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## ELECTION CARRIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Polled Vote Was in Favor Of and 13 Against

## BOARDS ACTS

Official Notices are Issued by School Superintendent, the High School Board Meeting Will be Called

The special Election or meeting that was held in school districts in Northern Crook County Saturday of last week, a large and representative number of the districts was had during the time of the year and at such a busy season. Several of the districts more were polled than at the school meetings, which were taken by the residents to a Union High School established in this part of the county. Threshing outfits were off and heading outfits stopped long enough to go to the polls. One man informs that this was the first meeting that he had voted at since being a resident of Oregon which was over nine years. The election was practically unanimous, in fact there were three districts where there were dissenting votes cast in favor of the proposition, they were Round Butte, Vanora and as shown by the official report. The vote stood 171 votes in favor of and 13 against the proposition making a total vote of 184 in the ten districts of the Union High School district which includes districts No. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60.

The returns of the election were presented to the District Board, Monday afternoon and favorable action was taken in the matter by the members present and final action was taken by County School Superintendent R. A. Ford as that official returns from the election in the John Day Valley. Everything was in order regarding the school law and the returns show a majority of 171 votes. As soon as the notices are issued to the districts of the result of the election from the County Superintendent's Office, a meeting of the Union High School Board will be called to organize and sign contracts for the use of the Madras Public School building which has been donated for the use of the High school as well as it will accommodate the other schools, free of charge to the Union High School District, also at the same time other necessary matters in connection with the Union High School will be taken up and looked after, as the purchase of equipment and instruct the clerk to the course of study as directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

At the present time there has been between thirty and forty persons signified their intention of attending the Union High School during the coming winter. This number will probably be increased. This will be a good showing for the northern part of Crook County in the establishment of a High School for the benefit of the living in this newly settled territory.

## REUTER AGAIN GOING AFTER PRIZES

Nearly all Nations and Dry Farming States to be Represented by Exhibits at Lethbridge.

Oregon won the chief awards at the International Dry Farming Congress last year at Colorado Springs, and the year before at Spokane, and it appears to have an excellent chance of duplicating its former successes at the congress to be held at Lethbridge, Alberta in the fourth week in October. Former successes were chiefly due to the excellent exhibits entered by Tillman Reuter, the pioneer of dry farming in Oregon, and Mr Reuter is now enlisting the assistance of men in every dry farming section of the State. The exhibits will consist of grains, grasses and vegetables grown by dry-farming processes throughout eastern and Central Oregon, in the sections that cannot be irrigated. Mr Reuter himself will again be a large exhibitor. He will bring to Portland, in the near future, a display of dry farming products to be placed in the Chamber of Commerce to arouse interest in the coming congress at Lethbridge. Vice President Morgan, of Spokane, representing the International Congress in the United States, will return to Oregon the latter part of this month, and will endeavor to organize an excursion from Portland to Lethbridge to attend the congress. "It is claimed that the Dry Farming Congress at Lethbridge will be the greatest agricultural convention in the world during 1912," says Mr Morgan. "Combined with it will be great sectional gatherings and all quarters of the globe will be represented both in attendance and by exhibits. Every nation in the world has been invited by Canada, and 30 have accepted. The dry farming states in this country are to be represented by delegates and exhibits. The United States Government will be represented by an exhibit, the collection of which cost \$10,000.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, will open the congress formally Monday morning, October 21, acting as the official representative of the Government of Great Britain. Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, will respond on behalf of President Taft. Daily sessions will be held, both afternoon and evening, throughout the week and Dr James Widstoe, international president, also president of the Utah State Agricultural College, one of the leaders of the dry farming movement, will preside. "The sectional conventions, to be held at the same time will be nine in number and will comprise conferences on soil tillage methods, machinery crops, and crop breeding, agricultural forestry, livestock and dairying, agricultural education, farm management, scientific research, agricultural colleges and experimental stations and the International Congress of Farm Women.

"Twenty Western States and four provinces of Canada will contest for supremacy in the exposition of dry farming products. Government exhibits will be made by Uruguay, Australia,

## SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS TEACHERS

Miss Lowther, Miss Smith, Miss Areinsmier and Prof. Wasson of The Dalles

The Board of Directors of the Madras Public School have announced their selection of teachers for the coming school year which are as follows; primary department, Miss Catherine Lowther, Intermediate department, Miss S. Areinsmier, advanced grades, 6, 7 and 8, Miss Elva J. Smith, and for Principal Professor Wasson of The Dalles. With the establishment of a Union High School, Professor Wasson will probably be accepted by the Union High School Board, as principal had it not have been established the Board intended to carry on the ninth and tenth grades. Prof. Wasson has been well recommended, and is a capable person to organize and establish the Union High School.

## New Bridge at Bolters

At the last term of the County Court, contracts were signed up with the Coast Bridge Company, for the construction of two more new steel bridges, one to be located across Crooked River at Prineville, and the other across Trout Creek at Bolters.

The bridge at Bolters, is the one most interesting to the residents of Northern Crook County, as many have seen times when the present structure was very unsafe and the new bridge is to be built with concrete foundations and a steel frame, which will make it a substantial and safe bridge for the traveling public. The contract price of each bridge is \$2100.00.

