponents for re-nomination as United States senator on the Republican ticket, at practically all large centers except in Chehalis where William Humphrey has a lead. Forty-four out of 73 Lewis county precincts give Sutton first for governor with Hartley second and McNeely third, but elsewhere in the state, the gubernatorial races saw. Because of the first, second and third choice features in Washington, the race will not be definitely decided at any point for several hours. Early returns point in former Governor McBride for the Republican executiveship, but Sutton is leading in other big districts, principally Spokane and Lewis counties.

This afternoon Poindexter is the only man who has an apparent lead over the state—the rest see-saw too vigorously to pick a probable winner.

King County for Poindexter. Seattle, Sept. 13.—Complete returns from 61 King county precincts give the following total of first and second choice votes: Poindexter 3499; Humphrey 3411; Bryan 2467; For Governor—McBride 3509; Hartley 2772. Mile is leading for congress. Early Returns Close.

Seattle, Sept. 13.—Incomplete returns from the Washington primary indicate Poindexter was re-nominated over Humphrey. Republicans evidently nominated ex-Governor McBride. R. H. Hartley, who ran as an open shop champion, was second. Ex-Mayor Miller, of Seattle, won the Republican congressional nomination in this district. Victory for a majority of the Progressive Republican candidates seems sure.

Tacoma Favors Poindexter. Tacoma, Sept. 13.—Poindexter has a big lead in meager returns this morning with Bryan second and Humphreys last. McNeely is leading the gubernatorial race with Hartley second and McBride third.

Spokane Vote Big, Close. Spokane, Sept. 13.—One hundred and twenty-eight precincts give a total first and second choice votes in Spokane county as follows: Poindexter 5045; Bryan 5212; Humphrey 2825. Sutton is ahead here in the gubernatorial race, McBride second and Hartley third. Parker, Fullerton and Morris are leading for the long term in the supreme court nomination. Webster apparently has cinched the short term.

Corkery is 700 votes ahead for the fifth congressional district nomination. Davis is leading Hart for lieutenant governor.

Electricity's Part in War.

New York, Sept. 13.—The part electricity plays in modern warfare, from its use as a searchlight to its use in firing big naval guns, will be the big feature of the annual National Electrical exposition at Grand Central Palace here October 11 to 21.

Exhibits showing the hundreds of ways electricity is employed in sea and land fighting are being prepared by experts of the Army and Navy departments for the exposition.

Because these changes have taken place gradually, the exhibits will show the old methods of doing things as compared with the new electrical ones. Working models of both will be set up side by side.

Also there will be displays showing the effects of electrical appliances upon the development of transportation, surgery, industry, communication, artificial lighting and hundreds of other things.

Will Leave on a Visit

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Mossman leave this evening on a visit to the doctor's brother at Soap Lake, Wash. They expect to be away about ten days.

RECRUITS CAN FIND SERVICE

THREE REGIMENTS ALONE STOP ENLISTMENTS.

Oregon Cavalry and Coast Guard Branches Need New Men.

Definite instructions to recruiting officers now, and for the past month or six weeks, in the field of the Northwest, have been sent out by officials of the army department, western division. Since the return of the Third Oregon, Captain Lee M. Clark, recruiting officer in La Grande, was in a quandary as to methods to pursue here and asked his superior for instructions. These orders came this morning and declare that recruits will still be received for the Oregon Coast artillery and the Oregon cavalry, but not for the third infantry, nor the second Washington or the fifth California regiments. But as for such companies as are now at the border, enlistments are still sought. Regiments, and their location now, which are open to recruits, include: Washington signal corps at Calexico; Washington cavalry at the same point; Battery A and Troop A of the Oregon forces at Calexico and Palm Beach respectively; California second infantry, seventh infantry, field artillery, cavalry and hospital corps at Nogales; Idaho second infantry at Nogales; Montana infantry and cavalry at Douglas; Utah cavalry; field hospital and quartermaster corps at Nogales.

TEUTON ARMY FALLING BACK

AUSTRIANS RESIST FEEBLY DECLARE REPORTS

Bulgarians Thrown Back Too—Slav Sector Denied

Bucharest, Sept. 13.—Austrians are retreating in the upper Maros and Alta valleys of Transylvania and are not attempting serious resistance. Rumanians captured Orsova and stopped the Austrian and Bulgarian supply ships using the Danube. A new Russo-Rumanian offensive at Dobrudja is progressing.

French Active in Balkan States.

Paris, Sept. 13.—French have joined the Allies in the Balkan offensive and are fighting near Butkovo and Danuma, Greece. Serbians continuing their advance despite heavy Bulgarian resistance and occupied an important position north of Covul. French advanced south of Orsova Lake, allies shelling enemy positions on both sides of the Vardar.

