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HEAVY VOTE IS EXPECTED OVER COUNTY

Armory and Eastern Normal Bills Arouse Much Interest

TWO STATE RACES IN THE LIMELIGHT

The Observer Will Issue Two Extras—One Election Night, Another Next Morning.

The Observer, because of its leased wire service which will be in operation from 7 p. m. until 2 a. m. election night, and its carefully planned system for gathering county returns, will be in a better position than ever before to furnish early and correct returns shortly after the polls close tomorrow night.

The pre-election campaigns in La Grande and Union county closed today with indication that a big vote will be cast in the 27 local precincts due to the armory bonding and the Eastern Oregon normal school bills and the interesting contests between candidates.

The apathy shown over the nation, according to press reports, is not likely to be duplicated in Oregon, observers believe.

Outside of the gubernatorial race and the campaign for U. S. senator, marked interest has developed here in several contests.

Prominent among these are the following: For representative in congress, second district: John D. Frazier, of La Grande, democrat, vs. Congressman N. J. Sinnott, The Dalles, republican.

For state senator (McCook, Umatilla and Union counties): Fred E. Kiddle, Island City, republican, vs. Senator Henry J. Taylor, Pendleton, democrat.

For state senator (Union and Wallowa counties): Colon R. Eichel, republican, vs. Albert H. Hunter, democrat, both of Union county.

For state representative (Union county): Victor Bekley, La Grande, democrat, vs. H. H. Weatherpoon, Elgin, republican.

For county judge: Judge U. G. Coeh, republican, vs. M. Ellodge, independent.

For county commissioner: W. H. Ledbetter, republican, vs. Commissioner John Wolfe, democrat.

For constable La Grande justice of peace district: S. H. Hawthorth, republican; A. J. Kline, democrat; James Nelson, independent.

To Select Commission In the city, voters will select a city commission of three members from the following four candidates: Commissioners A. T. Hill and Charles Playle, H. B. Coburn and L. W. Weeks.

Judge J. W. Knowles is unopposed to succeed himself as U. S. representative. C. A. Hunter, of Union and Wallowa counties.

Local Railroad Employs Back Bus, Truck Bill

Representatives of Six Local Brotherhood Lodges Hold Caucus Saturday.

La Grande railroad men are solidly behind the movement of their state brotherhoods and orders to support the motor bus and truck bill passed by the legislature and referred to the people for endorsement in tomorrow's election and to defeat the substitute measure submitted by the Oregon Motor Stage association, it was revealed at a meeting of representatives from six local lodges Saturday evening.

Declaring that their members were united in the contention that the common carrier bus and truck should be required to contribute their just share toward the upkeep of roadbeds that, under the present condition gives them an unfair advantage over their highly taxed and regulated competitors, the railroads, the following persons met to discuss the best means of bringing the matter to the attention of local voters:

Cerified members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; E. Ehrhart, of the Order of Railway Conductors; F. Mann, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; G. J. Price, of the Locomotive Engineers; D. J. Jesse, legislative representative of the Order of Railway Conductors; J. McLaughlin, of the American Train Dispatchers association, Division Superintendent W. H. Guild and George T. Cochran, attorney, also were present.

"The money have profited and the railroads have lost—to the material suffering of employes in La Grande—through the present plan by which the private car owner contributes more than three times as much per ton per mile as the common carrier bus and truck for the use of the highways, the delegates were agreed. And they quoted figures and instances to show that the falling off in railway business and the consequent unemployment problem of the railroad workers has fallen within the last three or four years—simultaneous with the history of the stage transportation.

Curtailment Suffered Practically all men now working as firemen were promoted to position of engineers within the three or four years and had to be scaled back because of the lack of expansion. This curtailment, the speakers held, is due in large part to the taking of trains because of inability to meet bus competition.

The local to Baker has been discontinued within the last three years. Likewise the local that ran to Pilot Rock. One local freight hauler serves between La Grande and Pendleton, where formerly two were required.

"All this reduction works hardships on the railroad employes," pointed out Mr. Jesse.

"It means unemployment, and the removal from this territory of a large number of men who are at least 75 per cent of them home owners in La Grande.

