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## HALE AND BAXTER VICTORS IN MAINE

### Senator and Governor Returned to Office.

## MAJORITIES OF 1920 CUT

### Republican Vote Less Than in Presidential Year.

## DEMOCRATS MAKE GAINS

### Bourbons, in Returns From Three-Quarters of State, Ahead by 5000 Over 2 Years Ago.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11.—Senator Frederick Hale, republican, and Governor Percival P. Baxter, republican, were elected in Maine today by majorities falling decidedly below those given republican candidates in 1920.

The democratic vote in three-quarters of the state was nearly 5000 ahead of that of two years ago, while the republican vote fell off by 22,000 from that of the presidential year.

Returns from 556 election precincts out of 635 gave for senator: Hale (rep.) 98,883; Curtis (dem.) 73,178.

For governor: Baxter (rep.) 102,159; Pattangill (dem.) 74,068.

Partial returns indicated the reelection of four republican congressmen from Maine.

A woman was elected to the legislature from Kent in the person of Dora Pinkham, republican.

## GAIN IN DEMOCRATIC VOTE

### Increase Noticeable Over Ballotings of Two Years Ago.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 11.—From early returns which are coming in slowly indications point to the election of Percival P. Baxter, governor, and Frederick Hale, republican candidates for governor and United States senator, respectively, by a majority of 28,000, although there is quite a noticeable gain in the democratic vote over two years ago.

Thirty-five out of the 635 voting precincts in the state gave, early tonight, the vote as follows:

United States senator: Hale, republican, 2678; Curtis, democrat, 1822.

Governor: Baxter, republican, 2670; Pattangill, democrat, 1879.

The same towns in 1920 gave the following vote: For governor, Pankhurst, republican, 4501; McIntire, democrat, 1644.

It is evident that the four republican candidates for congress, Carroll L. Beedy of Portland, in the first district; Wallace H. White of Lewiston, in the second district; John E. Nelson of Augusta, in the third district; and Ira C. Hersey of Houlton, in the fourth district, are reelected by comfortable margins.

The legislature will be overwhelmingly republican and Elbert D. Hylford, state auditor, of Farmington, republican, is evidently chosen over his democratic opponent, Frank R. Madden of Slowhegan.

## SENATORIAL RACE IS CLOSE

### Republican Nomination Returns in Montana Favor Riddick.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 11.—Returns from the primary of August 29 have been received by state canvassers from all but Fergus, Flathead, Pondera and Valley counties.

The vote so far tabulated shows a lead for Carl W. Riddick of Lewistown, representative, for the republican nomination for United States senator over Wellington D. Rankin, attorney-general, of 2947. The tabulation for the republican congressional nomination in the second district shows Scott Leavitt of Great Falls leading J. M. Burlingame, also of Great Falls, by 361, with Fergus county the only one missing in the district.

For the democratic nomination in the first district, the only other one which was close, the tabulation, with three counties still missing, shows John M. Evans of Missoula leading Byron E. Cooney of Butte by 465.

## FRANCE WINS NOMINATION

### William C. Bruce, Democrat, Defeats Two Opponents.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 11.—Joseph I. France, United States senator, was renominated by the republicans in yesterday's primary. Returns early today showed that he had carried 10 of the 27 voting units in the state, including Baltimore city, and had an apparently safe margin in several others, which would give him considerably more than the necessary 67 convention delegates.

In the three-cornered democratic contest William C. Bruce appeared assured of the nomination, although the preferential voting delayed the counting of the ballots and caused confusion in some districts. T. Alan Goldsborough, representative, democratic, the only member of the present congressional delegation whose renomination was contested, won a decisive victory.

