

OFFICIAL CANVASS OF COOS COUNTY VOTE BEGUN AT NOON

"Wet" Majority is 38 Unless Error is Found in the Returns.

TALK OF CONTEST MEETS OPPOSITION.

Some of the Leading Prohibitionists Wait for Proof of Fraud.

Unless the official canvass of the election returns in progress in County Clerk Watson's office at Coquille this afternoon develops an error in the unofficial figures given by the precinct judges of election, Coos County's wet majority is thirty-eight. Revised computations of the unofficial figures to Sheriff Gage from the various precincts fix this as the final.

The result on the candidates and other questions submitted at the election are the same as announced in The Times yesterday. The vote on the amendments will not be known until the canvass is completed.

The canvass of the returns is being made under the supervision of Justice I. E. Rose of Myrtle Point, a Democrat, and Justice H. G. Holden of Coquille, a Republican, and County Clerk James Watson. They are simply checking the figures of the election clerks and judges in the various precincts.

Talk of Contest.
There has been more or less talk among leading prohibition workers in Marshfield today of instituting a contest. The vote was so close that they claim that a few errors in some of the precincts might change the result and some of them intimate that it is not unlikely that errors were made, probably unintentionally, by some of the precinct officials.

However, some of the most prominent prohibition workers declare that there will not be a contest unless conclusive evidence of fraud or error is found. They say that they will oppose any effort to institute a contest that is based on mere guesses or rumors.

Whether or not a demand for a recount of the ballots in some of the precincts will be made will probably depend on the outcome of the canvass of the returns now in progress and which will probably be completed late tonight.

The prohibitionists who are talking of a contest are basing their claims on rumors concerning the vote in North Bend.

It is generally believed that a contest would mean long and expensive litigation.

MANY COUNTIES DRY.

Prohibition Scored Several Victories in the Election.

PORTLAND, June 4.—Prohibition has made a surprising showing over the state, winning in almost every instance, particularly in the lesser-populated counties on Monday. Reports from the following counties show that they have carried as a whole for Prohibition:

Dry—Polk, Malheur, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Columbia, Wheeler, Yamhill, Tillamook, Lane, Union, Crook, Morrow, Linn, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wallowa and Grant.

In doubt—Washington, Clackamas, Lincoln, Wasco and Coos. Now dry—Benton. Wet—Marion.

Life of Christ at Orpheum.

DR. WALTER has removed his dental office from Nasburg block to Bennett & Walter building over Magnes & Matson store.

ALL MILLINERY IS BEING SOLD AT MRS. A. G. AIKEN'S AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

Fashion Play Ends Thursday Night.

NO CHANGE IN RESULTS

RETURNS FROM OREGON ELECTION SLOW — REDDY BILLY LIKELY BEATEN—CHAMBERLAIN'S LEAD ABOUT 1,000.

PORTLAND, June 4.—There are practically no developments since yesterday in the returns from the Oregon election, Governor Chamberlain will have a majority of at least 1,000 over H. M. Calkins for United States senator.

The returns are coming in slow. It will be several days before the final results on the amendments will be known. The Reddy Home Rule bill was badly cut in prohibition sections but was strong in others. It is believed that it was defeated.

DOUGLAS COUNTY DRY BY ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 4.—Douglas county went dry by a majority of about 400, according to the latest returns. The wets who expected a big majority in Roseburg barely held their own here. The following county officers were elected:

Mr. Fenton is the owner of the stage line to Coos Bay and holds the mail carrying contract to that point.

W. H. GAMBLE IS STRICKEN

Well-Known Coos Bay Business Man Dies at Tucson, Ariz.

W. H. Gamble, one of the best known business men of Coos Bay and a resident of Southwestern Oregon and Coos county for about forty years, died yesterday at Tucson, Ariz., where he went recently in hopes of benefiting his health. The news of his death came as a great shock to his family in North Bend and friends in North Bend and Marshfield as recent reports had indicated that the threatened quick consumption was being overcome and he was getting stronger. A son, Vince Gamble, who accompanied him to Tucson left there a few days ago to return home, believing that his father had recovered sufficiently to warrant his being left alone. An effort is being made today to get in communication with Vince Gamble at San Francisco in order to have him return to Tucson and bring the remains to Coos Bay for burial.

Mr. Gamble came to Coos county from Missouri with his parents when but a child, forty years ago. The family settled on Kentuck Inlet, the home place being still known as the Gamble ranch. A number of years ago, Mr. Gamble met with an accident that necessitated the amputation of his leg but aside from this had always been rugged and hearty. Last fall, he contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia. Other complications followed, but he did not believe it anything serious until a few weeks ago when his physicians, detecting signs of quick consumption, ordered him to go to Arizona. He went but it was too late.