Bolivia, Russia, Hungary, Turkey and other countries. Their will be a machinery exhibit that will probably be the most complete farm machinery show and power demonstration ever made on the continent. A traction engine, valued at \$2500.00 is offered as a prize for the best bushel of hard wheat grown in 1912. "In the official programme, more than 100 men of world wide fame are listed; residents of railroads, of this and other countries well known authorities in all phases of agriculture, and experts in the various lines of farming will make addresses. Lethbridge, itself, is making great preparations to entertain all visitors in a splendid manner".—Oregonian.

## RECORD CROPS FOR CROOK COUNTY

Every Section of Oregon is Reported to have Good Crops—Many Sections New Records will be Made

In a trip out over the northern part of Crook County Monday, which covered the Agency Plains the Lamonta country and the Culver district, the writer had occasion to make, and from the grain fields passed and the harvesting machines in operation, including the Combines, Headers, and the common binder, it seems to him that this is certainly the year of plenty for all of Central Oregon this part of it at least. The grain on the Agency Plains, we are told is turning out from 30 to 35 bushels per acre for the highest thrashed so far of wheat from fall sown grain, while several pieces of volunteer wheat has averaged fourteen to sixteen bushels, and one piece we were told averaged eighteen bushels per acre, all of these being better than the fall sown grain last year. The J. C. Sothman thrashing outfit that has been in operation during the past week, has been turning out some good yields, most of it averaging about thirty bushels of wheat, there being very little if any other grains thrashed in the section known as the Round Butte country. On the Plains there has been some barley thrashed, that averaged fifty bushels per acre, and many more pieces can be seen that are very much better than this particular piece and will probably run sixty bushels or better. In every country in Oregon the crop prospects are excellent and in many of them will surpass any previous year. It will this year in Crook County, in the number of acres in crop and the yield per acre of all cereal crops now being harvested, not a single section has there been a failure according to all reports. In the Willamette Valley, east of the mountains and in the southern part of the state the story is the same, with heavy yields. It is estimated that the total wheat crop of Oregon for this year will be about 18,000,000 and many of the old wheat raising counties, new records will be established, in Umitilla, Wallowa Baker, Serman, Wasco, Union and Gilliam counties, several of which have had nearly a total

## CROOK COUNTY GETS \$5,613.48

Interest on School Money Invested by State Divided Among the Different Counties

Salem, Or., July 31.—School children of the State number 189,506, according to the census completed through the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and to-morrow there will be divided among the counties of the State \$352,481.16 by the State Treasurer. This division will be made on the basis of \$1.86 for every school child in the State enumerated under the census, between the ages of 4 and 20 years. This money represents the interest which is received by the State Land Board from loans on public lands, the loans being made at the rate of 6 percent per annum on first mortgage real estate loans out of the irreducible school fund of the State. In Crook County there are 2,018 children of school age, that is between the ages of 4 and twenty years and the county will receive as their part of this school fund \$5,613.48.

## Glover-Sellma Marriage

Married:—At the new steel bridge on the Deschutes river, Wednesday July 31, Lewis C. Glover and Laura E. Sellma were united, marriage by P. A. Chandler, Justice of the Peace, Culver Tribune.

failure during the past two seasons. The oats crop of the State is estimated at 16,000,000, and the barley crop at 2,000,000 bushels.

Agriculture was never better than this year. It is a bumper season all around and it means prosperity for the farmer and everyone directly concerned with the farmer's welfare; and that includes almost everybody in the State.

If there is any adverse factor in the situation, it is the chance that some of the crops may be so large they will have to sell for less money than in other years.

The surplus to be marketed, however, is so great that the total income will be enormous. The wheat crop this year will net the farmers of Oregon about \$12,500,000. The oats crop will bring in half as much money as the wheat crop, and the barley crop will produce a million. The other grains and hay will also add a vast sum to the state's wealth.

## COLONEL ROOSEVELT CHOSEN CANDIDATE

Progressives Form New Party at Chicago Convention

## NO OPPOSITION VOICED

Governor Johnson of California Selected to Run for Vice President Third Party Shortened to "Progressive"

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the delegates to the first National convention of the new Progressive party tonight proclaimed Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, as their candidate for President, and Hiram W. Johnson, Governor of California, as their choice for Vice-President.

Marking a departure in the proceedings of National conventions, the two candidates then were notified of their nomination, and, in the midst of deafening cheers they appeared before the delegates to voice their acceptance and to pledge



Colonel Roosevelt.

their best efforts to the coming campaign. The convention adjourned at 7:42 P. M. with the delegates singing the "Doxology" in a lusty voice. During the three days it was in session there was not a roll call or a ballot. The delegates asked no such formalities either in placing their candidates in nomination or in voting for them. There was not a voice of opposition either to Colonel Roosevelt or Governor Johnson. The delay in nominating them was due to the large number of seconding speeches allowed.

As has always been the case in National political conventions, the bulk of the work of the progressive gathering was carried on in the committees. The only semblance of a conflict of opinion on the floor was a brief debate today as to whether an hour's recess should be taken. The point was not material, but as one delegate expressed it, "we just had to fight about something to make it a regular convention".

One of the interesting seconding speeches of the day was that of F. R. Glead, of New York, a negro. Glead said the negroes had faith in the new party; to right the wrongs of the race.

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A Typical Harvesting Scene on the Agency Plains Around Madras