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ELECTIONS BEING HELD IN MANY CITIES AND STATES

Interest Centers in New York Legislative Contests as National Indicator

TAMMANY HALL VERSUS HEARST AND REPUBLICANS

Large Vote Expected—New Mexico Voting on New Constitution Also.

TAFT CASTS BALLOT. (By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Nov. 7.—President Taft voted at 2008 Madison road, ward 3, precinct M, two blocks from where he used to live. He came to the polling place in an automobile accompanied by a detachment of police. He was in the booth seven minutes and supposedly marked all nine blocks offered to the voter in city election. About one hundred persons gathered while the President was in the polling place and numerous cameras caught his picture in the various stages of his visit.

By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A million and a half ballots that began raining into the boxes, and clicking through the voting machines today will demonstrate tonight whether the Empire State will remain true to its democratic preferences expressed a year ago, or go back to the party of Taft. The only officers to be elected are members of the lower house of the legislature. To maintain supremacy in the assembly, the democrats will have to re-elect members in sixty-five of the one hundred and fifty districts. New York City will elect a new board of aldermen, and supreme court justices will be elected in the first and second judicial districts. Thirty-four up-state cities will choose new mayors, other municipal officers and county officers will be elected generally throughout the state. Rain in many parts of the state last night left the roads badly mired.

Since it is conceded that New York city democrat leaders control the dominating political machinery in the state and county, tonight's returns will indicate in a measure who will rule next year the delegation to the democratic national convention. In New York City, Tammany Hall faces a fusion of the republicans and the element controlled by William R. Hearst together with several so-called independent organizations.

GUARD CHICAGO POLLS

Precautions Taken Against Fraud in Choosing Judges. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7.—Extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent fraudulent voting at the judicial election in Chicago and Cook county. The polls are guarded heavily. Ten superior court judges and one circuit judge are to be chosen.

ELECTION IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—The early voting in Boston was light. The democrats are not using conveyances to get out the vote, while on the other hand the republicans have well equipped conveyances.

ELECTION IN KANSAS.

Race in Second District For Congress Principal Contest.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7.—Ideal fall weather insures a heavy vote in the second Kansas district where a congressman is to be elected to succeed the late A. C. Mitchell. Interest centers in the race between Joseph Taggart, democrat, and U. S. Gayer, progressive-republican.

VOTE IN NEW MEXICO.

About 1,000 Candidates in Contest There Today.

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 7.—With nearly a thousand candidates of all sorts to be elected today, the early vote in New Mexico's first fall election was heavy. State, county and judicial tickets are to be elected. It is a race issue and numerous state and national tickets are involved together with a decision of the voters as to whether the constitution is to be more easily amended.

ELECTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mayorality Contest There Was Settled in Primaries But Others Still Up.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The indications are for an unusually heavy vote in the municipal election here today though the voting in the workingmen's districts was so light as to cause uneasiness among the supporters of the union labor candidates. The mayorality contest was settled in the primary election by the selection of James Rolph, Jr., for that office.

ELECTION IN SACRAMENTO

Unusually Heavy Voting Marks Contests There Today.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 7.—Unusually heavy voting marked the opening municipal election to choose a board of nine trustees, school directors, and to decide the fate of the proposed new charter. The mayorality contest is expected to be closed.

REFORMS IN OHIO.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Municipal elections are being held throughout the state and early indications are for a heavy vote. Reform measures in a majority of the cities are the principal issues.

ELECTION IN MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 7.—A full ticket, one-half the Senate membership and all members of the lower branch legislature are being voted for in Maryland today.

ELECTION IN NEBRASKA.

Interest Centers in Congressional Contest in Third District.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 7.—With clear skies, the indications are for a heavy vote throughout the state. The principal interest is in the congressional election in the third district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Latta.

Daniel Stevens, well-known in state politics, is the democratic nominee and is opposed by James C. Elliott, a veteran Nebraska editor.

ALLOW TAFT TO VOTE.