Mr. Gamble is survived by a wife, three children and several step-children. A sister lives in or near Florence and a brother in or near Astoria. The children are Frank, Sherman and Emma. The step-children are Matilda, Ida, Al, Wm. Cyrus and Vince. All of the family resides in North Bend, the sons being identified with Mr. Gamble's City Meat Market there and the Union Meat Market in Marshfield.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

MAJOR DREYFUS SHOT IN PARIS

Noted French Military Man Wounded While Paying Tribute to Emil Zola who Restored His Liberty.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, June 4.—A total of 230 arrests have been made in connection with the attempt this morning to take Dreyfus' life.

PARIS, June 4.—At the conclusion of the ceremony this morning in connection with the placing of the remains of Emil Zola in the Pantheon and while the procession was emerging from the portico to witness the defile of troops, a member of staff of the France Militaire, who gave his name as Gregori, fired two shots point blank at Major Alfred Dreyfus. One bullet struck the latter in the hand. The assailant was arrested. Dreyfus' injuries are only slight.

It was first thought that President Fallieres had been shot.

Causes Great Confusion.
Scenes of indescribable confusion followed.

The angry crowd surged around Dreyfus and his assailant, knocked the would-be assassin to the floor,

kicked and beat him. Soldiers rushed in and rescued the man. He presented a pitiful spectacle, his face being bloody and clothes literally in shreds. Escorted by the police, the wretch was taken from the place in safety.

The shooting followed a demonstration known as La Jeunesse Catholique, which interrupted the ceremonies with the cry "Down with Dreyfus," and "Long live the army." Dreyfus' wounds were dressed and he was taken to his home.

Twenty arrests have been made for complicity in the crime.

Dreyfus' History.
Dreyfus has occupied a foremost public place in France and in the world for a number of years on account of the sensational exposure of the effort of an army clique to keep him in exile for the remainder of his life. A clique of French army officers who had become piqued at Major Dreyfus, then Captain Dreyfus trumped up charges against him and the court-martial resulted in his being exiled. Emil Zola who had won world wide fame as a novelist became interested in Dreyfus and the result was the exposure of the plot against Dreyfus. The latter is of Jewish origin. Zola succeeded in exonerating Dreyfus but died soon afterwards.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN FIRM

E. W. Kammerer Succeeds John T. Merchant in Firm of Merchant Bros.

Announcement was made today of an important change in business circles by which E. W. Kammerer has purchased John Merchant's interest in Merchant Bros. and that henceforth the firm name would be Merchant and Kammerer. John Merchant who retires from the firm will now devote his time to managing the Merchant estate, the extensive holdings in and around Coos Bay occupying his entire time. W. T. Merchant will continue with the firm.

The announcement came as surprise but a happy one to the numerous friends that Mr. Kammerer has made during his residence in Marshfield and on Coos Bay during the entire time of which he has been identified with the firm in which he now becomes a partner. The few who had learned of the change today hastened to extend congratulations.

Merchant Bros. is one of the oldest and best known mercantile establishments on Coos Bay, and now occupies a foremost rank in Marshfield business institutions. Since W. T. Merchant and John Merchant became active in its management its growth has been rapid and during recent times, Mr. Kammerer has contributed much to the growth and popularity of this business in the firm.

The change in the firm becomes effective at once and the old concern with the new name will commence business in the new store which will hold its opening reception on Friday evening.

Merchant & Kammerer are contributing their full share to the creation of the new Coos Bay in the magnificent new mercantile establishment which they will open tomorrow evening and The Times is certain the entire community will unite with it in wishing the new firm in the new home a long and prosperous career.

SMUGGLE CHINESE IN A BOX CAR

Sixteen Celestials Steal Across From Mexico and are Shipped to San Francisco as General Merchandise.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—When the check clerk of the Southern Pacific opened a box car this morning, he found sixteen Chinamen inside

LOCAL SUIT IS DISMISSED

Action of John Herrin to Compel Southern Oregon Company to Sell Lands Ends Abruptly at Portland.

PORTLAND, June 4.—Upon motion of Tracy C. Becker, special assistant to Attorney-General Bonaparte, the case against the United States and the Attorney-General brought by John R. Herrin and others against Southern Oregon and Coos Bay Wagon Road land cases, was dismissed by Judge Wolverton in the Circuit Court, on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction.

The action in question was filed as the result of the refusal of the two companies to sell their land grants at \$2.50 an acre as provided by act of Congress. As the United States Attorney-General refused to bring suit against the concerns, he was made a co-defendant as well as the United States. At the time, however, a bill was pending in Congress giving the Department of Justice power to sue, and subsequently the measure passed both houses.

Special Attorney-General Becker contended that suit could not be maintained against the Attorney-General and the Government, and Attorney P. S. Minot of Marshfield and of San Francisco, counsel for the plaintiffs, opposed the motion. After hearing arguments from counsel, Judge Wolverton made the order prayed for and the Southern Oregon Company and the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company are now the only defendants in the action.

BELMONT IS DYING.