## ACCUSED FARM HAND VICTIM OF MISTAKE

### FRED HANSTEEN NEARLY EX-TRADITED FROM STATE.

### Similar Appearance and Employment on Same Ranch as Thief Suspect Cause Arrest.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Fred Hansteen, held here on the suspicion that he was Russell Dow, wanted in connection with the Louis Palm house robbery in Fairfield, Ia., is not, according to Sheriff Harris and County Attorney Munro, of Fairfield, the man who was connected with the crime. Following a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Campbell here today, Hansteen was released and a peculiar story of mistaken identity was revealed.

Hansteen was arrested near Bull Run, September 2, by Sheriff Wilson at the request of the Iowa authorities. At the hearing today it developed that the information upon which the arrest was made was received by the Iowa authorities from the father of Dow's pal. This man, Ira Vernon, employed on a ranch in Washington, wrote to his father that Dow was with him and that he was going under the name of Pete Wells. The father, then living in Devers, Wyo., notified the officers, who searched for the pair, Wells, or Dow, eluded them and in the meantime, according to the stories told in court, Hansteen became employed on the ranch in Dow's place.

Because of similarity in physical description, Hansteen was mistaken for Dow, was followed and later arrested.

## LAD, 6, KILLED BY AUTO

### Newell Miles of Gladstone Is Run Down Near Bridge.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Newell Miles, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miles of Gladstone, died in an Oregon City hospital tonight of injuries sustained when he was hit by an automobile at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The youngster, with a boy friend, had been carrying water to campers on the Pacific highway. The automobile, which was driven by L. J. Cook of Jennings Lodge, crossed the bridge and struck young Miles. The youngster sustained broken legs and internal injuries.

## HEAVY LIFE LOSS SHOWN

### Hammonia Wreck Victims Estimated at 80 to 150.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—There was a considerable loss of life when the German steamer Hammonia foundered off Vigo Saturday. Confirmation of the loss was obtained at 1:15 o'clock this morning when the British steamer Kinfauus Castle docked here with 235 of the rescued passengers and crew on board.

Kinfauus Castle, said the loss of life possibly would reach 80. Others on board estimated the dead at 150.

## TWO TRAINS RESTORED

### Runs Vacated in Interest of Fuel Economy Re-established.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 11.—Restoration of Northern Pacific passenger trains No. 312 and No. 313 between Spokane and Lewiston, Idaho, withdrawn July 19 in the interest of fuel economy, was announced today by W. H. Ude, general agent of the road here.

No. 313 was due to leave here at 4 P. M. and No. 312 will leave Lewiston at 8 A. M. tomorrow, it was said.

## PAVED ROAD IS OPENED

### Pacific Highway From Pioneer to Woodland Available.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The Pacific highway from Pioneer to Woodland, which has been closed for paving since spring, was reopened to traffic today. The Pacific highway is now paved through Clarke county, from Vancouver to Woodland, by way of La Center.

The Pacific highway is also paved from Woodland to Martin's Bluff, which will be opened within a short time.

## OLD NAIL CUT IS FATAL

### Boy, 7, Dies From Blood Poisoning Brought on 4 Months Ago.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Zielinski, seven-year-old son of Henry Zielinski, of Williamette, died Sunday from blood poisoning, which had resulted from the lad's stepping on a rusty nail four months ago. He had been ill since that time.

## MISSING ACTOR SOUGHT

### Wallace McCutcheon, Victim of Shell Shock, Disappears.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The missing persons bureau today requested the Washington police to look through all of the sanitariums in the capital for Wallace McCutcheon, actor and former husband of Pearl White.

McCutcheon, who was shell-shocked during the war, when he was a major, disappeared from his home here.

## SAWMILL BURNS; LOSS \$1,000,000

### Huge Hammond Plant at Astoria Destroyed.

### Docks and Tramway Saved

### Power Plant and Two Dry Kilns Wiped Out.

### OVERHEATED BOX CAUSE

### Dynamite Used on Burning Structure to Save Company Offices and Residences.

### ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—A property loss of close to \$1,000,000 was sustained, more than 500 men were deprived of employment and the city was robbed of a payroll exceeding \$75,000 a month by a fire, the most disastrous Astoria has suffered in many months, which started at 5 o'clock this afternoon destroyed the Hammond Lumber company's main mill, two dry kilns with their contents, and the big power plant. The outer docks, an elevated tramway, a large quantity of lumber and a substantial portion of the lumber stored in the yard were saved.

