

BIG ISSUES UP TO OREGON ELECTORS

Much Hangs on Action at Polls Today.

PARTY LINE-UP PROMISED

Republicans to Pick Wood, Lowden or Johnson.

DEMOCRATS FACE PUZZLE

Either President or Senator Chamberlain to Be Reputed by Party Action Here.

Oregon Republicans will decide today whether Wood, Lowden or Johnson is their choice for the nomination for president. This is the outstanding issue in the republican primaries. Oregon democrats today will repudiate either President Wilson or Senator Chamberlain on the treaty of Versailles issue.

These two things alone justify a heavy attendance at the polls, which will be open from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., but there are other matters which warrant every one of the 238,571 registered republicans and 93,405 registered democrats casting a vote. The additional reasons are the measures which have been submitted to the electorate by the legislature. These measures affect the entire state and every person in it. Among others, there are the educational bills and the measure to forward the state highway programme.

Count Will Be Slow.

In Portland every person attending the polls will receive three ballots, the regular party ballot, the state ballot of measures and the municipal ballot with measures. With all these ballots to handle, the returns will be slow in coming in, and in the case of close contests the issue will remain in doubt until Saturday afternoon or evening.

The parties today will name delegates to the national convention, ten to each convention—five presidential electors, and make nominations for a United States senator, three representatives in congress, a choice for president and vice-president, a secretary of state, four justices of the supreme court, a dairy and food commissioner, two cabinet members, a service commissioner, 16 members of the state senate and 40 members of the lower house. A number of circuit judges and district attorneys will be nominated throughout the state, and every county will nominate practically a full county ticket.

Few Contests Develop.

There are hundreds of aspirants for the nominations, but only in a few cases have contests developed. Candidates who have swung around the state say they have failed to discover marked interest in anything other than the presidential race. On the other hand, there has been a widespread campaign in support of the educational millage measures and for the measure to increase the state's limitation for road indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent. The general opinion is that all these measures and the restoration of capital punishment included, will be approved by the people.

On the eve of the primaries, the management of the Wood, Lowden and Johnson campaigns are confident of victory. Although the names of Poindexter and Hoover are on the republican ballot today, these men have withdrawn as candidates and Hoover has urged the selection of delegates who favor a treaty of nations and a plank calling for immediate treaty ratification. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of Hoover and Poindexter, a considerable number of uninformed people probably will vote for one or the other of these former candidates.

Drift is Toward Wood.

Since Hoover eliminated himself the drift has been to Wood, mostly, and the Wood management has indicated they intend to maintain down to Wood and Johnson. This policy of the Wood campaign has not met with enthusiasm on the part of the Lowden management. Peculiarly enough, Lowden appears to be the second choice of the Wood men and of the Johnson men, too.

The league of nations, with reservations, has finally become the keynote of the primary campaign in Oregon in both parties. Republicans who are opposed to any league are supporting Johnson. Republicans friendly to a league, with suitable reservations, are supporting either Wood or Lowden. That is the situation with the democrats. Senator George E. Chamberlain is a candidate for re-nomination. He supported the treaty of Versailles until it appeared hopeless and W. J. Bryan urged the democrats to compromise so that some sort of treaty and league could be had. Finally Senator Chamberlain voted for the league reservations.

Democratic Split Noted.

Political opponents of the senator have received letters from President Wilson declaring that the treaty of Versailles is the only road to peace that effect. The Wilson letter is being used against Chamberlain and the statement is made that a Wilson democrat cannot vote for Chamberlain, for if Chamberlain is nominated it will be

TACOMA POPULATION GAINS 15.8 PER CENT

DENVER OUTGROWS ST. PAUL AND LOUISVILLE.

Census of 256,369 Given as Increase of 20.1 Per Cent; Other Figures Announced.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Denver, Colorado's largest city, which ranked as the 27th municipality of the country in 1910, has outgrown Louisville and St. Paul, which ranked 24th and 25th, respectively, 10 years ago. The census bureau today announced Denver's population as 256,369, an increase of 42,988, or 20.1 per cent, over 1910.

