

IT WAS SO CLOSE, GASP BEATEN MEN

Mayor Defeated by His Wife Comments on Result of Umatilla Election.

'WE DIDN'T KNOW,' HE SAYS

Mayores-Elect, Four Councilwomen-Elect, Recorder-Elect and Treasurer-Elect Promise Business Administration.

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party or club meeting, but all they will say is:

"Now, we're going to show the men what a strictly business and economical administration really is."

Large Vote Turns Out.

Though there are 300 residents in Umatilla there are only about 100 registered voters, and at yesterday's election there were only 174 voters cast.

For Mayor Mrs. E. E. Starcher received 101 votes and her husband got 73. R. F. Paulu, a prominent business man well-known over Eastern Oregon, was a candidate for recorder and received 101 votes, which had been announced weeks ago. Mrs. Robert Merrick, wife of another well-known Umatilla, defeated Mr. Paulu in the race for mayor, while Mr. Merrick was running for Councilman and lost to Mrs. Paulu.

A. W. Duncan was a candidate for Council, but he was swamped when the votes counted. Mrs. C. G. Brownell into the position to which she is eminently qualified, according to the numerous women supporters who voted for her.

R. B. Murton "looked like a clinch" for the Council also, but Mr. Spitzer split all hopes for Mr. Murton for the next two years at least.

Mrs. H. O. Mens, who won over H. Barkley for the office of recorder, had a hotel, and had the railroad men's vote lined up as well as the women's, and it was no effort for her to get into the Council. Mr. Mens and Mrs. Mens also operate a merchandise store here.

H. E. Hull believed, despite all fields of another ticket in the report that there was no chance for defeat for him as Recorder. Mrs. J. H. Cherry, however, was the women's candidate and won.

Railroad Men Suspected.

Umatilla is a railroad center on the O.-W. R. & N., and from all accounts the women, working as they are among the trainmen at the hotel here or as they came in the yards from their various runs, but on the whole, they are lined it up for what the women term "the right."

Mr. Starcher said: "I can't say what the women are going to do, but I know they have announced that they intend to show us men what real economy is and how to run the administration here on a business basis."

"It was cleverly done, I'll admit, but they haven't told us how," the Mayor today began to clean up his desk to make ready for his exit as a public official.

"I'll be only a private after January 1," he said. "I don't know what I know we might have made a showing, but the women took us by storm, as it were, and what could we poor men do?"

Councilman Admits Defeat.

C. G. Brownell, husband of one of the victorious Councilwomen, said: "About all we know is that the women we men are lost. What the women know they are keeping to themselves. They say they intend to clean up the town. We do not know what they mean, but we shall see what we shall see."

"Yes, I guess the women lined up the railroad men to vote all for me," Starcher here is chief dispatcher for the O.-W. R. & N., and the vote in his case alone shows that he did not swing the railroad vote, and, believe me, it was a vital factor.

"You see, the polls opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and were closed at 7 in the evening, and the women folk were busy at home with their daily duties in the morning and did not get out to vote till afternoon, and it was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon that the whirlwind vote-getting campaign started, and it ran along like a cyclone all the polls closed, and you know the result. The men were another matter. All you see, that's what we men get for giving the ballot to the women," and the husband of the Councilwoman-elect laughed heartily.

"No, the women won't tell us yet when they cooked up the deal on us," and the interview ended.

"As yet the women have nothing to say as to their future policy or as to why they desired to elect the Mayor-elect, Mrs. Starcher, proved unavailing, it being announced that she "had retired" or "was in conference" or "was visiting" early in the evening, and Starcher was not aware of his wife's whereabouts, but later spoke for her when he announced the result to the women as yet have nothing to say."

HAINES OVERLOOKS ELECTION

People Fail to Vote and Three Places on Council Are Vacant.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Haines has three vacant councilmanic chairs as the result of the failure yesterday to hold an election. Yesterday was the day of the annual municipal election, but as there were no candidates and no disposition to name names the polls were not opened, and a few women went to the regular polling place, and finding no election officials went home disappointed.

Three Councilmen, J. E. O'Bryant, W. J. Polley and John Lang, are finishing their terms and did not seek re-election, so instead of five there are only two Councilmen. It is possible that the three may be induced to sit until an special election is held.

