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CROSS ELECTION FRAUDS IN MANY PRECINCTS

Defeat of Word Not Certain and Contest May Elect Him. Sheriff Will Demand Recount.

STEVENS' PLURALITY OF FOURTEEN VOTES MAY BE WIPED OUT

Official Count May Reverse Majority and Place Word in Lead—If Recount Fails Contest Will Be Inaugurated and Alleged Fraud at the Polls Investigated—Padded Returns for Stevens Are Reported

That Tom Word has been defeated for reelection is by no means certain. Indeed, the evidence so far at hand seems to indicate that he has polled a plurality of votes and that a contest will leave him in possession of the office which he now holds.

The statements sent in to the county clerk by the 90 election boards in the county give Stevens a plurality of 14. Word's friends have strong hopes that the official count, now in progress, will reverse the plurality and leave their candidate in possession of the field. If it turns out otherwise there will be a contest involving a number of precincts in which there is more or less evidence of fraud.

Summers of Fraud. The belief of the Word contingent that the official count will prove the present sheriff a winner is supported by well-defined rumors to the effect that in a number of different precincts the returns were padded in Stevens' favor. For example, a judge at one of the west side precincts is said to have remarked in confidence that the statement sent in by the board gave Stevens no fewer than 40 votes more than he was entitled to. In precinct 17 it is also persistently stated that the returns were padded in Stevens' favor. Another precinct in which the accuracy of the returns is questioned is No. 38. If such frauds have been perpetrated they will become evident in the official canvass and Word may be declared elected without a contest.

Will Demand Recount. On the other hand, if no evidence of fraud or mistake in making out the statements appears from the official canvass Word will demand an opening of the ballot boxes themselves, the official canvass being merely a second going over of the tally sheets.

Frauds are alleged to have been perpetrated in the figuring of the tally sheets in a number of different west side precincts. At precinct 45, too, there is a suggestion that Word has not been given a fair deal. It is stated on good authority that the tally sheet of the night board left Word 1.3 per cent in the lead in that precinct, and that the tally sheets of the day board reduced his lead to 9 per cent. Though this might happen in case of a fair count, such a falling off is unusual, to say the least, and might well be inquired into.

Sellwood Precinct. By far the strongest presumption of fraud exists in regard to the Sellwood precinct, No. 27. This precinct is the one in which the Mount Hood brewery is situated and there was a hot fight on the "wet" and "dry" question. Precincts 27 and 28 were joined on the prohibition issue. The brewery interests made a bitter fight, enlisted every available power in its favor and there is strong suspicion that there was a lot of fraudulent voting. The fact that there were 85 more votes cast than were registered is highly significant of itself, considering that the vote in no other precinct in the state, so far as known, is so much as equalled the registration. Of the 453 votes polled in precinct 27 it is rumored that 300 were affidavit votes, affording ground for another strong presumption of fraud. It is supposed that these 300 votes were practically all cast for Stevens, as it is known that he is in greater favor with the liquor interests than is Word.

The total vote recorded for the two candidates is: Stevens 3,257, Word 3,243, leaving Stevens with a plurality of 14. The Sellwood vote is: Stevens 235, Word 218, leaving Stevens with a plurality of 17. If fraud can be proved in Precinct 27, therefore, the precinct vote will be cast out and Word will be left with a plurality of 8. These are the reasons why Tom M. Word is still cheerful and confident, though anxious, tired and sleepy.

The members of the election board of Precinct 27 are: Night board—J. M. Miller, J. B. Crozier, G. L. Reed, C. F. Datsch, T. C. Bell, F. L. Roberts; day board—Ben F. Smith, William V. Benson, D. M. Donagh, W. M. La Forest, O. H. Washburn and R. M. Gatewood.

Mistake Found in Count. After the full reports were in early in the morning the county clerk's figures indicated that Stevens had been elected by a plurality of 19. This fact was given out by telephone and was hawked about the streets until between 10 and 11 o'clock, when the returns were figured up again on the adding machine. The machine reduced Stevens' plurality to 14, it being supposed that the mistake had been made by a figure 4 being mistaken for a figure 9 in the previous process of addition. This changed the aspect of the situation very materially, affording renewed hope of the Word men, who had estimated that, even with the throwing out of precinct 27, other discrepancies must be found or Stevens would still be entitled to the office of sheriff.

