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Scattered Few Still Have Hopes

With the exception of a scattered few, the voters of Ashland have realized the re-election of President Wilson. That Mr. Wilson was again a winner became evident Friday morning when positive information came from California that that state had gone for Wilson. Following the lead of Chairman Wilcox of the national committee, a few local republicans still are postponing paying bets or committing suicide until after the official returns are all in, which will probably be in a week or two.

The election was one of thrills and surprises. The states which were counted upon for Hughes went for Wilson, and vice versa. The west, with the exception of Oregon, went for Wilson. California finally held the result in her hand and gave the president a victory. Treatment of Governor Johnson, a progressive, by the conservative standpaters on the Hughes management committee is given as the cause, and seems feasible in view of the fact that Governor Johnson was elected to the senate by an overwhelming majority, which leaves no doubts as to the regard in which he is held in California.

The electoral votes now stand as follows:

For Wilson.	
Alabama	12
Arizona	3
Arkansas	9
California	13
Colorado	6
Florida	6
Georgia	14
Idaho	4
Kansas	10
Kentucky	10
Louisiana	10
Maryland	8
Mississippi	10
Missouri	18
Montana	4
Nebraska	8
Nevada	3
North Carolina	12
North Dakota	5
Ohio	24
Oklahoma	10
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	20
Utah	4
Virginia	12
Washington	7
Wyoming	3
Total	269
For Hughes.	
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Illinois	29
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Maine	6
Massachusetts	18
Michigan	15
New Jersey	14
New York	45
Oregon	5
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	5
South Dakota	5
Vermont	4
West Virginia	8
Wisconsin	13
Total	243
Doubtful.	
Minnesota	12
New Hampshire	4
New Mexico	3
Total	19

Tom Hammond Is Promoted to Major

Lieutenant T. W. Hammond, a graduate of the Ashland high school and later of West Point, and a brother of Mrs. J. H. Turner of this city, has been promoted to one of the choice majorships in the service of Uncle Sam. Last July Lieutenant Hammond was promoted to a captaincy and in September he was again raised to major of the Philippine scouts, regarded as one of the finest details in the islands. General Leggett recommended Mr. Hammond for the promotion. Such high rank in so few years in the army bespeaks a great deal for the former Ashland boy. Major Hammond's detail will extend over the next three years.

John L. May, formerly in the train dispatching service here, is a candidate for the colonelcy of the third Oregon regiment. He is now an assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific, Portland division. He went to the Mexican border as lieutenant-colonel of the third regiment.

THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Will provide for a levy of 3 1/2 mills for the upkeep and maintenance of all the parks of the city of Ashland, the mineral water plant and for publicity purposes, including the amount of \$300 heretofore paid to the Chautauqua, and will allow a levy of up to 5 mills, should it be deemed necessary by the city council. This levy would replace a total levy of 3 1/2 mills which in the past has been provided—2 mills for parks, 1 mill for mineral water plant and 1/2 mill for publicity. The amendment will abolish the park board and the springs commission and provide for the election of a new board to take over the work of the two.

Thursday Night's Council Meeting

Little of major importance occurred at council meeting last Thursday evening beyond the passage of resolutions calling for the special election to be held November 24. The meeting was the first of this month, last Tuesday being election night and the meeting being postponed until Thursday. Councilman Root was absent when Councilman Ashcraft called the meeting to order, presiding in place of Mayor Johnson, who arrived later. The routine reports, minutes, monthly bills, etc., occupied an hour. Patrolman Wimer asked for and received the balance of his vacation. On the petition of a number of residents in the neighborhood of Rock street, a street light on Maple will be moved to the corner of Rock in order to provide light over both thoroughfares.

The committee which has charge of the matter of the widening of Park avenue reported having negotiation deals under way with Messrs. Greer, Leonard and Smith and Mrs. Satterfield for the land necessary, and satisfactory progress. In regard to the matter of drainage at the rear of the Hotel Austin, which has been flooding across Pioneer avenue, a tile drain and drain under the sidewalk was ordered.

H. Hash asked the rental of a septic tank property for grazing purposes for another year, the matter being referred to the real estate committee.