A comparison of payrolls for (Continued on Page 5)

J. E. McMasters Joins Staff of The Observer

J. E. McMasters, effective today, becomes manager of the city circulation of The Observer. He will have charge of the carrier boys and the service inside the city and also the collecting for the city circulation. He will continue to handle the local Oregonian agency in his speciality.

MacMasters is an experienced circulation man and has handled newspaper agencies for the past 11 years and is thoroughly equipped for this branch of work. He is well known here and The Observer feels gratified to be able to put the city circulation under his direction, believing it will result in general improvement of the service and its continued growth.

C. M. O'Day, who has been manager of all circulation for the past year, has given a leave of absence because of ill health and will spend the winter in Western Oregon in an effort to regain his strength. Mrs. O'Day will continue in Hill's Department store.

Civil War Veteran Passes at Cove

Samuel S. White, 87, a Civil war veteran and a pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died at 10 o'clock Saturday evening at his home at Cove.

RELIGION IS HELD SAVIOR OF BOYHOOD

Lad Out of Church Has Little Chance, Dr. Taylor Declares

4 CONGREGATIONS HEAR HIS ADVICE

Speaker Exonerates Both Teachers and Preachers for Crime Wave in America.

"The average American boy has a mighty poor chance for good citizenship," intoned Dr. H. Leo Taylor, layman and chautauqua orator, in an address before a combined audience of Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists and Presbyterians last night that filled the auditorium at the First M. E. church.

"With all our churches and schools, we as an American public are failing to influence the boy to appropriate to himself the opportunities for spiritual development that are within his reach," he declared.

"America offers the greatest intellectual and cultural opportunities in the world. Her people spend more money on schools than any other country—and with but one aim: To make good citizens. But I deny that schools make the boy better," he declared.

Youthful Criminals "Today America leads the world in murders and every other form of crime. And in the same moment she has the finest education, the finest churches in the world.

"Seventy-six per cent of all our crimes are committed by boys under 21. Our criminals in America today are youths."

Carefully Dr. Taylor exonerated the teachers and the preachers. "The schools cannot teach morals effectively. They are loaded down too much already. The church cannot reach the boy. Its arm is not long enough.

"Sixty-five millions in America today never go to church. One boy in eight of those who go to Sunday school stay to hear the preacher. It is not the preacher's fault that America is an unprosperous nation tonight."

PICK BAKER MAN C. E. PRESIDENT

Grande Ronde Union Rally Held at Christian Church Here

Arvo Butler, of Baker, was elected president of the Grande Ronde union of Christian Endeavor yesterday when 57 members of the society in Union, Baker, and Grant counties gathered at the Central Christian church for their annual rally.

Other officers named were: Mrs. I. C. Bowser, of La Grande, vice president; Miss Ella Niederr, of La Grande, treasurer re-elected; Miss Pearl McDonald, of Baker, secretary. Superintendents of departments were chosen as follows: Mrs. Oliver Carpenter, of Grant county, prayer meeting; Helen Leep, of Baker, music; Miss Edith Ebell, of La Grande, social; Mrs. Renburg, of La Grande, athletic; Miss Kathryn Moran, of La Grande, quiet hour and tenth legion; Miss Gertrude Wagoner, of La Grande Junior; Miss Myrtle Wilcock, intermediate.

Mrs. Bowser, as third state vice president, installed the officers during a model Christian Endeavor service last evening. Marvin Landers, of Baker, retiring president, was leader, substituting for Mr. Butler, his successor, whose illness prevented his being here.

An executive session was arranged for Dec. 12, the officers to meet in La Grande. Regular convention will be held in the spring. In the afternoon, following the election session, the Endeavorers were addressed by the Rev. C. V. Dunn, pastor of the Central Christian church.

WON'T PASS ON LAW WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—The supreme court today refused to pass on the constitutionality of the Montana tax on distributors and dealers in gasoline which was declared invalid by the state courts.

Grangers Hear Prediction For Stanfield Win

Boise Attorney Addresses All-Day Conference at Grange Hall—Sees 25,000 Plurality.

Robert N. Stanfield will be re-elected by 25,000 votes, predicts R. C. Taylor, of Boise, attorney for the public lands committee of the United States senate, who for the last three days has been assisting in the senator's campaign in Eastern Oregon. He addressed the members of the Blue Mountain grange at the all-day meeting Saturday evening.

