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MARRIED MEN WIN BY CLOSE MARGIN

Madras Bachelors Lose By Score
9 to 8 in Close Exciting Ball
Game

The Benedict-Bachelor ball game passed off in a blaze of glory, the married men getting the glory, and the bachelors the smoke. The final score, 9 to 8, in favor of the men who had wives at home to cheer them on to victory, was largely due to the presence of one certain Siwash Indian, whose ability as a clean-up hitter, and general base runner was responsible for that mysterious "break", which puts ball games in the won or lost column. The bachelors believe they could appeal the game, in that the married men failed and neglected to show any evidence that the Indian is a married man, and get the decision of the Base Ball Court of the Last Resort, but the married men played hard, and deserved all that they got. Realizing that they are denied the pleasures of single blessedness that their defeated brothers indulge in to their heart's content, the losers have gracefully admitted their errors, and would take not one iota of praise and contentment away from their brethren who have promised to "love and obey."

Not being able to find a qualified official, as per the announcement in last week's Pioneer, H. Kersten undertook the role of umpire to the satisfaction and pleasure of all but catcher Colby, of the married contingency, who especially, when defeat was the most conspicuous asset in the marriedmen's bat-bag, offered a few remarks that would lead one to believe that he belonged to the tribe of soap-box orators, but as defeat was turned into victory, he was more prolific in reciting how "we" killed the bear, than in finding fault with the "umps."

It is unfortunate that there is not some arrangement whereby the spectators can be more comfortably seated during the game. Sunday a small temporary grandstand was erected by one of the ladies present, which proved inadequate to meet the occasion, breaking, as grandstands do, at the very crises of the game. Fortunately the lone occupant was uninjured.

Possibly the most delighted spectator present was the "lady friend" of the aforementioned Indian. As her Romeo proved to be the Big Chief of the occasion, her joy and delight knew no bounds, her contortions at these moments of extreme pleasure and satisfaction offering strong competition to the ball game, from the standpoint of interest to the spectators.

Another ground of protest available should the bachelors care to appeal the result, was the wearing of three gloves by second baseman Stanton, the rules specifically allowing each fielder the use of one glove only. After this extra precaution to safeguard his fingers from injury, Frank Shugert was just mean enough to hit Stanton on the hand while he was at bat. Then to show that there was no hard feelings in the matter, umpire Kersten refused to allow Stanton to take his base. Gee! The umpire is a most unhappy man, when he must send a man like Stanton back, when he knows full well that the star



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WHO SEEMS SURE OF THE OREGON PREFERENCE VOTE AT THE POLLS TOMORROW

MADRAS GETS TWO WOOL SALES DATES

June 21st and July 15th Named by
Oregon Wool Growers Association

Madras will have wool sales at the local warehouse on June 21 and July 15, according to the revised sale dates for Oregon, as recently issued by John G. Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Wool Grower's Association. Prominent wool buyers and dealers from Boston New York and other eastern points will be present, besides many representatives of western concerns. The original schedule of sale dates omitted Madras, but the large wool growers of this section complained to the association with the result that two dates were given to Madras.

A partial list of Oregon dates follows:

Shaniko June 6 and June 21;
Ontario June 10; Vail June 11
Madras June 21 and July 15;
Metolius June 22 and July 16.

second sacker could get on the base by no other means. Wade Siler also took a sweet one in his slats by way of free transportation to the bases.

However when it came to artistic work on the bases, our friend Gerbing is in a class by himself. He has the grace and equipoise of a caterpillar engine, and the speed of an eight day clock, suffering with a chronic case of rheumatism.

But the one question we would ask is whether Stanton divided his pie with the other married men.

OREGON IS IN LEAD IN WINTER CEREALS

Local Crops Show 98 Per Cent. of
Normal on April 1st—Against 92
Per Cent Average

In winter wheat and rye crops conditions at this time, Oregon practically leads all the states. This gratifying showing is made by the latest crop report issued by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture.

