

## LARGE VOTE IS BEING CAST AT PRIMARY TODAY

### FIGHT DEVELOPS ON COUNTY TREASURER DEMOCRATS IN RACE

Names Written in to Prolong Contest—Interest in State and National Matters Lags Behind That in Local Issues.

With prospects of the biggest vote ever polled in this city, election clerks are working at top speed in all five Bend precincts today, and clerks and judges freely predict that when the count is started at 8 o'clock tonight there may still be some desirous of voting who will have waited a few minutes too long. In several precincts election officials have worked straight through the noon hour, snatching a bite of luncheon as they labored, and up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the party vote reached a total of 388, and it was expected that nearly three times this number would have evinced their preference for candidates by closing time.

On state measures and on the special city bond issue of \$21,000 for the purpose of purchasing a park site from the Bend Company, it was strongly indicated that a favorable vote might be expected all along the line, with the possibility of a contest on the death penalty amendment.

On national candidates, a close race was apparently being run between Hiram Johnson and Leonard Wood, with Johnson having a point in his favor because of the disinclination to heed Hoover's advice to forget his own candidacy.

### Treasurership Fight Hot.

Little interest was manifested in the general run of state offices, for in truth the chief fight of the election seemed to have developed between the supporters of Lon L. Fox and Clyde M. McKay, candidates for county treasurer. The campaign for this office came to a climax late last night, and today the contest took a new turn when it was learned that democrats who had adhered to one or the other of the contestants, are taking a hand by writing in the names of candidates to continue the fight at the general elections in the fall. The race at that time may be further complicated by the entrance of an independent candidate, it was whispered.

### Autos Kept Busy.

Another apparently close race, which, however, failed to show the bitterness of the treasurership contest, was that for the republican nomination for county clerk, in which J. H. Haner, incumbent, and J. D. Davidson figured.

As a sidelight on the election was the reckless use of gasoline, for autos were kept busy during the day hastening voters to the polls.

Votes cast in the various precincts at 2:30 o'clock showed an overwhelming republican majority and were as follows: Precinct No. 1, republicans 70, democrats 15; precinct No. 2, republicans 38, democrats 15; precinct No. 3, republicans 81, democrats 33; precinct No. 4, republicans 63, democrats 14; precinct No. 5, republicans 42, democrats 17.

PORTLAND, May 21.—Reports from various sections of the state indicate that a heavy vote is being polled at the primaries.

## STUDENTS TO SING AT GYM TONIGHT

Under the direction of Miss Bonnie Scribner, head of the music department of the Bend schools, an augmented girls' glee club of 25 members will present at 8 o'clock, at the gymnasium tonight, the Oriental operetta, "India." The high school orchestra will assist in the production. Proceeds will go to the student body treasury.

Special scenery has been prepared for the operetta and the students are well trained for their appearance tonight.

## CAR SHORTAGE RELIEF IS AIM OF COMMISSION

### MORE ROLLING STOCK TO BE BOUGHT WILL USE \$125,000,000

### Interstate Board Takes Charge of Routing and Redistribution of Freight—Autos and Luxuries Left in Yards.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—As a step to relieve permanently the car shortage which threatened to disrupt transportation, the interstate commerce commission today decided that \$125,000,000 of the \$300,000,000 in the revolving fund provided by the Esch-Cummins law be made available quickly for the purchase of additional rolling stock.

The commission today took charge of the routing redistribution of the railroads' freight-carrying equipment in an effort to end the car congestion which is endangering food shipments and threatening a break in the nation's transportation system. This was done at the request of the railroad executives.

Acting under the authority of the Esch-Cummins act, the commission ordered the roads to deliver freight by the quickest, shortest routes. Long trains of empties are now being rushed across the country to localities where they are needed to load coal and grain. Automobiles and luxuries are to be left waiting in the freight yards.

## FOOD DROP TO BE FELT SOON

### DECREASE IN PRICES WILL BE NOTED AS SOON AS THE CAR SHORTAGE IS ENDED, WHOLESALE GROCERS PREDICT.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
NEW YORK, May 21.—Decrease in the prices of clothing and other commodities is bound to affect eventually the price of food, leading wholesale grocers here believe. They said that the morbid influence of the reduction of other supplies will be felt in food as soon as the car shortage is relieved.

