

FINGER PRINT MAY TRAP BALLOT THIEF

Vancouver Elections Scandal Hinges on Clew Found in Sealing Wax.

WOMAN GIVES TESTIMONY

Envelope Substituted, Committee Is Told—Council Proceedings From Time of Stoner-Mackey Tie May Be Attacked.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—That a finger print in wax sealing the envelope substituted by the person who broke into the City Clerk's desk and stole 18 ballots from the official ballot boxes, may lead to the detection of the person was indicated today in an investigation started by Edward H. Mackey, candidate for Councilman against George B. Stoner, from the Sixth Ward, east of the garrison. The investigation will be pressed, it is understood, and a strenuous effort will be made to find the guilty person or persons.

The present election scandal developed this week, when the election clerks demanded and procured the right to recount the recounted ballots on the Republican ticket, in which Stoner and Mackey were the opponents. It was found that the 18 ballots were gone and that, if these ballots had not been missing, the recount would have tallied exactly with the count made by the election clerks.

Desk Lock Is Broken. That the desk of Charles A. Hasson was forced when the committee investigating the matter locked the desk. The roll top should have locked all of the drawers, but it did not. The wooden bolt that should have held, was found to have been broken. This was not broken before the election. The keys to the ballot boxes were in this desk.

It has been learned that the ballots probably were taken from the ballot box from C precinct some time after last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Harrison accepted the minutes of the Council Saturday on the typewriter in his office with an old ribbon. This ribbon was replaced with a new one Saturday afternoon. It has been found that the envelope containing the ballots from C precinct was destroyed, and another one found in the City Clerk's office.

One Sealed With Flinger. Miss Lillian Connaway, daughter of W. P. Connaway, clerk today before the committee, told how C. W. Albright, election judge, had sealed the envelopes. In sealing the first one he attempted to do it with his thumb, but burned it. He then put on more wax and with the back of the wooden cork of an ink bottle, sealed that envelope and the others, also. This was found to be true in the other four envelopes in the box, but the one containing the ballot was sealed with a different ink, a different kind of a pen, and with different pressure.

It is intimated that proceedings will be instituted in the Superior Court to declare void the proceedings of the Council, after November 10, when a meeting was held to canvass the votes and it was determined that a tie existed between Stoner and Mackey.

POLITICS QUIET AT WAPATO

Registration Small and Only One Ticket Expected in Field.

WAPATO, Wash., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—There is but little interest noticeable in the municipal election, to be held December 2.

MOSCOW PLANS SPECIAL

Delegation to Attend Lewiston Show in December.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The committee from the Chamber of Commerce in charge of the arrangements for the excursion to Lewiston to attend the Northwest Livestock Show, which will open there December 1, has reported that Moscow will send a delegation of 150 people and steps are being taken to provide a special train.

DALLAS CHILD SENTENCED

Boy Nine Years Old Stabbed School Principal, Is Charged.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 21.—Charles Gosso, 9 years old, was sentenced to the State Training school yesterday for an indefinite period, following his conviction in Judge Teal's Court on a charge of stabbing School Principal Ford in the wrist.

POLK SCHOOL REPORT OUT

Home Credit Plan Causes Increase in Attendance.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—That the schools of Polk County are starting off better this year than they did last year is shown by the report of County School Superintendent

Seymour, which was given out today. There are 274 pupils in the county schools, and of these 134 who have been neither absent or late. The per cent of attendance is 96.7. The results are credited to the home credit plan and the standardization of the different schools.

The following schools were put on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent or over in attendance: Zena, Dallas, Peedee, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Ballston, Salterbeck, Parkers, Monmouth Grade School, Monmouth High School, Orchard, Bethel, Folk Station, Fairview, Cochran, Rickreall, Oakpoint, Elkins, Independence, Antioch, Brush College, West Salem, Burns, Yule, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, North Dallas, Enterprise, Suver, Crowley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sandy Hope, Concord, Okada, Lone Star, McCoy, Guthrie, Falls City, Black Rock, Pio-

EX-HAWKEYE STATE RESIDENT, AT WILLAMETTE U. ELECTED ALDERMAN.

FLORINA VON ESCHEN, WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Florina Von Eschen, head of the department of chemistry of Willamette University, at the recent Salem election, was chosen Alderman of Ward No. 2, with a big majority. Professor Von Eschen has been a resident of Salem for six years, coming here from Iowa.



near, Oakhurst, Mountain View, Hopville, Highland, Broadmead, Fern and Fernville.

LAND LOTTERY UNLIKELY

'BIG BOTTOM' CLAIMS AMOUNT TO ONLY 3340 ACRES.

Restoration Probably to Be Made in Regular Way, With Preference to Prior Settlers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 21.—Some excitement has been caused in various parts of Washington and adjoining states by the fact that certain "Big Bottom" lands are to be eliminated from the Rainier Forest Reserve and the mail of Senator Eugene F. Smith, of Oregon, has been directed to the effect that he has written a letter asking when and how this land was to be opened to settlement.

