

LOCAL OPTION IS AGITATING IDAHO

Is Now Both State and County Factor in Effort to Enforce Prohibition.

MORMONS BECOME FACTOR

If Southeastern Counties Vote for State-Wide Prohibition, They Are Considered Strong Enough to Control the Rest.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Prohibition in Idaho is pre-eminent both as a state and individual county issue, and is considered so in political circles, according to authoritative information. It is a state issue, because Prohibition leaders announce they will have introduced a state-wide prohibition bill, in an endeavor to have Idaho placed in the "dry" column. It is a county issue because 14 out of 23 counties have voted "dry," and probably without exception the other nine will test the new law passed by the 10th Legislature.

It is not proposed by the "dry" leaders to submit state-wide prohibition to the next Legislature in the form of a constitutional amendment. They assert there is no distinct advantage to be gained in so doing. They also cite the fact that there is some risk in submitting the issue as an amendment, for legal entanglements would probably arise, and there would be considerable activity on the part of opponents to re-submit the amendment and vote it down.

On the other hand, if the state-wide prohibition issue is presented in the form of a legislative bill, it is considered there is a decided chance for its passage. This chance for success is due to the fact that a majority of the Legislature will be pledged to vote for such a measure, as they will be elected from "dry" counties. It is probable they are not likely to be asked to inject into the constitution a state-wide prohibition clause. The issue, therefore, if it comes before the Legislature in the form of a bill, will be to place on the statute an act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the boundaries of the state for the next two following years. The 11th Legislature, which will meet in the winter of 1911, would have this burden to shoulder. If passed, a state-wide prohibition law would be effective for the next two years, or until 1913, when the 12th Legislature would probably be called upon either to continue or kill it.

It is believed by the leaders in the present temperance fight that two years of state-wide prohibition would test out the issue so that the people will be in a position at the expiration of that time to declare whether they want to continue in the "dry" class or go back to the "wet."

Prohibition has advanced rapidly in Idaho since the last session of the Legislature, a year ago. This is due to many reasons, the principal probably being that the same "dry" issue has assumed the form of a moral wave that has swept the country. Idaho has its ardent prohibition leaders, like other states, and the people have signified their willingness to support the movement insofar as to instruct their delegates to the next state convention of the dominating political party, the Republican, to nail into its platform a county local option plank. The adoption of this plank placed the issue then in control of the Legislature which met a year ago, to pass a local option law. The party lived up to that as well as to the direct primary, at present the local option and the primary, giving to the people, 60 days after adjournment of the Legislature, the power to bring before their respective County Commissioners the "dry" issue.

Seven Counties Yet to Vote.

The last county to go "dry" was Cassia, in the southern part, which on December 1 voted on the issue. The election resulted in the prohibitionists winning by a majority of over 300 votes. In seven other counties the county local option issue is to be tested—in Bonner, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Custer, Blaine, Boise and Owyhee.

Where the county votes "dry," all saloon licenses, both county and city, can exist but 90 days following the date of expiration. In other words, the counties are given 90 days' grace in which to close their business. This provision of the law means that for one or two saloons which happen to have a liquor license granted later than others to remain in business while the rest have to close. This is the case in counties which have voted local option in Idaho saloons which were so unfortunate as to have their licenses expire early have disposed of the liquor on hand and are selling "near beer."

The important question confronting prohibition leaders in Idaho now is as to the attitude of the Mormon Church, which takes on the state-wide prohibition question. It is not a secret among political leaders, for the fact is too well known, that the Mormons control to a great extent, the issues at stake in this state. All the southeastern counties, which are almost solidly Mormon, have voted local option and are "dry" at the present time. The list includes Fremont, Bingham, Bannock, Oneida, Bear Lake and Cassia counties. It is believed by prohibition workers that the "tithing" system of the Mormon Church will play its part in the stand taken by its followers. If the Mormon counties, either through an edict from the church or otherwise, declare for state-wide prohibition, it is well known among those familiar with the situation here that a state-wide prohibition bill will be introduced and passed at the next session of the Legislature. The Mormons will be supported, if the situation shapes itself in this manner, by the many other local option counties not classed as Mormon. Should the Mormon counties decide they have fulfilled their duty by standing by the party with which they are affiliated in voting local option, and not take a state-wide prohibition stand, there is a possibility that a state-wide prohibition bill will be defeated.

DREDGES DIG AT PRAIRIE

All Efforts Fail at Moving Stranded Transport.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The combined efforts of a half-dozen powerful tugs having failed, after a number of attempts, to float the transport Prairie, big dredges today began digging a channel through which the vessel will be floated.