Louisville's population has been announced as 234,891 and St. Paul's as 224,595.

Other census figures announced today were:

Tacoma, Wash., 96,955, increase 13-22, or 15.8 per cent.

Denver, Colo., 238,359, increase 42,988, or 20.1 per cent.

New London, Conn., 25,682, increase 6,029, or 30.7 per cent.

Elizabeth, N. J., 95,682, increase 22,274, or 30.3 per cent.

Englewood, N. J., 11,617, increase 1,693, or 17.1 per cent.

Garfield, N. J., 19,381, increase 9,169, or 89.8 per cent.

Hamilton county, Ohio, containing Cincinnati, 493,672, increase 32,946, or 7.2 per cent.

Hamilton county was the first county to be announced in complete form with all minor civilian divisions. Cincinnati's population was corrected in the county statistics, making the number of inhabitants 491,247 instead of 491,158, as previously announced.

RECLAMATION IN WASHINGTON AND IDAHO ALSO PROVIDED.

HAWLEY LEADS CRUSADE

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LUCK MASCOT IS STOLEN

Officer of Hwah Wu, Chinese Ship, Appeals to Police for Aid.

If there is anything in the superstition of old salts, the good ship Hwah Wu, visitor from China, now lying at the Inman-Poulsen pier, will henceforth have good luck. Good reason, too, for someone stole, cage and all, the ship's mascot, a rare Chinese bird by the name of Tien Tiau lark.

The Portland police and detective bureau were implored yesterday by Lieutenant Woo Seng Lee of the ship's crew to make every effort to encompass the recovery of the bird, which was taken some time during the night from the ship.

It was said to be the only bird of its kind in the United States.

SUGAR BUYS GLAD RAGS

Juvenile Maid Alleged to Have Confessed Theft.

To obtain money for new clothes, a 15-year-old girl in the employ of Judge M. G. Munly, 295 East Eleventh street, is alleged to have stolen a quantity of sugar from the Munly pantry and sold it. The police last night arrested her and she will be turned over to the juvenile court today.

The girl is alleged to have taken the sugar on several occasions, and a night she is said to have purloined was recovered last night. She was employed in Mr. Munly's home. The police declined to give out her name on account of her youth.

SEATTLE FARES TO RISE

Seven Cents With Cent More for Transfer in Prospect.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—Increase of the fare charged on Seattle's municipally-owned street railway system was forecast today when it was announced at the conclusion of a meeting of city officials called by Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell to discuss the financial situation of the car lines that an ordinance fixing the fare at 7 cents, with an additional charge of 1 cent for transfer, will be adopted by the city council.

The present fare is 5 cents.

LEGION GAINS 80,000

Incomplete Returns of Two Days' Drive Show Results.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—Incomplete returns into national headquarters here indicate that approximately 80,000 new members were obtained in the first two days of the American Legion's nation-wide campaign for increased membership.

National officers believe this figure is conservative because many points in thickly populated districts have not reported.

HOOVER TO VISIT OREGON

Ex-Administrator Is Expected at State Capital Shortly.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Herbert Hoover plans to visit Salem and other points in Oregon at an early date, according to a letter received by his aunt, Mrs. Agnes Haskelson, of this city, today.

Mr. Hoover's last residence in Salem was in 1891. At that time he left Salem for Stanford, entering the university when 17 years of age.

SUICIDE BEATS LETTER

Word From Son Arrives Soon After Man, 83, Kills Himself.

CHICAGO, May 20.—William Phillips, aged 83, failing to receive a letter from his son, who left for France six weeks ago on a pleasure trip, killed himself today.

Three hours later, a letter from the son, Edgar C. Phillips, arrived.

OREGON LAND FOR SOLDIERS FAVORED

West Wins Bitter Fight in House Caucus.

FARMS KEPT IN BONUS BILL

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MILLS IN COOS SHUT BY CAR SHORTAGE

FURTHER CURTAILMENT OF PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED.

