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LIQUOR IS ISSUE IN MANY COUNTIES

Desperate Battle Near End in Illinois.

DRYS MAY WIN FOUR COUNTIES

Hope to Gain Five Wet Cities in Dry Territory.

BITTER CONTEST WAGED

Liquor Interests Fight Hard to Regain Lost Ground—Drys Have Advantage in Most Places, May Lose One Town.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—(Special)—Municipal and state elections of more than local interest will be held Tuesday in many parts of the United States.

Illinois' contribution to the Nation-wide political excitement which reaches its climax on that day, will come from bitter and slashing contests over the saloons in 33 cities and villages. Twenty-three of these places are now dry and the liquor interests are fighting desperately to regain lost ground.

Four new counties may be added to the 36 already entirely dry, if the temperance forces carry the day by storm.

Where Liquor Is Issue.

The cities and villages of Illinois which are to vote on the saloon question are the following:

At Present.

Chandlerville, Cass. Wet
Petersburg, Menard. Wet
Athens, Menard. Wet
Tallmadge, Menard. Dry
Oakland, Menard. Dry
Jacksonville, Morgan. Dry
Mercedoia, Morgan. Dry
Winchester, Scott. Dry
Naples, Scott. Dry
Exeter, Scott. Dry
Kempville, Calhoun. Dry
Hamburg, Calhoun. Dry
Beechmont, Calhoun. Dry
Couterville, Randolph. Dry
Baldwin, Randolph. Dry
Ellis Grove, Randolph. Dry
Rockwood, Randolph. Dry
Dwight, Perry. Dry
Perry, Perry. Dry
Willowville, Perry. Dry
Anna, Union. Dry
Jenkintown, Union. Dry
Groton, Putnam. Dry
Brookport, Massac. Dry
Metropolis, Massac. Dry
Joplin, Massac. Dry
Perry, Pulaski. Dry
Mount City, Pulaski. Dry
Grand Chain, Pulaski. Dry
Ullin, Pulaski. Dry

Four Counties May Go Dry.

The four new counties which may be added to the large number from which the salons have already been driven are Menard, Morgan, Scott and Pope. Petersburg and Athens are the only wet cities remaining in Menard; Mercedoia is the only one in Morgan; Naples is the only one in Scott, and Golconda is the only one in Pope.

James K. Shields, superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League, expressed confidence today that the dry advocates would be successful in each of these five cities and would successfully combat the liquor forces who are seeking to gain entrance in other cities in these particular counties.

Jacksonville is the largest city which is voting on the saloon question. Two years ago the city voted dry by 75 majority, and this year the Anti-Saloon people claim victory by 100% majority, although there is a mighty battle on.

Reports From Counties Vary.

Dispatches from the scenes of warfare today indicated the local optimists are conceded a shade the advantage in most places. Reports by counties are as follows:

Cass—Chandlerville may go wet, although claimed by both sides.

Menard—Oakland and Tallmadge likely to remain dry, while Petersburg and Athens may be added to the dry column.

Scott—Indications point to gain for drys at Naples, while South Winchester and Exeter will remain dry.

Randolph—Rockwood will go dry, while Ellis Grove, Couterville and Baldwin will remain dry.

Perry—Saloon interests may regain

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GEODETIC SURVEY EMPLOYEE DROPPED

ONE MAN LOSES FEDERAL JOB, ANOTHER'S PAY CUT.

Frank W. Perkins Loses Head, John J. Gilbert Reduced—McHarg's Last Official Act.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Frank W. Perkins, acting superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, was today suspended without pay, and John J. Gilbert, Inspector of Hydrograph and Topography, reduced from \$3000 to \$2000 as the result of charges of administrative irregularities.

The action was taken by Acting Secretary of Commerce and Labor McHarg. Their cases will be passed upon later by Secretary Nagel.

Just on the eve of his retirement from office Mr. McHarg took action on the charges against the two officials. Perkins was at the head of the survey, while Dr. O. P. Tittman, the director, was in Europe. The charges, Acting Secretary McHarg said today, do not in any way affect Dr. Tittman.

Perkins is charged with suppressing official correspondence and shielding employees who have been reported; also with having refused to forward to the head of the Department of Commerce and Labor charges against the management of the survey and with evading questions officially asked him. A charge of inefficiency has been made against Gilbert.

There are also allegations of favoritism through the pigeonholing of the reports against certain employees in the bureau.