In Sumpter the candidates backed by the Powder River Dredging Company were defeated. The following

were chosen Councilmen: A. J. Denney, Charles Bacon, F. L. Wilson, John Clark and J. E. Hayden.

The following were elected in Halfway: B. R. H. C. Eastland, Mayor; J. W. Gray, Recorder; W. J. Douglas, Treasurer; Dr. I. M. Sanders, A. V. Lansing, C. J. Shelton, G. H. Svart, Claud Officer and Charles Reed, Councilmen. S. F. Dederick received a large number of votes for Councilman, but was disqualified because he held a Government position, that of postmaster.

MARSHFIELD VOTE IS LIGHT

Mayor Coppel's Candidates for City Council Are Defeated.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Light voting marked the city elections in this district, and in Marshfield only a third vote was cast, amounting to a total of 549.

Mayor Coppel's candidates for the Council, E. Bandel and C. L. Pennock, were defeated by Duncan Ferguson and Tony Jones. Mayor Coppel's wife received the election of his candidates in public print.

John Butler was re-elected Recorder, without any opposition. It was an off year, there being but two Councilmen and a Recorder to choose.

At Empire, Mrs. T. J. Magginn, wife of Capt. H. H. Magginn, the well-known navigator, was elected to the Council. C. G. Hockett was chosen president of the Council, and the other members elected were J. O. Capron, A. A. Nicholls and Captain James Magee. James Mackie was named Recorder.

At Clifton, the only ticket was regularly nominated, although a ticket was originated to be voted by writing names on the ballot. The opposition received 29 out of 111 votes. Councilmen elected were R. T. Whitty and M. A. McLagan, of East Side Precinct, and W. L. Walker and M. L. Hunt, of Coonston Precinct. Malcolm McLean was chosen treasurer; C. P. Keating, Recorder, and Sylvester McGriff, City Marshal.

COUNTY HITS AT HOOD RIVER

Exclusion of Road Section to Be Met by Withholding Taxes.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—As a result of yesterday's city election, when Hood River residents voted almost unanimously to exclude from the city limits a section lying east of the Hood River and including a bridge over the stream and a section of the East Side grade road, expensive of maintenance, the Hood River County Court yesterday ordered the city to pay for the endeavor to offset the action by excluding the city from an apportionment of road taxes next year.

The law, which provides that road districts be apportioned 70 per cent of the general road fund raised on property within the district, into the County, and 30 per cent to the general road fund. As a special road district, the city would be permitted to claim its proportion of a general road levy. Money needed for highway maintenance and improvement will be raised under the general fund, on which the city can make no claim.

An effort will be made at the budget meeting, set by the court for December 28, to have the general road funds apportioned to the usual procedure. The County Court's action, however, will be upheld by an element of Valley citizens, and the approaching budget amendments effective next Monday are the warmest in the history of the county.

MANY MUST REGISTER AGAIN

Few Vote at Election When Mayor of South Bend Is Chosen.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Hundreds of South Bend voters who had themselves disqualified from voting until they registered, against small vote was cast in the city election here yesterday.

Mayor C. C. Coulter was re-elected. The Councilmen are: N. W. Baker, Councilman-at-Large; A. W. Baker and Fred Clyde, First Ward; L. P. Larson and J. J. Stephens, Second Ward; C. W. McCall and H. E. Vincent, Third Ward. K. M. Leach was elected Treasurer, and J. M. Devers, District Attorney, and C. H. Mills, Clerk.

There was no opposition. Contests were made in the primary a month ago, and the voters were re-elected with the rest must register again before they can vote.

ELLENBURG NAMES KREIDEL

People's Ticket Headed by Mayor Elected With Some Close Races.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Mayor Samuel Kreidel and the people's ticket which he headed were elected in the city general election here today. Kreidel defeated Councilman Van Green, candidate of the Citizens' party, two to one. City Clerk Reuben Crimp defeated Bert Miller by eight votes. City Treasurer Bessie Nesbit and Councilman First Ward and F. J. Chapin were re-elected with out opposition. E. J. Lindberg was unopposed for City Attorney.

The total vote for the contested office was: For Mayor, Samuel Kreidel, 489; J. H. Van Green, 238; City Clerk Crimp, 516; Miller, 507; Councilman-at-Large, John Killmore, 508; J. M. Devers, District Attorney, 458; and F. J. Chapin, 177. Jesse Waters, 234; W. P. Hilderson, 177.