French last night captured the entire village of Bouchavesnes on the western front Midway between Combles and Perrone. Early this morning French pushed further eastward, capturing Boise Labe farm by brilliant bayonetting. They seized the whole strongly-fortified German third line between Combles and Perrone.

French Success Admitted.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—It is officially admitted French penetrated Bouchavesnes village last night but Germans repulsed an attack at Thiamont and Souville on the Northeastern Verdun front.

Teuton Offensive Crumbles.

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—It is announced Austro-Germans have unsuccessfully attempted to assume the offensive on the Halitz front, crossing Bitritza river near Jezuhol. In the Carpathians the enemy has repeatedly attacked the heights on the upper course of the Czarny-Czeremosz river. The Russian fleet shelled enemy trawlers at Iben Straits.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—Russian attacks



KING CONSTANTINE—Head of Greek government, who will soon be compelled, critics say, to throw the Greek army on the side of the allies, and who today caused his premier to remain in office.

D. C. BRISCHOUX ACCUSED OF MURDERING SHEEPMAN

STATEMENT ISSUED BY FORMER LA GRANDE MAN SAYING SHOOTING WAS ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL BUT THAT IN HIS SUBSEQUENT STATE OF ALARM, HE BURIED BODY UNDER WATER—USED DEAD MAN'S NAME TO GET FUNDS WITH.

D. C. Brischoux, for several years proprietor of the Savoy hotel in this city, also a timber locator and for a time in the employ of E. P. Stables, his brother-in-law as a grocery clerk several years ago, is in jail this afternoon at Ontario in connection with the murder of R. C. Goodwin, the wealthy sheepman whose decomposed body was found in the Snake river two days ago, and the details of which appeared in the Observer yesterday. Press dispatches as published in yesterday detailed how authorities were looking for an automobile driver who took Goodwin on a long auto trip from Ontario. That driver is the former La Grande man and he is now in jail, charged with participation in the murder. In addition to that, Brischoux is accused of wiring to a Boise bank for \$500 in Goodwin's name and of writing to Bob Stanfield concerning sheep deals also under Goodwin's name.

Brischoux's Story Told. A statement has been issued by the prisoner to the effect that as he and Goodwin were riding along the Snake river a dog appeared in the road and that Mr. Brischoux started to shoot it with his revolver, his efforts being stopped by Goodwin, who, as he was about to take the gun from Brischoux's hands, was accidentally shot. The prisoner declares he hurried toward the nearest settlement with the dead body, but began to feel alarmed about the situation he was in himself, and proceeded to weight the body down with chains and "plant" it in the Snake river, in hasty effort to hide his crime. Soon after he left for Nevada.

Inquiry by the authorities at Ontario developed the fact Tuesday that the man was last seen in the company of D. C. Brischoux, an auto driver of Ontario, on August 31, when they were bound for Steen's mountain.

Brischoux was not in Ontario Tuesday and his wife is reported to have said that he had gone by auto to Winnemucca and that she had expected him home Monday night or Tuesday morning.

R. A. Bowman, in the employ of

were repulsed between Smotree and Golden Bitritza river, Bukowema. Slavs lost heavily.

No Battle Front Change.

London, Sept. 13.—Gen. Haig reported last night's operations have not changed the British-German front. An Athens dispatch to the Evening News said French captured Sorovich from the Bulgarians.

Zaimis Remains in Office

London, Sept. 13.—A central News Athens dispatch has said King Constantine has persuaded Premier Zaimis to withdraw his resignation. Zaimis is organizing a new cabinet, picking pro-ally ministers.

LIQUOR CALLED BEER.

Union County Has Had Shipments Similar to Baker's Case.

That liquor has been shipped into Union county under the guise of beer, in a manner very similar to that discovered at Baker last night, is currently reported in La Grande today. At Baker however, the party shipping in grew careless and left a weak link in the line of fortifications against legal punishment and consequently just how liquor, in large quantities, is being brought into Baker was demonstrated yesterday by J. S. Smith, internal revenue collector, when he went through the shipments at the American Express office, labeled "bottled beer," and found five barrels filled instead with bottled whiskey. A Baker Dispatch says:

"There was approximately 25 quarts in each shipment. Of beer, 24 quarts may be shipped in monthly and the whiskey in each of the five barrels was approximately 12 times the amount allowed by law. The search was conducted by the aid of Sheriff R. P. Anderson, Deputy Robert Nelson and District Attorney Godwin. Each of the five shipments was from G. H. Tribe & Co. Ogden.

