

DECIDES TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION EARLY IN JUNE

Council by Vote of Three to Two Choses That Date Instead of Earlier One.

HOT DISCUSSION OVER WATERWORKS QUESTIONS

Mayor Straw and R. A. Cople in Warm Tilt—Plan to Force Better Service.

After a rather animated session last evening, the Marshfield city council adopted a resolution by a vote of three to two deciding to hold the proposed city election to pass on various phases of the water works situation and charter amendments the first Monday in June.

Petition is Presented.

The water works and special election matter was brought up by the reading of a petition signed by over 100 asking the city council to call a special election at an early date to submit the water works matter, the proposed change in the city election laws and such other questions as might be deemed advisable to the voters of the city.

After the reading of the petition and the names of the signers, Councilman Cople remarked that he was sorry that the council had put the water company to so much bother to get up the petition.

Previous to this City Attorney Goss' resolution stating that the water company had violated a number of the provisions of its franchise was read and adopted by a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Straw wanted to know if there were "any more of these bright documents" and Recorder Butler produced the ordinance prepared by City Attorney Goss in connection with the resolution.

Not Ready Yet. Councilman Allen said that it was his policy to try and grant the wishes

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STRAW VETOES AMENDMENTS

Changes in Building Ordinance Knocked Out by Mayor—Council Proceedings.

Mayor Straw last evening returned to the city council his veto of the ordinance enacted at the last meeting amending the building laws by permitting improvements costing less than \$100 to be made outside the fire limits without a building permit and also permitting the moving of buildings inside the fire limits where it does not increase the insurance rate or fire hazard.

In compliance with the charter, the original ordinance providing for the amendments was again put to a vote but failed to carry over the mayor's veto.

In his message to the council vetoing the ordinance, Mayor Straw stated that he thought the amendments were dangerous and objectionable because they allowed the moving of buildings and their alteration and repair without any permit and consequently without inspection or investigation.

Pave North Front Street.

C. F. McKnight presented a petition from North Front street property owners asking that the street which was recently filled by the dredge be paved with bitumen.

City Engineer Gidley said that he had planned to prepare plans and specifications for the three different kinds of paving that are now being considered in Marshfield but as long as nearly all the property owners had signed up for bitumen on this street he thought that it would be well to comply with their wishes.

The Nelson Iron Works were given permission to use temporarily Date street for tracks for hauling cars to and from the water front.

Cal. Langworthy was ordered rebated for two months on his annual license for electric wiring.

TAFT FORCES ARE WORKING HARD

Roosevelt Leaders Charge President With Trying to Intimidate Federal Office Holders.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The national Roosevelt headquarters today gave out the following statement:

"Further evidence of the manner in which the administration campaign managers are conducting the fight for delegates has come to light in the form of a circular letter, being sent to postmasters and other federal employes throughout the northwest. That a similar form of letter is being sent through the south

already has been stated but its exact terms have not yet come to light.

"The letters received by federal employes in the northwest are very delicately worded. Such letters as only the pen of the diplomatic Mr. McKinley could well turn out and abound in veiled threats and plastic praise.

"Boundless enthusiasm is expressed and it is declared without hesitation that the sentiment in favor of the nomination of Taft is rapidly growing.

"Hints are thrown out that the assistance of all good office holders is needed, Mr. McKinley evidently forgetting the optimism expressed in the preceding paragraph."

It is said several hundred such letters were sent and others more personal are being prepared.

FEAR STRIKE IN AMERICA

Coal Miners in Pennsylvania Anthracite Field May Walk Out March 21.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, March 5.—The anthracite operators have decided to reject the demands of the miners for increased pay. The committee was appointed to notify the union officials of the result.

The operators were in session to decide on a course of action in reference to the demands of the coal miners. They reported no change in the miners' demands which were for a twenty per cent increase in wages, recognition of the union, a reduction in the working day from nine to eight hours without a reduction in pay, and other concessions.

SUPPLY ON HAND.

Operators Have Enough Coal to Last a Month in Case of Strike.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, March 5.—Though no logical reason is given why the British coal strike should affect industry here, it was said before the conference of anthracite operators today that they fear the moral effect on American miners of a victory by English workers.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—It is estimated here by anthracite coal workers that there are about six million tons of coal in storage in preparation for strike which may come when existing agreement expires March 21.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMERICANS TO QUIT MEXICO

Large Number Rush From Scene of Revolt to El Paso—Fear Anarchy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, March 5.—If the reports brought to this city are correct hundreds of Americans and other residents of Mexico will flock here within the course of a week.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WANT SENATOR TO QUIT NOW

Mississippi Legislature Calls on Leroy Percy to Keep Political Promise.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

JACKSON, Miss., March 5.—A joint resolution demanding the resignation of United States Senator Leroy Percy was adopted by both Houses of the Mississippi Legislature today.

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NOTICE TO ELKS.

All members of Marshfield Lodge, No. 1160, B. P. O. E., and all visiting Elks are requested to be present at initiation and social session Wednesday evening.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NOTICE

Hall of Arago, Chapter R. A. M., No. 22. Companions: You are hereby notified that a special convocation has been called for Tuesday evening, March 5.

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T. ROOSEVELT RECORD CLEAR

Calls Attention to Statement Last January Regarding His Possible Candidacy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, March 5.—To clear up conflicting statements as to what he had said in the past regarding the presidential nomination, Theodore Roosevelt made public today a letter which he wrote to Frank Munsey, publisher, last January.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

STRONG FOR ROOSEVELT.

Texas State Republican Committee Endorses Him Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 5.—By a vote of 27 to 1 the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt was endorsed by the Texas State Republican Executive committee.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WILL PROBE POLITICS.

Investigation of Alleged Coercion of Postmasters Asked.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Thorough investigation to determine whether postmasters are being coerced in the interest of any presidential candidate is contemplated in a resolution introduced today by Senator Bristow of Kansas, a progressive Republican.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Over 1000 Slain in Clash Between Villagers and Republicans.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WEI HAI WEI, China, March 5.—It is estimated that 1000 people were killed in the course of the recent fighting between the republicans and villagers outside the British concession here.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MORE TROOPS COMING.

Rumor of Attack on Chinese Seaport Not Confirmed.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TIEN TSIN, March 5.—Two United States gunboats have been ordered to proceed to Taku at the mouth of the Jeho river, thirty miles southeast of this city.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RUSSIA SENDS TROOPS.

HARBIN, China, March 5.—Three companies of Russian troops have been ordered to proceed from here to Tien Tsin at the request of the Russian consul.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CRIME IN OKLAHOMA.

Claim Three Were Drugged, Oiled and Cremated.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NOWATA, Okla., March 5.—Harvey Hurst, his wife and Elsie Adams, who on the night of February 3 were found dead in the burning ruins of their home, were drugged, then covered with oil and burned, according to the testimony of Edwin DeBarr, state chemist, at the preliminary trial of L. C. Harkins, a sweetheart of Elsie Adams, who is charged with the murder.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PLOWS, HARROWS AND CULTIVATORS at MILNER'S.

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DISCHARGED SOLDIERS FORMING ROBBER BANDS

Over 3000 Former Pirates Discharged—Russian and Jap Troops Arrive.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PEKIN, March 5.—A letter from a missionary at Hwang Tien, near Chi Fu, received here today states the imperial troops put out the eyes of forty Christian converts and then naturally rebels.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

REPUBLICAN LEADERS WILL MAKE HEADQUARTERS THERE AGAIN.

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NANKIN, March 5.—In an effort to restore order and inaugurate a stable government, it is understood that Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his advisers have decided to go to Pekin and make that city, for the present at least, the capital of the new republic.

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