

LABOR'S TAX BILL SURE OF DEFEAT

Figures Show Amendment Submitted by State Federation Is Lost.

RETURNS ABOUT COMPLETE

Tabulation Made by The Oregonian Indicates That Measure Providing for Party Candidates for Electors Carried.

Defeat of the tax amendment submitted under the initiative by the State Federation of Labor, which was in doubt up to yesterday, is now practically certain. Figures compiled by The Oregonian show that this measure has an affirmative vote of 48,529 and a negative vote of 42,450. This count is so nearly complete that the final returns probably will not alter materially the present majority of 15,411 against the bill.

Returns Nearly Complete.

The returns on these two measures are made up of the official count from 23 counties and incomplete or unofficial figures from all others except three. The counties from which no count on these two bills has been received are Curry, Harney and Lake. It is not likely that the returns from these three counties or the official totals from the other counties not yet at hand will alter the result on either amendment.

Restrictions Would Go.

It also sought to remove all constitutional restrictions as to what should be taxed and exempted; proposed to authorize counties to regulate taxation within their boundaries, and included a clause prohibiting the levying of a poll tax. If passed, this measure would probably have been attacked as repugnant to the constitution of the United States.

PACKERS' GUILTY IS SHOWN

(Continued from First Page.) tion now, and they may be somewhat higher. Men familiar with the meat and livestock trades say the drop in beef prices in the East is temporary and will be higher in the time of year. As for the pork markets, there are hints of manipulation.

Good Bacon Still Scarce.

Except in bacon, the prices of all hog products have been coming down. Bacon prices have held up because there has been a scarcity of good quality. The bacon that is now on the market is from high-priced hogs. Hams are working downward and are three to four cents lower than they were last Spring.

Readjustment Under Way.

There is no disputing the fact, however, that a general readjustment of all food prices is under way, but the tendency in the meat line seems rather to be toward preventing any further material advance, such as has been witnessed in the last few years. Any decline, however, even if temporary, will be welcomed.

"We usually expect beef and mutton prices to advance at this time of year," said C. C. Coit, president of the Union Meat Company. "The prices may not go as high as last Winter, but there is no likelihood they will go the other way. These lines show a decline in the East, but the drop there will have to be a great one before prices here are affected. We are short on prime cattle and fat sheep and the situation here can only be relieved by Eastern prices declining so far that we can bring in Eastern stock. At the same time pork is working downward. We bought hogs at this time last year at \$10.00 and today we paid \$9 and \$9.15.

Consumers' Preference Governs.

"The question of high prices is largely a retail proposition where the individual preferences of the consumer determine what prices he will pay. A moderate-priced article that would satisfy one buyer would not satisfy another. Difference in quality makes difference in price. If a man wants the best in the market, he must pay up for it."

There is less margin between the livestock price and the retail meat price in Portland than in the Eastern cities. Retail prices are higher in the East than here, yet cattle command a better price, quality considered, in the Portland market than in the Eastern cities. This was shown by the bringing

in of 10 carloads of Wyoming cattle the first of the week. If the Eastern market had been better than Portland, the cattle would have gone the other way. Frank L. Smith does not take much stock in J. Ogden Armour's predictions of low prices. "Armour is crying down hog prices," said Mr. Smith, "merely to scare the small packers. He wants to keep them out of the market while he gets all the packing stock. The small fellows will, of course, keep out now if Armour can make them believe hog prices will be lower later."

Turkeys About 30 Cents.

Portland people who are expecting turkeys to be cheap Thanksgiving will probably be disappointed. With meats and other staples holding up so well, it cannot be expected that luxuries will sell at low prices. At the same time, there is no interest on the part of the wholesale or retail dealers to charge an exorbitant price for the Thanksgiving bird. The price has not been definitely fixed yet, but it is probable that the general retail quotation will be 30 cents a pound. This is based on a wholesale price of about 24 or 25 cents, which the jobbers believe will prevail. They form their opinion on the price that the farmers and country shippers are now asking.

