



LOCAL OPTION PETITION READY

Question of Saloons in Umatilla County to Be Settled at June Election.

MORE THAN 800 NAMES

APPEAR ON THE PETITION

Document Filed With the County Clerk This Afternoon—If Entire County Does Not Go Dry Conditions in Individual Precincts Will Be Determined by the Vote in Each—Not Necessary for Separate Precincts to Be Filed—One presented from Ukiah Is Defective—May 1 Is Limit for Filing.

With over 800 signatures thereto, a petition asking that the people of Umatilla county vote upon the question of prohibition at the June election will be filed with the county clerk this afternoon.

For weeks past the petition has been circulated to some extent about the county and at present it is in the hands of Fred Taylor, who says that it is now ready for filing. The petition contains the names of nearly 900 voters, but owing to the fact that some of them were found to have failed to register they were cut out, thereby reducing the number to 802.

As a result of the petition now ready for filing the people of the county will vote upon the question of saloons at the state election to be held June 1.

Under the law should a majority of the voters of the county vote for prohibition, the entire county and every precinct in the same will become dry until voted otherwise by the people.

Should the county as a whole not go dry the status of the individual precincts will depend upon the voting in the same. A precinct casting a majority of votes for prohibition becomes dry while a precinct showing a majority sentiment against prohibition becomes wet. When the county votes upon the proposition as a whole there is no necessity for precinct petitions, being filed.

At the clerk's office this morning a petition was received from Ukiah, but owing to the fact that the precinct boundaries were not properly described it has been sent back by Clerk Saling. But as the Ukiah people will have a chance to vote upon the proposition, anyway, it will not matter if their petition is not returned before the first.

May 1, or 30 days before the election, is the limit for the filing of local option petitions.

Petition Was Filed.
About 2 o'clock this afternoon the local option petition was filed with the county clerk and Deputy Clerk Nelson is now engaged in checking over the names on the list. The petition is a bulky document and has signatures from all the principal precincts of the county.

Chance for Good Advertising.
If the Commercial Association desires, it may do some good advertising on the backs of the 15,000 envelopes that have just been received by the fair commission. The commission will distribute the envelopes among the business men of the city for use in their regular correspondence, and incidentally to advertise next fall's fair. It is now proposed to have a Pendleton or Umatilla county advertisement upon the backs of the envelopes.

Aron Ridge Indicted.
An indictment against Aron Ridge, charged with stealing a horse from Charles Hamilton, was filed this afternoon by District Attorney Phelps. Ridge was caught at Walla Walla several weeks ago after he had sold his horse at Athena.

George Bank Died at Potts.
George Bank died at the home of his father, Andrew Bank, near Potts yesterday morning. Death was caused by pneumonia. The deceased was 25 years of age and unmarried. He was buried in the Potts cemetery today.

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN WELCOMED

That the people of Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties are taking deep interest in the coming of the O. R. & N. demonstration train through these and Umatilla county next month, is the statement of C. F. Van De Water, traveling freight agent of the O. R. & N. who has just returned from a trip through Morrow county.

He says that at Heppner, Ione, Lexington and other Morrow county points where the train will stop, the people are making excellent preparations to greet the lecturers with a

WAR THREATENED IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Mexico City, Mexico, April 29.—It is reported here from Tapachula, and other points near the Guatemala frontier, that hundreds of political refugees have fled across the border and that a state of terror exists among the people of the Central American state.

Many of the refugees are bankers, planters and wealthy citizens. The Mexican government is amassing a force of several thousand on the frontier and the Guatemala army is also gathering near the line. The situation is tense.

MAJOR GENERAL RETIRED.

Charles B. Hall Entered the Army in 1867.

Washington, April 29.—Major General Charles B. Hall, who attained his present rank on March 27 when Major General Adolphus W. Greely left the service, was today placed on the retired list of the United States army, by operation of the age limit.

