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TIGHT VOTE IN COOS COUNTY; FOR ROOSEVELT AND SELLING

C. A. Smith Has Lead of 46 Over Fred Gettins With 13 Precincts Missing.

Prof. Baker Defeats Bunch Two to One

O. Lund Apparently Nominated for Sheriff—Brown and Pierce Lead.

COQUILLE, Oregon, April 20.—Returns from the Coos county precincts are coming in slowly and it is difficult to figure out the results of some of the election officials.

At 1:30, returns from twenty-three of the 28 precincts in the county had been received.

Mr. Roosevelt will carry the county by a good majority over Taft. It is believed La Follette will probably be elected in the county.

Selling will also have a good lead over Bourne in this county. The surprise of the results is that H. Bunch, for sixteen years superintendent of the Coos County schools, is beaten by Prof. Baker of miles by more than a two to one vote.

CURRY IS CLOSE

Marah and Pierce Reported Running Neck to Neck There RANDON, Ore., April 20.—Reports this afternoon from Curry county that Marah and Pierce are running neck to neck there. It was expected that Pierce would have a good lead there but it is now doubtful if he will be there before tomorrow.

PENNOCK WINS OUT

C. C. Pennock was renominated for justice of the peace in this district by about a two to one vote over O. S. Torrey.

Few Democrats Vote

The Democrat vote was very light throughout the county and the indications are that Woodrow Wilson will carry the county over Champ

BROWN WINS OUT

M. Brown has been renominated for district attorney over C. S. Brown. In Douglas county with small precincts missing, Brown

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MEMBER OF THE QUATERS FOR PINE PHOTOS.

RESUME PROBE OF DISASTER

Senate Investigating Committee Hears Stories of Survivors Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—The first witness today before the Senate committee investigation of the Titanic was Thomas Cottam, a wireless operator, who was recalled by Senator Smith who sought to ascertain if he or any other operator had sent messages to Representative Hughes or anyone else to the effect that the Titanic was safe and proceeding to Halifax and that the passengers were safe.

Appearing before the Senate committee in a wheel chair, Harold Bride assistant wireless operator on the ill-fated ship, who was disabled in the rescue, testified that although the North German Lloyd Frankfurt was twenty miles nearer the Titanic than the Carpathia, no efforts were made to give her news of the Titanic's sinking condition.

OREGON MAN'S FIANCE SAFE

Survivor of Titanic Disaster Weds Cottage Grove Fruit Raiser Today.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—One of the survivors of the Titanic, Miss Marion Wright, of Somerset, England, will be married here today to Arthur Wolcott of Cottage Grove, Oregon. She came alone from England to meet her fiancée and he had been in New York nearly a week anxiously awaiting her arrival.

TO REGULATE APPARATUS

Senate Adopts Amendment Looking to International Regulation.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Senate committee on foreign relations agreed today to recommend to the Senate for adoption the amended maritime resolution looking to international co-operation in the regulation of ocean traffic.

SENT OUT MESSAGES

Capt. Haddock of Olympic Said They Reported All Saved on Titanic (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 20.—Captain Haddock of the White Star line Olympic arrived in Plymouth today from New York. He said that the Olympic sent out a wireless report that the Allen liner Virginian was towing the Titanic and that all the latter's passengers were safe.

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OREGON TO ROOSEVELT AND SELLING

Partial Returns Indicate That Teddy Will Have Good Majority—State Results.

VOTE IN OREGON

By Associated Press PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—Oregon vote so far as received stands: Bourne 14,697, Lowell 4,773, Selling 16,669, La Follette 12,767, Roosevelt 16,354, Taft 12,202.

NEBRASKA FOR ROOSEVELT

By Associated Press OMAHA, Nebr., April 20.—Roosevelt seems to have been the favorite of the republicans in the presidential primaries held yesterday and indications are that Champ Clark was the choice of the democrats.

(Special to The Times.) PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—With incomplete returns from 29 of the 34 counties of the state and one-third of the vote counted, Roosevelt has 16,255, LaFollette 14,725 and Taft 12,193.

Selling has, in about the same trio of counted votes, 16,861, and Bourne 14,637. This gives Selling a lead of 2224 votes and two-thirds of the vote cast still to be counted, this being the vote in the remote precincts.