Rock Island Officials Named.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Additional appointments of officials in the reorganization of the Rock Island line were announced here today by John Sebastian, newly elected vice-president, as follows: L. M. Allen, passenger traffic manager; W. J. Leahy, general passenger agent; and A. A. Stewart, first assistant general passenger agent.

FOUR GENERATIONS AT WALLA WALLA CELEBRATE REUNION



Standing—J. Bryan Stack Walla Walla. Seated (Left to Right)—John Stack, of Philadelphia, Pa.; "Buster" Stack, Son of J. Bryan Stack, and John F. Stack, of Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—In order to see his great-grandson it was necessary for John Stack, the great-grandfather, to travel across the American continent. John Stack is 72 years old and is one of the two oldest varnish manufacturers in Philadelphia, Pa. He was in business for many years in England. John F. Stack has lived in Walla Walla 18 years. He is now serving his second term as Councilman, having been re-elected last fall. J. Bryan Stack, his son, is in business here with his father. "Buster" Stack is known as just plain "Buster." When asked what the child's Christian name was, the grandfather studied a minute and said, "Why, we just call him Buster."

KIGGINS IN AGAIN

Vancouver's Mayor Easily Defeats Opponent.

TICKET IS REPUBLICAN

Party Makes Clean Sweep at Municipal Election in Metropolis of Clark County—Mayor Casts Ballot No. 13.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—J. P. Kiggins, present Mayor of Vancouver, was re-elected at the municipal election today over E. M. Greene, who Kiggins succeeded last year. Kiggins received 721 votes, and Greene 444.

STREIB'S POLICY IS INDORSED

Milwaukee's Mayor Will Carry Out Programme of Improvements.

The result of the Milwaukee election Monday was a hearty indorsement of Mayor Streib and the policy of the city government. All the measures he desired adopted were carried with little opposition. Under the amendment to the city charter it is now possible to improve streets in Milwaukee under a bonding provision. Property owners may bond their property for street improvements. It is proposed to start on the improvements of the principal streets of Milwaukee next year. Several streets will be opened and extended. The town may have a sewer system, but it will require a vote on the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred. It is expected that proceedings for sewerage will be started next year.

GOLDENDALE DRY BY 12 VOTES

After Hard Fight, Saloon Interests Lose Out.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Goldendale today went "dry" by 12 votes. The vote was light, even under the registration, because of the bad weather. The result was a surprise to everybody, for the campaign had been hard and the saloon interests had put forth every effort to win. The younger element of voters had circulated a petition during the campaign asking the saloons to give them 5-cent beer in return for their votes. Even this had no effect in the result. Three Councilmen, A. E. Coley, R. J. Willis and Jacob Crocker, were elected, and a Treasurer, George H. Hyatt. This was the Citizens' ticket, named at a mass meeting, and had no opposition.

UNION'S OLD REGIME DOWNED

Business Men's Ticket Is Victor by Vote of 2 to 1.

UNION, Or., Dec. 7.—A heavy vote was polled at the city election here yesterday, notwithstanding the bitterly cold weather, and the business men's ticket was elected by more than a 2 to 1 vote. All the members of the present administration who were up for election were buried in defeat. The officers-elect are: Mayor, L. A. Wright; councilmen—J. L. Jacobs, C. J. Forstrom, W. H. Vogel and M. S. Levy; treasurer, O. Richards; recorder, T. T. Cook; marshal, B. B.

Plaster; street commissioner, D. B. Conner.

EVEN BREAK AT CHEHALIS

Republicans and Citizens Split on City Ticket.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Today's city election in Chehalis resulted in an even break between the candidates of the citizen and Republican tickets. Mayor W. M. West was re-elected Mayor by 36 votes over George Gelsinger; Edward J. Allen was re-elected Treasurer by 108 over Robert Pechter; C. E. Tre-witt won the City Clerkship by 5 votes over P. C. Beaufort; George E. Walker was elected Councilman at Large by 62 votes over W. M. Van Wert. All above winners were on the Citizen ticket. The Republican ticket carried through three two-year Councilmen who received the following votes: Charles Dickman 272, W. B. Greene 234, C. E. Corwin 212, against the following for their opponents on the Citizen ticket: Fred Dunbar 157, J. A. Gable 115, O. D. Gates 142. O. A. Studebaker, Republican, had 164 votes for City Attorney, defeating R. B. Donohue, Citizen, who had 157, and G. B. Haymaker, Democrat, who had 92.