General Hall is a native of Portland, Me., and entered the regular army as a second lieutenant of the Twenty-eighth infantry in 1867. He had previously seen long service during the civil war as second lieutenant in a volunteer infantry regiment. For some time he has been commandant of the Infantry and Cavalry Training school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

MORE PAVEMENT FOR PENDLETON

ALTA AND LEWIS STREETS
ARE NEXT IN LINE.

Number of Prominent Property Owners Are Agitating the Matter and Action Will Probably Be Taken—Water Street Residents May Also Be Induced to Get Into the Hard Pavement Band Wagon.

In addition to the paving of West Court street, there is now a probability that 10 or 15 blocks in other portions of the city will also be paved.

Ever since the first paving was done here those owning property in the first two blocks of East Alta have desired pavement and it is said the district on that street may be extended the entire length of the street, extending from Main to the intersection of East Court.

Many property owners on Lewis street are also anxious for a bit of street with parking on either side. Shortly after the first paving was done there was a strong sentiment for the improvement among Lewis street householders for they have one of the finest residence sections of the city and manifest a pride in keeping it such.

Whether or not the Water street property owners want a pavement is not known, but should they oppose the improvement the Lewis street people wish to have their thoroughfare connected by a paved block with the paved section of East Court.

Should Lewis street be paved for a distance of 10 blocks and connected with Court the city would be given a splendid bit of boulevard.

West Court street property owners have petitioned for pavement for a section covering 10 blocks and the resolution providing for the same is now being published. Should no remonstrance be produced the council will order the improvement and ask for bids shortly.

Beautiful Irrigation Booklet.

D. B. Costuma, local manager of the Columbia Land company, which is handling the Furnish-Coe irrigated land in the west part of the county, has just received a shipment of the most beautiful advertising booklets ever distributed in eastern Oregon. The booklets advertise the Furnish-Coe lands and contain drawings of the tract, photographs of farming scenes in that vicinity and beautiful colored plates of the entire project from every point of view. It is a handsome publication and reflects much credit upon the company.

SAILORS WRECK SALOON CAFE

Blue Jackets of Fleet Resort High Handed Treatment at Santa Barbara.

MEN CHARGED HIGH PRICES FOR INFERIOR ARTICLES

Inside of Restaurant Looked Like It Had Been Struck With Tornado When Navy Boys Finished With It—Feeling Running High Among Both Civilians and Sailors—Men Controlled With Difficulty and Provost Guard Is Doubled—Charged \$6 for Dinner—Give Los Angeles a Fountain.

Santa Barbara, Calif., April 29.—Indignant sailors from the Atlantic fleet wrecked a saloon restaurant belonging to John Senich this morning. They smashed the window glasses, beer bottles and made the inside of the place look like it had been struck by a tornado.

Senich is one of the local saloonmen who has been charging the sailors 50 cents a bottle for beer and 25 cents for sandwiches.

It took but a few minutes to wreck the joint. Midshipmen and a squad of naval police quickly arrived and arrested the sailors.

Feeling is running high among both civilians and sailors as the sailors have been charged shameful prices for inferior goods while here. The damage will amount to about \$200.

The men had been controlled with difficulty all yesterday because of frequent outbursts of anger over exorbitant prices and the treatment which they had received from shopkeepers of the place. Today groups of angry sailors are congregating along the water front and the provost guard and naval police is being strengthened in order to prevent another outbreak.

Trouble started in the Senich restaurant when sailors were charged \$6 for supper. The men paid, then spread the news of their treatment. In a short time there was a crowd about the place and after removing all American flags from the building they rushed it and within a few minutes made a wreck of the place.

Subscription lists were opened today on the fleet for the purpose of raising money to buy Los Angeles a drinking fountain in appreciation of the splendid treatment the men received while there. Each enlisted man will contribute 25 cents.

"PENN" IS FOR KNOX.