Some inquiries came to the Senator because it was through his efforts with the Forest Service that the service agreed to restore the lands to the public domain. Directly that news got out applications came from Chehalis and Centralia, the nearest towns to the lands to be eliminated, to be made registration stations and the Senator recommended that they be so designated. Since that time two other towns got in applications for designation as registration stations in the event that the land was disposed of by drawing, as was first thought would be the method followed by the department.

The department has informed Senator Jones, however, that the records in the General Land Office show that of the 25,000 acres of land which have been recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture for elimination from the Rainier National Forest, there are 15,570 acres embraced in final and pending entries under the public land laws, and that the public lands therein, amounting to 9,430 acres, are non-contiguous tracts, partly unsurveyed, and 3,210 acres are under withdrawal for coal classification. This leaves only 4,340 acres public and unsurveyed, and 1,140 acres of this is unsurveyed.

In view of these facts and the expense to which the department would be placed in disposing of these lands by the drawing methods, the officials are not disposed to recommend such methods to the President. The land, therefore, probably will be restored to the public domain in the ordinary way with preference rights granted prior settlers, but the question is not positively decided.

REGISTRATION TEST ON

MULTNOMAH-PORTLAND CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

City Contends Law Recently Passed by Legislature Unconstitutional; Case Is Under Adjudication.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—That the permanent registration law passed by the recent Legislature is unconstitutional and the old registration law is in effect, was the contention of Walter P. LaRoche, City Attorney of Portland, and L. E. Latourette, in argument before the Supreme Court today in the suit to compel County Clerk Coffey to deliver to the City Auditor the registration list of 1912 for use at the special election to be held December 9. District Attorney Evans, representing the County Clerk, objected to a writ of mandamus being issued, declaring that the Attorney General should have brought the suit instead of the city. He said the city was asking the County Clerk to perform a duty not of ministerial nature, and that the new law is constitutional. He argued that the old law had been repealed, and the County Clerk would have to turn over to the Auditor a list prepared under the new law.

Mr. LaRoche said the new law was unconstitutional, because it requires that a voter must be registered to be eligible to vote, and in failing to make provision for the registration of voters absent from the state, except Federal and state employees, it was discriminatory. He said the constitution provided that students, persons employed in navigation were entitled to vote, but the new law made no such provision. The case was taken under advisement.

NEW SERVICE ATTACKED

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No Cause Assigned for Death of George Mikulka, Aged 21.

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VICE PROBE JESTED

Governor's Men Do Not Secure Indictments at Baker.

SECOND SLEUTH IS ON JOB

Parole Officer at State Penitentiary Discovered in "Gumshoes" and Causes Alarm Among Sa- loonmen and Gamblers.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Governor West's vice crusade in Baker is the subject of jest tonight. The grand jury reported this evening and instead of coming up to expectations and returning indictments for graft, gambling and violations of liquor laws, no indictments, other than in cases which had already been bound over to the grand jury by the Justice Courts, were returned. Not true bills were returned in two of these cases, one for larceny and another in the case of a young man accused by a girl, all the indictments—and none of them were sealed—were for minor violations of the law which have already become public in the courts.

All day today there were rumors of impending indictments and Governor West's secret agent, Edward Richards, was called before the grand jury twice and on one occasion he predicted that his work in Baker would bear fruit. He said that whatever the grand jury did he would remain in Baker to continue his work for some time and said he was "far from through" as yet.

Like a "thunderclap" today, to some of the saloon and gambling element came the announcement that Frank H. Snodgrass, parole officer at the State Penitentiary had gone before the grand jury also acting as a secret agent for Governor West. The impression had gone about that Richards was depending on his unsupported testimony and when it was found that there were two men in the "gumshoes" capacity here, a feeling of uneasiness grew.

The grand jury report says that an investigation was ordered of civic conditions in Baker; that the city was found to be no better and no worse than other cities, and that what irregularities were found were turned back to the city authorities to handle. The report said that the offenses were only of a trivial nature, and that the grand jury did not want to be beset with such matters unless they got beyond the control of the city authorities, in which case the grand jury offered to handle all such cases.

Some unfinished work will come up when the jury reconvenes, which will be in the immediate future.

ACRE CROP BRINGS \$1600

Single Walnut Tree, 19 Years Old, in Vancouver Yields \$20.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—One acre of English walnuts this year produced four tons of nuts which sell for 30 cents a pound, thereby netting the owner, O. D. Sturgess \$1600 for the acre.

A. A. Quarberg, pioneer walnut grower here, gathered 100 pounds of nuts from one tree, which he sold for \$200. He has been growing them 19 years old. He grafted 13 different varieties of walnuts to one tree this year, in an effort to find what specie is best adapted to this climate, and all except one are now grown.

