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VOTERS OF CITY REGISTER AGAIN

COURT DECISION INVALIDATES OLD REGISTRATION

CITY ELECTION ON MONDAY

Books Will Close Saturday Night and Officials Work Overtime to Complete the Registration

With city election but four days off, Grants Pass faces the problem of the re-registration of all its voters before five o'clock Saturday evening.

This action is made necessary because of the decision of the supreme court invalidating the new registration law enacted by the legislature last winter, and making the old law again operative.

To meet this emergency four sets of registering officers have been provided at the city hall, and the office will be kept open throughout Thanksgiving Day and until midnight Thursday and Friday.

Under the new law registration was permanent as long as the voter did not remove from his voting precinct, but the old law required re-registration every year for city elections and biennially for state elections. It will therefore be necessary for every voter to qualify himself at once if he wishes to participate in the election next Monday, and this must be accomplished at the city hall and not at the court house, as under the law just declared invalid.

Those who are unable to register before election, however, can vote Monday by swearing in their votes, but this involves a great amount of red tape and the presence of six people to make affidavit to the fact of the applicant's citizenship, so that it will be much less complicated to go to the city hall before closing time Saturday.

The mayor has given notice to the public that the decision of the supreme court has made this re-registration necessary, and asks that all register at once. As this will work the city auditor's office overtime, the voters will have to cooperate with the registration officers in order to get the work attended to on time. There are more than 2,000 voters in the city, and to get all their names on the books before Saturday night will require rapid work.

SCION OF WANAMAKER SOUGHT BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, Nov. 24.—That Ex-Postmaster-General John Wanamaker's son, Rodman, was wanted by federal investigators in connection with the inquiry they are pushing into charges that the great Wanamaker mercantile establishments in New York and Philadelphia profited enormously by a series of customs frauds extending over a period of 15 years, was reported on high authority here today.

Wanamaker, Sr., tried for four hours Saturday to explain why no question of "personal guilt" was involved in the cases he settled with Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh for \$100,000 during the closing moments of President Taft's administration.

The government was understood to have strong circumstantial evidence, but not many witnesses, to support its claim that huge quantities of dutiable goods were imported by the Wanamaker houses, marked "samples," which under the law are not dutiable.

Rodman Wanamaker was said to be in Paris.

THIRTY DROWN IN HONG KONG HARBOR

HongKong, Nov. 26.—Thirty persons were drowned in the harbor here this afternoon when the Japanese steamer Soshu Maru rammed and sank a Chinese launch.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATED BOYS CLUBS

The re-organization of the Associated Boys' Clubs of this city was effected in meetings held recently and affairs of the organization are now rounding toward the opening of another successful season. Officers have been elected for the coming term and committees are already actively at work, looking toward the immediate opening of the gymnasium.

Dr. Macy, who headed the organization last year, was re-elected president; C. H. Woodward is the vice-president, and Scott Hamilton is again holding the job of physical director. Other officials will be elected at meetings this week.

Much has already been accomplished in preparation for the gym work, and it is expected that the gymnasium will be thrown open to the clubs about the first of December. Dreamland rink having been leased for a period of six months. Fixtures of the association will be installed at once and the directors are working for additional permanent improvements, which will make the building assume more the aspect of a well-equipped gymnasium.

An item of much interest to the followers of last season's sports at the gym will be the addition of a new team in the race of club honors, the new comers being the Catholic boys, who are planning to put a basketball team on the floor.

JOSEPH MOSS IS NOW ONE OF THE 20 "ROGUES"

The "Rogues" committee of the Commercial Club has received into its membership a 20th name, Joseph Moss, and no more will be received until its ranks are thinned by removal from the city or the failure of some member to do active work, then the first man on the waiting list will be received.

The committee is now looking up the matter of supplying dairy cows to farmers who have the ability to care for them, with plenty of feed but who lack funds to purchase. An equitable credit system will be evolved and announced later, and in the meantime a source of supply of milk cows will be sought out.

The booster meeting at Roseburg on December 4 was also discussed and a large attendance will be tried for.

LOCAL TALENT COMEDY BY LADIES' AUXILIARY

Grants Pass theater goers will soon have the opportunity to see their home talent in another appearance behind the footlights. For the past two weeks Mrs. E. V. Ingels has been directing the rehearsals for a three-act comedy, to be given soon under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The comedy is wholesome and the lines exceptionally full of mirth, many laughter provoking situations making up a full evening's performance. The characters are well chosen and reports augur well for a pleasing production.