His Work as Attorney General and Senator Praised.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 29.—Philander C. Knox is the choice of Pennsylvania republicans for the presidential nomination to that party.

Today's republican delegates were not only instructed to vote for him, but they adopted a platform praising his work as United States attorney general and United States senator and putting the stamp of approval on the entire administration.

The platform contained a significant plank in which the necessity of tariff legislation was recognized and modifications suggested, "such as will best subserve the interests of the American people." A currency system permitting more elasticity was also favored.

To Decide 'Deadlock.'

Dover, Del., April 29.—Another attempt to elect an Episcopal bishop to succeed the late Bishop Leighton Coleman will be made tomorrow, when balloting will be resumed by the special convention of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware. Twenty-seven ballots have already been taken, without a choice, and for some time the convention has been deadlocked. The Rev. Octavius Applegate of Kingston, N. Y., and the Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas of Philadelphia are the leading candidates.

Harbottle Released.

Havana, Cuba, April 29.—Governor General Magoon today signed an order for the release of Solin Harbottle, whose extradition was sought by the Toronto police on the charge of having embezzled \$20,000 from the Toronto club last November.

Cake for Chairman.

Portland, April 29.—The republican state central committee is meeting in Portland this afternoon. William M. Cake, brother to Judge H. M. Cake, candidate for senator, is the leading candidate for the chairmanship.

Bryan Turned Down.

New Haven, Conn., April 29.—The state democratic central committee refused to adopt a resolution favoring Bryan today.

The public schools of Lincoln county, Washington, are to hold a field meet Saturday.

FEUD ROMANCES ARE OUTDONE

Stuyvesant Fish, Junior Reported to Have Eloped With Miss Harriman.

FATHERS OF COUPLE BITTEREST OF ENEMIES.

Little Love God Refuses to Surrender to Will of Irate Parents—Kentucky Gun Fests Can No Longer Furnish All the Food for Fiction Writers—Railroad Kings Have Entered the Field—Papa Fish Denies His Offering Has Elopement While Making Efforts to Locate Missing Boy.

Port Worth, Texas, April 29.—Has Stuyvesant Fish, Jr., eloped with the daughter of Edwin H. Harriman? This is the question friends of the young man in this city are asking today, but nobody knows the answer. Conflicting reports concerning the elopement are extant in New York. The basis of the story is a rush message sent from New York from Fish, Jr., asking railroad officials in New York to ascertain the whereabouts of his son.

Then followed the rumor that he had eloped with Miss Harriman.

Last night another message came from Fish stating that his son was neither missing nor married. But this message has not stopped the elopement stories and Fish, Jr.'s friends are looking for more details today.

TAFT MEN MUST FIGHT.

Maine Convention Not His for the Asking—Fair Chances.

Portland, Me., April 29.—Supporters of Secretary Taft are making a strong fight in Maine to secure the selection of national convention delegates favorable to the pamination of the Ohio man, and with fair chances of success. The instruction question has not assumed such proportions in Maine as in other New England states and it would not come as a surprise if the state convention, to be held here tomorrow, should come out openly for Taft. The Third and Fourth district conventions are being held today, at Waterville and Bangor, respectively, and are expected to elect Taft delegates. The convention of the First district will be held here tomorrow, in connection with the state gathering. The Second district convention, which will be called upon to nominate a successor to Congressman Littlefield, will not be held until May 12.

Many delegates are already in the city for tomorrow's convention, which will open early in the afternoon, at the armory. The Taft boomers are not alone in the attempt to influence the convention, as Hughes, Cannon, Fairbanks and Knox all have representatives here.

MUDD OPPOSES TAFT.

War Is Declared in the Maryland Republican Camp.

Baltimore, April 29.—Open warfare has broken out in the Maryland republican camps, on the even of the state convention, which will be held in Baltimore tomorrow. The endorsement of Taft is the issue over which the party leaders are quarrelling, and the efforts for and against such action will likely lead to the hottest battle ever known in a Maryland political convention. Congressman Sydney E. Mudd is the leader of the anti-Taft men and was responsible for the introduction and passage by the state central committee of a resolution favoring an uninstructed delegation to Chicago.

