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PETITIONS FOR ELECTION MUST BE FILED SOON

TIME LIMIT EXPIRES NEXT FRIDAY; ONE PETITION ALL READY FILED

REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE OPEN NOW; RULES LISTED

With One Petition Filed, Another Circulating, It Appears Possible That Only Two Candidates Will Enter the Field—Charter Provisions on Registrations—Voting Explained.

By Friday of this week all citizens who desire to become candidates for city commissioner must have their properly-signed petitions with Recorder Lee Warnick. The charter demands the petitions be filed 10 days in advance of the election which comes December 11, this year. Julius Roesch has filed his petition and S. R. Harworth's petition is still being circulated, but outside of these two definite lines on prospective candidates are available. However, before the week is out the exact complexion of the municipal ticket will be known.

Registrations Received Now Recorder Warnick is registering voters now, and the books will continue open until the election.

Registration Requirements. The matter of registration for city elections is an important one. The charter requirements in the matter are:

Qualifications of Electors. No person shall be qualified to vote at any election to be held under this Charter who does not possess the qualifications of an elector as defined by the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and who has not resided within the City of La Grande for six (6) months next preceding such elections, as well as in the voting precinct in which he offers to vote at least thirty (30) days next preceding such election, and who has not duly registered according to law.

Registration of Voters. The provisions of an act entitled "An Act to Provide for the Registration of Electors, Regulating the Manner of Conducting Elections, Providing for the Prevention of and Punishment for Frauds affecting the Suffrage and to prevent Illegal Voting"—Approved February 17th, 1899, of the Statutes of Oregon, shall apply to elections held under this Charter, except as herein otherwise provided. No person who has registered for the preceding county election under the statutes and has not changed his residence need register again for a city election, if in the proper voting precinct. The City Recorder shall keep open proper registration books, lists, etc., for a period of twenty days immediately preceding, including the day of each annual City election and during such time shall register all persons, who since the registration books were last closed, have become eligible to vote at such election, or who, being entitled to vote, have failed to register, and shall enter changes of residences occurring since the last registration of all persons who shall apply therefor. Such Recorder shall send to the several voting precincts its precinct register thus corrected, as provided and the same shall be used by the judges and clerks at each election held under this Charter.

All elections, general or special, in the City of La Grande, shall commence at eight o'clock in the morning and continue until seven o'clock in the evening of the same day, without closing the polls.

Preferential System of Voting. The ballots shall contain a complete list of offices to be filled and the names of the candidates nominated therefor. When the number of candidates is more than three times the number of offices to be filled, each voter shall have the right to vote for as many first choice candidates as there are offices to be filled, and may have second or third choice candidates when it becomes necessary by reason of the number of candidates, to obtain a majority election.

Instructions.—To vote for any person, make a cross (X) in a square to the right of the name. Vote your first choice in the first column; your second choice in the second column; and your third choice in the third column. Do not vote more than one choice for any one candidate. All distinguishing marks make the ballot void. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface ballot, return it and obtain another from the election officers. If any voter shall vote more than one choice for any one candidate the vote highest in grade shall be counted and others rejected.

When the number of candidates is more than twice the number of offices to be filled, the ballot shall give first and second choice columns only; and in such case the voter shall have no third choice and the instructions on the ballots shall be modified accordingly. When the number of candidates is not more than twice the number of offices to be filled only one column for marking shall appear, and in such case no second choice shall be allowed the voter.

Nominations. All general municipal elections shall be held and candidates therefor shall be nominated in accordance with the general election laws then in force in the State of Oregon, or any amendments thereof, except as in this Charter otherwise provided. And provided, that certificates of nominations made by individual electors shall be signed by not less than ten (10) per cent of total number of electors voting at the last preceding city election, and provided further, that all certificates of nominations shall be filed with the Recorder of the City of La Grande not less than ten (10) days before the day fixed by law for said election.

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NOTE-WRITING DAYS AT WHITEHOUSE ARE OVER

Washington, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Next week Ambassador Gerard takes to Berlin America's last word on submarining. Gerard's message includes notification of America's intention to abandon note writing. He will privately inform the German officials that America intends to break diplomatic relations with Germany if further violations are committed.

Mr. Gerard today lunched with Ambassador Bernstorff and conferred with President Wilson and state department officials. He probably told the officials the German viewpoint on submarinings, peace possibilities and commercial plans after the war.

Safe Conduct is Denied to Envoy

Munitions Steamer Without a Rudder

Norwegian Boat Recently Out of Seattle for Russian Ports, Helpless Off Coast Flattery.

Seattle, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—The Norwegian steamer Nils Neilson, 12,000 tons, launched here a fortnight ago, is reported distressed 200 miles off Cape Flattery. She lost her propeller and is drifting helpless. The boat is carrying Russian munitions to Vladivostok. Port Angeles reports the coast guard cutter Snohomish has started to the rescue.

