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CITY ELECTION

The city election was pulled off Tuesday and was a very quiet affair. But little interest was manifested. Only two aspired to the honor of the mayorship and four were interested in the emoluments of city marshal. There was a Councilman-at-large and, the election notice said three councilmen to elect, yet the ticket said "Vote for four." Just how this will harmonize is a question.

The vote stood as follows:

For Mayor:	
Albert Teal	80
W. B. McKown	75
For Councilman-at-large, no candidate, F. K. Hubbard's name was written in and he received 48 votes.	
For Councilmen:	
Chas. Hubbard	143
Clay Oxford	39
G. D. Treat	135
R. A. Titus	112
For Marshal:	
C. J. Bradley	26
Tom Robinson	18
J. J. Sammons	113
B. M. Webb	11
For Auditor:	
C. E. McPherrin	143
Maj. Hammond came in for his usual number of votes for office from Mayor down the line.	

WILL GO TO FALLS CITY.

W. H. Beard, who lately disposed of his stock in the Bank of Sellwood, returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Falls City, Polk Co., where he closed a deal for a controlling interest in the Bank of Falls City and expects to move there about the first of December.

The removal of Mr. Beard and family will be a great loss to Sellwood, where they have been active in business and social circles for several years, and the best wishes of a great many friends go with them.—Sellwood Bee.

PETTY THIEVES AT WORK.

For some time during the summer there has been numerous petty thieving going on. Houses that were used for stowing goods have been entered and things taken out, and various other small articles have been stolen. The perpetrators of all these petty crimes have covered their tracks pretty well.

Several days ago someone stole a 1-pound bottle of Ping Pang perfume valued at \$4 from the display counter of Thompson's drug store.

Methodist Church Notes.

The pastor will have a story sermon for the boys and girls before the regular sermon Sunday morning. Morning sermon subject, "The Sabbath Day." Evening, "Thou art not far from the kingdom."

Wednesday evening Dec. 13th the pastor will give the first of a series of four lectures on "The Lord's Prayer." Each Wednesday evening 20 minutes will be devoted to a song service 25 minutes to the lecture address and 15 minutes to prayer and praise. Everyone is invited to these services.

The Salem District Epworth League delegates in convention at Oregon City last week gave Falls City special consideration when they elected Miss Ella Mehrling as District Secretary and Rev. Erwin, President of the District. There are about fifty Epworth Leagues in the District. Let us hope that soon Falls City young people can

entertain the Annual Convention, numbering about two hundred delegates.

The canvass for financial pledges for the Methodist Church current expenses is about completed. The returns to date are very encouraging. Everyone signing a pledge is furnished with a package of dated envelopes for the year.

REVIVAL.

We are in your city to lift up Christ and plainly point out his way of salvation. We have tested his grace and power, with millions of others and know he is mighty to save. Notwithstanding the spurious, shoddy counterfeits that have deceived and disgusted many, Christ is what he claims to be and will do all he has promised. When his directions have been honestly followed it has brought peace and joy to the heart, harmony to the home, courage and victory into the life, and triumph and glory in the dying hour. Are you in trouble? Are you bound by the power of sinful habits, or a slave to strong appetites. Come test his power to deliver. It is written of Him, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

B. C. DEWEY.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

A double wedding took place at the parsonage of the Free Methodist minister at 2:20 o'clock Sunday. The contracting parties being Rufus Ferguson and Miss Ruby Magee; Alvin Ferguson and Miss Rosella Magee. Rev. Long of Portland who is holding a series of protracted meetings here, officiated.

The young people are well known in this city.

Dry Amendment May Not Stand Test

Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League Expresses Fear Supreme Court Will Declare the Law Unconstitutional.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 4.—Fear that the bone dry amendment may be declared unconstitutional by the Oregon supreme court, if a test is made, was expressed by R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, in an address here.

Mr. Hutton said he was afraid the Oregon prohibition law may suffer the same fate as did the Arizona law on the ground that it may be proven discriminatory in that it restricts the importation of liquor, but does not restrict its use within the state.

"Those who were responsible for the drawing up of the bill failed to provide these restrictions, and it is possible the court may hold that since we had the opportunity to include them both the bill is not constitutional," said Mr. Hutton.

Native Son of Polk County Drops Dead

Dallas, Oregon Dec. 4.—Fisher Boise, a native son of Polk county, aged about 60 years, dropped dead at his home in this city Sunday afternoon. He was the eldest son of Judge R. P. Boise, who for more than 30 years in the early history of Oregon was a judge of the circuit court for this district. Mr. Boise was never married and is survived by a brother, R. P. Boise, and a sister, Mrs. J. H. Lauterman, both residents of Salem.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS RAILWAY INQUIRY

Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.

MAY CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railroads, telephone and telegraph lines and express companies.

The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Adair of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee, Cullip of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The inquiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. He described as its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole."

Prominent Men as Witnesses.

In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, economists and others to appear before them.

The first to be heard are railroad commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to opposing any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages and conditions of labor.

Chief interest in the hearings centers in the proposals that will be put forward by representatives of the railroads, for it is reported that they will advocate an extension of federal authority over rates and securities to the practical exclusion of state control of these matters. It is understood also that they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines.

Legislative Program of Railroads.

From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from the simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will, therefore, ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal body so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended, accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.

A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked. In order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.

With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more promptly, the railroads will urge that the period during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 90 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable.

They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of discrimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it considers too low.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE AT FELLOWS, CALIF.

Two Children of Mrs. Georgia (nee Wallace) Callahan, Formerly of Falls City, Loose Their Lives When Home Is Burned.

Black Rock, Ore., Nov. 30.—News was received here today of the death of Glenn LeRoy and Virginia Myrtle Callahan, children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Callahan of Fellows, Cal.

Mr. Callahan was working about one-fourth of a mile from his home. About 4:30 P. M., Mrs. Callahan went to take him a lunch, intending to be gone only a few minutes, she had left the two children in the house. While she was away the house caught fire, igniting the electric wires, exploding the gas. The house was burned to the ground.

There were other houses within a few yards, but the deadly flames had done their awful work before anyone could do anything.

Seeing the flames Mrs. Callahan ran into the house, but was rescued by a neighbor in time to prevent the roof from falling on her. She was badly burned.

Mrs. Callahan was formerly Miss Georgia Wallace lived in Falls City with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Starr for a number of years. She is a sister of Mrs. Beryl O'Brien of Black Rock.

Mrs. Callahan has many friends in Falls City and vicinity who will be sorry to hear of her sad bereavement.

The Official canvass shows that Hughes carried Oregon by a plurality of 6726 over Wilson.

If you not captured, or at least taken a shot at a white owl this fall you are not an up-to-date sportsman.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED

For part or all of my property at Falls City. Two good houses on South Main Street and two lots on North Main Street.

O. Aurland, Falls City, Ore

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, W. F. Nichols, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Gideon Sowers, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate shall present the same, duly verified, and with proper vouchers, to the said Executor, within six months from the date hereof, at the Law Offices of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., in the Dallas National Bank Building, Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

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W. F. Nichols,
Executor of the Estate of
Gideon Sowers, deceased.
Walter L. Tooze, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate.

One of the most important recommendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take into account in rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of expenses.

While the Newlands Committee is required, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 next, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Our store is well supplied with gifts of practicable value for the entire family.

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THE REVIVAL

AT THE

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