VICTIMS 1635; SURVIVORS 705

Exact Figures of Titanic Disaster Will Never Be Known—Day's Developments.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times)

The number of dead probably never will be exactly determined inasmuch as the complete passenger list went down with the vessel. The number of survivors is fixed at 705 by a report of Captain Rostron of the Carpathia.

White Star line officials believe the death list is approximately 1635. By common consent, the churches of the world have set aside the pulpits tomorrow for reverent consideration of the disaster and for mourners for the lost.

As to the needs of the living, ample provision is rapidly being made. Relief funds being gathered in New York and London already total well up in the hundreds of thousands.

The burden of the testimony before the Senate investigating committee so far presented emphasizes unquestionably the fact that the Titanic officers thinking her of an unsinkable character were reckless and steaming at full speed through the sea where icebergs were known to threaten and also the remarkable calmness of passengers and crew.

The Titanic's fate already has resulted in action by the trans-Atlantic lines to insure liners taking a course where the iceberg danger no longer will be present.

MRS. ASTOR VERY NERVOUS

Widow of Wealthy Victim of Titanic Suffers Severely.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor is still in a highly nervous condition, suffering from the shock of her experience on the Titanic. Her physicians said she was nervous and that it had been deemed best to let her talk freely to relatives and attendants regarding the disaster. It was believed that this would serve to relieve her feelings.

headquarters show that he has carried the state by 5000. Roosevelt leads La Follette 3536 and is 4152 higher than Taft.

ROOSEVELT'S BIG LEAD

LaFollette Carried Multnomah—Selling Has Big Lead (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—Under the presidential preference primaries, Theodore Roosevelt is the choice of the Republican voters of Oregon. He has carried two-thirds of the counties in the state.

For United States Senator, Ben Selling has established a firm lead over Bourne, the incumbent for the republican nomination, and the race for the democratic nomination has been between Harry Lane, O. P. Goshow and Walter M. Pierce and apparently is any man's fight at one o'clock today.

In Multnomah county, Bourne ran far ahead of Selling, and the returns from the mining and cattle counties where Bourne has always run strong may turn the tables but judges of the political situation do not believe he can win.

For congress W. C. Hawley, the incumbent, was renominated in the first district. In the second district, N. J. Sinnott, a progressive, has been nominated. In the third, A. W. LaFerty, the incumbent, is in the lead but may not hold over C. U. Gantenbein.

ISMAY FEELS HE IS VICTIM

President of Titanic Company Characterizes Treatment as Brutally Unfair.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—J. Bruce Ismay discussed with interviewers the work of the Senate investigating committee which he characterized as "brutally unfair." He said, "I cannot understand this senatorial inquiry. They are going at it in a manner which seems unjust and the injustice lies heavily upon me.

In discussing his departure from the Titanic, Ismay said, "I have searched my mind with the deepest care. I have thought long over each single incident that I could recall. I am sure I did nothing I should not have done. My conscience is clear and I have not been a lenient judge of my acts.

"I tell you that if I thought that in the slightest way I had done anything wrong, I would never have another happy moment. I took the most of the chance of escape when it came to me. I did not seek it. Every woman and child had been cared for before I left the boat and moreover all the men within reach had been taken care of before I took my turn. And why shouldn't I take my turn? There are only two classes on a ship, the crew and passengers. I was a passenger.

"It is true that I am president of the company, but I didn't consider myself any different from the rest of the passengers. I took no other man's place."

Ismay announced today that he had given instructions to all lines of the International Mercantile Marine which includes the White Star, The American, Red Star, Leland, Atlantic Transportation and Dominion lines to equip all steamers with sufficient life boats and raft boats for every passenger and every man of the crew without regard to government regulations.

OPEN SHOP IN SPOKANE

Building Contractors Renounce Unions Today (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, April 20.—Twenty of the largest contractors in Spokane employing men in the building trades posted "Open Shop" order here today.

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C. A. SMITH HAS NO OBJECTION TO BRIDGE ACROSS COOS BAY

SEEK MOTIVE IN EVANS' CASE

Grand Jury Takes Up South Slough Assassination Investigation.