Stores Close Thursday.

So far as can be learned today all grocers will close their stores all day Thanksgiving, and be open late the night before.

LAGRANDE BOWLERS WINNERS

Baker Quint Taken Into Camp by Comfortable Margin Saturday.

Saturday evening five La Grande bowlers took as many pin smashes from Baker into camp on Herman Roesch's alleys, winning by a safe margin. Stoddard of Baker was high visiting man, but Scott lead the procession and Houck, also of La Grande, was second high and ahead of Baker's best. The scores:

La Grande	1	2	3	Tl.
Scott	167	182	178	527
Houck	163	185	169	517
Roersch	144	186	144	474
Sturdevant	169	134	162	465
Jokers	176	142	157	475
Total	819	829	819	2457
Baker	148	193	139	479
Baldwin	138	176	134	448
Sawyer	154	143	201	498
Stoddard	135	160	175	474
Byerly	129	170	133	432
Lewis				
Total				2322

JOHN LIND PUZZLES POLICE

Portland, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—George Bartholmew, alleged murderer of John Lind, of the "Green Trunk" mystery, was taken over the scene of his crime today. Police made Bartholmew point out the spot where he claims Paul Lund killed Lind with a black-jack. Detectives asserted Bartholmew's story is false and believe Lund is a mythical character.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN THE SALEM PENITENTIARY LIBRARY

Salem, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Fire broke out in the Oregon penitentiary library today. Guards and trustees fought the flames until the Salem fire department arrived. Acting Warden Sherwood said he did not believe convicts started the blaze, but thinks the blaze smouldered since Sunday afternoon.

New Warden in Office The new warden, Charles A. Mur-

phy of Pendleton, formally took charge of the penitentiary. The state board of control delegated Murphy with full authority to appoint a deputy warden, bookkeeper, engineer, head of the commissary department and all other subordinates. They granted Murphy's request that an accounting system be installed and prison finances audited. Murphy stated after the board meeting he has not decided what staff changes are necessary.

New Russian Ambassador Meets Trouble Rumored as Likely to Occur—London Fears Anti-Allied Plot.

London, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—The British government has refused safe conduct to Count Tarnow Tarnowski, recently appointed Russian ambassador to the United States. It is insinuated the count might participate in anti-allied plots.

Weather Forecast. Tonight and Tuesday rain and Southwest winds.

La Grande Weather Best

Those who think today's slushy streets, heavy rain and sprinkling of snow were disagreeable might be made optimists by remembering that there is nearly a foot of snow in Baker, that Walla Walla county is cold and snowy plentiful, and that the snowline is rapidly creeping near—but isn't entirely here yet.

Portland Fire Kills Sleeper

Portland, Nov. 27.—(Special)—Willard G. Dieting, 24 years old, city salesman for the National Biscuit company, was burned to death yesterday morning after effecting the rescue of his fiancée, Miss Myra Skogmann, and one other person, and five women were seriously burned and injured by jumping for life from the second-story windows, in a fire which practically destroyed the Cudahy Family Hotel, at 209 Tenth street, about 7 o'clock.

The injured, who are at Good Samaritan Hospital, are: Mrs. Blanche Boss, widow, 27 years old, badly injured back and serious condition from inhaling smoke; Mrs. J. Gratton, her mother, 54, severely scorched and chest badly bruised; Mrs. Harry E. Alkous, 25, house detective of the Meier & Frank Company, broken right ankle, wrenched back and general bruises; Miss Marion B. Smith, 25, stenographer Retail Credit Company, general bruises; Miss Cora Jagger, 25, stenographer City Attorney's office, her roommate, probable fracture of the right ankle and severe bruises.

Card Club Entertained.

The "Lucky Thirteen Club" met Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Fred L. Meyers and Mrs. Frank Lilly as hostess at the home of Mrs. Meyers. A delicious two-course luncheon was served. Yellow and white chrysanthemums were the decorations. Mrs. Robert Newlin, a guest of the club, won the honors.

Rebekahs to Elect Officers.

Rebekahs of La Grande will elect officers, have initiation and entertainment tomorrow evening. All members are notified of the event.

FIVE VOTERS AT SCHOOL MEETING

Twelve-Mill Tax Authorized—Provision Made to Meet \$70,000 Expense Coming School Year

Five voters were present Saturday afternoon in the Central building to vote upon the question of ratifying the school levy for the La Grande district. The budget as previously prepared by the board of education was adopted on vote of A. T. Hill and second by F. A. Epling. By the budget appropriations the levy of last year, 12 mills, is again employed but the assessed valuation of the district is slightly under that of last year so that the total amount of money to be raised will be correspondingly under that of last year.