The council relinquished all right and title to a strip of land between the Ferguson property and First street, thus closing up a real estate deal which has been long pending. A resolution was passed authorizing the recorder to accept payment in full from G. W. Holly for the sewer in front of his place on Granite street, Mr. Holly wishing to clear up the matter all at once.

A resolution calling a special election for November 24 for the purpose of voting upon the new park control system and upon an amendment allowing the reassessing of property was passed.

A meeting was called for Tuesday, November 14, in order to care for matters which will come up before the next regular meeting.

Siskiyou Wet Is False Rumor

Apparently originating from the fact that certain districts in northern California gave the California "dry" amendments a favorable vote, a rumor is prevalent in Ashland that Siskiyou county has gone dry. As a matter of fact the county option was not on the ticket at the recent election, and since both the dry amendments were defeated in California the status in Siskiyou county remains the same and the travel of thirsty ones will continue undiminished until snow makes the Siskiyou mountains impassable. The Weed district also voted down a local option proposition which would have closed the Weed and Shastina saloons.

C. E. Dana has moved into the Camps building recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Camps and will also have his musical studio there. He has been living in the Butler house on East Main street opposite Dodge's furniture store.

Charter Amendment Election On New Park Board Nov. 24th

A special election has been called to be held in Ashland on Friday, November 24, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Ashland two charter amendments for their approval or rejection. The proposed amendments, resolutions, list of election judges and polling places appear elsewhere in this issue.

Re-assessment. One of the amendments proposed, if carried, will admit of the city council reassessing property in case any kind of flaw is found in the original assessment or method of assessing. This provision is not revolutionary in any way and will probably not meet with any opposition. It merely provides a legal way for doing away with a lot of expensive court procedure which would be necessary should anyone ever successfully contest an assessment of any kind because of a flaw in the wording or method of serving. Practically every city has such a provision and, according to City Attorney Moore, it is a necessity.

Park and Mineral Water Control. The other amendment comes as a result of months of investigation and labor, and is the work of the Commercial Club and city council working jointly. It is an act to abolish both mineral springs commission and the park board, substituting in place of these two one body, to be known as the mineral springs and park commission, and providing means of financing the care and upkeep of the parks and mineral system.

Some time ago it became apparent to practically every thinking Ashlander that under the present system of having two bodies whose work lapped over into each other's territory, causing much friction and lack of efficiency, Ashland could not gain all that it should from its parks and mineral water plant. Hence the Commercial Club board of trustees of twelve members sought to draw up a charter amendment which would result in the centralization in one body of control of the parks, mineral water system and all that pertains to them. The club trustees finally submitted an amendment to the council which did not quite meet the ideas of that body, and as a result of a harmonious discussion the

council decided to join with the club board and city attorney in drawing up a proposition which would be satisfactory to all. As finally drawn up by Attorney Moore, the amendment met the approval of both the board of trustees and council, and at Thursday night's council meeting proper resolutions were passed submitting it to the vote of the people.

Stated briefly, the proposed amendment provides for a board of three members, to be elected at the regular city election in December, one of whom serves one year, one two years and one three years, a new member being elected each year after this one to serve three years. The board will have control of the parks and mineral water system, and the springs water commission and park board will go out of existence, handing over the property in their care to the new board. The members of the board are to serve without pay and be properly bonded. All of the usual restrictions applied to city officials are included.

Finances. The section which will receive the most careful attention from the taxpayers of Ashland is that providing for funds for the work of the new board. In the past there have been three separate tax levies made: one of two mills for the park board, one of one mill for the springs commission work, and one of one-half mill for publicity purposes, which includes the \$200 yearly paid the Chautauqua Association (this same amount is provided for in the new amendment). Thus a total of three and one-half mills has been levied in the past. The new amendment provides that the council shall levy three and one-half mills for the parks, mineral water system and publicity work and does away with the former levies, the total going into the hands of the new board. Additional provision is made that the council may, if it deems necessary, levy up to five mills. In the past there has been no reason why, if it had been necessary, the council should not have levied this amount or more, so as far as finances are concerned the new amendment will not cause any heavier financial burden to fall upon the taxpayers.