The report indicates the average conditions of winter wheat for the country as a whole to be 80.6 per cent of the normal on April 1 of this year, as compared with 83.3 per cent on April 1, 1911, and 86.1 per cent, the average for the past ten years.

In contrast, the showing for Oregon on that date was 98 per cent of the normal, as compared with 97.1 per cent a year ago and a ten year average of 92. Only one other state in the Union, Maryland, makes a showing equal to that of Oregon. That state's crop at this time is placed at 99.

The average condition of the rye crop on April 1, according to the Government report, was 87.9 per cent of the normal, as against 89.3 a year ago and a 10-year average of 89.8.

Here Oregon makes an even better showing than in the case of wheat. For the state, the condition of the rye crop on the date named is placed at 100 per cent, the only state in the Union making such a score. On the same date a year ago, the condition of the Oregon rye crop was given at 98 per cent, and the 10-year average for that date has been 96.

FOUR MILL INCREASE IN 1911 ASSESSMENT

More Money Demanded of County
by State and Timber Cruising
Party Responsible

There is a four-mill increase in taxation in Crook County for the year 1911. This means that for every dollar of taxes you paid last year, you are paying one dollar and a quarter for 1911, or in other words your taxes are increased one fourth.

Looking for the cause of this enormous increase, four times as much as the total increase from 1906 to 1910, there are two causes for the advance. The greatest cause of increase is that, due either to a great increase in the running expenses of the state or to the higher assessment for the year 1911, perhaps both, the state is demanding from Crook County \$22,925.49 more than in 1910, in order to raise which, the county court had to raise the levy two and a half mills.

The other and secondary cause of the raise is a one and a half mill levy for the purpose of cruising the timber in Crook County. Comparing this with the four and a half mill tax for state purposes, which is to raise approximately forty thousand dollars, it will be seen that the estimated cost of cruising the timber in the county is something over thirteen thousand dollars.

Other matters of interest in connection with the levy for 1911 were that though there has been a reduction of two mill on the levy for roads, a two-thirds decrease, there has been an increase for county, general school and high school levies that exactly counter-balance the decrease. Furthermore many of the school districts throughout the county are paying a large special school tax, which in some cases is as much as fifteen mills.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS REORGANIZED

J. L. Campbell Elected Chief and
W. S. Smith Assistant

At a meeting held in the City Hall Tuesday night, the Madras Fire Department was re-organized, and the following officers elected: J. L. Campbell chief; W. S. Smith, assistant chief; Howard W. Turner, captain chemical company; Lewis H. Irving, captain hose company, and D. H. Williams, secretary-treasurer. These officers have met for the purpose of adopting rules and by-laws in regard to the operation of the department, which will be published at an early date for the benefit of property owners, and will proceed immediately to put the department on a sound and efficient basis. Another meeting will be held in the City Hall Monday night at which the organization will be completed by the several captains naming the members of their companies, arranging details as to the time for practicing, and discussing the best means to insure the most efficient service.

Hyde Clarke, surveyor of the Underwriters Equitable Rating Bureau, is expected in Madras Friday, when he will receive applications for new ratings and change in rates for the property in the two business blocks

POLLS OPEN FROM 8 A. M. UNTIL 7 P. M.

National, State and County
Officers to be Nominated

RESULTS ARE DOUBTFUL

Contest for Sheriff, County Judge,
District Attorney Congressman,
Senator and President of
Greatest Interest

President and vice-president of the United States, ten delegates to the national party conventions, five presidential electors, United States Senator, Secretary of State, representative in Congress from the second district, Justice of the Supreme Court, Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, State Senator, district No. 17, District Attorney, seventh judicial district, Attorney General, two joint representatives, 21st district, County Clerk, County Judge, Sheriff, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, Assessor, Surveyor, Coroner and Justice of the Peace are the officers that will be voted for at the primary nominating election held Friday, April 19. The Madras precinct will vote in the Key building, the polls opening at 8 A. M. and closing at 7 P. M. Kutcher precinct will vote in a tent just out of Madras across the Willow Creek Bridge.