The estimated expense of running the district for the ensuing year is \$70,150.00. The estimated receipts to meet this outlay include \$12,500.00 from the county school fund; \$3,324.00 from the state school fund; cash on hand \$3,872.00; in hands of county treasurer but not turned over, \$16,590.00; from all other sources \$3,500.00. These items make a total of \$19,224.94 estimated receipts, leaving a balance of \$50,925.00 to be raised by district taxes.

The budget calls for payment of \$12,500 on bonds and interest and \$4,100.00 on special assessments. The largest item is for salaries, \$40,000.00. The fuel item is \$2,000; light and power \$1,000.

SEATTLE COMPANY WINS

Government Awards Scout Cruiser Contract Costing Nearly Five Million.

Washington, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—The navy department has awarded a contract for one scout cruiser to the Seattle Construction company. It costs nearly five millions and is for delivery in 30 months.

FAMOUS PRODUCER IS DEAD

Theatrical Wizard, Joseph Brooks, Falls From Eight-Story Window. New York, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Joseph Brooks, noted theatrical producer, fell from an eighth story of an uptown apartment and was instantly killed today. It is unknown whether it was accidental or not. Brooks was aged 65. He handled many famous productions.

REBEKAHS AT ELGIN HOSTS

County Convention of Mica Importers—Summerville Will Be Next Meeting Place.

The ninth annual convention of Rebekahs of District No. 24 comprising the lodges of Grand Ronde valley, convened in Elgin Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Janie Yentzer, chairman, presiding.

During the afternoon different phases of the work were exemplified by representatives of the different lodges for the approval of the State President, Mrs. Nellie Wattenberg.

Following came the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Katie Woodell, of Summerville; Vice-Chairman, Vesta Shaw, of La Grande; Recording Secretary, Agnes Shoemaker, of Elgin; Chaplain, Lillian Ramsdell, of Cove; Marshal, Zora Clapp, of La Grande; Conductor, Hazel Shoemaker, of Elgin; Inside Guardian, Minnie Baird, of Union; Outside Guard, Myrtle Woodell, of Summerville. Immediately following the election the officers-elect were installed.

During the evening session the officers of Violet Rebekah Lodge of Elgin, were in charge and the degree staff put on the initiatory degree in a very pleasing manner. This was followed by an excellent musical program.

The state president, Mrs. Wattenberg, gave interesting and instructive talks both in the afternoon and evening and won the respect and friendship of all present.

Both sessions were well attended, quite a number of Rebekahs being present from La Grande and Summerville. All declared that they had had a very enjoyable as well as profitable day.

The banquet which was served at the close of the evening session by the Elgin lodge members was highly appreciated by all and was just another token of the friendship and hospitality which was shown to the visitors by the Elgin Rebekahs.

Before the close of the business session it was voted to hold the next convention at Summerville.

GREEK CABINET POWERLESS: IN FACE OF CRISIS

DEMANDS FROM FRENCH ADMIRAL INCITES OBJECTION TO NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT

ROUMANIANS RETIRE BUT WITH STUBBORN STRIDE

Western Front Comparatively Quiet Today but Germans and Austrians Continue Their Triumphant March in Alt Valley Region Where Rumanians Are Falling Behind Topolos

Rome, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Athena dispatches have declared the Greek cabinet's resignation is imminent. The neutral ministry is unable to maintain authority while the French admiral, Fournet, constantly makes demands on Greek royalist that troops be disbanded. The Revolutionary government under Ex-Premier Venizelos is taking a determined allied stand. The cabinet is practically powerless.

Serbs Stop Bulgar Blows.

London, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Gen. Haig has reported artillery fire at Labassee but the British front is quiet.

Bucharest has admitted Roumanian have retreated from Alt and Topolos. Paris has announced Serbians have repulsed a Bulgarian counter near Monastir.

Petrograd reported retreating Roumanians in western Wallachia are retreating slowly, taking advantage of all natural defenses.

Rome claimed "Germans are committing horrible acts in Wallachia, pillaging and massacring the population."

Wallachia Taken by Germans.

Berlin, (via Sayville) Nov. 27.—(United Press)—German machine guns repulsed the French attempting to enter the southern part of Saint Pierre-Vaast woods. There is minor fighting on the Somme. French vainly attempted to raid a German post east of Saint Mihiel.

Germans have captured Alexandria and Wallachia and Germans and Austrians have advanced in the Alt valley, driving Rumanians behind the Topolos sector.

Better Babies Books.

Several books on the care of babies and their mothers are now in the Public library. A "Better Babies Bookmark," containing a list of books will be given to anyone who asks for it. Women interested in this selection of books are urged to borrow them as soon as convenient, for the books are deposited in the La Grande Public Library for a limited time only.

There are also a number of books on child welfare in general of interest to parents and teachers.

The Public library is a tax-supported institution. Are you getting your money's worth out of it? Service is free to all citizens. Do not hesitate to ask for the books you want. You have a right to get any good book for which there is sufficient demand to make its purchase worth while to the city.

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