

SUPREME COURT IS IN SESSION

Will Adjourn This Evening Until Wednesday Because of the Election.

OCCUPY FOUR DAYS.

Supreme court convened in the city for the November term this morning. Chief Justice Frank E. Stone is presiding with associates Charles E. Wolbertson and Robert S. Stone in attendance.

The sessions of the supreme court are being held in the rooms of the state court building.

The other case on today's docket is that of L. Smith, respondent, against A. Nelson and T. D. Taylor, as sheriff of Wasco county.

TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES SOON

CHANGES PROBABLE IN TEXT-BOOK BOARD.

The Board Selects and Designates the Text-books Used in All the Public Schools of the State—Contracts for Books Are for Six Years—Influence Will Be Brought to Bear to Shorten the Curriculum in Four of the Grades.

The terms of office of the five members of the state text-book commission, composed of H. W. Scott, of Portland; Charles Johns, of Baker City; W. M. Colvig, of Jacksonville; President P. L. Campbell, of the state university of Eugene, and W. M. Ladd, of Portland, will expire in January and already pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Chamberlain to reappoint the entire board.

While the governor has not made any suggestion as to his plans in the matter, it is firmly believed that the personnel of the board will be changed. The present board was appointed by Governor Geer, to serve for six years.

The state board of education is composed of the governor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction, and this body really frames the policy of the state, in the matter of education, to be indorsed and made into law by the legislature.

ty and Attorney General A. M. Crawford for respondent; J. L. Rand for appellant. State of Oregon against Francis M. Teller. William Miller, district attorney for Harney county, for respondent; L. R. Webster and George W. Hayes for appellant. Wallowa county against H. E. Oakes and others. L. Lomax, district attorney for Wallowa county, and D. W. Sheahan for appellants; J. A. Burreigh for respondents. Phila B. Clarke against W. C. Hindman and others, appeal from Baker county. William Smith for appellants; F. M. Saxton for respondents.

Thursday—Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. Balleray & McCort for respondents; W. W. Cotton and H. F. Conner for appellant. State of Oregon against Wordson Gray, jointly indicted with Wade Gray. Leroy Lomax, district attorney for Union county, and Attorney General A. M. Crawford for respondents; T. H. Crawford and J. D. Slater for appellants. Perry V. Sloan against Benjamin Laroy. O. B. Mont for appellant; J. L. Rand for respondent. The Manchester Assurance Co. against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. Balleray & McCort for appellants; W. W. Cotton and H. F. Conner for respondent.

Friday—H. Maynard against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, appeal from Union county. Leroy Lomax for respondent; J. G. Wilson and T. H. Crawford for appellant. Barnes & Sons against Lake Superior Lumber Company, appeal from Union county. T. H. Crawford for respondents; C. H. Finn for appellants. The Grand Ronde Electrical Power and Railroad Company against A. H. Drake and W. H. Drake, appeal from Union county. Leroy Lomax for appellants; T. H. Crawford for respondents. Hutchinson Brothers against the board of regents of the State Agricultural College and others; appeal from Union county. Leroy Lomax for appellant; George W. Ruckman against the Union railway and the Suburban Railway; appeal from Union county. C. E. Coekran and T. H. Crawford for appellant; Leroy Lomax and C. H. Finn for respondents.

REPUBLICAN FORECAST.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—On the eve of election apathy continues on the coast. While the campaign has been generally a hard one, the spellbinders have been unable to arouse any great enthusiasm. Good weather is promised for tomorrow and a fairly full vote anticipated.

The principal interest in California lies in the size of Roosevelt's majority, and the result of the vote for assemblymen, on which hinges the selection of a U. S. senator to succeed Bard. Republicans this morning claim a majority of 46,000 for Roosevelt.

It is practically conceded by the democrats that Nevada will go for Roosevelt, but they claim they will elect the congressmen and control the legislature, which will select a U. S. senator.

Idaho seems safely republican. The forecast in Utah is that the state will go republican, with the possible exception of congressmen. The New American party (anti-Mormon), claims 15,000 votes tomorrow. This is the bitterest campaign in the history of the state. The theme of Sunday sermons by all sects yesterday was the Mormon issue in all its different phases.

Odds With Roosevelt. New York, Nov. 7.—The betting odds on Roosevelt's election lengthened slightly this morning on the curb, the early offers being \$500 to \$50 that he will win. Herrick remains the favorite in the gubernatorial race at \$1000 to \$500.

Stories of Fraud in New York. Governor Odell left for Newburgh at noon to receive returns at his home. The governor said: "We will carry the state by a good majority. The national ticket will run ahead of the state ticket 30,000 to 40,000. Murphy will have to carry New York City by more than 140,000 to beat our ticket.

Quiet Day for Parker. Esopus, N. Y., Nov. 7.—Parker spent the day in his library and about the estate, paying far less attention to politics than to the work of his farm employees. The nominee went horseback riding with Mrs. Parker and his brother, Fred. He returned in time to meet the morning mail, which was burdened heavier than usual with letters from prospective office seekers. No further public utterances are expected from the nominee.