In regard to the contest and the situation in precinct 27, Attorney McGinn spoke emphatically as follows: "There will be a contest instituted by Mr. Word as soon as the result of the official canvass is announced. I am convinced that Mr. Word has been elected sheriff.

Looks Bad in Sellwood. The condition of affairs in regard to Sellwood looks bad to me. It smells very bad. Considering that the election board in that precinct was unfavorable to Word, if there was fraud there is a strong presumption that it was done against Word. It seems to me that the district attorney should take the matter up, and when he does take it up that there should be something done besides talk. To have the statement go out to the world that there were 300 illegal votes cast in one precinct and nothing done would be an everlasting disgrace. And I have no doubt that a large percentage of those 300 votes were illegal. If there was fraud, and there is no doubt in my mind that there was, I believe it is the duty of the district attorney to institute criminal proceedings.

McGinn further gave it as his opinion that fraud proved in precinct 27 would result in the throwing out of the whole precinct; that there would be no way of throwing out the dishonest ballots and counting the honest ones.

Fraud Is Denied. The charge of fraudulent voting in precinct 27 is indignantly denied by residents of Sellwood, where the voting place is located. It is claimed that the charges were brought simply as a result of defeat and are absolutely groundless.

Judges and clerks who served on election boards in the precincts mentioned were: Precinct 27—J. M. Miller, J. B. Crozier, G. L. Reed, C. F. Datsch, T. C. Bell, F. L. Roberts; day board—Ben F. Smith, William V. Benson, D. M. Donagh, W. M. La Forest, O. H. Washburn and R. M. Gatewood.

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\$46,000 GRAFT IN 3 YEARS

Chief Clerk of Motive Department of Pennsy Received Gifts From Coal Operators From Whom He Purchased Fuel

Philadelphia, June 6.—An "immunity bath" will not be furnished President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania road by the interstate commerce commission, which refuses to subpoena him before it for a hearing.

Additional evidence of graft among the Pennsylvania railroad officials was developed by the interstate commerce commission at the hearing today. J. R. Boyer, chief clerk of the motive power department, admitted getting money from coal companies. Much of it came to him in unsigned letters. His rake-off came on tonnage received from operators furnishing the company with

coal. Boyer's receipts from one company in two years amounted to \$15,000. Another company paid Boyer \$18,000. Payments stopped when the present investigation began.

Coal companies furnishing the railroad with engine coal, paid Boyer \$46,000 in three years. Boyer said that he had never divided the money given him and that his superiors had no knowledge of the transaction. He said that he never solicited gifts. He didn't wrestle with his conscience and didn't think he had done anything reprehensible. He said that he did not favor the companies that paid him.

NEW OFFICERS FOR W. & C. R.



Levey Succeeds McCabe as Vice-President—Cutler Is Made General Superintendent.

Special Dispatch to The Journal. Portland, Or., June 6.—At a meeting of the Washington & Columbia River Railroad company held at Walla Walla today formal action was taken on the resignation of General Manager Joseph McCabe.

Charles M. Levey of Tacoma was appointed to succeed Mr. McCabe as vice-president, while the office of general manager will be abolished. The resignation of J. G. Cutler as assistant treasurer was tendered and accepted. The vacancy was filled by appointment of M. P. Martin of Tacoma. Mr. Cutler was then made general superintendent of the road. Mr. McCabe leaves tonight for Boston, accompanied by his partner, Charles H. Bihler.

RAILROAD CONDUCTORS MUST CREASE TROUSERS

Chicago, June 6.—(Special Service.) Burlington conductors are not neat in dress and do not have their trousers nicely pressed, there is likely to be trouble. The operating department has installed a tailor in the conductors' room and it will be his business to iron all trousers and do all necessary repairing. It is understood that the men will also be required to send their linens to the laundry often enough to present a good appearance. The company has placed a premium upon the personal appearance of its men, as well as upon their behavior.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION IN SESSION AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles has been nominated as treasurer of the Federation of Women's clubs. The election will take place tonight. Despite all promises to the contrary the question of woman suffrage came before the convention incidentally. It was applauded. A telegram from President Roosevelt was received, saying he approved the resolution of the women to save the California big trees and would call the attention of congress to the subject.