MAYOR PRATT PAYS FINE

Delinquent in Water Assessments,

He Cheerfully Remits Coln.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 30.—(Special)—Mayor Pratt was yesterday fined the sum of 50 cents for failure to pay his water assessment. The Mayor paid the fine, together with a bill for water rental of \$3.50, with all the grace of an ordinary private citizen caught with the goods.

In speaking of the matter this morning City Treasurer Peterson said that the department was no respecter of persons.

"Everyone looks alike to us here," he said, "and I am glad we had the opportunity of catching His Honor, the Mayor. People will now realize that I have no discretion in the matter of refunding fines for the nonpayment of water rentals and will not ask me to refund the amount of the fines."

HOOK SAVES FALLING MAN

Painter Caught in Midair—Fellow Workman Drops to Death.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Checked in his fall from a scaffolding on which a fellow-workman had just pitched to death on the stone abutment of the Williamsburg bridge, 150 feet below, James Donahue, a painter, today in the sight of thousands hung suspended from a grappling hook at the end of a long rope which had caught in his clothing as he fell.

Head downward, Donahue swung in midair until persons on the bridge structure above swung him another rope. He thus grasped, pulled himself head uppermost and was drawn to safety.

Owen Finnegan, a painter, was the man killed.

FIRES SWEEP BLACK HILLS

Forests Burn in Six Places and Loss

Is Immense.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Oct. 30.—No less than six forest fires are now burning in the Black Hills, and damage already done will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The most serious one, near Pactola, is still uncheckered. The number of fire-fighters has been increased.

The Deadwood office of the Forest Service has been notified of a fire burning north of Custer, another east of Hill City, still another between Mystic and Merritt, and still another near Merritt. The Homestake mine force at Pactola has been recalled to save its timber reserves.

SPAIN SUSPENDS CASES

Courts-Martial Ordered Dropped

Until Examination Made.

BARCELONA, Oct. 30.—Premier Moret telephoned today to the authorities here to suspend the execution of all court-martial cases until they could be examined by the government.

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ONWARD MARCH OF PORTLAND STEADY

October Figures Break Records of Past.

EXPORTS BEAT PUGET SOUND

Building, Banking and Postal Receipts Set New Marks.

BIG PROJECTS HEL. STATE

Year Will Be Best in City's History and Business Men Predict Growth and Prosperity Will Know No Lull.

ith bank clearings surpassing anything in the history of the city, a new high record established in the issuance of building permits, postal receipts increasing at the rate of from 12 to 24 per cent a month, and grain shipments smashing all former records, with assured promise of a record-breaking movement of the same products in November, confirmatory proof is furnished of the supremacy of Portland as the industrial and commercial center of the Pacific Coast.

Story Told by Figures.

These corroborative facts are supplied in statistics relating to these various activities for the month of October. Statistics from the same sources for the last ten months show that the record for 1909 for the same activities, a reliable index to the progress of any community, will exceed all former records.

Not only have the business operations of the city for the month of October broken several previous high records, but the same statistics to date prove convincingly that the record for the year 1909 will set a new standard by which to measure the future activities of a greater Portland. The prospects for a continued and increased business activity in Portland, with attendant prosperity for laborer, merchant, manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer and banker during the remainder of the year and in 1910 never were brighter.

Big Projects Under Way.

There are many public improvements under construction and contemplated which will employ thousands of laborers and disburse great amounts of capital. Among these enterprises may be mentioned the construction of railroads into Central Oregon, to Thamook and the completion of the Klamath-Nation cessions of the Southern Pacific system, which already have been begun. Numerous extensions of electric power lines which have been planned, the completion of the Government irrigation projects and the continuation of many private irrigation projects, particularly in Central Oregon, will make for the further development and prosperity of the state, in which every citizen will share directly or indirectly.

Promised settlement of the affairs of the two Portland banks which suspended during the financial disturbance 1907 will serve further to improve prosperous conditions locally and return to circulation many thousands of dollars which have for over two years been involved either in a receivership or a plan of reorganization.

Banks Gain 21 Per Cent.

Portland bank clearances for the month of October, this year show an increase of 21 per cent over October a year ago. Throughout the year the clearances each month have been showing an increase over the similar period in 1908 of from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The total of these clearances for this month was \$40,965,548. For the same month in 1908 the clearances aggregated \$32,713,000, being an increase of \$8,185,542. For the week ending yesterday the clearances show an increase over the total for the corresponding week of 1908 of \$2,278,601, a gain of 37 per cent. The clearances in October, 1908, aggregated \$6,658,292, as against \$8,338,893 for the month which ends today.

Permits for the construction and im-

LOWE WILL BUILD BIGGEST AIRSHIP

PIONEER AERONAUT INVENTS FREIGHT-CARRIER.