"Walnuts grown in the Pacific Northwest are much smoother and have a more delicate flavor than those grown farther south," said Mr. Quarberg, today, "and they can be marketed without processing."

OREGON CITY SAVES MONEY

New Sewerage System Costs Far Less Than Was Estimated.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—At a cost of \$7000 the city is constructing a storm sewer system which will run out into the river. When the project is completed the city will have a perfect drainage system and will save \$40,000 on the cost as estimated by the original plans.

The new line runs from J. Q. Adams street to Center street, and is an 18-inch pipe buried 10 feet. It will form a part of the main system and be one of the trunk lines for that section of the city. Another line will be built from the Kansas City section and will empty through the canyon into the river. It was at first estimated that such a drainage system would cost the city \$150,000.

ALBANY LUMBERMAN DEAD

A. A. Shaw Dies at Home of Parents After Long Illness.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Angus A. Shaw, a prominent young business man of Mill City, died here today at the home of his father, John A. Shaw, vice-president of the Hammond Lumber Company, one of the best-known lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest.

Angus Shaw was born at Stayton, 24 years ago. He was engaged in the grocery business here, but later resided at Mill City, being connected with the Hammond Lumber Company.

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until the next morning that his body was found. He was in good health, and the table indicated that he had eaten his dinner.

Coroner Fortmiller, of Albany, says that it was a case of suicide, and he thought the indications so plain that he deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest.

BLUE SKY LAW ATTACKED

President of British Columbia Company May Be Prosecuted.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—George E. Stillings, president of the National Mercantile Company, of Vancouver, B. C., tonight informed Corporation Commissioner Watson that he would fight through the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary, to have the blue sky law declared unconstitutional. A complaint was filed recently against A. D. Baker, agent for the company in Portland, which does a savings and loan business, charging him with violating the law. He was accused of negotiating securities of the concern, which Mr. Watson says has not complied with the blue sky law.

"Messrs. Stillings and Baker came here this afternoon from Eugene," said Mr. Watson, "and I understand the president himself has negotiated securities of the company in that city. I have heard that I can obtain an affidavit to that effect. If I find that he has negotiated the securities I shall ask the District Attorney of Lane County to proceed against him the same as in the case of Mr. Baker."

Mr. Watson says the company has not qualified under the law, and it must do so and pay the penalty for violating it, before it can continue to sell securities in this state.

ROSEBURG MAN SWINDLED

After Negotiating for Purchase of \$111 2/3 Check Is Passed.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Declaring that he was wealthy and had come to Roseburg to purchase a sawmill, a stranger giving his name as W. H. Henry today succeeded in passing a worthless check of \$25 on E. W. Page, a local lumberman.

Henry had partially negotiated for the purchase of a mill owned by E. W. Page, and it was upon these representations that Mr. Page cashed the check. A telegram received from the bank on which the check was drawn was to the effect that the man was not known there. Henry is supposed to have gone to Portland.

PRICE OF HOPS 24 CENTS

Growers to Meet at Salem Today to Safeguard Interests.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Joe Harris today bought 300 bales of hops from growers in the neighborhood of Dallas, paying 24 cents a pound. An announcement was made tonight that 15,000 bales would be represented at the meeting of growers in this city tomorrow, who plan the formation of a pool for safeguarding their interests. It is declared that inasmuch as hops are selling above 40 cents in London and New York they should sell for at least 25 cents here.

Rifle Ranges to Be Improved.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—As a result of a conference between Governor West and Adjutant-General Finzer, the rifle ranges throughout the state will be improved. The Governor said today that many of the ranges near the smaller cities of the state were not provided with adequate facilities, and as a result there have been several accidents which should have been avoided. It is planned to make the ranges safer and furnish facilities similar to those at the range near Oregon City, which is the best one in the state.

Modjeski Buys Homesite.

Ralph Modjeski, bridge engineer, yesterday closed a deal for the purchase of a half block in Irvington, containing 10 lots, for \$25,000. The property lies on the south side of Knott, between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-second streets. Mr. Modjeski intends to build a home on the site. The sale was negotiated by R. E. Menefee & Co.

Horse Thief Not Found.

HILLSBORO, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—No trace has yet been found of the thief who stole a team of fine mares from Andrew Olean, near Cedar Mill, this county, Sunday night. The team was recovered by the Sheriff of Lewis County, Wash., near Toledo, where the thief had tied them outside the town.

California Requisition Honored.

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Table with columns for France, Italy, Germany, and Spain/Portugal, listing various wine brands like Camille, Barthe & Co., Borseaux, etc.

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Advertisement for Benjamin Collar Overcoats, featuring text: 'Comfort and Style Are Both Embodied in the New Benjamin COLLAR Overcoats'.

Advertisement for Buffum & Pendleton, featuring text: 'Buffum & Pendleton Morrison Street Opposite Postoffice'.