Error in President's Registration at Cincinnati Corrected.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) CINCINNATI, Nov. 7.—President Taft took the first step here yesterday toward regaining his right to vote today in the Cincinnati municipal election. President Taft appeared personally before the election board and obtained a certificate allowing him to register in ward three, precinct M. He will appear before the proper authorities in that precinct and will then be ready to cast his vote. The confusion was due to improper preparation of his registration papers while the President was absent from Cincinnati during his "touring about the country."

FOSS BEATEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Democratic Newspaper Concedes Election of Republican Governor Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 7.—The American which supported Governor Foss for governor, concedes the election of Frothingham, the republican candidate.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 7.—Returns on governor from twelve out of 1,063 election districts in Massachusetts representing ten small towns in the eastern part of the state, give Foss, democrat, 1,310, and Frothingham, republican, 1,940. The same towns last year gave Foss 1,499, and Draper, republican, 1,695.

HEATING STOVES FOR WOOD OR COAL \$2.00 to \$20.00 at MILNER'S.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE WATER SITUATION

If the Coos Bay water system is a good investment for private parties it is a good investment for the city.

The statement that it will mean an added burden for taxpayers is false and foolish. The history of a thousand cities proves that the municipal ownership and operation of a water system is profitable.

It is perfectly plain to any man who thinks for himself that this community must support the water company. Why not own it instead of paying the profits to Joe Bennett and his friends.

Even if it were true the small indirect tax would be much less than the direct tax which is levied on every resident by the higher rates for water.

If they say that Marshfield is too small to own a water system at the present time, ask them about Coquille and Myrtle Point, both of which cities own and successfully operate municipal water systems.

Seattle, Portland, Astoria, Eugene, Los Angeles, Medford, all Pacific coast cities own their own water systems and some are getting water at one-third to one-half the present rates in Marshfield and also have a much superior service.

No city that has owned its water system has returned to private ownership while scores of cities are acquiring their own plants as rapidly as franchises expire.

Coos Bay cities are progressive. One of the first questions a prospective resident will ask is about water. Does Marshfield desire to state that a new twenty or twenty-five or fifty years franchise has just been granted to private parties?

If the Coos Bay cities develop in the next few years there is nothing that will grow as rapidly in service and value as the water system. Water is as vital as air. New industries will require an additional supply of water, new residents must have water. The city should be in a position to furnish pure water at the least possible cost.

A franchise for any length of time means just that much of a mortgage on our future and a heavy handicap in the race for progress and development.

There are only two sane and sensible methods of dealing with this situation at this time.

First—The city should take prompt steps looking to municipal ownership for the protection of the lives and property of its citizens, or

Second—Refuse to grant any extension of franchise and compel the water company to furnish proper service under its present franchise. The city should then acquire adequate water rights for future use to prevent a hold up when it desires to install its own system.

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER FRANCHISE

Marshfield and North Bend have a combined population according to last census of 5,000, and the approximate cost for water per capita including domestic and industrial use is about 50 cents a month or \$30,000 a year.

Estimated cost of Clear Lake system according to the report of Engineer Richardson \$374,371. Granting the cities bonded themselves for that amount to run 35 years at 5 per cent and allow a maintenance expense of \$600 per month the total cost of interest, maintenance and yearly redemption of the bonds would amount to approximately \$950,000.

\$30,000 a year for 35 years would be \$1,050,000 or a gain to consumers of \$100,000 and a water system out of debt.

LITTLE WATER RIPPLES

THIS is a funny old world. A few weeks ago when The Times opposed the 50 years water franchise grab some interested parties said this paper was frightening capital away. It was such a shame, too, when Mr. Nolan wanted to do so much for this community in the way of water works improvements. Really, I think myself that he didn't want to do so much for the community as he wanted so much to do the community. Anyway, he took his dolls and returned to Omaha but left his franchise here. He said he wanted only a 50 years franchise at double rates and would not purchase the plant unless he could get it. Now he comes hurrying back and talks about a 20 or 25 years franchise. He also says he is in so deep that he may be compelled to buy the plant to protect himself. It is too laugh. How did he get in so deep. Has my friend, Joe, been passing the collection plate while Nolan was in a temporary trance? The expenses incurred should not be considered formidable in a \$150,000 deal. But probably, Nolan feels somewhat like the disappointed swain who sang: " 'Tis sweet to love, but oh! how bitter! To love a girl and then not git her."