DR. J. BALLARD KELS0 MAYOR

Socialist Defeated by Pioneer in Election of Little Interest.

KELS0, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. J. Ballard, a pioneer resident of this city, was elected Mayor in the election yesterday for the coming term of two years, by a vote of 250 to 57, over his Socialist opponent, J. N. Erlanson. Mayor O. Talbert, who has served two past terms, was not a candidate for re-election. Little interest was taken in the election, less than one-third the total vote turning out.

J. T. Gear was re-elected Councilman from West Kelso; Al Maurer, Councilman from South Kelso; C. C. Bashor, Treasurer from Kelso; and E. H. Poland was chosen Councilman-at-Large and C. E. Carothers Councilman from Scott. K. P. Brush was elected City Attorney.

NEHALEM MAYOR ELECTED

Recorder and Treasurer Also Are Returned to Positions.

NEHALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—In the city election Tuesday little interest was taken, the vote being extremely light.

Mayor Frank A. Rowe, Recorder Ward L. Mayor and Treasurer Ellis Madden were re-elected. Of the three Councilmen to be elected for the ensuing term, Fred Beley and Ed Kelly were re-elected, with Sam Lundburg replacing Roy Robison, of the old board.

Cathlamet's People's Ticket Wins.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The People's ticket was elected at the city election held here today. For Councilman, A. N. Fredrickson was elected for three years, George F. Hanning and H. W. Smith for two years, and John Heron for one year. C. H. Warren, who has been Treasurer ever since the incorporation of the city, was re-elected.

Wallowa Elects O'Brien Mayor.

WALLOWA, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At the city election Monday the following officers were elected: H. K.

O'Brien, Mayor for a term of one year; J. P. Morelock, Councilman-at-Large for a term of two years; George Rogers, Councilman for First Ward for two years; Dr. H. C. Eastland, Mayor; J. W. Gray, Recorder; W. J. Douglas, Treasurer; Dr. I. M. Sanders, A. V. Lansing, C. J. Shelton, G. H. Svart, Claud Officer and Charles Reed, Councilmen. S. F. Dederick received a large number of votes for Councilman, but was disqualified because he held a Government position, that of postmaster.

THREE OF FIVE WILLIAMS WIN

'Vote for Bill' Recognized Slogan in Toledo City Election.

TOLEDO, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—"Vote for Bill" was the slogan in the city election held here Monday. There were five candidates in the field for Councilmen, whose first names were William. The successful ones are: William Andrews, William Graham and William Smith.

Joe Cordano was elected Mayor. F. N. Hayden was elected to succeed himself in the office of Recorder and George Schneck was elected Marshal. In spite of the fact that Sunday night's gale ripped the tin roof off the City Hall and the voting room was somewhat damp, the usual number of ballots were cast.

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PIGEONS HAVE DAY

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BANTAM AWARDS MADE

Joe Cordano Also Captures Honors at Poultry and Pet Stock Association Exhibits—Seattle

Man Gets Laurels.

Yesterday was the great day for pigeon fanciers, especially for the Oregon Homing Pigeon Club, which made almost a clean sweep in the prize list in homing pigeon classes at the Poultry and Pet Stock Association show at Fifth and Alder streets.

A great share of this glory was, however, divided with Joe Cordano, an entrant whose homers carried off all the prizes in the longest distance classes, and in the bantam classes, five gals ripped the tin roof off the City Hall and the voting room was somewhat damp, the usual number of ballots were cast.

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FINANCING DECLARED BAD

California Official, Testifying Before Congressional Committee, Says Local Citizen Would Lose Speedy Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Max Thelen, president of the California Railway Commission and the National Association of Railway Commissioners, declared here today that the "avowed purpose of the railroads is to use proposed Federal incorporation of carriers to take from the states practically all their powers over railroads. He was testifying before the Newlands joint committee of the Senate and House, which is investigating the whole subject of Government regulation and ownership of interstate carriers.

"The inevitable result will be either the breakdown of all public regulation or the establishment of an enormous Federal bureaucracy far removed from access by the local citizen, who now finds adequate and speedy relief through his state commission."