Roosevelt in Good Humor. Washington, Nov. 7.—An atmosphere of calm surrounded the White House this morning in decided contrast to the excitement of last week. The president has been in high spirits since Saturday night, when Parker failed to produce proofs of republican corruption that was asserted to be forthcoming. Letters and telegrams of congratulation over the president's public statement continue to pour into the White House.

LINED UP AND READY FOR THE BATTLE OF BALLOTS

Weather Department Predicts a Day Favorable for a Heavy Vote in Most Sections of the Country.

Parker is at Home Overseeing Operations on the Farm—Roosevelt at the White House and Said to Be Confident and in a Good Humor—Both Parties Claim All the Doubtful States—The Election of Turner as Governor of Washington Seems Reasonably Certain — Anti-Mormon Party Will Poll Its First Vote in Utah.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The following special bulletin regarding the weather probabilities was issued by the weather bureau today: Fair weather and seasonable temperature is indicated for all parts of the United States tomorrow, except for some cloudiness, showers, or snow flurries in parts of New York, Northeastern Pennsylvania and New England, and rain on the extreme North Pacific coast.

warrants were issued today from the offices of the United States district attorney in alleged naturalization fraud cases.

Delaware Split Up. Wilmington, Nov. 7.—While the democrats claim the state, the compromise effected by the regular and union republicans will probably give the state to Roosevelt by 3000 majority and the democrats will probably elect a governor.

Democrats Claim West Virginia. Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 7.—The democrats claim the state is no longer doubtful. They will elect the governor and give the democratic national ticket a small majority.

New Jersey Uncertain. Trenton, N. J., Nov. 7.—Both the republican and democratic managers are claiming the electoral vote of the state with the chances apparently favorable to the republicans. The campaign has been heated. Stokes, republican, will likely be elected governor.

Turner's Election Is Sure. Olympia, Wash., Nov. 7.—On the eve of election the democrats claim Turner for governor by a plurality exceeding 7000, and say they will carry Judson for lieutenant governor by a small majority. They concede the three republican candidates for congressmen, probably by pluralities of 12,000 and the republican national ticket by a smaller vote. Republicans tacitly admit the defeat of Mead for governor. Turner's election will be due to state railway issues. The state legislature will undoubtedly be republican.

Taggart Sure of Indiana. Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—National Chairman Taggart spent Monday quietly at the Grand hotel. He was in telegraphic connection with New York headquarters giving instructions. It is understood all the money to be used in Indiana is in hand. The republicans are not without funds today and are confident their pile will match that controlled by Taggart. "We have no money for boodle purposes," said Taggart. "Our money will be used solely for getting out the vote."

The chairman was still confident of national democratic success and more confident than ever of democratic success in Indiana.

Engineers' Union May Be Abandoned in Illinois. Danville, Ill., Nov. 7.—The National officers of the Engineers' Union today declared the Illinois coal engineers' strike ended, ordered the men to work, accepting a cut of five and a half per cent. The question of continuing the organization will be left to the referendum.

The Miners' Union failed to support the engineers, which lost them the strike.

Several Severely Injured in Quicksilver Mine. Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 7.—An explosion of gas in the Great Eastern quicksilver mine at Gurneville took place last night. Four were injured and two may die from burns on the face, hands and shoulders. James Leslie and Rollo Wooten were the worse injured. Fred Scotte and Peter Henderstratten were also injured.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Nov. 7.—December wheat opened \$1.11 1/2, closed \$1.12 1/2; May opened \$1.11 1/2, closed \$1.11 1/2. Corn opened 48 1/2 cents, closed the same. Oats opened 28 1/2, closed the same.

The man acknowledged to be the best and swiftest and most efficient player of the Harvard football team this fall is Matthew, a colored man.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

China Buying Supplies for War, of England.

London, Nov. 7.—A Manchester man, finding that he could not get some goods delivered the other day for home trade on account of the pressure of Chinese orders, took steps to discover the nature of this increase in Far East activity. He had good reason to believe no boom in Chinese trade had set in, and his inquiries showed that the new orders were of a very special character indeed, including one placed by the Chinese government of a half-million yards of cotton duck for tents.

This is taken to mean either that China has made up its mind to take part in the struggle between Russia and Japan, or that it is supplying Japan with war material. Well informed Britons are inclined to accept the first theory as the more probable of the two.

GAMBLING IN BAKER.

Open Town Question the Issue in a Bitter Campaign. Baker City, Nov. 7.—Since the closing of gambling in Pendleton some weeks ago, this city has filled up with gamblers of every class, until the issue in tomorrow's city election will be on the open town question.

Two candidates for mayor are in the field, C. A. Johns, the avowed candidate of the open town forces, and F. M. Saxton, an advocate of the closed town policy.

The entire city campaign hinges on the determination of Sheriff Harvey K. Brown to keep the town closed, as he has very successfully done for the past two months. He has issued a letter to the public, stating that he will enforce the law, no matter which candidate for mayor is elected, and that he cannot see how the open town people have any hopes of accomplishing their object by the election of a mayor, when the sheriff is empowered and authorized to enforce the law on gambling and Sunday closing, and that he is determined to do so, as long as he occupies the office.