"Mr. Smith declares that a large proportion of the liquor illegally brought into the county, is being brought in in this way, and believes that the evasion is at the suggestion of a former Baker bartender, now a liquor salesman, who it is known, has made a strong bid for local trade. The offense of misbranding liquor shipments, is against the federal law, and conviction carries with it a \$5,000 fine.

"Miss Danna Bourne, waitress, was the only consignee of misbranded liquor to be arrested. She stopped Sheriff Anderson on the street, just as he was about to enter the express office, asking to be allowed to visit

Robt. Stanfield, states that he saw Brischoux driving a car in which were a man and a woman at Cord, Ore., going toward the Nevada line the evening of Saturday, September 9.

Brischoux returned to Ontario Tuesday, September 5, and when asked where he had left Goodwin, remarked he had left him "out there." He remained in Ontario until Saturday when, as his wife said, he left for Winnemucca.

Boise Bank Telegraphs \$500. Interest in this fact is kept inasmuch as on Monday the First National bank of Boise, where Goodwin kept his funds on deposit, received a wire from Winnemucca purporting to be from Goodwin asking that \$500 be wired him there. This was done and the money paid over to a man, who registered at the Overland hotel at Winnemucca, as R. C. Goodwin, Boise, who showed letters, bank book and check book, apparently belonging to R. C. Goodwin, and who said he was on his way east and needed more money before starting.

Suit Case Sent For. Before Goodwin departed from the Moore hotel August 31 for Steen's mountain he left his large diamond ring with the hotel management.

The hotel management received a letter in lead pencil dated Crowley, Ore., September 3, asking that his suit cases be forwarded to Winnemucca and signed R. C. Goodwin. Crowley is south of Ontario, also on the way to the Nevada line.

In developed Tuesday that Brischoux was driving a borrowed car, which he borrowed first on August 31 to take Goodwin to Steen's mountain. Upon his return he borrowed it from day to day and, although he left with this car on Saturday, September 9, according to his wife, for Winnemucca, he said nothing about this trip to the owner of the car.

Set Trap for Chauffeur. The Ontario authorities claim to have traced Brischoux to McDermid, a town on the Nevada line on the way to Ontario, and it was supposed his next stop would be Jordan Valley.

Mrs. Mary Pierce, an inmate of the county jail as the result of last night's raid. Permission was given and immediately after, Mr. Smith exhibited a barrel with unmistakable whiskey oozing from it, and bearing Miss Bourne's detention by Deputy Sheriff Herbert. She was released this afternoon, no charge being preferred against her as she had not received the liquor.

"The officers conducted a similar investigation at the O.W. R. & N. freight office this afternoon, but no misbranded shipments were found."

MINERAL WATER IS STRUCK.

Roscoe West Makes Peculiar Find in Well on Townley Place.

R. A. West, the artesian well digger, has struck something new in a well on the Townley farm near Hot Lake. It is an artesian flow of mineral water. The gush came after reaching a depth of 150 feet. The water is not hot but is so strongly impregnated with mineral as to be of a decidedly brackish taste. Mr. West brought some of the water to La Grande this morning and has allowed his friends to sample it. A chemical analysis will be necessary to determine the dominating elements in the fluid. However, it doesn't taste anything like the liquid which comes in full quarts through the express office 28 days apart, so Mr. West's "find" may prove less popular than it otherwise might be.

HOMESTEAD PROOFS MADE

Rush for Final Papers Unusual for One Day's Business.

Considerably more than the average day's grist of land office final proofs on homesteads, kept land office departments busy today. Among the final homestead proofs issued were the following:

Milo Williams, Sparta; William Schmidt, Joseph; Mrs. Maude Dale, Pilot Rock; Irene Houch, Enterprise; Ernest McGary, Zumwalt. Other transactions for the day included:

James W. Elkins, Homestead, homestead application; Fern E. Haller, Corvallis, timber and stone application; Stella B. Rizo, Pleasant Valley, final desert land entry; Hans M. Hanson, Long Creek, timber and stone payment.

LORIMER WANTS CONGRESS SEAT

OUSTED SENATOR SEEKS "COME BACK"

Illinois Primaries Held Today—Gubernatorial Candidates Many.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Ousted from the United States senate for the way he obtained election, former Senator William ("Billy"), Lorimer, was a "comeback" candidate for the congressional nomination on the Republican ticket in the state primaries here today. The appearance of the ousted senator's name on the ballot was the signal for the renewal of the political war on Lorimer. He is opposed for the nomination by three other candidates. Lorimer recently was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy to wreck the LaSalle street Trust and Savings bank. He has promised to pay all depositors who lost money in his bank's crash. Candidates for all state offices were to be nominated by all parties today. Everyone of the present office holders is a candidate for re-election. Candidates for Governor are: James Traynor, Chicago; W. R. Brinton, Dixon; Edward F. Dunne, incumbent, all Democrats; and Morton D. Hull, Chicago; Frank O. Lowden, Oregon; F. L. Smith, Dwight; John A. Wheeler, Springfield; all Republicans; and Seymour Stedman, Socialist.

