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STRAW VOTE
CONDUCTED
IN COUNTY

Ballots Are Cast in La Grande, North Powder and Elgin

EASTERN NORMAL
IN "LANDSLIDE"

Vote Instituted by Floyd McKennon and Others Gives Pierce and Haney Big Lead.

Hert E. Haney is slated to win the United States senatorial contest in Union county and Walter M. Pierce will reap a ponderous majority in the gubernatorial race, if the straw votes taken on the streets of La Grande, North Powder and Elgin Saturday are a true criterion of how ballots will be marked in the election Nov. 2.

The straw vote was instituted by Floyd McKennon, president of the Pierce-for-Governor club, and a group of men representing both parties.

Haney received nearly half of the 495 votes showing choice for senator. Frederick Steiwer ran second with 142. Robert E. Stanfield was accorded 63 votes.

Home-town loyalty was vouchsafed the governor in a vote of 316 as against 125 cast for I. L. Patterson, republican candidate.

Favor Normal School

All but 29 of the 426 ballots on the Eastern Oregon normal school were marked "Yes." The measure received a large majority in each of the other two towns where straw votes were taken.

La Grande's poll was in charge of Merlyn Mayger, who solicited the passing crowds at the L. & L. drug store corner, and guarded against any stuffing of the box.

The votes were counted last evening by S. L. Brooks, of Imbler; Dr. W. E. Thistlethwaite, L. A. Stoop, J. J. Carr and Fred Gaskill.

At North Powder, the vote for Haney was 25; Steiwer, 21; Stanfield, 5. Governor Pierce led Patterson in a vote of 31 to 12. The vote on the normal school measure stood 49 for and eight opposed.

Elgin's Vote

Elgin reported the following straw vote: Pierce, 35; Patterson, 5; Haney 28; Steiwer, 6, and Stanfield, 4. The normal school measure received all but two votes cast.

BALLOTS PREPARED

Union county voters at the polls a week from tomorrow, will be handed the largest ballot sheets they have had to mark since 1912.

C. K. McCormick, clerk of courts, observes. That presidential year, there were 36 measures to vote in addition to long lists of candidates. He discovered in going over some left-over ballots at the courthouse.

There are 18 measures to be voted this election, in addition to the armory bond issue bill submitted by the city.

Candidates Listed

Follows the list of the candidates.

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20 CONVERTS
ENLISTED AT
CHURCH OF GOD

Twenty conversions followed the sermon of the Rev. Nelson Knight at the Church of God chapel last evening. The pastor's theme was taken from words of Solomon: "It is only a step between me and death."

The Church of God Sunday school has increased from 50 to 109 in about two months. Claude C. Pratt, former pastor, reports.

The young people's society draws an attendance of about 25 boys and girls of high school age at its services.

SELLING
YOU
SOMETHING

When a merchant sells you something—an article or a service—it is an ideal sale only when you and the business man are equally benefited, equally satisfied.

In the advertising messages you read in The Observer each day you not only look for individual items that you might wish to buy, but you also look for the most satisfactory place to buy them. The advertiser must make you prefer his place of business, his service, as well as his merchandise. It is his opportunity to keep you convinced as to the superiority of his institution. And he can do it with only small advertising expense—the lowest reader cost to be had in covering the La Grande territory.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

5,700 Attend 4
Nights of 14th
Annual '49 Show

Elks, with Biggest Christmas Fund in Their History, Make Ready for Holidays.

The 14th annual days of '49 show, given by the local B. P. O. Elks' lodge for the purpose of raising money for a kiddies' Christmas tree and to provide provisions for the needy families of La Grande at Christmas time, passed into history at midnight Saturday—the most successful in point of net proceeds and net attendance on record.

A crowd of more than 2,500 persons was registered the first night, bringing the total attendance to 5,700, a new record. The total receipts and profits were also more than ever before.

Miss Ella Annans received the prize for having the most "bones" in her possession at closing time. No men's prize was awarded because no entries were made before the time limit. The Elks announce that the men's prize will be turned back and the money derived from this placed into the Christmas fund.