Industry on Umpqua River Also Declared to Be in Danger Unless Output Is Moved.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The car shortage is having a disastrous effect upon industry in this county and also on the Umpqua river, and it is expected the majority of mills dependent upon cars for shipment will be closed within a week, unless relief is afforded.

The North Bend Mill & Lumber company plant closed Monday because its docks were piled to capacity and today it was reported the Wernich & Johnson mills at Coquille were not sawing.

Similar reports have come from Reedsport. The C. A. Smith mills here will not be affected by an Oregon car shortage, as all its output is shipped by water.

According to estimates, the number of men made idle by the suspensions exceeds 500 in this district to date, but more will be thrown out of work if the tension is not relaxed.

SHIPPING BOARD SHRINKS

Vice-Chairman Stevens and Two Leading Officials Resign.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Raymond B. Stevens, vice-chairman of the shipping board, resigned today, effective June 5. As a candidate for the democratic nomination for the senate from New Hampshire, Mr. Stevens said, he did not feel he would be able to devote adequate time to his duties with the board.

Mr. Stevens was one of the original shipping board members named by President Wilson in March, 1917.

Chairman Benson announced today the board had accepted the resignation of George Eggers of San Francisco, assistant director of operations, effective August 1. Robert L. Hague, also of San Francisco, chief of the department of construction, has tendered his resignation, effective June 15.

Mr. Hague and Mr. Eggers are returning to San Francisco to enter private shipping concerns, it was stated.

DEATH DUE TO BAD TOOTH

Piece of Bone Lodges in Lung and Abscess Is Formed.

BOISE, Idaho, May 20.—(Special.)—One of the most peculiar accidents known to the medical profession in Idaho has just caused the death of a world war veteran, Frank L. Laflin, in a Nampa hospital.

Two months ago Mr. Laflin had a tooth pulled. While under the anesthetic a piece of the tooth or jaw bone was swallowed and lodged in the lungs. Later he suffered severe pains in the lungs and in a fit of violent coughing he brought up the bone, but an abscess had formed in the lungs and he died this week.

FARMERS GET GASOLINE

Drivers of Pleasure Cars Forced to Forego Joy Rides.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 20.—Supply stations of the Standard Oil company in Sacramento refused today to furnish gasoline for pleasure cars. The supply ran low yesterday and C. M. Harris Jr., district manager, ordered that half the requested quantity be furnished pleasure cars.

Today gasoline was sold by Standard Oil for commercial and agricultural uses only.

1 SHOT FROM BRUSH NEAR MATEWAN, W. VA.

KILLING AND TWO ARRESTS FOLLOW MINE BATTLE.

Mine Worker President Sends Letter to Governor Denouncing "Murderous Hirelings."

MATEWAN, W. Va., May 20.—The shooting from ambush of one man by unidentified assailants and two arrests were the chief developments in this coal-mining district today, following the battle yesterday when ten or more persons were killed and a number of others wounded in a fight between Baldwin-Pelts detectives and citizens.

Today's shooting occurred at Linn, a small mining village three miles from Matewan. According to the reports from Linn, two men, said to be Baldwin-Pelts detectives, were walking along a road near a dense wood when a volley of shots was fired. One of the men, "Bud" McCoy, was shot in the thigh, but he escaped and went to hospital at Welch. The man who accompanied him was not injured.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, here in connection with coal miners' wage negotiations, sent a telegram to Governor Cornwell of West Virginia today commenting on the disturbance last night at Matewan and urging that measures to "prevent lawless activities" by "murderous hirelings" of the coal operators be taken.

SALEM MAN SALE VICTIM

Affable Stranger Sells Stolen Auto to Frank Novak.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Frank Novak of Brooks Thursday bought an automobile from an affable stranger, to whom he paid \$225. Today Mr. Novak received information that the car had been stolen from Armour & Co. of Portland and that a representative of the corporation was on his way here to return the machine.