Noted New Yorker Likely to Succumb to Appendicitis.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 4.—Oliver P. Belmont is reported dying. He was operated on for appendicitis but it was too late. He is not expected to survive the night. He is noted as a Democratic leader, financier and traction magnate.

HARRIMAN WILL PLACE BOND ISSUE ON THE MARKET SOON

IS SHOT IN 'FRISCO ROW

POLICEMAN HEINS INSTANTLY KILLED WHILE TRYING TO STOP BRAWL IN SALOON.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Police man Wm. H. Heins was shot dead early today by Thos. O. Young formerly of Galt, Cal., but more recently employed as a strikebreaker during the strike a few months ago of the street-car men. The murderer was captured with a twin brother, James Young after a fierce fight in which several policemen took part.

The Youngs were involved in an altercation in the "Barbary Coast" saloon. Heins entered the place to investigate and the brothers ran and when they did not halt Heins fired his revolver into the sidewalk.

Thomas dropped to the sidewalk pretending to be shot, and as the officer bent over him Young discharged his revolver into the policeman's body. He died a few minutes afterward.

Young who shot and killed Heins, and his brother, James, who was with him at the time, have been identified as the men who held up and robbed two cars at the Kearny Street terminus late Monday night.

AGED WOMAN MURDERESS?

Mrs. Edward King of Ollalla, Wash., Charged With Killing Her Husband.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, June 4.—Edward King, aged 60, was killed in his home near Ollalla, Kitsap county, one week ago last Sunday. He was cut to pieces with an axe and his body partly destroyed by fire. Mrs. King, the aged wife was arrested and accused of the crime. The woman denies that she killed her husband but in an alleged confession she admits that she chopped the body after she found him dead in his chair. The motive alleged is the refusal of King to deed his wife one-half of the forty-acre tract owned by him. The remains of the body were found in the orchard last Saturday, but the facts were not made public until today.

BANK ROBBED OF \$10,000

Oklahoma Thieves Make Big Haul at Fairland and Escape With Booty.

(By Associated Press.)

TULSA, Okla., June 4.—Three robbers cracked the safe of the Bank of Fairland at Fairland, and escaped with \$10,000.

Posses are in pursuit. The robbers are mounted.

The crime was one of the boldest that has been pulled off in this section in many years. The burglars had carefully planned the robbery. Had their horses near the bank and quickly mounted and fled with their booty. Blood hounds, cowboys and a large force of deputies are scouring the nearby hills.

ALL MILLINERY IS BEING SOLD AT MRS. A. G. AIKEN'S AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

Executive Committee of Southern Pacific Ratifies Issuance of \$50,000,000.

TO BUILD AND IMPROVE LINES.

Expect That Issue Will be Oversubscribed at Home and Abroad.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 4.—The executive committee of the Southern Pacific today ratified the issue of \$50,000,000 bonds. This is part of the issue of \$100,000,000 already authorized by the stockholders of the Harriman systems.

The action today was the last of the preliminary steps necessary to place the bonds on the market.

It is expected that the issue will be oversubscribed as there has been a great demand recently both at home and abroad for gilt edged railroad securities.

The money raised by the bonds is to be used in extending and improving the Harriman lines, principally in the Pacific Northwest.

CAPT. BAILEY IS EXONERATED

Capt. Olson of the Alliance, Fails to Secure Conviction of Master of the Tatoose.

(Special to The Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—Captain Charles T. Bailey, master of the bar tug Tatoose was exonerated by United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller on the charge filed against him by Captain B. W. Olson of the Alliance. Mr. Olson accused Bailey of being guilty of conduct unbecoming a licensed officer when the Alliance arrived at the mouth of the Columbia river from Coos Bay, December 2, in disabled condition.

BOY MANIAC SHOTS STRANGER ON STREET

Minneapolis Authorities Unable to Establish Identity of Slayer of A. P. Camden of Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)

MINNEAPOLIS, June 4.—The police are unable to establish the identity of a twenty-year-old maniac who calmly walked up to A. P. Camden of Chicago late last night and shot him dead. In the boy's trunk is a complete feminine outfit and a woman's wig.

POSTPONE LIBEL CASE.

Publisher of San Francisco Chronicle Sued by Detective Burns.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—The trial of M. H. DeYoung, the publisher of the Chronicle, charged with libel by Detective Burns, did not begin this morning. It was postponed to 2 o'clock this afternoon because of the absence of some of Burns' witnesses.

ALASKA GOLD CLEANUP WILL BE BIG IN 1908.

Seattle Men Estimate it Will Reach \$26,000,000 and Revive Business.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 4.—The Post-Intelligencer, after receiving reports from all points in the North, estimates the gold output for the coming season in Alaska at \$26,000,000. The prediction is made that the coming of this stream of gold from the North will have an effect on the country similar to the manner in which the Klondike gold materially assisted in reviving the business depressions following the panic of 1895.

Passion Play Tonight.