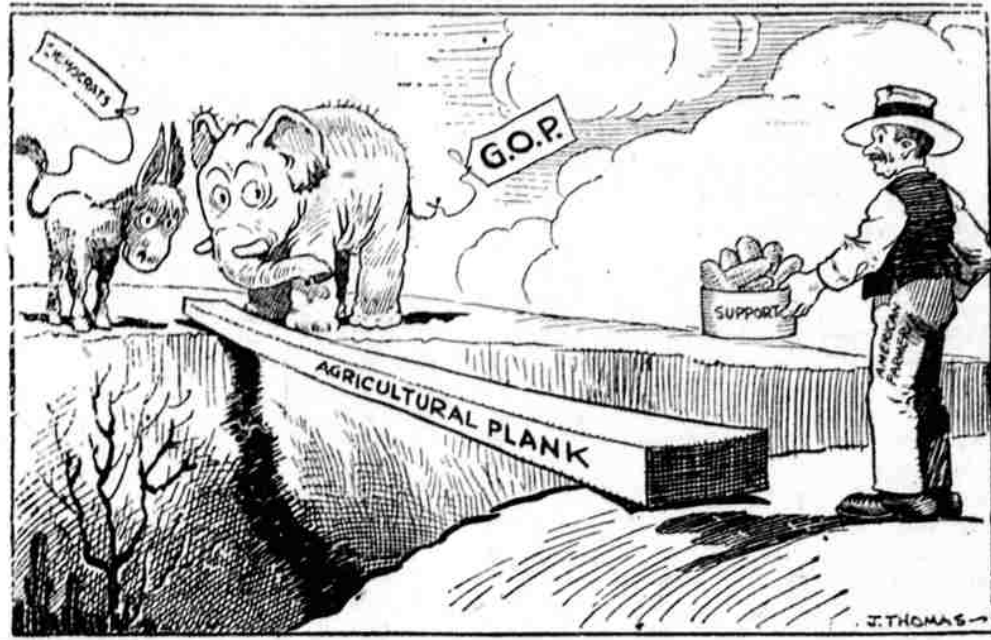
## STRIKES CALLED OFF BY LABOR IN FRANCE

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PARIS, May 21.—The national convention of the French general federation of labor has called off all strikes, it was officially announced today.

## MICKIE SAYS



## WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST TO WALK IT



## DISCUSSION OF MEASURES HELD

### CANDIDATES SILENT AT FINAL RALLY

### Arguments in Favor of Purchase of Park Site Presented and State Bills and Amendments Are Favored.

Discussion of measures on which the voters of Bend are casting their ballots today, featured the candidates ball and political rally held last night at the gymnasium under the auspices of the Women's Civic Improvement League. Matters of individual candidacy were not touched on, and in fact no candidate made even so much as an impromptu address. In the neighborhood of 300 people were in attendance, the meeting being under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carrie Manny. Following addresses on the election questions, dancing was enjoyed, with music by Wilson George's orchestra.

Figures to show that the tract of land belonging to the Bend Company, lying on the east side of the river, which the city contemplates buying as a park site, is a desirable investment, were given by R. S. Hamilton, who declared that the city by making the purchase, will receive a property worth double the deal. He urged the people of Bend to take a definite stand, one way or the other, so that the result would be absolutely conclusive.

### Would Supply playgrounds.

Mrs. V. A. Forbes presented the same subject from a standpoint of public morals. She declared that a park would supply playgrounds for the children of Bend, and that such playgrounds would go a long way toward solving the problem of juvenile delinquency here. "You can't measure the value in money," she said, "for clean citizenship is an asset which cannot be computed in dollars and cents."

Mrs. Charles Hayhurst, of Portland, president of the Parent-Teacher association of Oregon, endorsed the movement for playgrounds, then took up the constitutional amendments and measures appearing on the ballot. In discussing the higher educational millage bill, and the two mill tax for public elementary schools, Mrs. Hayhurst called attention to the fact that living expenses have advanced since 1913 as high as 94 per cent, that teachers salaries have gone up 25 per cent, with an advance of only 22 per cent in college professors' compensation, that registration in the colleges has more than doubled, with class room space increased but slightly, and that the income of the state colleges and normal has advanced hardly at all. The general educational bill she referred to as legislation to aid the children in districts of low valuations.

### Speaks for Death Penalty.

Mrs. Hayhurst also spoke in favor of the soldiers and sailors educational fund measure, and the adult blind school measure.

R. A. Ward, the last speaker of the evening, advised his hearers to vote for eminent domain for roads

## 20 Per Cent Cut May Result From Credit Deflation

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Prices will be reduced at least 20 per cent if the federal reserve board is able to carry through its program on credit deflation, officials in touch with the nation's banking system predicted today.

## Can Reduce Sugar By One-Half, Say Wholesale Grocers

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Retail sugar prices can be reduced 50 per cent, J. H. McLaurin announced here today, following a conference which he and a delegation of southern wholesale grocers held with Attorney General Palmer.

## KNIGHTS HOLD BIG SESSION

### FOUR HUNDRED PYTHIANS TAKE PART IN DISTRICT CONVENTION WITH INITIATION AND BANQUET AT MADRAS.

One of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held in Central Oregon was reported today by Bend Knights of Pythias, who more than 22 strong, attended the district convention held in Madras last night.