Holds Distance Balloon Record and Will Fly Across Continent With 20-Ton Load.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 30.—(Special)—After 60 years of activity in the field of instruction Professor Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, of Pasadena, announces that he is about to complete the labor of his life and give to the world practical freight-carrying air craft.

"The day of experimenting has passed," said Professor Lowe today, "and I hope before long to be able to start the largest practical airship the world has ever seen on a trip to the Atlantic Coast."

While the plans of the airship are yet a guarded secret, the inventor has shown them to General Allen, chief of the United States Signal Service, and to the practical minds that have conceived and reviewed them to contain no flaws destined to prove fatal in the final test.

"If you will imagine that I had in my balloon ear when I went up for reconnaissance with General McClellan the 100 or 150-horsepower motor engines of 1909, you will see that I could have ended the Civil War in a week. I will be able to carry 20 tons on my experimental airship," he said.

CONDENSED NEWS BY WIRE

The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 52.2 degrees; minimum, 43.9 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain Sunday; southerly winds.

Foreign.

Professor Wheeler lectures at Berlin before Kaiser and distinguished audience. Section 1, page 3.

Students make up at closing meeting of Royal University at Dublin. Section 1, page 4.

Last of Greek mutineers vessels surrenders and Thalibald is fugitive. Section 1, page 2.

National.

Census Bureau shows year 1908 had lowest death rate on record. Section 1, page 2.

Plans for O. R. & N. E. begin up at Washington. Section 1, page 2.

Winnipeg weather information from Bourne and Ellis. Section 1, page 2.

Tatt speaks for bond issue for rivers and harbors and suggests radical measures. Section 1, page 4.

Politics.

Desperate battle on liquor laws to be fought in Illinois Tuesday. Section 1, page 1.

Local liquor revenue comes Alabama to cover money for salaries. Section 1, page 2.

Gaylor's election probable, but Fusionists will withdraw from control funds. Section 1, page 1.

Speaker Cannon at New Orleans calls idea of insurgents tommyrot and peanut politics. Section 1, page 1.

Domestic.

Other persons may be implicated with Section 1, page 1.

Woman in Van Rojen murder. Section 1, page 1.

Government surveyor questions truth of Cook's claim to have climbed Mount McKinley. Section 1, page 2.

West Point cadet probably fatally injured in football game with Harvard. Section 2, page 2.

Sports.

Multnomah defeats Catholic Club 9 to 0. Section 2, page 2.

Washington team expected to visit Coast in future. Section 1, page 1.

Big league teams play the contest in Portland.

Over three Northwestern League players bat better than .300. Section 4, page 4.

Portland auto firm will try co-operative plan. Section 1, page 5.

Football game at Willmette 29 to 0. Section 2, page 2.

Washington overwhelms Idaho, 50 to 0. Section 2, page 2.

Willis Hart, pugilist, dies poor. Section 1, page 11.

Pacific Northwest.

Hoover River apple fair attracts 500 people from Portland. Section 1, page 1.

Fruit boxes at Albany fair sell for \$21.50. Section 1, page 6.

Washington County farmers urged to import cattle from Mexico. Section 1, page 6.

Ore. dairymen seek market supply inadequate. Section 1, page 7.

Albany prepares to entertain Al Kader Temple of Mystic Shrine. Section 1, page 6.

President Campbell speaks good words for Sanitary conditions at Nampa. Section 1, page 9.

Long capture two escaped convicts at Salem. Section 1, page 6.

Three judges may act as majority in Washington Supreme Court. Section 1, page 7.

Real Estate and Building.

Hotel deal is feature of week's realty market. Section 4, page 7.

October total for building sets new mark. Section 1, page 11.

Marshall-Wells Company to build \$400,000 warehouse. Section 4, page 9.

Portland and Vicinity.

October breaks all records for business in Portland. Section 1, page 1.

Allenites to examine little Ernest Harpe. Section 1, page 1.

Bailey's crusade. Section 1, page 4.

Moffat will confer with directors before announcing Oregon Electric extension. Section 1, page 6.

All Portland men and boys take for Baby Day. Section 4, page 12.

Major Simon becomes voluntary milk inspector. Section 4, page 12.

Rose Festival seeks recognition abroad. Section 4, page 12.

Selma will begin campaign Monday to raise \$12,000 for Y. M. C. A. Section 1, page 8.

KING MENELIK STRICKEN

Death of Ruler of Abyssinia Considered Probable.

ADDIS ABABA, Abyssinia, Oct. 30.—King Menelik was stricken with apoplexy on Thursday night.