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ALL AMERICA STIRRED BY THE ELECTION

While an Off Year, Interest Becomes Intense In All Sections.

LOCAL ISSUES HAVE AROUSED THE VOTERS.

Nonpartisans in North Dakota Are Fighting For a Woman Candidate for Governor.

From one end of the nation to the other there is great interest in today's election. Oregon is not the only state that is having a hand-to-hand conflict over candidates and issues, as is evidenced by the reports from other states.

Republicans and Democrats in South Dakota both claim, as a result, they will have an advantage over the former members of the Nonpartisan League. The league candidate for governor is a woman, Miss Alice Lorraine Dahl.

In Texas the supreme court, by an eleven-hour decision, Monday ordered the name of Earle B. Mayfield, the Democratic candidate for United States senator, printed on the ballots. The word was sent to all county clerks, but some doubt exists whether all can comply in time. Injunctions by his political opponents had prevented the printing heretofore. The name of his Republican opponent, George E. Peddy, has been stricken from the ballot because he was not nominated by a regular party convention.

In Middle States, Senatorial campaigns in nine states of the middle west ended Monday, as the issue in Tuesday's off year election goes to the people.

The windup finds six United States senators from central states seeking reelection. They are:

Republicans—Townsend, Michigan; Kellogg, Minnesota; and La Follette, Wisconsin. Democrats—Hitchcock, Nebraska; Reed, Missouri; and Pomeroy, Ohio. The primary defeats of Senators New, Indiana, and McCumber, in North Dakota, left the Republican party in three states with new aspirants to the senate. Former Senator Beveridge, a progressive leader in the days of the Bull Moose, is the stand-out bearer of Indiana Republicans in his campaign to go back to the upper house.

Lynn J. Frazier, former Nonpartisan league governor of North Dakota, bears the Republican label in that state for the McCumber seat.

Revolt in Iowa. In Iowa, where S. W. Brookhart is the Republican nominee for the senate which former Senator Keown exchanged for a federal judgeship, the closing campaign found a more or less organized Republican revolt against the Brookhart candidacy. A somewhat similar condition prevails in North Dakota, where there is widespread Republican antipathy to Frazier.

In Missouri considerable shattering of party lines was apparent in the senatorial campaign with Senator James A. Reed drawing opposition from dry and Wilson Democrats at the same time relying on many Republican votes to desert Rehnold Browner on the wet and dry issue.

The Harding administration is the big issue in Ohio, the president's home state, with prohibition also a question as the state votes on beer and wine referendum.

Congressman Foss, chairman of the Harding forces, as the Republican nominee, is at the end of one of the most intense campaigns in the country on party issues in his contest with Senator Pomeroy.

The Nebraska contest between Senator Hitchcock and R. M. Howell is largely one of party principles, with a certain amount of wet and dry sentiment figuring.

Two women from the middle west, Mrs. Annie D. Olson, in Minnesota, and Mrs. J. J. Joper, in Wisconsin, both Democrats, are among the senatorial aspirants.

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Walter M. Pierce Back to Wait For The Result

Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor of Oregon, arrived in La Grande today noon after completing a six months' campaign that found him speaking in every hamlet and city in the state, looking none the worse for the wear and tear of the campaign and ready to put on his boots, don his overalls and get back to his farm to wait the results of the election—to see whether he will be elected to the executive office in the state of Oregon or whether Mr. Olcott will be re-elected.

"Glad to get back," he stated, himself.

MRS. GIBSON IS GIVEN BACKING

State Secures Evidence that Pig Ranch Woman May Be Telling the Truth.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW BRUNSWICK, Nov. 7.—Reports of a plot to obstruct and protect murderers in the Hall-Mills mystery were investigated today by Special Deputy Attorney General Mott, who is said to feel that the inquiry has been hampered by refusal of the witnesses to tell what they know.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 7.—The story told by Mrs. Jane Gibson, woman of considerable mystery, the self-styled "eye witness" of the double murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor H. Mills, September 14, last, has been definitely corroborated, authorities said Monday night. It also was unofficially reported that the grand jury would be asked to return indictments against a woman and two men. An attorney who has figured prominently in the investigations, said preparations were being made to combat the testimony.