About 20 railway cars loaded with lumber ready for shipment were hauled away from the plant to safety while the fire was in progress.

### Fire Originates in Edger.

The mill took fire from an overheated box on the big edger in the main mill about 5 o'clock, just as the night crew was going to work. Within an instant it had spread throughout the plant and before the fire-fighting crew could get water on the blaze the entire structure was in flames. The city department responded to the general alarm and its big pumper was sent to the river side of the plant, preventing the flames from spreading to the wharf and confining them to the main buildings. There was but little wind and the firemen working on the shore side of the plant were able to save the company offices, stores, hotel and the residences, although to accomplish this dynamite was used to blow up a portion of the burning structures.

### Loss Is \$1,000,000.

The loss is roughly estimated at about \$1,000,000 on which some insurance was carried. As J. H. Rankin, manager of the mill, is in California no figures on the insurance could be obtained, nor could any announcement be obtained as to whether the plant would be rebuilt. The Hammond Lumber company furnished the Pacific Power & Light company electric power for lighting the city, and as a result of the fire Astoria was without electric power and lights for more than two hours, or until the recently constructed

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## MRS. HARDING SHOWS MUCH IMPROVEMENT

### FEVER DECREASING AND STRENGTH INCREASING.

### All Thought of Surgical Procedure Not Abandoned; President Greatly Cheered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Harding was said to be "getting along very nicely" by Dr. Carl Sawyer, son of Brigadier-General Sawyer, at 10:05 o'clock tonight. "Her improvement is continuing," he said to newspapermen as he entered an automobile for a ride with Mrs. Sawyer and Chairman Lasker of the shipping board.

It was learned that President Harding retired at 9:30 o'clock tonight.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Harding, wife of the president, who has been seriously ill since last Thursday, was so much improved today that her physicians were much encouraged. The danger point, however, has not been passed.

General Sawyer, the White House physician, said in an interview that there were many encouraging signs in Mrs. Harding's condition, but that it would be too much to say the crisis was over.

The distinguished patient passed such a restful night, with the fever decreasing and her strength gaining, that it was determined this morning by the consulting specialists to defer a decision as to the necessity for surgical relief. Again this evening the attending staff of specialists agreed that the continued improvement warranted continuing the treatment of the patient without resorting to an operation.

All thought of operation has not been abandoned, but if Mrs. Harding continues to gain as she has in the last 24 hours, it may be unnecessary for her to submit to surgical treatment, which, all admit, would be dangerous at her age and in the weakened condition brought on by the strain of the last week.

"Mrs. Harding is considerably better," said Dr. Sawyer to the correspondents at the White House, when he, accompanied by Dr. Charles Mayo, Dr. George T. Harding Jr., and others in attendance upon Mrs. Harding, appeared on the lawn to have their pictures taken.

"Mrs. Harding has had a restful day," Dr. Sawyer continued. "Her fever is much less and we are gradually removing the poison from the system, without resort to surgery. The increased elimination has given us a sense of relief we have not had before. She is gaining in strength and spirits. For the first time since her serious illness she asked for nourishment. That is a very good sign. We are all very hopeful for continued improvement."

"Could you say that the crisis of her illness has passed?" Dr. Sawyer was asked.

"No, I would not dare to say that," he replied.

President Harding was reported by his intimate associates to be greatly cheered over the favorable turn in his wife's condition. For two hours this afternoon he walked on the White House grounds with Will Hays, ex-postmaster-general. It was the first time he had been out of the executive mansion since Friday afternoon.