Mr. Novak then attempted to have payment of the check stopped, but found that it already had been cashed. The sheriff is now searching for the stranger who starred in the transaction.

ZONE PAY SYSTEM URGED

Railway Executives Would Restore District Wage Scheme.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Re-establishment of the three zones of railway wages was advocated today by E. T. Whittier, representing the Association of Railway Executives before the federal labor board.

Under the zone system, established in 1910 and suspended by the railway administration January 1, 1919, pay in the three districts was based on the cost of living in each.

Mr. Whittier also suggested restoration of the practice of paying higher wages for night work than for day positions.

PRICE ULTIMATUM URGED

Omaha Women Advised to Serve Notice on Merchants.

OMAHA, Neb., May 20.—Mrs. C. G. Ryan, state fair-price commissioner, today asked women to notify merchants that they will not pay higher prices for suits next fall and that they will not buy them if styles are changed to any marked degree.

Mrs. Ryan said price-cutting developments of the last week have shown women their power.

NOMINATION NOT ASSURED ANYONE

No Republican Candidate Has Enough Pledges.

500 DELEGATES FREE LANCES

Less Than 400 Instructed for Convention Ballots.

WOOD IS LEADING FIELD

General Has 145 Votes Stated "Favorite Son" Delegations to Be in Majority.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Uninstructed delegations and the delegates who will cast their first ballot for "favorite sons" will be in the majority at the republican national convention, opening here June 8.

The primary system in effect in many states has failed to develop any outstanding candidate for the party's presidential nomination. Of 927 delegates already chosen, less than 400 have been instructed, and their vote is divided among several candidates. Under the republican convention rules, which require a majority to nominate, the successful candidate must obtain at least 493 votes.

Five States Yet to Elect.

Forty-three states and five districts and territories have elected the 927 delegates already chosen. The remaining 57 of the 984 who will sit in the convention are to be chosen by Oregon, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia.

Major-General Leonard Wood is leading the field with 145 delegates instructed for him. The credentials committee which meets here May 31 (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

WEST AGAIN SCORES HIGH

Last Treasury Certificate Quota Heavily Oversubscribed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 20.—Announcement that the 5th federal reserve district over-subscribed its quota in the last offering of treasury certificates of indebtedness by \$3,882,000 was made here today.

The quota was \$7,050,000.

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WOOL PRICES SLUMP IN EASTERN MARKET

BOSTON REPORTS BREAK OF 10 TO 20 PER CENT.

Buyers Convinced Peak of High Prices Is Passed—Mill Reports Have Bearish Effect.

BOSTON, May 20.—The price of wool slumped today, a break of from 10 to 20 per cent occurring at auction sales conducted here under the auspices of the British government. Only seven mills took part in the bidding and but 30 per cent of the wool offered for sale was disposed of. Buyers asserted that the peak of high prices for wools has been passed.

According to the Commercial Bulletin, an authoritative organ of the wool industry in this country, the drop in prices reflected cancellations of orders for goods, delays in transportation and declines in the Liverpool and London markets for raw wool.

Manufacturers' representatives at the sale noted the return of goods to the mills in many cases, principally woolsens, of cancellations of other orders now in the looms and of the consequent curtailments already underway. Some plants have discontinued overtime work. Others have suspended night operations and a few have reduced work to four or five days a week. It was stated, however, that a radical curtailment or shutdown of plants was not considered imminent.

The wools offered today aggregated 15,569 bales, mostly merino and other fine grades. Only 5500 bales were sold, these chiefly to six mills.

SHIPPING AIDS ADOPTED

Senate Measures Prepare for Investment of Earnings.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The senate today retained in the house merchant marine bill senate committee provisions exempting from excess profits taxes the net earnings of American-owned ships engaged in foreign trade, providing a similar amount be reinvested in new ships.

Another provision exempting from income taxes under similar restrictions proceeds derived from the sale of ships built prior to January 1, 1914, also was retained. In both cases the new ships would be required to be built in American yards.

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