An electric waffle iron was presented to C. C. Connor and a large box of candy was also given away Saturday night.

The Elks will immediately begin their preparations for the Christmas party.

STYLE SHOW TO
OPEN TOMORROW

American Legion Sponsoring Exhibit of Latest Fashions

Everything is practically ready for the opening of the American Legion style show, which will be tomorrow night at the Arcade theater. The show, which is being sponsored by the legion post here, will continue for two nights and promises to be exceptionally good, according to Ray Williams, of the committee in charge.

Harley Richardson is arranging for the stage setting and several pretty models, who will represent the various firms in La Grande. In the show, are preparing for their first appearance tomorrow night. Men's, women's and children's latest styles will be exhibited.

In addition to the display of styles by local firms and people, the motion picture "Pie Leaving" will be shown in connection with the style show. It tells of the evolution of styles from Eve's day to the present.

Registration boards for the show went up at the Glass Drug store Saturday and so far the demand for tickets is fairly good.

High Valley Men
Organizing Grange

Preliminary work with the view of organizing a grange in the High valley district near Union was accomplished Saturday night when W. H. Gekeler, state deputy, and J. A. Nee, county deputy, met with a number of farmers at the High valley school house.

The proposed grange will be formed on Oct. 28 and a charter enrollment of 20 is expected.

Bank of Athena
Purchased Oct. 23

PENDLETON, Oct. 25 (AP).—The Inland Empire bank, of Pendleton, has purchased the Athena State bank, of Athena. It became known here today, negotiations having been completed late Saturday. This is in line with the tendency of larger banks to purchase smaller ones and give Unatila county fewer and stronger banking establishments.

The Inland Empire bank was organized in 1915 with a capital of \$250,000. Its working capacity is now placed at \$250,000, with deposits in excess of \$1,250,000. J. W. Maloney is president of the local bank.

Car Stolen From
Sherwood Williams

A sedan belonging to Sherwood Williams, and bearing the license number 3237, disappeared from the street in front of Dr. H. E. Bryant's home, at 604 O avenue, Saturday evening. It was reported to officers.

The car was placed there at about 6:30 o'clock by Mrs. Williams, who with her daughter, Jean, went inside to attend a banquet given by the campfire girls. When she looked for it an hour later, the car had disappeared.

TIGERS COME
FROM BEHIND
TO WIN 21-13

La Grande High Eleven Scores 3 Touchdowns in Third Period

BAKER'S AERIAL
ATTACK SQUELCHED

Blue and White Colors Now Among Foremost in Annual Championship Race.

By NOLAN SKIFF

Soundly whipped by a ferocious Bulldog attack in the first half, the Fighting Tigers, never knowing when they were licked, rode to victory over Baker here Saturday 21 to 13 on the wings of a plunging, end-running rally that netted three touchdowns in rapid succession in the third period.

By virtue of his win Saturday, La Grande high takes the lead in the annual race for Eastern Oregon football honors. The blue and white colors, along with two or three others, now hold the topmost perch, boasting of as yet undefeated teams.

Baker Passes Checked.

The Saturday victory was chalked up in the face of overwhelming odds and was largely due to the complete checking of Baker's aerial attack. Hines' passes were of the same bullet-like, accurate sort as of yore but the La Grande defense snatched his receivers, with the result that the Bulldogs failed to complete a single thrust. On top of this Coach MacKenzie's proteges intercepted one Baker pass and completed three or four of their own.

During the first half the copper-jacketed horde ran riot through La Grande, making long and run and occasionally gaining through the line with apparent ease.

Two marches down the field resulted in touchdowns and La Grande's only scoring opportunity was lost when a triple crisscross play was fumbled on the final exchange. Hines ripped off 31 yards on a crisscross for the first touchdown of the game and the longest single run of the day. Price scored La Grande's longest advance in the first half with a 22-yard broken field run after racing through the Baker line.

Tigers in Pierce Rally.

As the Tigers left the field at half time with the score 12 to 0 against them, their spirit wasn't crushed and, after a session with MacKenzie in the locker room, they came onto the field thirsting for bulldog meat.