My friend Joe, also pays a compliment to the public spirit of Nolan and Jackson who came all the way "FROM DENVER AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION." So far as they are concerned I do feel that they are entitled to some consideration in view of their having gone to this expense," says Joe. Joe does not suggest whether it should be a public subscription to reimburse them or a bonus to accompany the 50 years franchise.

Joe's plea reminds me of a story they tell back in Minnesota of a smart railway claim agent who adjusted all claims for damages against the company. Mr. Olsen had a cow killed by a railroad train. In due season the claim agent for the railroad called. "We understand, of course, that the deceased was a very docile and valuable animal," said the claim agent in his most persuasive claim-agently manner, "and we sympathize with you and your family in your loss. But, Mr. Olsen, you must remember this: Your cow had no business being upon our tracks. Those tracks are our private property and when she invaded them she became a trespasser. Technically speaking, you, as her owner, became a trespasser also. But we have no desire to carry the issue into court and possibly give you trouble. Now then, what would you regard as a fair settlement between you and the railroad company?" "Vall," said Mr. Olsen slowly, "Ay bane poor Swede farmer, but Ay shall give you two dollars."

Now, then, Marshfield is not in the millionaire class and as Joe has explained there are some big obligations already resting on us, but the people of Coos Bay are generous as well as hospitable and perhaps if Joe would pass the collection plate and give us another of his blessings we might contribute two dollars to help pay the expenses of Nolan and Jackson.

NEST-EGG KILLS SNAKE.

CANAL DOVER, Ohio, Nov. 7.—A china nest-egg, which it had swallowed, proved the undoing of a six-foot black-snake, preventing it from making its escape through the crack by which it had entered the chicken coop of Mrs. Charles Moreland at Leesville, recently. Mrs. Moreland killed the reptile, which was unable to crush the egg that was too big to go through the crack.

Coffee PERCOLATORS and TEA BALL, Tea Pots at MILNER'S.

Big REDUCTION Sale of MILLINERY now on at Mrs. A. G. AIKEN'S

MOUNTAIN LAUREL NATIONAL FLOWER

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7.—The National federation of Women's Clubs has called upon club women in all parts of the country to sign a petition to Congress to pass an act making the Mountain Laurel the national flower. The mountain laurel is a small flower containing red and white, the colors of the United States' flag and unfolds in almost a perfect star. It can be grown in all states.

MILLINERY at REDUCED PRICES at Mrs. A. G. AIKEN'S.

PEKIN IS NOT CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS AS WAS REPORTED

WU TING FANG REBEL LEADER

Noted Chinaman Announces That He Has Joined Revolutionists—Big Surprise.

WU TING FANG REBEL.

(By Associated Press.)

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 7.—Dr. Wu Ting Fang, at one time Chinese minister to the United States in a statement made to the Associated Press today, at noon, announces he has joined the movement to establish a rebellion government in China.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 7.—Dr. Fang has been chosen director of Foreign Affairs in the reform government established by the revolutionists in the province of Kiang Su. His ideas have not always harmonized with the imperial policy, and it has been no secret recently that he has not wholly sympathized with the throne. He is the most important figure that has appeared on the revolutionary stage during the last few days. Rumors that Wu Ting Fang had espoused the rebel cause were received with incredulity. Dr. Wu said that while he was loath to accept the office and hesitated because of his former close connection with the Manchu government, he was now practically forced to aid the cause of China. He announced that Cheng Te Chuan, the governor at Soo Chow and formerly governor at Mukden, was the first governor to come over to the reformers, and had been elected governor of the entire province of Kian Su.