The corroborating witness of Mrs. Gibson's story that she saw the rector and the chair singer slain while she was searching for farm looters on the Phillips homestead, Special Detective James Mason announced, is Mrs. A. C. Pringle, who lives near the scene where the two bodies were found. Sigourney Smith, grave digger, who boards at the Pringle home, has been substance of his testimony is being arrested by state troopers and the substance of his testimony is being closely guarded. When apprehended by newspaper writers, Smith has declined to talk and had repeatedly declared that the detectives have warned him not to discuss the double killing.

Preparatory to presenting the entire case to the grand jury, the commission Monday began a general questioning of all persons who have previously been mentioned in connection with the case.

James Mills, widower of the slain woman, has also expressed a willingness to appear before the grand jury. "They know my alibi," he said, "and I'm perfectly willing to appear."

FOUR POINTS WATCHED IN PRESENT VOTE

Associated Press Records Possible Influence of Election Results on the Big Issues.

(By Associated Press.)
Today's election is being watched by politicians for the trend on four outstanding issues. The entry of the United States into the League of Nations might follow the carrying of the congressional elections for the democrats. The character of the next tariff will be decided by the senatorial elections. Future of prohibition may be influenced by the results in Illinois and Ohio, where legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines is issue, and in California and Massachusetts where measures are being voted on establishing regulations in harmony with the Volstead act. The 1924 presidential prospects are expected to be foreshadowed by the New York governorship fight.

HOCKETT IS SIGNED

(By the Associated Press.)
OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 7.—Charles W. Hockett, a husky young left-handed pitcher from Seattle, has been signed for a trial next spring by the Oakland Pacific Coast Baseball League club. Tim O'Rourke, old time major league, to the major leagues from the northwest, recommended Hockett to the Oaks. O'Rourke says he has plenty of speed and a good curve ball.

LIGHT VOTE IS CAST IN LA GRANDE

Statistics Taken at 1:30 p. m. Today Show Light Vote in the City.

TOTAL OF 614 VOTES POLLED

Precincts 9, 10 and 11 Have Highest Number of Voters; Precinct No. 1 Has Least.

Despite the interest that has been aroused in the gubernatorial campaign and the compulsory school bill, the two chief items of interest in today's election, the voting in La Grande, from statistics compiled at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon by the La Grande Evening Observer, is much lighter than would be expected under the prevailing circumstances, and the apparent interest that has been attached to the election.

The polling places opened this morning at 8 o'clock and in the five and one-half hours, up to the time the count was made, only 614 votes have been cast by the citizens of La Grande. Precincts 9, 10, 11, located at the Presbyterian church, the Methodist church and Lucy Graham's residence at 262 Washington, respectively, have the largest numbers of voters with 72, 73, and 73 votes having been cast at the three places. Taking a round average, with thirteen polling places, a little over 47 votes per precinct are being polled. Voting is at its lowest ebb in Precinct No. 1, located at Frank Cleavinger's residence at 412 Third street where only 29 votes have been cast.

In all likelihood, the number of voters will increase this afternoon and indications tend to point to a fair vote despite the showing during the first half of the day.

HARDING CALLS U. S. CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—President Harding is expected to issue a call this week for a special session of congress convening on November 20th.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS
PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—Cattle are steady, hogs quiet, sheep a quarter higher, east mountain lambs \$10.50 to \$11.50; eggs and butter steady.

SPEECH WEEK IS BEING OBSERVED IN HIGH SCHOOL

American Speech Week, which is being observed throughout the state on November 6-11, inclusive, is being taken up by the La Grande high school in an effort to stimulate better grammar and to aid in public speaking.