Taking the ball on their 40-yard line the Tigers smashed the line, skirted the ends and passed to a touchdown in one straight 60-yard march down the field.

Following the kickoff, Baker took the ball on her one-yard line after Hines left it, expecting it to cross the goal line, and attempted to pass. Adrian fumbled in an attempt to punt and Zundel fell on the ball behind the line, tying the score. Baker's goal kick put the Tigers ahead.

12 Plays Set Touchdown

After a Baker attempt to kick failed, the Tigers took the ball on Baker's 49-yard line and in 12 plays, including an 18- and a 20-yard run by Lyman, scored a third touchdown.

Lyman's advances opened the way for both the first and third touchdowns.

In the final period Baker was unable to maintain a continued offensive, although Hines and Duff reeled off much yardage in mid-field.

Baker Attempts Thwarted.

In a last-minute attempt to score, Baker lost more yardage than at any other time during the game. After advancing the pushskin 23 yards on half a dozen plays.

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Roy O. Wheeler
Harvests Heavy
Yield of Spuds

Roy O. Wheeler, who lives near Union, took 1,400 sacks of potatoes from his four and three-fourths acre patch, all of high grade and free from frost damage.

Wheeler attributes his escape from the frost that damaged his neighbors' potatoes to use of a home-made seed. Unlike commercial seeders, his invention sows the seed well into the ground instead of covering it on top of the ground.

Only 4 Prisoners
In County Jail

Humanity is on its best behavior during Indian summer, Sheriff Jesse Breshers is convinced.

Only four prisoners are listed on the county roll this week—the fewest since the sheriff took office nearly two years ago. Five finished terms or paid their fines and were released within the last 16 days.

Attorney Kills
Five Members of
Family and Self

Worry Over Financial Reverses and Loss of Position Result in Insanity.

MARION, Ill., Oct. 25 (AP).—Worry over financial reverses and the loss of his position as U. S. district attorney four months ago, are ascribed as the reasons for a sudden fit of insanity late Saturday night that drove W. O. Potter, 56, prominent Southern Illinois attorney, to kill five of his family and then end his own life.

After his victims had retired, Potter crushed the skulls of each, one of them a baby three weeks old, with a furnace shaker and then ended his own life by hurling himself into a cistern at the rear of his home.

The bodies were found by a son, Morris Potter, 26, who returned several hours later from a trip to a neighboring town. The victims were the wife, Myrtle, 52; two daughters, Eloise, 13, and Mrs. Lucille White, 28, and the latter's two children, Phyllis, four, and Cynthia, three weeks old. Mrs. White was the wife of Dr. Gilbert White of Miami, Fla., another of the White children, Gilbert Jr., 6, had been visiting at the Potter home but recently had gone to visit a grandmother at Olney, Ill.

"Murder and Suicide."

Testimony before a coroner's jury which yesterday returned a verdict of murder and suicide, brought out that Potter, who served part of his term as U. S. district attorney at East St. Louis under Federal Judge English, now facing impeachment proceedings brooded over the belief that his official actions were under investigation as well as those of the judge.

UNION PIG CLUB
TO ATTEND P. I.

Cove Girl Wins Individual Honors in Stock Judging Contest

Three members of the Union Pig club, Myron Ricker, Leslie Ricker and George Gibson, were chosen as the stock judging team to represent Union county at the Pacific International Livestock show Oct. 29 to November 6, when 29 contestants from the Cove and Union clubs gathered Saturday at the Union experiment station for competition judging. The Cove Holstein and pig clubs and the Union dairy and pig clubs were represented.

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GUNMAN CAPTURED

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—After having robbed Mrs. L. A. Casey, proprietor of a restaurant owned of \$1,000 in cash which she had on hand, for cashing pay checks of street car men, and of a diamond ring valued at \$1,000, a gunman was captured by two employees of a neighboring grocery, but broke away from them and escaped.

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M'NARY SEEKS
TO HAVE KING
HOLD INQUIRY

SEATTLE, Oct. 25 (AP).—A request that United States Senator King, of Utah, go to Portland to investigate campaign expenditures there was sent today by Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, to Senator King and to Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, chairman of the senate campaign expense committee, of which the other two are members.