Whether the motive for the murder of Jacob Evans, the South Slough rancher who was found dead in his home yesterday morning by Bill Joiner, a neighboring rancher, was robbery or revenge is a question that is now perplexing the authorities.

Evans was shot three or four times. There were four bullet holes but until the post mortem examination, it will be impossible to determine whether one of the bullets passed through the body, making two wounds.

Evans is believed to have been killed by a 32-calibre revolver. The slayer evidently stood to one side of the rear door and shot Evans as the latter responded to the knock or noise. Evans was lying just inside the door, feet towards it and face upward. He had evidently staggered back after the first shot.

A careful investigation of the house failed to disclose any evidence of pilfering. However, no money was found in the house although it was general known that Evans kept considerable money about the premises. No money was found on his person.

Some have advanced the theory that the slayer had been at Evans' house and had been driven out and later returned and shot Evans through the door. Their theory is based on the fact that Evans' revolver was lying on the kitchen table, indicating that it had been recently used.

Evans was eccentric and had the reputation of having "several notches in his gun." Generally when strangers or in fact anyone went to his home, Evans would first peek out and see who it was.

He also had trouble with employees and neighbors. Not long ago, he and Joiner had a clash and Evans in his anger expressed a threat to kill Joiner. Later he made up and the two, Joiner says, were to have come to town together yesterday morning.

Thursday night, a man from Empire passed by the Tarheel logging camp and told some of the men that he was going to stay all night at the Evans place. He was at Tarheel about 4 o'clock. He will probably be called as a witness in the matter.

Evans was quite well to do. Fred Hollister of North Bend who has been looking after some of his mortgages, etc., is said to have recently stated that he had between \$9,000 and \$10,000 out on interest.

Owing to this possibility of having money buried near his last home, his children have expressed the wish that the place be guarded. This was arranged for yesterday.

He left five children, Mrs. Dora O'Malley of Marshfield, Mrs. John Wasson, wife of the captain of the Mayflower, and Alec Evans of Shore Acres. Another son and daughter are said to reside at San Francisco.

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Makes Detailed Statement Concerning the Present Railway Situation.

BRIDGE SHOULD HAVE A COMMON USER CLAUSE

Only Menace Is Allowing Bridges that Might Interfere With Commerce.

"I have no objection to building a bridge across Coos Bay as at present planned by the Southern Pacific if properly safeguarded with provisions permitting its use by other railways, and is built in the location outlined by the new survey of that company."

Personally I would prefer that no bridge be built across the bay," he continued, "but we need a railway and the new survey eliminates the objections I originally had because of a change in location."

Mr. C. A. Smith in his private office at the Smith mill. Mr. Smith and Mr. Arno Meehan arrived on the steamship Nann Smith last night after a pleasant voyage from Bay Point.

A 38-calibre revolver which Evans carried most of the time was lying on a table near where he fell. A careful investigation of the house failed to disclose any evidence of pilfering.

which the company desires, that is a matter for careful consideration. Certainly we should not permit one or two or more interests to kidnap our greatest asset, and that is our waterfront.

"The Southern Pacific would not be hampered if it came down one of the back streets and with its present extensive ownership of waterfront at the depot will always be amply protected. The thing we should do now is to protect this waterfront and provide for other railways when they seek this great harbor.

"I feel now, as I have felt always, that Coos Bay is some time to be the site of a great city and the citizens should be guided in their actions by this knowledge and belief. I should dislike to see the principal business street made the right of way for a through railway, but we need the railway and should offer it every encouragement.

"Any franchise granted any railway should safeguard the rights of Coos Bay. I think the present franchise of the Terminal Railway does this and all its provisions should be retained. I differ with Mr. Millis as to the regulation of rates. I think this regulation should remain with the city and should not be surrendered.

"I have never been actuated or prompted by any other than a sincere desire for the betterment and advancement of the interests of this community in my attitude on any of these questions. I understand that there are some stories of material interests influencing our position, but this is an error. We have not purchased a foot of land on the east-side of the Bay since the announcement that the railway was to be built and my interest in the Terminal Railway was taken with the single purpose of doing what was best for the general welfare of the community."

Mr. Smith here gave The Times representative a copy of a letter to Dr. McCormac, president of the Chamber of Commerce, expressing his opinion of the bridging of the bay and which, with the consent of

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