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## BOTH PARTIES CLAIM GREAT VICTORY IN TOMORROW'S BATTLE

Mack and Hitchcock Issue Statement On Outcome of Battle.

NEW YORK RESULT WILL BE VERY CLOSE

Statements On Outcome of ous State Committees.

By Associated Press.  
PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—Although the Democrats are claiming Oregon by over two thousand, there seems to be little reason to the change of Republican estimate of some time ago when it was claimed that Taft would carry the state by 10,000 to 20,000.

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—With the opening of the polls less than twenty-four hours away, the leaders of the two great parties are giving their attention to the last details of what has been one of the most interesting campaigns in many years. Taft will speak this afternoon in Cleveland and tonight winds up the fight for the presidency at Youngstown, going thence to Cincinnati where he will vote tomorrow morning. Bryan is touring northeastern Kansas and will vote in Lincoln tomorrow.

There is no change today in the announced estimates of the opposing national chairmen. Mr. Hitchcock holding steadfastly to his forecast of 325 votes for Taft and Mr. Mack announcing himself as certain that Bryan will receive 333 of the 483 votes in the electoral college.

The Republican organization in New York state is making the final bid for votes "Below the Bronx" today. Governor Hughes expects to deliver ten speeches in this city before midnight. The local Republican leaders are working upon belief that they will hold Bryan's majority in Greater New York down to 80,000 and that Taft come to the Bronx with a plurality from up state counties sufficient to overcome the Democratic vote in the city and leave a margin of twenty thousand in Taft's favor.

The Democrats claim Bryan will have a sufficient majority in Greater New York to more than offset even an unusually heavy Republican vote from the up state. They claim that party unity prevails in every section for the first time in a decade and are depending upon the large labor vote on Tuesday to gain their direction. The result on the state ticket remains in the balance and confident claims of success are put forth by both sides apparently based more upon hope than upon definite information. Political observers declare there never has been a state election more difficult to forecast. So many different phases and so many varying elements enter into the state campaign this year that party lines seem bound to be broken on both sides and the usual political means of forecasting results are useless. The best opinion is that the state is in doubt and that only the counting of votes can determine the result.

### MACK STICKS TO IT.

Reasserts That Republicans Have Standard Oil's Help.  
(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—National Chairman Mack authorized a statement regarding the President's denial of the relations of the administration and the Standard Oil Company, in which he declared he has positive proof of ten days negotiations going on between Taft's managers and the Standard Oil Company to get the support of the Standard Oil Company all over the country and to get a contribution of one million dollars which is the same

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## BIG VOTE IS EXPECTED HERE

Polls Will Be Open From 8 O'Clock In the Morning Until 7 tomorrow Evening.

Tomorrow the battle of the ballots will be waged in Marshfield the same as throughout the state and nation. While only the national tickets are to be voted on in Oregon, the state and county elections having been held in June, there is much interest in the outcome and there promises to be a heavy vote polled locally. The polls open at 8 o'clock in the morning and will remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening. Whether any time is taken at noon for the judges and clerks to secure their dinner is left for the judges to determine.

In the South Marshfield precinct, the polling place will be in the building occupied by Rust's real estate office on Front street, near 'C.' In the North Marshfield precinct, the polling place will be the building adjoining Going & Harvey's furniture store, on North Front street.

Owing to the comparatively small sized tickets, it is expected that the count will be completed here by midnight or before.

Two sets of officials have been selected, one day board and one night board.

In South Marshfield, the night board is composed of the following:

F. M. Friedberg as chairman, with Chas. Metlin and L. J. Mauzey as associate judges, and with John Merchant, Clarence Pennock and Milo Sumner as clerks.

### WILL DISPLAY RETURNS.

Millicoma Club Will Throw Bulletins From National Election On Screens.

Dr. Tower, president of the Millicoma Club, announces that the club has arranged to furnish the special bulletins it will receive Tuesday night to the public. A screen will be put up on one of the buildings opposite the club, and the returns will be flashed on it. G. W. Carleton will operate the Western Union wire that will run into the clubrooms. The display of the returns will be decidedly beneficial to the public in Marshfield and will be more than appreciated by them.

## RECEIVER FOR OREGON RAILWAY

Central Railway of Oregon Between Union, La Grande and Elgin In Financial Trouble.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—The Central Railway of Oregon, operating

between Hot Lake and La Grande by way of Union, and from Union to Elgin, to day passed into the hands of Chester V. Dolph and Henry N. Berry as receivers. The receivership proceedings followed the complaint of the American Trust Company of Boston, which alleges that the interest on \$500,000 bonds has not paid since January 1, 1907.

## PIONEER MEAT MARKET SOLD

Hall and Richards Purchase It and Will Absorb It In Sanitary Market.

Hall and Richards of the Sanitary Meat Market, have purchased the Pioneer Meat Market from George Flanagan and will assume charge of the latter business at once. The Pioneer and Sanitary Meat markets will be merged into the Sanitary Meat Market and will occupy the quarters on Front street that have hitherto been occupied by the Pioneer Meat Market.

Mr. Flanagan who has owned and operated the Pioneer Meat Market for some time, found that his other interests demanded his entire attention and consequently was ready to consider the offer from Messrs. Hall and Richards.

Messrs. Hall and Richards have made a success of the business in Marshfield and expect to give their patrons even better service than they have hitherto. The new location will also be more convenient to their patrons to personally order and select their meats.

## TAFT ASKS LABOR'S AID

Republican Candidate Shows How He Has Been Its Friend.

(By Associated Press.)  
DUNKIRK, N. Y., Nov. 2.—W. H. Taft in his address here spoke strongly of the attacks made upon him as being unfair to labor and declared that few public men have done more in the interest of labor than he, and said if he is elected he will follow the path of Roosevelt and continue to bring to the attention of congress and by executive measures to put labor on an equality with every other class in the community.