CASTLE ROCK WILL STAY WET

Voters in City Election Decide to Continue as Before.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Castle Rock is wetter than ever tonight, if the result of today's election can be counted as such. Not content with their defeat last month, the drys put up a ticket for town Councilmen which it was understood if elected was to vote against granting saloon licenses. This result today shows that many who voted dry at that time were content to let it go at that and voted with the opposition today, for the progressive people's candidates defeated their opponents by a vote which will average two to one. The four Councilmen, Messrs. H. H. Powellson, W. W. Beebe, Otto W. Burke, and P. D. Campbell, received 128, 138, 133 and 127 votes in the order named, while their opponents Messrs. P. Hathaway, Charles Huntington, E. A. Raglin and S. Dodd, received 62, 56, 58 and 58 respectively. For Treasurer H. A. Richardson received 133 votes, while his opponent Earl Drew, received 62.

CITIZENS' TICKET AT ELMA IN

L. J. Wakefield, Hotel Man, Elected Mayor—Merchants in Council.

ELMA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The city election here gave the Citizens' ticket a large majority. Out of 167 votes cast, each of the Citizen candidates received 135 votes. L. J. Wakefield, of Hotel Wakefield, was elected Mayor. James A. Clancy, of Struble & Co.; Charles J. E. Burke, of Minard & Co.; and L. T. Noe, agent for the Northern-Pacific Railway, were elected Councilmen. A. L. Callow, manager of Minard & Co., and one of the heaviest shingle mill owners in this vicinity, was elected Treasurer. A small vote was cast on account of the stormy weather.

NINEMETER MONTESANO MAYOR

City Holds Quiet Election, 104 Votes for Nine Candidates.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The city election passed off quietly today, only 104 votes being cast. The following ticket was elected: Mayor, George W. Ninemeter; City Clerk, George Everett; City Treasurer, E. M. French; Attorney, O. S. Nelson; Health Officer, Dr. M. Jaynes; Councilman-at-Large, E. H. Storey; Councilmen for two years, Eli Brumberg, W. H. Bush and J. J. Johnson.

STARBUCK CARRIED BY WETS

Senator Ruth's Address Turns Tide Against Prohibition.

PRESCOTT, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Prescott elected an anti-saloon ticket without opposition. The town went against saloon licenses by 46 votes in a total of 101. The drys won Mahton, Wash., by 21 votes. Starbuck, Wash., where Senator Ruth spoke yesterday, was carried by wets 118 to 29. The Citizens' ticket carried by about the same vote.

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Christmas Savings in this Sale of SMALL SIZE Rugs

Here is something that probably has not entered your mind as a likely Christmas gift. And yet there are many of them sold at Christmas time. Their inexpensiveness and usefulness make them most popular as gifts. These bargains should interest right now. Sale continued today. Sixth floor—Carpets.

18x36-in. Mohair Rugs, \$3.00 values, at	\$1.75
24x48-in. Mohair Rugs, \$5.50 values, at	\$3.00
30x30-in. Mohair Rugs, \$5.00 values, at	\$2.75
36x36-in. Mohair Rugs, \$6.50 values, at	\$3.75
30x60-in. Mohair Rugs, \$9.00 values, at	\$6.00
36x72-in. Mohair Rugs, \$12 values, at	\$7.75
36x63-in. French Wilton Rugs, \$10 vals	\$6.75
27x54-inch Bundhar Wilton Rugs, \$5.50 values at	\$4.00
27x54-in. French Wilton Rugs, \$7.50, at	\$5.50
36x63-inch Bundhar Wilton Rugs, \$8.00 values at	\$5.75

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BOURNE IS HIT HARD

Oregon Senator Turned Down in His Report.

WORK GOES FOR NAUGHT

Taft Anticipates His Recommendations and Root's Report Is Adopted Proposing Different Methods.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Senate committee on expenditures which designated Senator Bourne to prepare a report into how and where Government expenditures could be reduced from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually is understood to have rejected Bourne's recommendations and is now preparing to adopt a new report drawn by Senator Root, of New York.

Bourne's report undertook to restrict the work on various old state committees which handle appropriation bills and arrogated to new committees virtually full power to shape and regulate all appropriations.

When word of this recommendation went forth it raised loud protest and members of the committee got together and told Bourne his report would not go and designated Senator Root to re-draft recommendations to be considered and acted upon tomorrow.

Root's report will curtail the power of the regular appropriations committee. Moreover, President Taft by forcing the departments to cut their estimates has already brought about a saving which Bourne had hoped to secure through legislation. Thus his entire Summer's work goes for naught.