JURY HARD TO SECURE IN LADOUX MURDER CASE

Stockton, Cal., June 6.—A venire of 25 jurors in the Ladoux murder case was exhausted yesterday and a special venire of 15 is being summoned today. The trial was continued until next Friday. Eleven veniremen were rejected for cause. Peremptory challenging has not yet been started. Of the jurors selected several were on the Miller murder jury, which acquitted the defendant.

STOCKTON WINS FAME AS A MULE CENTER

Stockton, Cal., June 6.—Ten hundred and sixty mules, the largest shipment ever made from the United States by a private corporation, will be shipped from Port Costa Saturday to Fiji Island. They were purchased here for the Colonial Sugar Refining company. Stockton is now the mule center of the world, English, German and United States governments buy here.

FOLK CHAIRMAN FOR BRYAN RECEPTION

New York, June 6.—Governor Folk of Missouri has been appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for the reception to be given William J. Bryan when he arrives from his original pilgrimage.

GRAFTING PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD OFFICIALS.



From Left to Right—R. K. Cassatt, made president of the Keystone Coal company; Samuel Rea, vice-president, who got shares and bonds valued at \$87,000; Robert E. Pitcairn, who got \$5,000 in cash, and William A. Hattan, who got shares worth \$38,500.

PORTLAND HAS CHANCE IF MERCHANTS DESIRE TO GET ALASKA TRADE

Transportation Committee of Chamber of Commerce Has Correctly Shaped Steamship Problem and Now It Is Up to the Merchants to Get Busy and Do Their Share of the Work

The transportation committee of the chamber of commerce has at last got the Alaska trade and steamship problem shaped right. It is now up to the merchants of Portland to establish their lines of trade in Alaska, and when they are ready for the ships they will be started," said Sol Blumauer, chairman of the Alaska trade committee of the chamber.

He said the committee has entered into a tentative agreement with one of the leading steamship companies of the Pacific coast, and that there will be no further trouble about guarantees or bonus propositions. The Northern Pacific Railway company has been induced to put in a rate of 7 1/2 cents per hundred in lieu of the former 25 cents rate on all Portland freight consigned to Alaska via Puget sound.

Equal Chance With Seattle. At rate of 7 1/2 cents per hundred pounds is practically placing Portland on an equal footing with the Sound so far as the freight charges is concerned, and if Portland merchants can now get a fair deal from the Seattle steamship companies operating to Alaska this city may secure a large part of the Alaska business. The prices of commodities, both imported and of home manufacture in Portland, are sufficiently lower than Sound prices to enable the merchants of Portland to easily absorb the freight differential of 7 1/2 cents. It now remains to be seen whether Portland merchants are on a fair footing with Alaska territory through the Sound gateway. They can and should send their traveling men immediately into Alaska territory and work the whole

HEARST SETS DATE FOR NOMINATING CONVENTION

New York, June 6.—It is announced that the state convention of the Independence league, which will nominate Hearst for governor of New York will meet about August 1, probably in Rochester or Syracuse. Politicians have already begun their ducress as to the composition of the Hearst ticket and it is generally the opinion that Clarence J. Shearn, Hearst's lawyer, will be chosen to run for attorney-general. The names of ex-Senate Senator William F. Mackey of Buffalo and Isaac Rosenbloom of Syracuse are mentioned for the offices of lieutenant-governor and controller respectively.

CARLOAD OF PEOPLE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Pasadena, June 6.—A disarranged blunge on the Mount Lowe electric car nearly caused one of the worst accidents ever noted in this vicinity. Just as a car bound for the summit left circular bridge with a crowd of pleasure-seekers the inner rail sprang and the car was thrown from the track against the side of the cliff.

PRESIDENT ELIOT OF HARVARD TO RESIGN

Boston, June 6.—President Charles William Eliot of Harvard says he has no intention of resigning his office on account of the Harvard football situation.

BALLOTS FOR CHINESE



Imperial Commissioners State That Empire Will Adopt a Constitutional Form of Government.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., June 6.—Imperial commissioners Chang and Chow, who are in the United States representing the Chinese government and will spend several days in Tacoma, in an interview this morning says that the Chinese expect to adopt a constitutional form of government and that at the present time the envoys sent out by the emperor are studying political conditions in Europe and America, especially in constitutional monarchies, after which the Chinese government will be more or less a copy.