"Stanfield, I am satisfied, will carry Coos, Curry, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Clackamas, Clatsop, Marion and Multnomah counties," Taylor declared Saturday evening. "And he will undoubtedly get a number of votes equal to those cast for Steiwer in the remaining counties. Indications are that he will carry Portland by a large majority over both Steiwer and Haney. The conclusion is based on a straw vote of 2000 in which Stanfield received three-fifths of the ballots cast."

"In view of the fact that his chairmanship of the senate public lands committee and his vital position on the finance committee would mean a great loss to Oregon and to the west were he not re-elected, and the knowledge that these connections have netted Oregon millions of dollars, the voters have been awakened, in self interest, if for no other reason, they will return Stanfield to the Senate. They will reelect him by a majority of 25,000 votes," Taylor continued.

The conference at the grange hall was attended by representatives from all parts of the county including a number of visitors. Dinner was served to more than 120 persons.

F. S. Johnson, of Pleasant Grove grange, won the pin offered by the county master, J. A. Nice, as a reward to the member who secured the most members for a subordinate grange.

County Agent H. G. Avery presented the grange's agricultural program for the coming year, which includes crop work, field meetings, rodent control measures, and extensive organization for the public market boys' and girls' clubwork in new districts, assistance in the farm conference and better backing for the county fair.

Other speakers were Mrs. Mary Jones, state home economic chairman; E. D. Jasper, of the legislative committee; Mrs. Sarah Gekeler and Miss Freese.

Armory Upkeep Paid by State, Speakers Show

Who would pay for the upkeep of the armory building it is proposed to establish in La Grande? That question and inquiries as to the amount of the tax that would be levied for the bond issue and as to the use to which the building would be put were answered over and over by boosters who spoke on the measure at various gatherings Sunday.

The state, it was explained, would finance the maintenance of the building. The tax would amount to three and a half cents for every \$10 of city taxes the taxpayer now pays over a period of 20 years—not taking into consideration any help that the city may get from the county.

If the armory is built, it will be available for all community affairs, conventions, fairs, concerts, home talent entertainments, and athletic events.

Trout Season Is Now Past History

The open season on trout closed yesterday and several La Grande fishermen took advantage of the last chance to fish this season, returning home with good catches. Most of those who went out went to Wallowa county, the Wallowa river being perhaps the most popular stream.

It was an ideal day for fishing and even those who were unucky, enjoyed a good outing. The open season on bass will continue until the last of this month.

Hallowe'en Quiet in La Grande; Police Get 54 Calls in Two Nights

"The Hallowe'en goblins made us a little trouble," Chief of Police Haines said this morning with a tolerant grin. "But they were no worse than they used to be when I was a kid."

COUNTY WINS GRAIN PRIZES IN PORTLAND

J. A. Gaskill, Imbler, Is First with Hard White Wheat

WALLOWA STOCK JUDGES AHEAD

Willis Moss, La Grande, Among Winners in Percheron Stallion Class at P. I.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1. (AP)—General judging started today at the pavilion of the Pacific International Livestock exposition. Horses in draft classes and individual fat steers, sheep and swine were first to be judged. All judging is to be finished Thursday.

O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition was honored when the fourth boys' and girls' club work "camp" in the U. S. establishment under auspices of the department of agriculture was named "Camp Plummer."

Marvey Murer, of Vaughn, Wash., won the union stockyards medal for high score in the Smith-Hughes vocational training clubs contest.

Wallowa Winner. Twenty Oregon clubs and 16 clubs from Washington, four from Idaho, three from Montana and one from California participated in the judging contest at the exposition, and the team from Wallowa won first with a score of 2285 points. Other teams in order were Fairfield, Wash.; Vaughn, Wash.; Twin Falls, Ida.; Canby, Minn.; and Elgin, Ore.; Id.; Newberg, Ore.; Salinas, Cal.; Graham, Silverton, Ore.; Walla Walla and Elgin, Wash.

Willis Moss, of La Grande, was among the winners in the Percheron stallion class.

UNION FARMERS WIN

Union county grain awards at the Pacific International Livestock exposition, being held in Portland this week, total more than was ever received at any previous show by any one county, according to word received here today.