## BRYAN RAPS TRUSTS TODAY

Democratic Candidate Scores Republicans and Corporations.

(By Associated Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—W. J. Bryan attacked the trusts and the attitude of the Republicans in regard to the support of Rockefeller. He attacked the Republicans for their attitude in the matter of campaign contributions not being published and charged that party with receiving the support of trust magnates. He said the administration has deposited enough money in Rockefeller's National City Bank without interest and which is loaned out by the bank at such an interest that the returns to the bank would more than finance a national campaign.

At Leavenworth, Kan., Bryan said: "While Taft is trying to deny the support of Rockefeller on the one hand, he is trying to claim the support of Mitchell, Duncan, Morrison and other labor leaders. And now Gompers made a speech in New York last night in which he read telegrams from each of the men denying that he was supporting Taft, and declaring that he is in sympathy with Gompers in support of the Democratic ticket."

## CHINK HOMES ARE DESTROYED

Reno Municipal Authorities Burn Houses of 100 Chinese As Unsanitary.

(By Associated Press.)  
RENO, Nev., Nov. 2.—The work of demolishing and burning about forty houses in Chinatown, which had been declared unsanitary, proceeded today. Before night, one hundred Chinese will be homeless but what will become of the homeless Chinamen, the municipal authorities are unable to say.

## COOS BAY SHOULD BE FORTIFIED AT ONCE SAYS GENERAL FINZER

## NOTED CURRY CASE ENDED

Three Found Guilty of Land Frauds and Two Held Not Guilty.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—After being out for five hours and 55 minutes, the jury in the United States court that heard the evidence in the conspiracy case against the defendants in the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company, found Dr. A. H. Hedderly, William H. Smith and Richard Hynes guilty as charged in the indictment, and Lee R. Myers and Jeremiah Huntley, ex-United States commissioner for Curry county, not guilty.

The case in which the three defendants were convicted was an attempt to obtain something like 30,000 acres of timber lands in Curry county, forming a belt of timber that would extend to Northern California. It was shown by the evidence that the officials of the company through their agents, induced persons to buy stock in the company and take up timber claims, for which the company was to pay the filing fees and also to purchase the claims after the final papers had been received. The plan perhaps, would have been successful, it was contended, but the company ran short of money and was unable to meet its obligations.

The conspiracy trial of the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company began on October 12. On the first day a surprise was sprung by the government when three of the defendants pleaded guilty. They were Frank A. Stewart, William T. Kerr and Ames S. Johnson.

Throughout, since the indictments were found against the defendants, the case has been vigorously fought, not only in the federal courts here, but in Los Angeles as well. Most of the defendants, of whom there were a dozen or more, were residents of California and the California defendants especially fought removal to Oregon. Some of them were successful and the cases against them were dismissed. Two died before being brought to trial. The government has never been able to locate one of the defendants.

In this case, like others that have been tried in the federal court here the penalty calls for a county jail sentence or term of years in a government penitentiary, or a fine of from \$1 to \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment.

U. S. Army Representative Says That Conditions Are Most Favorable.

ARTILLERY CORPS TO BE STARTED SOON

Pays Warm Tribute to Possibilities of This Section of State.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2.—Organization of a coast artillery company at Coos Bay, is to be recommended at once to the War Department by Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard. At the same time attention will be called to the unfortified condition of Coos Bay harbor, with a view to having the matter taken up by the United States Engineers.

Returning yesterday morning from a trip to the Coos Bay district where the subject of coast defense was thoroughly gone into at the instance of the government, General Finzer said he was thoroughly impressed with the opportunities for a coast artillery company at Marshfield, and gave it as his belief that the company would be duly established, officered and equipped within the next year, possibly within the next few months. As to the establishment of coast fortifications, he said that was a matter to be acted upon by the government, and he could do nothing more, of an official character, than call attention to the fact that the harbor is entirely unprotected at this time.

### More Attention to Coast.

For more than a year past it is known that the government has been displaying an awakened interest in the condition of the Pacific Coast as to defenses. A year ago, it will be recalled, the adjutant-generals of Oregon, Washington and California were summoned to Washington, D. C., to talk over the situation with a view to organizing forces to occupy the coast fortifications already existing, in the event of trouble. The War Department officials suggested that portions of the state infantry troops be assigned as coast artillery reserves. The three adjutant-generals contended that this plan was not feasible as the class of men enlisted as infantrymen were unwilling to enter the coast artillery branch of the service.

It was pointed out that many citizens, especially married men, would be willing to enlist for artillery garrison service who would hesitate to take the field as infantry in event of war. The War Department came to this view and authorized organization of artillery companies at convenient points. General Finzer, within a few months, put in one of these companies at Astoria to serve as an auxiliary force for the Columbia River forts, should occasion arise.

The government having agreed to furnish equipment for as many troops as could be organized convenient to coast garrisons, other towns in the vicinity of the Fort Stevens district were visited, but at these places the necessary quota of desirable men was not available. Coos Bay, although a considerable distance from fortifications, was then put down for investigation.

### Can Form Strong Company.

"I found that an unusually strong company can be readily organized at Marshfield," said General Finzer, yesterday, "and I will so report to the War Department. The idea was immediately taken hold of and considerable enthusiasm was shown on Coos Bay. The very best young men signified their willingness to enter the service and there is material there for efficient officers. While there are no fortifications there yet, the troops could be readily shifted to the mouth of the Columbia for service, although it is only a matter of time until the harbor will be fortified. The government has already reserved 150 acres on a rocky elevation overlooking the entrance to the harbor. This is selected as a site

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## THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION.



Which party has kept this envelope filled?—Kansas City Journal.