Land Grant Opening May Be Delayed

It seems probable from the setting of the time when the supreme court will review the O. & C. land grant case that the opening of any portion of the lands will be delayed till after next February. Should the court by any chance take such action that the final determination of the grant case should be held up, it would be labor lost to proceed now with the opening of the tracts. There is also a growing sentiment in favor of delaying the opening till more settled weather, when it would be easier for prospective homesteaders to examine the lands and learn their value. Already locating companies are being organized to exploit the lands to visitors with the land hunger, and some most alluring word pictures are being painted of the tracts to be opened. Every possible warning should be given the public, however, and the intending settler should know that the people with whom he deals are in a position to give service. A proportion of the lands will not be under the filing fee, and sometimes unscrupulous locators have taken a man's money for showing him one claim and locating him upon another. The probability is also strong that there will be very many applicants for the really valuable tracts, and no locator can offer any assurance that the applicant will have any advantage over every other applicant. There is no place to gain an advantage.

Pendleton Normal Amendment Loses

The Pendleton normal school amendment lost out by a few thousand votes in the recent election. Single item veto carried, as did also rural credits, ship tax exemption, Negro suffrage, prohibition, the Sunday law repeal, and tax limitation. The brewers' amendment and single tax measures lost.

To Build Short Cut Into Town of Hilt

Thirteen landowners from near the town of Hilt waited on the Siskiyou county board of supervisors Monday and requested them to build a roadway from the town of Hilt to connect with the state highway on the northern side of Bailey hill. It was opposed by the Fruitgrowers' Supply Company, which have large timber interests in that section of Siskiyou county and also own the property in which the town of Hilt is situated.

The board of supervisors, finding that the Southern Pacific Company are willing to grant a right-of-way over their property, acceded to the request of the land owners. The road when completed will be a little over a mile long. It is now necessary for persons traveling by auto or team to go a distance of four or five miles to reach the highway whether they want to go north or south. Attorney B. K. Collier represented the applicants and Attorney R. S. Taylor was for the Fruitgrowers' Supply Company.

The Fruitgrowers' Supply Company opposed the road on the grounds that it would attract a number of undesirable people and disrupt the control of the company over their employes.

The real truth of the matter is that with the completion of the Bailey hill tunnel it has become easier for the thirsty Oregonians to find restoratives in Hornbrook than to take the rough, long road to Hilt. The Hilt saloonmen want the road. The Hilt lumber company does not.

Union Thanksgiving services will be conducted this year on Thursday, November 30, at the Methodist church. Rev. D. D. Edwards, pastor of the Nazarene church, will preach the sermon.

Mrs. S. C. Hamaker of Bly, Ore., is visiting relatives here, also renewing friendships in the order of the Eastern Star, of which local chapter she is a member.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS TONIGHT.

The Ashland Commercial Club will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight in the council chamber of the city hall. A big attendance is anticipated in view of the fact that officers will be elected. A president, vice-president, treasurer and several trustees will be elected. Two or three other matters of general interest and of great importance will be discussed. The Commercial Club is entering upon a new lease of life, with all indebtedness practically removed and no impediment to an active entering into the forward movement of Ashland.

Many Are Guests Of Grants Pass

About sixty from Ashland went to Grants Pass Saturday on the beet day special train, the train being crowded with four hundred farmers and business men before reaching the beet city. A pleasant and profitable day was enjoyed, the party being taken through the \$1,000,000 factory and seeing the process of sugar making. The fares of the farmers were paid by the Grants Pass citizens and a big dinner at noon was also free. A program was held in the afternoon and officials of the sugar company told of the industry.

The interesting portion of the program was that indulged in by the beet growers and farmers themselves. John Mills, the banner sugar beet grower of southern Oregon, was first. He had kept close tab upon the cost of producing beets and showed that after every item had been deducted, with interest on investment, taxes, etc., he had a net profit of \$79.23 per acre.

His gross return of \$154 per acre was verified by the sugar company. Mr. Mills planted his beets March 22 and irrigated them three times. He said that this year he would plant every acre that he had available, and would plant a thousand acres if he had them.

Other farmers spoke in like strain, and there is an assurance that the acreage to be planted to beets next season will be greatly increased. The train returned early in the evening.

More Irrigation In Northern Calif.

Yreka News: H. J. Sarter has a crew of men engaged in surveying the Webb tract, comprising 2000 acres adjoining Montague, for the purpose of determining the number of acres that can be covered by water from their pumping plant on the Shasta river.