"The president is much cheered up," said Mr. Hays afterward. "We

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## SEPTEMBER RECORD IS EQUALED AT 93

### MARK REACHED ONLY THREE TIMES IN HISTORY.

### Weather Man Promises No Relief From Heat Wave Which Sweeps Northwest.

HEAT TEMPERATURES IN NORTHWEST YESTERDAY.

Medford	106
Ashland	98
Albany	97
The Dalles	97
Salem	97
Eugene	94
Portland	93
Marshfield	93
Abbeville	90
Astoria	87

As hot a day as has ever been recorded in September in the history of the city was yesterday when the thermometer registered the oppressive temperature of 93 degrees at 3 P. M. Such great heat at this time of the year has happened only three previous times, in 1888, 1907 and 1909. The only detectable cause of such strange behavior of the weather is that this section is within a low pressure area extending north from western Arizona.

The forecast for today promised no relief from the heat, and citizens are warned to guard as best they can against continued high temperatures.

### Hourly temperatures for the afternoon:

12 M.	84 1/2	3 P. M.	92
1 P. M.	88 1/2	6 P. M.	92
2 P. M.	91	9 P. M.	92
3 P. M.	93		

## MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—One hundred and four

temperature was reported in Coos county from McKinley yesterday, the hottest of a sweltering day which drove everybody to the beaches. The government thermometer registered the highest since September 30, 1919, and there is no record in the government bureau of a hotter day in recent years. The McKinley temperature was the highest at that station in 25 years. Today has also been warm throughout this section but a light breeze from the sea kept the temperature below 90.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—With maximum temperatures of 106 today, 104 Sunday and 98 on Saturday, Medford and vicinity is in the midst of a spell of unusually hot weather.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Today was the third hottest of the year with a temperature of 90, three degrees hotter than Sunday.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Salem and Marion county today sweltered in one of the warmest days of the year. This afternoon thermometers in the business district registered as high as 92. The heat was slightly more intense than on yesterday.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—For two days Albany has sweltered beneath an unrelenting September sun. Yesterday's high mark of 96 was surpassed this afternoon, when the mercury climbed to 97. These two high marks are not records for the month of September.

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## SPENCE DISOWNS TAX BILL FRAUD

### Paid Circulators Crooks, Avers Grange Head.

### MANY FORGERIES DISCLOSED

### 110 Witnesses Brand Signatures as False.

### YOUTHS AND ALIENS SIGN

### Petitions Represented to Cut Carfare, Rents, Phone Rates and Even Cost of Fish.

### C. E. Spence, state grange master, disclaimed all responsibility for the

gross frauds perpetrated by circulators of the graduated income tax petitions in Multnomah county, following testimony of a score of witnesses in the circuit court yesterday for the forgery of their signatures.

"I'm inclined to believe these circulators are a bunch of crooks," declared Mr. Spence in a statement to Circuit Judge Bingham, made in open court. "If they are not, the witnesses I have heard today are the biggest liars I ever saw, while I refuse to believe. What I wish to make clear to the court, however, is that the state grange had no part in these dishonesties."

### Specific Instructions Given.

"These circulators were recommended to me by people of Portland who told me that they had handled such work before—and let me say right here that I don't believe they confined their crooked methods to the income tax bill. Their instructions from us were very specific. I told them that we wanted only the names of legal voters and that truthful statements concerning the nature of the bill only should be made."

"I listened to some of them and never heard one use the arguments produced here in court, except the claim that the bill would 'reduce taxes,' which is legitimate because it would reduce existing taxes and relieve the land-owner from part of his burden."

### 110 Witnesses Heard.

"In spite of what you have heard in this court, do you still insist that this measure be placed on the ballot?" Wallace McCamant, attorney engaged in attacking the validity of names still on the petitions, asked.

"I do, if there are enough legal names still on the petitions to justify its presentation."

One hundred and ten witnesses were heard yesterday, which meant the elimination of very near that number of names from the petition, believe those seeking the injunction to prevent the measure from going on the November ballot. The plaintiff contends that the dropping of 495 names is all that is necessary to invalidate the petition, the defense holds that 613 names filed late must also be challenged, or a total of 1108.