WHITMAN MAY GET ARMY POST

Sensor Jones Backs Bill Transferring Military Reservation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Jones today introduced a bill transferring to Whitman College the entire military reservation at Walla Walla, Wash., it being the desire of the War Department to dispend with

that Army post. There are 160 acres in the reservation, for which the Government will have no further use after the post is abandoned, and representatives of the college are anxious to secure it for their institution.

Fort Walla Walla would have been abandoned several years ago but for a protest entered by Senator Anthony. Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, with Professor A. W. Hendrick, Dr. N. G. Blalock, J. D. Nelson, Senator Turner and W. N. Jones, of Tacoma, are here urging the passage of the bill. They have the assurance that the War Department will be ready to accept the transfer of the post and interpose no objection to the transfer of the land.

CELLS FOR HORSE THIEVES

Rock Lake Youths Plead Guilty, 1 to 14 Years' Penalty.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Ernest Wilmont, 24 years old, and Claud Card, aged 21, arrested by Sheriff Chrisman, of Wasco County, near The Dalles, November 30, today pleaded guilty to having stolen two valuable teams in Whitman County and a buggy and harness in Walla Walla County. Judge Canfield sentenced them to serve from 1 to 14 years in prison.

Lester Harwood and Carl Wilmont, who were arrested in Western Whitman County by Deputy Sheriffs Cole and Roberts, are said to be implicated in the robbery of Morris Bros.' harness shop at St. John. The four young men lived near Rock Lake. The teams were taken from A. H. Roehlander, of Rosalia and John Deyoung, of Norton. A large amount of plunder was found cached in a straw stack.

Trains Crash, No One Hurt.

TACOMA, Dec. 7.—West-bound passenger train No. 1 on the Northern Pacific collided with a freight train at Hot Springs, 50 miles east of Tacoma, about 4 o'clock this morning. The locomotives were considerably damaged, but no one was hurt. Some of the cars in the freight train were wrecked. No one was seriously injured. The passengers were transferred to the train following and were delayed only a few hours.

DREDGE STANDS TRIP WELL

Oregon Reaches Grays Harbor in Splendid Condition.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Captain Peters, of the tug Garring, of the Grays Harbor Towing Company, stated tonight that the dredge Oregon, which arrived in Grays Harbor last night, made the trip in excellent shape and was not leaking, as first reported.

ROOT JARS MACHINERY

PRESENTS MACVEAGH'S REPORT TO SENATE TOO SOON.

All Old Worshippers of Routine Receive Shock When He Does Not Wait Release.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Root, of New York, presiding in the Senate today in the absence of Vice-President Sherman, created a sensation among newspaper men. The effects were even international. Copies of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury were in the hands of newspapermen throughout the country and Europe and to be held in confidence for publication tomorrow afternoon. The report itself was still unsigned on the desk of Secretary MacVeagh in the Treasury Building.

By some means, as yet unascertained, two printed copies of the report found their way to the desk of the President of the Senate. Mr. Root is a pastmaster in the art of dispatching routine business in the Senate and he deftly handed the Treasury report over the desk with the routine announcement customary in such cases. Instantly keen-eyed reporters on the Senate floor flashed to the wires the news that the message had become a public document, and the "release" clicked off to the whole country and Europe.

It was two hours before the fact that a blunder had been made was realized. Upon the Secretary's insistence an effort was made to recall the release, but he soon came to appreciate that the mischief was irreparable and consented to waive the technicality, and the release was confirmed.

An amusing feature of the mixup lies in the fact that the report should not have been handed down in the Senate at all since, in accordance with law, it is addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Heather at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Lighthouse tender Heather, in this harbor laying new buoys, New bar buoys have been laid and the others on the bay will be renewed as fast as possible. The Heather was obliged to lay up one day at this place on account of a blinding snow storm.

Oldest White Child Is Now 71.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Cyrus H. Walker, the oldest living white child born west of the Rocky Mountains, is

celebrating his 71st birthday today. He was born December 7, 1838, at Whitman's Mission, near Walla Walla, Wash., and the scene of the historic massacre, his parents being missionaries. Mr. Walker is now state deputy organizer of the Grange.

Receiver Named for Ocean Shore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—United States Circuit Judge Van Fleet today appointed Frederick S. Stratton, Collector of the Port, receiver for the Ocean Shore Railroad. The Baldwin Locomotive Works also obtained judgment for \$4700.55 due from the company. It is said there were outstanding unsecured claims amounting to \$1,900,000 against the road.

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