Senator McNary expressed a willingness here today to go to Portland if that proved necessary, but declared the matter was urgent and said he was unable to tell when the investigation into the Washington campaign expenditures would be concluded.

Supreme Court in
Pendleton Today

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—The October term of the state supreme court in eastern Oregon opened in the local court house this morning with six of the seven justices of the state court present. Several cases are on the court docket for the ensuing term.

Enterprise Names
City Candidates

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 25 (Special).—A number of Wallawa county citizens were nominated for city offices Tuesday evening when a meeting was held at the county court house here. The names will appear on the city part of the ballot at the regular election Nov. 2.

The nominations were, for mayor, F. H. Cole, L. Berland, W. J. Orman and C. L. Booth; recorder, E. W. Steel; treasurer, R. T. Bruce; attorney, T. M. Hill; councilmen, A. M. Pace, J. E. Collinsworth, S. Litch, C. H. Zuercher, Dr. C. H. Hockett, C. A. Elley, W. S. Strickland, Lee Shearer, G. L. Ratcliff, L. Berland and J. W. Henderson.

Legionnaires to
Talk at Luncheon

Fred E. Kiddie, Judge Hugh E. Brady and Harley Richardson, three men prominent in local affairs of the American Legion, will address the chamber of commerce at noon luncheon at the Sommer hotel Tuesday, when the La Grande post will have charge of the program.

10 Cars of Stock
Leave Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 25 (Special).—Ten carloads of stock were shipped to Portland from Enterprise last week. H. C. Hanson shipped hogs and cattle, the Enterprise Packing Co. shipped 10 cars, and Johnson and Franklin and J. H. Dobbin shipped sheep.

MYSTERY OF
3 DEATHS IS
UNEXPLAINED

Portland Police Seeking New Lead in Their Investigation

WOMEN BELIEVED
STRANGLER VICTIMS

Disappearance of Diamonds from Body of Mrs. Grant Held to Indicate Foul Play.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—Some new angle to explain the mystery in the deaths here last week of three women was sought today by the police. While they were awaiting the report of a chemical examination of the stomach of Mrs. Beata Withers, 35, who was found dead in a closed trunk in the attic of her home Wednesday, they were examining all available evidence in the death of Mrs. Mable Fluke, 37, widow, who was found late Saturday strangled to death in the attic of a house she owned.

The death of another woman, Mrs. Virginia A. Grant, 59, which occurred Thursday in the basement of a vacant house she owned, which was at first attributed to natural causes, was being investigated in view of the possibility that she might have met with foul play. The disappearance of two diamond earrings and a diamond ring from her body lent an air of mystery to the case of Mrs. Grant.

Chief of Police Jenkins today said no further consideration was being given to the suggestion that some noted criminologist be employed to work on the cases. He said this would imply lack of faith in the men of his department.

ROTARY CLUB IN
FAVOR OF 3-CITY
MEETING NOV. 10

Plans for a tri-city meeting of Rotarians of La Grande, Walla Walla and Pendleton at the last named place the night of Nov. 10 were approved by the members of the local club at its regular luncheon session this noon at the Foley hotel. The meeting will take the form of a dinner-dance.

Floyd McKennon, chief factor in organizing the Rotary club here, was presented a past president's pin, P. B. Appleby acting in behalf of the club in the presentation.

The duties of a citizen to the community in which he lives were outlined in a program directed by Sherwood Williams.

George K. Hinkle spoke of the importance of schools, and the citizen's obligation to support them. William Crosby Ross talked on community charity, and pointing out that charitable giving means giving from which the giver neither seeks nor desires return—urged a charitable attitude of mind upon his hearers.

Mr. Williams, closing the formal program, discussed the need of interesting citizens in the welfare of their community, for the betterment of its homes and living standards.

The normal school bill's chances were informally discussed, and the support of individual members assured the campaign to finance the latter end of the educational movement.

Dr. Ray E. Murphy reported the progress of educational work in regard to the armory bond issue bill.