Eighteen grain samples entered by Union county farmers won \$175 in cash, with a possibility of further awards in the sweep-stake classes.

J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, placed first with his sample of hard white wheat among 11 entries from over the northwest; H. H. Huron, of Imbler, won first in the white wheat division, where there were 12 entries, and Leonard Billings, of Imbler, was second, and Luther Hindman, of Elgin, third.

In the hard 125 class, six entries, H. H. Huron again placed first, with his three samples of wheat and J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, was second; J. A. Gaskill placed first among the three 400-pound wheat exhibitors and C. G. Galloway, of Elgin, placed second. Among the five entries in the hard federation class Luther Hindman's two samples were selected as the best and A. B. Hudson, of North Powder won the second prize.

No prizes were offered in the federated class, but Union county's exhibit was judged the best. J. D. Hobbs, of La Grande, won first on his white winter barley. There were two entries in this class, and C. C. Conrad, of Imbler, won third prize on six samples of Haunchen barley, out of six exhibits.

Luther Hindman, of Elgin, won first prize on his two bushels of oats, out of 15 entries and L. V. Jasper, of Alsea, won third on rye, out of four entries.

A number from this county are in attendance at the showing including Lena Levy, William Cooper, Charles Green and R. O. Wheeler, of Union; C. C. Conrad, of Imbler; Willis Moss and Floyd McKennon, of La Grande; Clyde Kiddle, of Island City, who has two cars of show hogs; Lester Birkland, Fred Kiddle Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Birkland, of Island City; Albert Hunter, of La Grande; and J. E. Mills and R. H. Hankel, of Cove.

The club boys and girls from Union county are in charge of the county agent, H. G. Avery. They are Carmen Daniel, Jane Daniel, Allen Mills, Virgil Conley and Troy Becker, all of Cove; Russell McKennon, of Alsea; Clifford Conrad, of Imbler; and Eldon Southwick, of Cove.

A few of the Union county stockmen met the noted cattlemen and writer Dan D. Casement, of Maahstant, Kan., on his way to Portland with carload of fat steers.

QUEEN HONORS DOUGHBOY



An obscure doughboy was paid honor by a queen at Arlington cemetery, Washington, during the visit of Queen Marie, of Rumania. This shows her laying a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. Marie will arrive in Oregon this week.

Premier Escapes Death for Sixth Time in Career

BOLOGNA, Italy, Nov. 1. (AP)—Having escaped assassination for the sixth time in four years he has been premier, Benito Mussolini, whose slogan is "live in danger" was undaunted as ever today as search was made for accomplices of a youth who tried to kill "Il Duce" and then was lynched by infuriated fascists yesterday.

As Mussolini was leaving the stadium after opening the congress for the advancement of science, a slender blonde youth about 18 years old, pressed forward toward his auto and fired an automatic pistol.

Stabbed 14 Times. As the youth started to fire again he was seized by infuriated Black Shirts who felled him, stabbed him 14 times, choked and beat him and then dragged the body through a milling mass of humanity.

The youth was slain several minutes after the pistol shot.

Bohnenkamp Is High Scorer at Club Trapshoot

Chase Bohnenkamp scored highest, shooting 25 blue rocks straight. Sunday when the first trap shoot of the Wing, Pin and Ploverfoot club this season, was held at the grounds near Lone Tree. (Three tied for second place, shooting 23 each. They were Alvin Bennett, William Rollins and Pete Kingsley.)

Another practice shoot will be held next Sunday. These shoots are preparatory to the annual Thanksgiving turkey shoot, which will be Sunday, Nov. 21, this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rotarians Discuss Ballot Measures

A round-table discussion of the measures on the ballot, with arguments for and against them, provided interesting occupation for the Rotarians at their luncheon meeting at the Poley hotel this noon, and brought to light numerous explanations that were new to the majority of the members.

RAILROAD FAVORS A LOCAL ARMORY

Supt. W. H. Guild Fully Endorses Measure Today.

The O. W. R. & N. company today came out in unqualified favor of the measure providing for the establishment of an armory building in La Grande.