Cheng Te Chuan, he said, is a strong man able to control the rebels and guarantee order and safety to foreigners. Ninety per cent of the population, he said, are supporting the present rebellion. Dr. Wu says the republic will live up to the existing treaties and open up Chinese ports to the trade of the world.

ENDS OWN LIFE.

Viceroy at Nanking Commits Suicide—Situation Serious.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) NANKING, China, Nov. 7.—The viceroy at Nanking committed suicide tonight. The situation is serious. The viceroy's instructions from Peking were not to resist revolutionists by force, but to surrender peacefully. The Tartar general commanding Manchu troops refused to obey these orders.

SEES LABOR REVOLUTION.

Congressman Buchanan of Illinois Makes Gloomy Prediction.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7.—Speaking before the Chicago Federation of Labor, Congressman Frank Buchanan, Illinois, predicted a revolution within twenty years if congress does not enact remedial legislation. He declared labor members of congress have an uphill fight to bring about legislation beneficial to labor.

IS IN COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Chicago Woman Charged With Many Crimes in Custody.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Louis E. Vermilya, charged with the murder of Policeman Arthur Biscanette and suspected of having caused the deaths of at least half a dozen others, settled down today to stay in the county hospital until her next hearing November 28.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Sec. McVeagh Will Recommend It in Annual Report.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh came out in favor of pensioning superannuated government clerks and will make it a feature of his annual report to congress. The secretary favors a contributory system of pensions.

Capital of China Not In Any Immediate Danger From Revolutionists.

TROUBLE IS SPREADING IN CELESTIAL EMPIRE

Wu Ting Fang Causes Sensation by Joining Rebel Movement Today.

PEKIN STILL SAFE.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, China, Nov. 7.—The reports that this city has fallen into the hands of the revolutionists are without foundation. No fighting whatsoever has occurred and there is no evidence that the Emperor or regent has fled, nor is there any indication that Peking is endangered. Foreigners in the various legations think it will be the last of the imperial cities to go.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PEKIN, China, Nov. 7.—The National Assembly today, by virtue of the powers bestowed on it by the recent edict, formally appointed Yuan Shi Kai premier. The question of his permanency in office was discussed, but it was decided that the Assembly has no authority to guarantee this beyond the election of a parliament. It was, however, resolved to assure Yuan of the Assembly's continued support.

KILL OWN LEADER.

Chinese Soldiers Suspected Him of Betraying Manchus.

PEKIN, China, Nov. 7.—General Wu, a brilliant young military officer, who was recently governor of Shan Si province, was assassinated early today by his own soldiers who later stated Wu was betraying the Manchus.

FIGHTING IN HANKOW.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 7.—Fighting has broken out again in Hankow, according to a dispatch recorded here today.

U. S. CRUISER TO AMOY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 7.—The American cruiser Albany will leave at once for Amoy.

CHEROKEE INDIANS WIN.

U. S. District Court of Appeals Decides in Favor of Papooses.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 7.—The United States District Court of Appeals has affirmed the right of 5,600 Cherokee Indian children, born since 1902, to share in the undistributed allotment of \$5,500,000 by the government to the Cherokee nation.

SOCIALISM IS NOT CONSIDERED

Judge Bordwell Holds That It and Like Matters Have No Place in McNamara Case.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 7.—Socialism, conflicts with capital and labor, and like matters were pushed out of the McNamara murder case by Judge Bordwell today, in so far as the court's position is concerned, and Talesman George W. Morton, 75 years old, went along with them, being excused by the court over the protest of the defense, who asserted Morton's only disqualification was reading certain copies of the "Oppeal to Reason," a socialist paper. Morton was challenged by Assistant District Attorney G. Ray Horton, because of his age and alleged "faulty mind." The court upheld the statement. G. S. Case was drawn to fill Morton's place in the box.

After the show Phone 214-J.