Accident Fatal
To Salem Woman

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—Mrs. A. W. Whitley, of Salem, was killed early this morning in an automobile accident near Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Whitley were on their way south when their car skidded on wet pavement and turned over twice, pinning both occupants beneath it. Mrs. Whitley was crushed and apparently killed instantly.

Her husband was held under the car for ten minutes or more while efforts were made to lift the car. The body of Mrs. Whitley is to be held at Roseburg pending the arrival of a sister, Mrs. Eva Ennis, of Livermore, Cal.

RED CROSS IN SESSION

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—Executive secretaries of the various branches of the American Red Cross in Oregon held round table session this morning as a preliminary to a regional conference which opened immediately after noon.

HEIRESS BECOMES LAWYER



Although her father has a fortune of rather more than \$40,000,000, Miss Madeline Cousins, of Detroit, daughter of U. S. Senator James Cousins, believes every woman should be able to earn her own living. So she's a second-year student at the Washington College of Law preparing for the future just as earnestly as if her father were poor.

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SENATE WILL
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OREGON RACE

Reed, of Missouri, Orders Probe of Campaign Expenditures

McNARY AND KING
NOTIFIED BY WIRE

Frederick Steiwer, Republican, Is Target of Charges Made by Salem Publisher.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 25 (AP).—Investigation of the Oregon senate campaign was ordered today by Senator James A. Reed, democrat, Missouri, chairman of the senate campaign funds committee.

The request for the investigation came from George Putnam, editor and publisher of the Salem (Ore.) Capital-Journal. Senator Reed immediately telegraphed Senators McNary, republican, Oregon, and King, democrat, Utah, to conduct the inquiry as soon as they finished the one now in progress into the Washington state campaign.

Steiwer Is Target

Mr. Putnam asked specifically for an investigation of the campaign of Frederick Steiwer, the republican senatorial candidate, who is opposed by Hert J. Haney, democrat, and Senator Stanfield, republican, who was defeated in the primary.

"I have it on good authority," Putnam's telegram read, "that Franklin K. Griffith, of the Portland Electric company, paid the Portland Oregonian \$35,000 for opposition to Stanfield, of which \$25,000 was sent from headquarters in Philadelphia and only a senate investigation can establish the facts. No report was made to the state of this contribution."

Senator Reed in his telegram to Senators McNary and King said the report about the \$35,000 might be incorrect but added:

"Nevertheless, I think it would pay to put the owners of the Oregonian on the witness stand and see what they have to say."

Reed's Reply

In a telegram to Putnam, Senator Reed said:

"It is impossible for me to conduct examination in Oregon before election. I have, however, wired Senators McNary and King asking them to conduct an investigation about the \$35,000. It is unfortunate that information of the character you refer to comes so late."

OREGONIAN IN DENIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP).—Emphatic denial of the charge made by George Putnam, of the Capital Journal, Salem, that the Portland Oregonian received \$35,000 from the Portland Electric company for opposing Senator R. N. Stanfield, in the Oregon campaign, was made today by the Associated Press today by Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian. Mr. Piper said he favored an immediate investigation. His statement follows:

"It is but another of the many falsehoods that have been told about the Oregonian in the current campaign by himself, by his printer."

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COURT DEFINES
REMOVAL RIGHT
OF PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP).—The right of the president of the U. S. to remove postmasters and other executive appointees from office without the consent of the senate was upheld today by the supreme court in the Myers case from Portland, Ore.

In an opinion by Chief Justice Taft, the court held that federal statutes which have been regarded as withholding that power from the president are void.

Justice Holmes, Brandies and McReynolds dissented from the opinion of the majority. Justice McReynolds read a dissenting opinion in which he described the findings of the majority as revolutionary. Under it, he said, the president would have authority to remove members of all committees although it had been supposed they could only be removed for malfeasance in office.

100 Lives Lost
When Ship Sinks

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Oct. 25 (AP).—Approximately one hundred lives were lost at sea off Bermuda Friday when the hurricane which swept Cuba struck this region.

The British naval ship Valerian and the British freight steamer Eastway, both went to the bottom. Only 19 men, including Captain William Usher and one other officer, were saved when the Valerian turned turtle and sank.