The resolution declared that the committee believed that the republicans of Maryland now, as at the time of the last state convention, endorse the policies of President Roosevelt and demand as his successor "one who can be trusted to persevere in those policies."

Representative Mudd is known to favor the nomination of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon for president. Cannon men say that Mudd will control 12 of the 16 Maryland delegates, and that they will probably vote for Cannon in the national convention, although it is Mudd's object to get an uninstructed delegation. There is also considerable sentiment among Maryland republicans for Governor Hughes.

Wheeler Accepts Portfolio.

Washington, April 29.—Wm. R. Wheeler, of Alpine, California, has accepted the assistant secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor.

Roy Clark, aged 13, was killed near Eugene Saturday afternoon while out hunting with another boy. They had been sitting on the ground and on rising, the gun was discharged in some manner, the bullet piercing the abdomen from the front.

MASSACRE OF VILLAGERS BY KURDS CONTINUE.

Tiflis, Transcaucasus, April 29.—The situation along the Turkish border is growing more serious and 100 soldiers are now expecting an attack from the Shakkak Kurds who are ravaging the southern districts.

The Kurds are reported as having massacred 200 villagers near Urmiah April 23. The Russian side of the frontier is swarming with refugees from Armenia, whose homes have been destroyed by the blood-thirsty Kurds.

The outlaws are said to number 3000. Persia is doing nothing to restore order as the lack of funds prevents a punitive expedition.

HELIE DE SAGAN.

Prince Asks for Special Dispensation to Marry Annie.

Naples, April 29.—Prince Helie De Sagan has addressed a communication to the vatican asking that a dispensation be granted by the church for his marriage with Anna Gould, a divorced person. As the church only grants this dispensation in certain cases, and as none of these are offered as reasons for granting the writ, it is not thought that the church will approve of the marriage.

A social ceremony will probably be performed in France soon.

WAR OF WORDS IN FORD TRIAL

ATTORNEYS CLASH OVER CALHOUN'S TESTIMONY

His Lawyers Make Desperate Effort to Keep Him Off the Witness Stand—Try to Save Him From the Stigma of Being Compelled to Refuse to Answer Questions on the Grounds of Incriminating Himself.

San Francisco, April 29.—To save himself the stigma of being compelled to refuse to answer on the ground that he might incriminate himself, the attorneys for Patrick Calhoun put up a desperate defense today to keep the magnate off the witness stand in the Ford trial.

Calhoun was suddenly called as a witness by Heney. As Calhoun took his seat the defense objected to his being questioned. Calhoun then refused to answer the first direct question put to him and asked for an opportunity to explain his attitude.

The attorneys at once clashed in a bitter verbal warfare. In the end Calhoun was forced to answer the questions.

He gave his residence as Georgia South Carolina, New York, Cleveland, Ohio and San Francisco.

He was then asked: "Did you come to San Francisco after April 13, 1906?" The defense objected.

Heney then said that there could be but one reason why Calhoun should refuse to answer. At that Attorney A. A. Moore of the United Railroads, jumped into the fray and shouted that the prosecution was attempting to make Calhoun a witness against himself and that the defense had a right to object to his being a witness.

Judge Lawlor finally decided that he would judge the tendency of the questions put to Calhoun and might support or overrule Calhoun's declaration to answer them.

Later in the afternoon Calhoun will be examined.

BAD EXPLOSION.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 29.—

Three men were injured and property to the value of \$80,000 was destroyed when the 10,000 horse power generating plant of Niagara Falls hydraulic power plant burst today.

Ruef Wants Change.

San Francisco, April 29.—Arguments in support of Abe Ruef's motion for a change of venue are being heard today.