VILLA BAND HEMMED IN

AMERICAN TROOPS COMPRISE PART OF CORDON.

Clash Expected at Any Time—Cavalry Guards Exit.

El Paso, Sept. 13.—Gen. Gonzales has announced Carranzistas surrounding the mountains where Villa is believed to be hiding. American troops form a portion of the ring and a clash is expected shortly.

Two American cavalry outposts are guarding the easiest channel of escape from the cordon.

A Mexican ambushed two Texas rangers last night 15 miles south. He fired thrice, missing. Rangers returned the fire, killing the Mexican.

FATHER AND CHILD ROMANCE ENDS IN SHOOTING BY WIFE.

James Barnes and wife.



JAMES BARNES AND WIFE.

"They married when she was 23 and he was 40 as the result of a sort of father and child romance," says George H. Guenther, attorney for Mrs. Iva Barnes, charged with the murder of her husband, James R. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes said at first, according to the Chicago police, that she shot Barnes in self-defense after he choked and cursed her. Her attorneys now deny all stories told the police and there has been a hint of suicide.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

Chas. S. Dunn's Appointment by President Meets Favor.

While the official papers have not been forthcoming at this time the Congressional Record arriving today carries the information that the appointment of Chas. S. Dunn of La Grande to be register of the land office in this city, was confirmed by the senate on September 6th.

TIMBER BRACE DEEMED AMPLE TO HOLD DAM

OFFICIAL INSPECTION PAVES WAY FOR DEFINITE COMMISSION POLICY.

PREVIOUS PESSIMISM IS LARGELY DRIVEN AWAY

Three-foot Cut in Spillway and Timber Braces Behind the Dam Now Thought Sufficient to Secure the City's Water Supply—Manager Will Himself Direct Repairs.

After inspecting the much-mooted Beaver creek dam yesterday, city officials are about to adopt a definite policy concerning repairs to the structure. Instead of building a new dam either below or above the present structure, City Manager J. E. Foley, and the commissioners are persuaded the only needed changes at the present time will be to brace the dam from the lower side with big timbers. Arrangements to send a crew to the dam under the personal direction of Manager Foley, have already been started. At the same time the spillway will be lowered approximately three feet, although some of the several engineers who gave the dam a once-over, adhere to the belief that seven or eight feet should be the distance the spillway be lowered. Both the bracing and lowering of the spillway will take place this fall, and the reservoir emptied to cleanse at a time when no water shortage would be brought about by such action, and the plant will then be ready to receive the spring floods and store them for another year's drought.

City officials, which include the manager, Commissioner Palmer and McKennon and Water Superintendent Hoyt, who inspected the dam yesterday, are less pessimistic over the problem after having been on the ground. The fact that the dam without a supply of water this year when it is still comparatively green—a supply that went within seven feet of the top of the monster structure, is taken as an indication that the dam has enough strength to withstand pressure for several years with a little support in the way of timbers.

The officials are also convinced that the big question is how far the erosion from the top will continue. At present the coping sloughs off with a blow of a stick or the kick of a shoe, but how far down this condition exists, is an unanswered question. Because the water line has been within seven feet of the top leads to the conclusion the structure is not all rotten but still the structure has a hollow sound when tapped down as far as 18 feet from the top.

That it will withstand all requirements for a number of years with the suggested bracing is the theory upon which the commission will base its policy. It may be five, or 10 years— indefinite, of course, must the calculations be. But time will tell how far erosion will continue or where it will stop, if it ever does.

In any event the alarming reports of danger of momentarily losing the dam and the supply of water is alleviated by the personal inspection.

BIG LOSS OF LUMBER.

Million and Half Feet Burned at Lambert & Mays Sawmill.

A large quantity of lumber, representing the season's cut and estimated at a million and a half feet, was destroyed by fire about seven miles south of town last night. The mill has been operated by Theo. Mays and E. J. Lambert, principally in timber belonging to Robert and Chester Newlin. There is no report as to the origin of the fire, but when once under headway there were no adequate means of combatting the flames. The loss is estimated at \$7000 and this is partially covered by insurance.

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