The convention, which was under the auspices of Bradshaw lodge of Madras, was presided over by W. J. H. Clark, grand vice-chancellor, and the early part of the session was featured by the initiation of 20 esquires into the rank of knight, by a picked degree team drawn from the Bend, Prineville, Redmond, and Madras lodges.

Following the ritualistic session, 400 knights were entertained at a banquet which lasted well into the morning.

## HOUSE VOTES TO STOP WAR

### KNOX PEACE RESOLUTION PASSES REPRESENTATIVES AND IS SENT TO PRESIDENT WILSON FOR APPROVAL.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—The battle for the final passage of the congressional peace resolution was opened in the house today by Chairman Porter, of the foreign affairs committee, soon after convening. Porter moved that the house agree with the Knox resolution recently passed by the senate, as a substitute measure for the one adopted by the house more than a month ago. He opened the debate with an attack on Wilson.

The resolution was passed and immediately sent to the president.

The vote was 228 to 139, and indicates that the resolution cannot be passed over the president's veto, as the majority is less than two-thirds.

Democrats hissed when Representative Mason declared that he would "rather take the judgment of the senate than that of the sick man at the other end of the avenue." Nineteen democrats bolted party organization and voted for the resolution.

## BROWN AND GORMAN PUT UP HARD FIGHT

### Terrific Combat in Portland Ring Goes to Draw—Ted Hoke Wins by Knockout in Third.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PORTLAND, May 21.—In one of the most terrific fights ever seen in Portland, Young Brown and Joe Gorman slugged and smashed their way through 10 rounds to a draw here last night.

Pete Mitchell received a hard lacing at the hands of Puggy Morton, who easily won the decision after eight rounds. Frankie Monroe and Weidon Wing staged an eight round draw, and Ted Hoke knocked out Zimmerman in the third round.

## JEALOUS WOMAN SHOOT HUSBAND

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PORTLAND, May 21.—Inflamed by the belief that her husband was bestowing his affections on other women, Mrs. August Bjorkland shot her husband, who died shortly after in a hospital here today. The woman turned the revolver on herself, and it is believed that she will die.

### BOLSHEVIKI ADVANCE

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
LONDON, May 21.—Russian Bolshevik troops have advanced 30 miles in the region west of Vitebsk, capturing Polotok, according to a Moscow dispatch.

## PRICE DECLINE IN AMERICA IS NOW PROSPECT

### WILL BE GRADUAL, IS EXPERTS' BELIEF

### FLOUR PRICES DOWN

### Downward Trend of Food and Clothing Has Not Reached Bend and Local Merchants Think Prices May Be Higher.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
NEW YORK, May 21.—A gradual decline of food prices throughout the nation is in prospect, according to wholesale grocers, economists and other experts in close touch with the situation. Reports received showed that in some sections of the country the trend toward lower prices on food is already noticeable.

Clearing up of the freight congestion, already under way under orders of the interstate commerce commission, will go a long way toward clearing the road for a decrease in food prices, experts believe.

Flour prices are down in Minneapolis, the milling center of the country, and one of the largest dealers in foodstuffs in Chicago announced that fall prices will be lower.

Demoralization of the wool market was shown in the auction of wool in Boston by the British government. Purchasers were found for only 3000 bales of the best grades at 15 per cent below the former price.

That the downward trend of food and clothing prices reported from the East is not to be regarded as of a permanent nature is the general belief among representative Bend merchants, who were interviewed this morning. So far no advices have been received by them from jobbers or wholesalers that any reductions are to be expected, and, with a few exceptions, due in the case of groceries, to seasonal increase in production, no cuts are being made by local dealers.

They agree that no basic causes have brought about the reduction and that, consequently, the weakening of the market can be nothing more than temporary. Several predicted that even higher prices would be in effect this fall, when same expect that the peak may be reached.

## NEW CORPORATION TAX CONTEMPLATED

### Ways and Means Committee of House to Recommend Substitute Revenue Measure.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—As one method of making up losses due to the supreme court's decision against taxing stock dividends, the house ways and means committee has decided to report amendments to the war revenue act taxing personal service corporations the same as other corporations.

## SUITS FOR DIVORCE GAINING IN NUMBER

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PORTLAND, ORE., May 21.—The unusually large number of divorce suits which have been filed here recently has caused surprise among the circuit judges.

Domestic discords of every character and traceable to almost every cause are represented in the cases which have been filed.

## GAS WILL LAST FOR FIFTEEN DAYS MORE

Under the present plan of distribution, the supply of gasoline and distillate on hand will last for 15 days, declares William R. Speck, local manager for the Standard Oil company. For the most part, he believes, the people of Bend are cooperating commendably in conserving the supply for business purposes.

## STARTS FIRST WOMAN BANK IN WORLD



This is Mrs. R. F. Runyon of Clarksville, Tenn., who has launched the first bank in the world for women. She is president and Mrs. Matt Lyle is cashier. The institution caters to women only. It encourages thrift and already has made some good loans.