The local high school students have taken up the matter and the following article has been prepared by the students, fully describing the week and its items of local interest: During this week the schools will be trying to give special attention to correct English. Is it worth while? Different business concerns have been interviewed by the students with the idea of learning whether the business world values our grammar and other forms of English. That they consider it well worth while is evident from the following quotations:

Business Men's Viewpoint.
"Good English is very necessary when doing business with another, because one is judged himself and one judges others by what is said. Correct English is essential to every person, no matter what his business is," states Mr. Newlin of the Newlin Book Store.

"Good English is necessary in order to carry on a successful garage business. One must be able to carry on an intelligent conversation with one's customers and he must have a convincing manner which is impossible without a knowledge of good English," is the opinion of Mr. Leighton, a La Grande garage owner.

"All companies are judged to a great extent by their correspondence. The main thing in good English in our business would be our impression with the people with whom we do business," said Mr. Hogan, bookkeeper at the Palmer mill. He also stated that illegible written letters from smaller companies usually found the waste basket.

"In order to have a successful business one must have clean English, both in speaking and writing," was the opinion of Mr. Wells. "Clear, correct English is the only way to prevent confusion and delay. The instrument of our progress is English, which is also the tie between business men."

A local stenographer and bookkeeper stated her views as "When business letters are not written in correct English, they often lead to misrepresentation of the firm, loss of trade. There is a loss of time due to looking up words, if the bookkeeper cannot spell correctly."

Miss Pickett, La Grande librarian, suggests that through reading one may extend his or her use of the language. "There are nearly two

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HUSBANDS ARE POISONED IS POLICE CLAIM

Chicago Woman Is Being Watched With Belief She Kills Them Off

FOUR HUSBANDS DEAD, PRESENT HUSBAND SICK

Poisoning for Their Insurance Is Indirectly Charged to Mrs. Tillia Klimek—Bodies to Be Examined

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Police are investigating the life of Mrs. Tillia Klimek, suspected of poisoning four husbands. Her present husband, Joseph Klimek who recently took out a life insurance policy, is seriously ill from poisoning, the police say. Poison was found in the body of another husband. Plans are being made to exhume the bodies of two more of her husbands for examination to see if they contain poison.

GREAT STORM IS MOVING IN ON THIS COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—A great storm moving in from the northern Pacific ocean is expected to reach the mainland today. It is bringing showers with high winds along all portions of the Oregon and Washington coasts.

SCHOOL BUDGET IS ACCEPTED

The budget committee, composed of F. L. Meyers, T. J. Scroggins, Robert Kakin, J. C. McEwan and Henry Warmholtz, met with the La Grande school board recently and prepared the budget for the year. The meeting was held at Charles Reynolds' office and resulted in the budget being accepted as it was printed. A hearing will be held on November 27 and discussions, pro and con, will be heard on the budget.

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—Wednesday rain and fresh strong southerly winds.

EXTRA

BOSTON ELECTION RETURNS

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Nov. 7.—First returns from today's election are from the town of Mashpee and show: For governor—Cox, republican, 52; Fitzgerald, democratic, 6; Senator—Gaston, democrat, 7; Lodge, republican, 54.
Returns from New Ashford: Governor—Cox, 11; Fitzgerald, 3; Gaston 4; Lodge, 19.

LEGIONAIRES TO NOMINATE WEDNESDAY EVE

With the Armistice Day celebration but four days distant, the American Legion Post No. 43 of La Grande will hold their final meeting preliminary to November 11, when the Huns dropped their guns and waved the white flag, Wednesday evening, the night after the 11th day, in the Eagles' hall beginning at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be very important and a complete attendance is desired.

At the meeting two important matters will be attended to—the final arranging of the Armistice day plans and the nomination of candidates for post officers for the ensuing year.

The various committees, in charge of the preparations for the county-wide celebration to be held here Saturday, will make their reports and final instructions will be given. The finishing touches will be given to the preparations for the parade, the fireworks, the dance and other items on the day's program.

Nomination of Candidates.
The nomination of candidates for the offices of commander, adjutant, finance manager and for five members of the executive committee will also be held and the Legion is expecting a little electioneering among themselves. The election will be held at a later date giving the members sufficient time to mill over the question of whom to vote for.