During the past ten days politics have been gradually getting warmer, until now they are at fever heat. Candidates Bell, Covey, Brown, Pepper, Smith, Ellis, Springer, McFarlane, Boegli, Pollard, McTaggart, Edwards and others have visited Madras in person and presented their respective claims as candidates for public office. The multiplicity of candidates, there being five out for sheriff, an equal number for County Judge, three for district attorney, has made the races especially close, and the shrewdest political prognosticator will refuse to name the winner in some of the more closely contested races.

County judge, sheriff and representative in Congress are possibly of a little more interest than any of the other contests, because of the apparently even chances for any of the candidates to be successful. However the result of the preference vote for president and United States Senator are state-wide races that are attracting attention not only in Oregon, but all over the country, where the race between Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette, and their forces is steadily tightening, with each candidate leaving no stone unturned to secure the endorsement of the Oregon voters. Woodrow Wilson or Champ Clark will probably lead the other presidential democratic candidates in this state.

Election officers in Madras and Kutcher precinct follow:
Madras precinct, No. 31—Judges, D. W. Barnett, S. E. Gray, W. A. Ellis. Clerks—W. F. Hammer, W. R. Cook Presley T. Atkins.

Kutcher precinct, No. 23—Judges; M. C. Mason, T. A. Taylor, H. W. Gard. Clerks; J. Y. Crews, J. A. Coulter, Robert E. Galloway.

which have heretofore been requiring ten per cent premiums, with some of the companies refusing to take the risk even at those figures.

LOST IN WRECK AT SEA

off Newfoundland
Sinks the Biggest
Vessel Afloat

ONE-THIRD RESCUED

Noted Passengers Aboard Ill-
fated Titanic Gone to Watery
Graves—Boat Sinks in Less
Than Four Hours

Between a thousand and three hundred persons were on Sunday night, when the Star liner Titanic, the great steamship afloat, crashed on an iceberg 500 miles east of Newfoundland, and in about four hours, before assistance could reach her. Of 1,500 passengers and crew of the officials of the company New York are advised that between eight and nine had been rescued by the Conarder Carpathia, the first of the half dozen vessels that answered the distress signals of the ill-fated vessel, arrived at the scene of the wreck. Of those who were rescued, and brought on to New York, all but a few are men and children.

In addition to the fearful loss of life, and the ship itself, which on her maiden voyage, and estimated to have cost \$10,000,000, millions of dollars worth of supplies, by way of baggage, and mail matter, went to the bottom with the ship, which in two miles of water. Among the passengers aboard the vessel, of whom no tidings have been heard, were Col. John Astor, Major A. W. Butt, aide to the President, John Straus, merchant and millionaire, Benjamin Guggenheim, one of the wealthy family high mining interests, and brother of Senator Guggenheim, Colorado, William T. Snead, London author, editor peace diplomat, Clarence husband of Mabel Swift, sister of the Chicago packer, Daniel Washington Roebling, engineer of the Brooklyn bridge, M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, George Widener, traction magnate, R. Millett, artist, Henry B. Harris, theatrical manager, Louis Frelle, author, and many others, whose names are known throughout the civilized world. It is estimated that the passenger list of the ill-fated vessel afloat represented a billion dollars of wealth.

As soon as the Titanic had sent her distress signal, the California, the Olympic, sister ship of the Titanic, the Parisian, a Virginian, the Carpathia and other vessels which were in the locality at the time of the accident rushed to the assistance of the doomed vessel, when the Carpathia, the first to reach the scene of the disaster, arrived, the Titanic had sunk with all but a few hundred passengers, those rescued were picked up from life boats which had been launched from the sinking ship. No one of authority has attempted to lay blame for the accident upon any one, though many have suggested probable causes for the disaster. The Titanic, the largest vessel afloat, was on her maiden trip to New York. She

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