The commissioners admit that their trip through America, which has now lasted over three months, two months of which have been spent in the national capital, has been replete with wonderful revelations of industrial conditions. The evolution of city life from the primitive conditions found in the oriental countries to modern cities of this country has amazed them. One of the points of interest which the commissioners are making a study is American machinery and farming implements, which they say will be introduced into China in great quantities to take the place of primitive tools, and revolutionize the ancient methods of that empire.

Men who have talked with them here say their presence is a pronounced symptom of the awakening of China to the merits of twentieth century civilization.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT PETITIONS LEGISLATURE

(Journal Special Service.) Sacramento, June 6.—President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California appeared before the joint committee on ways and means yesterday and presented arguments in favor of an appropriation of \$23,900 for the university. The committee will take immediate steps to secure the legislation asked.

LONG SESSION OF SENATE IN PROSPECT

Washington, June 6.—The senate today considered the conference report on the rate bill. After a spirited discussion Senators Lodge and Foraker announced their purpose of circulating it. Later the naval appropriation bill was considered. Senator Elkins intimated that the senate would be in session after July.

WOMAN JUMPS FROM AIRSHIP

Miss Maggie Dailey Accepts Dare, Goes Up in Balloon, Drops From Midair With Parachute With Skill of Veteran

Middletown, O., June 6.—Because she was dared to do it and did not fancy being called a coward, Miss Maggie Dailey, a young woman of this city, took her life in her hands and made a balloon ascension and parachute leap at Midway Park, a summer resort near here.

While horror-stricken friends stood below and watched her whirling several thousand feet above the ground, Miss Dailey cut loose from the balloon and made a leap with the parachute with the skill of a veteran, landing about two and a half miles from the starting

GOVERNOR'S MAJORITY IS ON INCREASE



Returns Indicate That He Has Carried the State by Almost Three Thousand Votes

Counties Which Were Conceded to Republican Candidate Give Surprisingly Large Majorities for Present Chief Executive—Victory Greater Than Thought

With complete or partial returns from all counties in the state save Harney, which casts only a small vote, Governor George E. Chamberlain has a plurality of 2,200 votes over James Withycombe. Later returns will not materially change this figure. Chamberlain's margin may exceed 2,500, or fall to 2,000, but in either event he has won a great victory at a time when the average candidate on the opposing ticket had a margin of about 25,000.

The counties that went to Chamberlain included Baker, which gave him its round numbers 600 plurality; Clackamas, where he surprised the Withycombe forces by carrying one of their supposed strongholds by 400; Clatsop, another surprise, 250; Lane, 250, and Linn, 500. His majority in Multnomah county is small, about 250, but this is more than the Democratic state committee really expected, and proves that Chairman Sweek was speaking from the cards when he said that Chamberlain could lose Multnomah by 1,000 and still win the election.

Where Withycombe Made Showing. Withycombe made his best showing in Benton, his home county, but even there his margin was one short of 200. He carried Columbia, Cook, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lake, Lincoln, Sherman, Tillamook, Willowa, Wasco, Washington and probably Harney, but in most of these his plurality was less than 100. In Douglas his lead over Chamberlain is only nine votes, and full returns may wipe this out.

Late returns show that United States Senator John M. Geary made a phenomenal run. It was thought at first that Bourne had beaten him about 10,000, but the outside counties have done so well by Geary that it is now believed that Bourne's plurality will be less than 2,500. Bourne carried Multnomah by about 1,600, although this is Geary's home and was the supposed center of the Republican revolt against that party's senatorial candidate.

The following summary tells how the various counties cast their vote: United States senator and governor: Baker—Bourne 1,932, Geary 1,745; Chamberlain 2,063, Withycombe 1,424; Benton—Bourne 982, Geary 758; Chamberlain 811, Withycombe 1,115; Clackamas—Bourne 1,374, Geary 1,752, Chamberlain 2,222, Withycombe 1,311; Clatsop—(complete)—Bourne 1,258, Geary 849, Chamberlain 1,313, Withycombe 1,047; Columbia—(complete)—Bourne 807, Geary 516, Chamberlain 711, Withycombe 874; Cook—Bourne 171, Geary 118, Chamberlain 101, Withycombe 162; Curry—Bourne 50 plurality, Chamberlain 60 plurality; Crook—Geary 50 plurality, Chamberlain 160 plurality; Douglas—Bourne 1,582, Geary 1,446, Chamberlain 1,793, Withycombe 1,801; Gilliam—Bourne 487, Geary 298, Chamberlain 608, Withycombe 411.

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