INTEND TO RAISE THEIR LICENSES

PROTECTION MEASURE AGAINST TRANSIENTS.

Ordinance Will Be Presented Requiring Temporary Merchants to Contribute to the City's Revenue—Business Men and Merchants Unanimously Favor the Plan—Argued to Be Just Because the Transient Pays No Taxes.

Feeling that it is unjust to permit transient merchants who do not pay taxes to the city or county, to come in with cheap prices of goods, sell at slaughter prices, take thousands of dollars out of the county without leaving a cent in the way of taxes or licenses and very little in the way of rent, Pendleton merchants are formulating a city ordinance to be presented to the city council in the near future, fixing the license of temporary merchants at a high rate, unless such merchants give a sufficient bond that they are located in the city for at least one year.

Other cities have such ordinances and they prove to be practical and satisfactory to home merchants, who bear the burdens of government. The same law prevails with regard to peddlers, who come in competition with merchants in many lines, and who are only temporary in every place they visit.

The details of the ordinance are not yet outlined, but practically all the merchants and business men of the city are unanimous on the plan, and the matter will probably be perfected immediately after election.

It is argued by home merchants that the property owner who rents to the transient charges the transient no more than he does the permanent merchant, that the transient escapes all taxation, and all responsibility for the support of public enterprises and that it is unjust to allow transients this advantage over the permanent merchants.

Will Be Tried November 15. New York, Nov. 7.—Judge Davis today fixed November 15 as the date of trial of Nan Patterson, charged with the murder of "Caspar" Young. Miss Patterson was in court and looked happy, and seemingly confident of the final outcome.

Action for \$400. Charles Cunningham has brought action against F. W. Schmidt, whose drug store was closed Friday night by the Sheriff to collect \$400. Cunningham alleges that he went Schmidt's security on a promissory note for that amount and that he was compelled to pay the \$400. The note was held by Neagle Brothers.

It is estimated that the present population of Great New York is 1,838,024.

RUSSIANS HOLD BUT FOUR FORTS

Stoessel Has Reached the Last Ditch and All That is Left is to Surrender.

GOLDEN HILL FORTRESS UNDER FIRE BY JAPS.

Reported That Golden Hill Has Surrendered, Which Commands the City—Alleged That Russians Are Violating International Laws About Red Cross Affairs—Talk of Transferring Alexieff to the Caucasus—Russians Having Fun at England's Expense.

London, Nov. 7.—It is reported here that Togo's fleet has succeeded in breaching the Golden Hill fortifications. If this is true, the surrender of Port Arthur must occur within a few hours.

Port Arthur Is Breached. Rome, Nov. 7.—The Tokio correspondent of the Giornale Di Roma, wires that Port Arthur is today considered as good as taken in the Japan capital.

The Russians still hold four forts, but the town itself is open to the Japanese on the northeast. The Japanese will not enter the town at present because it is still under fire from the Lisost mountain forts. All the besiegers' efforts will now be directed toward Gold Hill fortress.

Joking Johnny Bull. St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—M. Clado, one of the four officers landed from the Baltic fleet at Vigo and who has proceeded to St. Petersburg, is not a naval officer, but a major in the army. He was simply Admiral Rojestvensky's guest and intended to land at Vigo. The fact that he was left behind as responsible officer to give the details of the Dogger Bank affair, is nothing less than mockery to England.

The czar, it is learned, has loaded M. Clado with honors. Russian society is hilarious over the farce in sending him to the capital as representative of the fleet.

Charge Russian Brutality. Tokio, Nov. 7.—The imperial headquarters today issued a statement charging the Russian defenders of Port Arthur with the misuse of the Red Cross badge and with maltreating and killing the wounded. A number of cases are cited.

A Japanese hospital orderly was wounded and left on the field. The Russians took his badge and then killed him. A wounded Japanese private lay six days simulating death while the Russians were near. The Russians had bayoneted and shot his wounded comrades and then robbed them.

Russians Destroy a Village. St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—General Saknoff reports that "sharpshooters on Friday under Lieutenant Voorotnikoff penetrated as far as the Japanese entrenchments in front of Houshal heights. They remained all day, exchanging a fusillade with the Japanese.

The concentrated Russian fire has destroyed the village of Udeykatze, Japanese attempts to damage the Russian masked guns being unsuccessful. Sunday night Russian sharpshooters harassed the enemy along the whole line. No engagements Saturday.

May Transfer Alexieff. St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—Alexieff arrived here Friday. It is possible he may be transferred as viceroy to the Caucasus on account of the situation there.

WILL FLY THIS WEEK.

A Week of Aeronautics at the World's Fair. St. Louis, Nov. 7.—M. Francois, the French aeronaut, has postponed his flight until Wednesday. A flight will be made this afternoon by Benbow, of Montana as a substitute attraction. Captain Baldwin has overhauled the motor of his California Arrow, and expects to make a flight this week.

Socialists Gained. Rome, Nov. 7.—The results thus far obtained of yesterday's general election in the city show the growth of socialism, but not to a marked degree. One hundred and forty-five ministerialists, 60 conservatives, 18 radicals, 15 socialists and eight republicans were elected. The socialists claim many frauds.