"You may quote me as saying that the railroad company is in full accord with the armory plan, and that the employes are being so advised today," Division Superintendent W. H. Guild told The Observer this noon. He made the announcement on receipt of a telegram from Portland headquarters, authorizing him to give the measure his full support.

WHERE TO VOTE

- La Grande voters will vote at the following precincts tomorrow from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.: 1. Frank Clevinger's residence, 502 Third. 2. City hall. 3. Wilbur Moss residence, 2105 Cedar. 4. Lane chapel, North First street. 5. Frank Woods' residence, Prud'hal. 6. Thomas Strand's residence, Cove and Portland. 7. E. C. Conroy's residence, 1601 Washington. 8. Court house. 9. Presbyterian church. 10. Methodist church. 11. Carl Cassett's residence, 1901 Third. 12. Harris hall, over Harris grocery. 13. Church of God chapel, North Spruce and X.

Forum Luncheon Postponed a Week

Union county chamber of commerce will have no meeting election day. The reason is called to give every member his noon hour in which to vote.

A week from tomorrow noon, the county chamber has been invited to hold a meeting at Imbler, the hospitality to include a regulation Imbler-style chicken dinner. Directors and committee heads will meet at 7:30 p. m. today at the chamber office.

INSANE MAN ESCAPES

SALLEM, Ore., Nov. 1. (AP)—Howard Helmsleyer, 23, an inmate of the state insane hospital escaped last night after picking a lock on a second story window and letting himself to the ground by a rope made of bed sheets.

OLD PARTIES CONFIDENT ON ELECTION EVE

Democrats and Republicans Both Expect to Control Congress

PACIFIC COAST AREA IS QUIET

Strenuous Last Minute Efforts Being Made Over Nation to Get Out the Vote.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—The answer to all the efforts of the political leaders and candidates during weeks of intensive campaigning will be furnished tomorrow by voters.

Swooping claims of victory continued to come today from the rival camps—republican and democratic—wet and dry—but the key to the great biennial election puzzle rested with the millions who had manifested few outward signs of interest and given little hint of how they might be expected to vote.

Both Parties Confident The big prize in the election from the national party standpoint—the control of the seventieth congress—was claimed by both sides, with many democratic managers confident that they had better than a fighting chance for control at least the senate, and with the republicans apparently equally as confident that any threat of such a result had been removed.

Issues in the state campaigns had become so badly mixed that national party managers did not undertake to make any general estimates. Interest in such campaigns naturally centered in New York where Governor Smith is waging a fifth battle for election in Maryland where Governor Ritchie's tenure as chief executive is at stake, and in Ohio where another democratic presidential candidate, Governor Wright, is Governor Vic Donahey.

While looking horns in many senatorial and congressional battles, the wet and dry leaders had their eyes focused on states in which the question of prohibition to come to a direct vote on repeal of state codes or on some other form of wet and dry problem. These states are New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, California, Missouri and Montana.

Voices Apathetic Behind all of the claims of victory from the hostile camps there appeared a certain apprehension resulting from reports from political canvassers in various sections describing a state of public mind concerning the election that might be interpreted as little short of apathy.

Partisan and non-partisan campaign organizations have joined in last minute drives to get out the vote to which President Coolidge has added his voice through an appeal to his fellow citizens to exercise their suffrage.

"Let no voters abdicate their sovereign right of self-government at the election on Tuesday by failing to vote," said the president's single sentence appeal.

Coolidge to Vote To stimulate the movement to the polls, Mr. Coolidge will leave today for his home town, Northampton, Mass., to cast his vote for Senator Butler and Governor Fuller, the only candidates in the entire country he has publicly endorsed.

Hopes of the democratic managers to obtain a majority of the new senate are pinned to contests in sixteen states where they have concentrated the bulk of their effort in the senatorial campaign. These states are:

- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, which is to elect two senators; Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

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BETTER ELECTION RETURNS

The value to the people of the La Grande territory of The Observer's Associated Press leased wire—operated in our own office—will be especially obvious election night and the following day.

National and state returns will be received over the wire from seven in the evening until two Wednesday morning—available eight—to twenty hours ahead of any other paper seeking to serve this territory. And as it is with election news, so it is with general news every day of the year. It is natural that people in the La Grande territory feel that The Observer is a household necessity. Constant circulation growth proves it. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"