Competition Not So Keen.

The larger dealers who have been investigating think there are enough turkeys in the country for all ordinary needs. Should there be any extraordinary demand, such as there was last year, when the wholesale price rose from 18 to 24 cents, the price may be higher, but the retailers are averse to charging more than 30 cents.

PRICES IN WEST DON'T DROP

Walla Walla Dealers Say Winter Feeding Regulates Cost.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the decrease in the cost of meat in cities farther east, as announced by the press dispatches, officials of local meat companies say that the drop will make little difference in the market price in this vicinity. Practically no decrease in price, they further assert, can be expected here until Spring, when the stock begins grazing again, thus doing away with the expense of feeding, which is the necessary during the winter months.

HOQUIAM NOTES NO CHANGE.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Meat dealers of Hoquiam say that there has been no change in prices of meats here as the result of the drop in Eastern cities. It is thought a drop may come in a few days. Eggs are quoted at 50 cents a dozen, with the demand brisk.

TRAIN SERVICE TOO SLOW

Silverton Asks for Renewed Local Transit to Portland.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Residents of Clackamas precinct have petitioned the State Railroad Commission that the Southern Pacific be compelled to reinstate the Silverton local service between Portland and Silverton.

CROP FOUR-FIFTHS SOLD

Apples in Walla Walla Valley Meet With Ready Market.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Eighty per cent of the apples of the Walla Walla Valley have been sold, according to the statement of H. E. Browning, manager of the Walla Walla Fruit and Vegetable Union, today. One-third, perhaps, of the fruit of the valley has yet in the packing-houses, but is rapidly being prepared for shipment and is being sold as fast as it is ready.

BRADY NOT TO CONTEST

Governor Frowns on Suggestion of Friends and Party Leaders.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—It was definitely announced at Republican state headquarters in this city today that no action will be taken to contest the legality of the elections held in Fremont or Custer counties, because the Democratic slogan, "Let the People Rule" was placed on the ballots.

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Grand Jury Witnesses in Tilt With Prosecutor.

LABOR EDITOR ON STAND

Personalities Occupy Portion of Time at Investigation of Los Angeles Times Disaster. Union Man Detained.

Editor on Stand an Hour.

The labor union editor was on the stand for more than an hour and was followed by Felder, who, it is said, interrupted the placid proceedings of the inquirers by a personal tiff with Earl Rogers.

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FINE HERD OFF FOR SHOW

W. O. Minor Sends Seven Shorthorns After Prizes at Chicago.

PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Seven head of cattle, constituting Oregon's sole exhibit at the greatest livestock show in the world, passed through Pendleton yesterday on their way to Chicago, where they will be entered in the International Livestock exhibition as a "breeder's young herd."

MEDFORD INVITES J. J. HILL

Empire Builder Asked to Help Celebrate Railroad Completion.

Prayer Week Is Observed.

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J. J. Hill

STAPLES, the JEWELER

162 FIRST STREET Near Corner of Morrison St. NEW CHINESE MEDICINE COMPANY OPEN This Chinese doctor and pharmacist of Wai Jing Chinese Herb & Root Medicine Company is American born and a citizen. When four years of age he went to China with his parents and got a good education in the schools of that land. Obtaining the honors of Doctor of Medicine, he was permitted to practice in the Canton Medical College and to study the eminent physicians' prescriptions of centuries. For six years in New York City he was president of the Oriental Hospital, where he had such wonderful success with his medications. While there in New York City he met said Back, Jr., of Portland, and was induced to come to Portland and open an office. Any man, woman or child with any internal, external or curative disease who will come to my office can secure free consultation and examination. If you can't call, write and get diagnosis and remedies.

POLICE SEEKING SUSPECT

Fugitive's Roommate Relates Grewsome Tale Told Him.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 16.—With D. Domico in the City Jail, the police of the Northwest are trying to locate the murderer of Ah Fook, an aged Chinese gardener, whose butchered body was found in the Hoquiam River Monday morning.

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