The Webb brothers recently made application to the state water commission for permission to appropriate 12 cubic feet per second of the waters of Shasta river for the purpose of irrigating this land. It is proposed to raise the water to one of the small hills near the river and then siphon it across town to a point on Gregory butte, from where it will be distributed over the remainder of the tract. The estimated cost of the new system will be \$20,000.

The reclaiming of this land will be of much benefit to the community, as it will place in cultivation a large tract of land that has lain useless in the past.

Oregon Teams Win and Lose

The University of Oregon defeated Pullman 12 to 3 at Portland Saturday. The Oregon Aggies, on the other hand, minus their sensational freshman stars, who were barred from the conference games, lost to the University of Washington, 35 to 0.

The O. A. C. freshmen defeated Multnomah club 16 to 6. Harvard beat Princeton 3 to 0. Brown upset the eastern situation by beating Yale 21 to 6.

Eugene high school beat Salem high at Salem 13 to 0.

Portland's delinquent tax list is the largest in its history, 75 per cent of the total.

Next Few Weeks Will Be Wet Ones

Oregon has gone absolutely bone dry—drier than a salted herring swimming in a cloud of cracker dust. But—it is a question of many sides as to just how and when and to what extent the law is going into effect and what will happen when it does go into effect. The bone dry amendment passed by a majority which will be somewhere around 4,000 votes. The amendment forbids the importation of liquor and specifically nullifies the present law, which allows the importation of two quarts of liquor or twenty-four quarts of beer in each twenty-eight days. And that is as far as it goes. No penalty is provided and no means for enforcement specified.

According to the state constitution, amendments voted by the people go into effect immediately after the votes have been canvassed by the secretary of state and the result proclaimed by the governor. The problem revolves around whether or not the governor is forced to proclaim the law immediately after the official count is completed, which this year would be about December 1. If he is, it will either be necessary to call a special meeting of the legislature to provide a penalty for the violation of the new dry law, or else between December 1 and the first of January the old law will be dead, and while it will be illegal to import booze, there will be no penalty to stop citizens from importing any quantity they wish. If he is not obliged to issue his proclamation immediately, he will probably refrain from doing so until the legislature has met and fixed a penalty and the old law will remain in effect until that time. The next three weeks will slip by under the old law, at any rate, and November liquor importation will take a big jump.

It is understood that the prohibition forces are contemplating asking the legislature to pass a law prohibiting possession of liquor in order to make the importation clause effective.

Until instructions arrive to the contrary, the local express office is handling shipments as usual.

Ashland gave the dry law a great big majority and defeated the brewers' amendment by a three to one vote, unmistakably making plain the attitude which the big majority of Ashland residents have toward liquor.

The liquor house men across the line are greatly interested in the Oregon law, and according to word brought from Hornbrook, at least one of the big wholesalers there believes the law to be unenforceable. This man is credited with the statement that "it wasn't worth while to fight the Idaho law, as we did not do enough business in that state, but we do enough in Oregon to make it worth fighting, and we will beat it."

Josephine County Went for Hughes

Josephine county went for Hughes by a very small majority. Other returns are as follows from that county: Hawley, for representative in congress, received his usual heavy vote, polling 1,879 to 1,146 for Weatherford. Richards got 285. All other republican nominees for state offices received majorities slightly less than that given Hawley.

Josephine will have a divided delegation in the state legislature. Senator Smith, republican, was re-elected over A. C. Hough, and Charles T. Sweeney, democrat, representative, over A. E. Voorhies. Two democrats were elected to county office, W. T. Miller having defeated E. E. Blanchard for district attorney, and Mrs. Alice Bacon, the only woman candidate, having defeated Lincoln Savage for school superintendent. The other county officers elected were: George T. Lewis, sheriff; Eugene Coburn, clerk; George S. Calhoun, treasurer; Eccles Pollock, assessor; H. C. Hall, surveyor; S. Loughridge, coroner, and G. M. Savage, commissioner.

Heavy majorities were recorded against both the single tax and the brewers' amendment.

H. T. Baughman recently returned from a visit to his father, Jacob Baughman, of Woodburn, who is 90 years old and one of the pioneers of the Willamette section, hale and hearty for one of his age.