Ruef's attorneys declare the state of the public mind in San Francisco is such that he could not get a fair trial.

NEW FREIGHT RATE IN EFFECT MAY 3

On next Sunday, May 3, the new freight rates ordered by the Oregon railroad commission will go into effect on the O. R. & N. system east of the Dalles, making considerable reduction from the rates now in effect. The East Oregonian has just received a schedule of the old and new rates from Commissioner C. B. Atchison. The old and new rates under the different classifications are as follows: First class; old rate, 103; new rate, 91. Second class; old rate, 86; new rate, 77. Third class; old rate, 72; new rate, 64. Fourth class; old rate, 52; new rate, 55. Fifth class; old rate, 49; new rate, 46. Class A; old rate, 49; new rate, 46. Class B; old rate, 41; new rate, 36. Class C; old rate, 31; new rate, 27. Class D; old rate, 25; new rate, 23. Class E; old rate, 20; new rate, 18. The new rates will affect a large saving for shippers and will be welcomed by the inland empire.

TRICK TEAM IS OFF FOR MEET

Crippled by Condition of Jay Local Athletes Will Fight All the Harder.

ABOUT 200 STUDENTS ENTER THE CONTEST

Pendleton's Representatives Are Hopeful But No Longer Confident of Victory—Jay Will Be Entered, But Owing to Recent Illness Cannot Be Depended Upon—Competition Strong—Orville Reeves Will Represent School in Declaration Contest—Baker and La Grande Pass Through.

With its star athlete and captain in poor condition because of illness the high school track team left for Walla Walla this afternoon. The team was accompanied to Walla Walla by Supt. J. S. Landers and the boys will be there Thursday and Friday for the interstate high school meet.

There will be about 200 students entered in the meet and as a result competition will be strong.

Ora Jay went with the Pendleton team today and he will participate in the meet. But as he has just arisen from a sick bed he will not be in his usual form. Others who went over as members of the team are, Arthur Means, Cliff Turner, Lester Means, Alfred Euster, Nat Kimball and Harvey McDill.

Reeves Will Declaim.

Orville Reeves, representative of the Pendleton high school in the declamatory contest to be held there Friday evening, also went over this morning.

Next week a team from the Pendleton high school will be sent to Pullman to participate in a field meet to be held there under the auspices of the Washington state college.

Baker and La Grande Teams.

The track teams from both Baker and La Grande high schools, passed through the city at noon today on their way to Walla Walla to take part in the big field meet there this week. In the Baker City team were eight robust and fine looking boys in charge of Rev. Finger, trainer and coach. The members of the team were Baer, captain, Stuller, White, Blum, Beers, Finch, Denham and Shoemaker.

The La Grande team was not accompanied by a trainer and was composed of the following: Williamson captain, Carpy, Earl, Pearce, Bolton, Young and Myers.

Both teams were in excellent condition and go to Walla Walla with high hopes of bringing away a number of first honors from the contest.

Confesses for Love of Wife.

Spokane, Wash., April 29.—What is considered the best capture of the year has been made by Detective Briley in Ren McCammon. For the past month the police have searched for the daylight robber. The descriptions were always the same. Briley spotted him. McCammon had already served a term in the penitentiary. About a year ago he married a young woman of Oroville, Wash., and it was through her that a confession was finally gleaned. She is a good woman and McCammon loves her. The detectives kept her name constantly before him and finally he confessed to 20 daylight burglaries and told the police where he had sold and pawned more than \$300 worth of jewelry.

Diamond Miners Angry.

Kimberley, South Africa, April 29.—Officials of the Debeers company have demanded military protection from the authorities. They claim there is a plot to blow up the mine buildings by dynamiting. This is the result of discontent following the large number of dismissals which was caused by the collapse of the diamond market.

According to reports from Sumpter, many improvements are being made in the mines of that section. A great amount of development work is being done and much new and improved machinery is being installed.