### Wholesale Forgeries Disclosed.

Wholesale forgeries were disclosed when Attorney McCamant took a new tack yesterday. Hitherto, attention has been focused solely on the names which had been rejected by the county clerk but were certified to by notaries. Yesterday approximately 30 names were picked at random from the petitions containing the certification of the county clerk that the names thereon were of registered voters.

Called as witnesses, none of these persons recognized their signatures on the petition and all branded them as forgeries. This confirmed the suspicion that some of the paid circulators had obtained a list of names of voters and had written them in on the petitions without consulting them as to their wishes.

### Deputies Not to Blame.

There is no reflection against the deputies in the office of the county clerk contained in this discovery for the signatures were not compared, only the names being checked against typewritten file cards in the registration office.

E. Dappen of 775 Williams avenue not only testified that it was not his signature on the petition but that he was an alien and not entitled to vote.

Mrs. N. Spidell, 749 Umatilla street, declared that the signature on the petition was not hers. Ray Her, 458 East Thirty-fourth street; Essie Rowley, 623 Clatsop street; L. Hodges, 720 Linn street; Mrs. D. Halls, 583 East Salmon street; Helen Becker, 375 Harney street; Joseph Plancher, 903 Division street, and Mrs. Evelyn Duncan, Linnton, were among the others who declared their names had been forged to the petitions.

### Petition in Misrepresented.

Rachel Dickson, 937 East Stark street, and Ethel Payne, 663 Knapp street, testified that they were told the petition was to restore the five-cent fare on the street car lines.

Mrs. J. W. Jeffries, 603 Knapp street, said she was informed that the measure was to reduce rents.

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## TRIPS TO EUROPE WILL BE FAIR PRIZE

### INDUSTRIAL CLUB GIRLS PREPARING BIG DISPLAYS.

### Highest Scoring Teams to Compete for National Honors at Livestock Exposition.

### SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Girls of Oregon who are identified with industrial club work are

putting forth special efforts this fall to make their displays at the various county and state fairs notable, for aside from the usual cash prizes and trips to the Oregon agricultural college offered, there is held out the possibility of a European trip to those who stand the elimination tests at the sectional contest which follows at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland this fall.

A three-months' trip to Europe for four county girls, with all expenses paid, is the prize offered for winning members of canning teams of the United States, the American Committee of Devastated France providing the trip, for which 55,000 girls the country over are expected to compete this fall.

The first and second highest scoring teams at each exposition contest will compete for national honors during the week of the International Livestock exposition in Chicago, December 2 to 3.

The local clubs of Marion and Polk county are doing their best work in years, in all branches of the work, with girls and boys both demonstrating special interest in livestock.

Miss Bessie Bloom, a 15-year-old girl, of Silverton, will come back to the state fair again this year, entering in both the industrial club exhibits and open classes.

Homer Bray, 16, of near Salem, won the cup in the Marion county judging team at the state fair last year, and also at the livestock exposition in Portland. He is on the team again this year. Glen Mathis is another Marion county boy who will prove a formidable contestant.

Recent survey of the activities of the girls and boys in Polk county showed equal interest, with all club members making good progress in the various projects.

Many boys and girls of the county have begun to raise poultry.

## RAILROAD YARD BOMBED

### Right-of-Way Damaged; Defective Fuse Saves Lives.

### PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The railroad right-of-way was

damaged and windows broken by a dynamite bomb which exploded as it rolled under a car at the town of Umatilla, yard east of the O. & W. R. Co. company, at midnight Saturday. It was learned here today that a defective fuse to explode a second bomb of larger dimensions probably saved the lives of nearly 40 workmen who were sleeping in a Pullman car in the Umatilla yards.

Special agents and members of the sheriff's force working on the case have not yet found any clues.

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