DAVIS IS HONORED

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—George Davis, San Francisco sporting writer, has been named to the new post of executive secretary of the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union and will take charge of promoting the various events held by the association. A basketball tournament will be the first event handled by the new secretary.

BULLETINS

KICKITAT WINS FIRST

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—Kickitat county, Washington, team won first honors today in Pacific Livestock Exposition in Boys' and Girls' judging contest. Linn county, Oregon, took second. Winners of additional prizes follow in respective order: Mayhew, Union, Jackson, Marion, Yakima, Wash., Clatsop and Lane. Kenneth Henshaw of Clatsop county and Thomas Nordstrom of Clatsop, tied for first place in individual judging.

MORE BODIES FOUND

(By Associated Press.)
SPANGLER, Pa., Nov. 7.—Thirty two additional bodies were taken from the Holly mine today bringing the total dead recovered to sixty-three. Thirteen more bodies are in the mine.

Ad Club To Be Addressed By Bishop Remington

The members of the Union County Ad Club will gather tomorrow noon at the N. of P. hall at a luncheon that will be served by the Woman's Relief Corps. Arrangements were made for the luncheon yesterday afternoon and all members of the Ad club who can attend are urged not to be absent. Those who can attend should notify Earl Reynolds, secretary.

The dinner will, without a doubt, be of a premier quality as the ladies of the W. R. C. have quite a reputation for being excellent cooks and in the past, some of the finest dinners held in La Grande, have been prepared by them.

Bishop Remington to Speak.
A. C. Hampton will be in charge of the meeting and the Right Reverend William P. Remington, who is in La Grande for a few days as a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Gunn, will be the chief speaker of the day. His subject has not been announced but he is stated as an orator of no mean ability and it is sure to be brimful of interest.

The luncheon will be served at high noon and as several matters will be discussed at this time, evidences are that a large number of members will be present.

OREGON CASTS HER DECIDING VOTES TODAY

Governor's Fight and School Bill Are Claiming Attention

CLEAR WEATHER IS AIDING PORTLANDERS

Heavy Vote Expected in Every Precinct from Innaha to Coos Bay—Campaign Did Not End Until Midnight.

All over Oregon the people are laying aside work and going to the polls in large numbers today to register their choice for the different offices and express their approval or disapproval of measures on the ballot.

In state matters seemingly there is no close contest except on the governor. Ben W. Olcott, running as a republican, seeks to succeed himself in that office which he assumed through the death of Governor Withycombe, and was perpetuated until now by a decision of the supreme court of the state. He is opposed by Walter M. Pierce, a prominent democrat, whose public career has lasted over many years.

The campaign did not close until midnight when a few final touches were placed on the work of distributing tickets and circulars suggesting how people should vote today.

Good Weather in Portland.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—The rain gave way to clear weather this morning. Voters flocked to the polls early to decide one of the sharpest political fights in Oregon in recent years over the governorship and the compulsory school bill.

Republicans Fight Klan.

(By Associated Press.)
DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 7.—Earl B. Mayfield, democratic candidate for United States senator, backed by the Ku Klux Klan, had his name legally on the Texas state ballot today as the result of an eleventh hour supreme court decision. His opponent is E. B. Peddy, independent democrat, and anti-Klan who was endorsed by the republican state committee.

BANDITS HOLD EIGHT PEOPLE

Five Missionaries Included in Party Who are Allowed to Preach.

(By Associated Press.)
PEKING, Nov. 7.—Eight foreigners, five of whom are missionaries, are in the hands of bandits in Senan province. The prisoners wrote they are well treated and are permitted to preach to their captors. The bandits' purpose it is believed is to enforce their demands on the local authorities rather than demand a ransom.

CORRECTION

In an article in yesterday's Observer in connection with the sporting program on Armistice Day, it was stated that the boxing card would take place in the Star Theatre. Since then it has been announced that the fight will be held, not at the Star but at the Eagles' hall.