ROBBERS THWARTED IN ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK

New Westminster, B. C., Nov. 26.—A daring attempt to rob the British North America branch bank at Agassiz, B. C., was thwarted yesterday by the prompt action of Alexander Webster, a husky citizen of that town.

Webster was leaving the bank after having deposited a sum of money therein when three men who had evidently just landed from the noon train rushed at the entrance. Webster knocked down the first with a blow of his fist and hurled the second against the third, his rapid action preventing the use of the shotguns with which the men were armed.

Webster then jumped back inside the bank, slammed the door and dropped on the floor inside. Almost at the same moment the robbers fired, the shots piercing the door above Webster's prostrate body.

Realizing that the game was up, the robbers fled, firing a farewell shot that pierced the big window of the bank, and vanished in the direction of Harrison Hot Springs, pursued by a posse of citizens.

MAKE SCHOOL TAX LEVY OF 8 1/2 MILLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HELD TUESDAY

BUDGET CARRIES \$41,035

Assessed Valuation of the District Is \$3,144,820, and Levy Same as Last Year

The annual school meeting for this district was held Tuesday at the Central school building, for the purpose of levying the tax for maintenance during the coming year. Some forty taxpayers were in attendance and J. C. Calhoun, chairman of the school board, presided over the meeting, with E. S. Van Dyke as clerk. The estimated budget for the coming year amounted to a total of \$41,035, with total estimated receipts coming to \$14,347, making a required special tax levy of 8 1/2 mills on an assessed valuation of the district of \$3,144,820.00, to cover the deficit. The itemized budget follows:

Teachers and salaries.....	\$25,000.00
Clerk hire.....	240.00
Janitors and salaries.....	1,935.50
Labor and repairs.....	1,500.00
Fuel.....	1,500.00
Supplies.....	3,000.00
Interest on bonds.....	4,460.00
Interest on warrants.....	400.00
Insurance.....	350.00
Sinking fund.....	1,200.00
Local route.....	450.00
All other purposes.....	1,000.00

Total estimated disbursements.....\$41,035.00

Estimated Receipts	
County school fund.....	\$ 8,240.00
State school fund.....	1,906.50
Tuition.....	200.50
County high school.....	4,000.00

Total estimated receipts.....\$14,347.00

SENATE LOOKS GOOD TO GOVERNOR JOHNSON

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Progressives here expressed some regret today at Governor Johnson's omission to say in his speech at the party leaders' banquet last evening whether he is a candidate for the United States senate or prefers to run again for governor of California. The general interpretation placed on his address was that while the governor looks favorably upon the senatorship, he will make the gubernatorial run again instead if maintenance of the progressive organization he has built up in the state requires it.

Among his remarks were the following:

"If necessary I will go on alone until the principles of progressivism have been carried out to the full in California."

"We have decided to go forward as a separate and distinct entity, known as the progressive party of California, and any amalgamation, concentration or re-organization with the republican party would mean a surrender of the political liberty we have so dearly bought."

"I yield to no one in my admiration and respect for Theodore Roosevelt, but I say that the progressive party does not belong to him or to any other man. It belongs to all the people of this nation. It is a party founded on rock, and it will endure."

Daniel A. Ryan, who introduced the governor, declared that thousands of progressives have nominated the latter already for president.

GENERAL BOOTH SAILS

New York, Nov. 26.—A farewell parade from national headquarters of the Salvation Army to the French liner's deck was held today in honor of General Bramwell Booth, head of the organization, who sailed on the liner La Province.

ARTS AND CRAFTS WILL EXHIBIT NOVEMBER 29

The Society of Arts and Crafts is arranging for the second annual exhibit to be held in the Commercial Club rooms the afternoon and evening of November 29. It will be an exhibit of work done by the members during the year, from designs of their own, in needlework, decorated china, hand wrought metal, leather, water color and original design.

A class has been working this year in elementary design and examples of their work will be shown.

The attendance and interest last year were very gratifying and this year no special invitations will be issued, but the public is cordially invited to attend, and it is hoped the interest and attendance will be still greater.

WEST WOULD FIND WORK FOR THE IDLE

Salem, Nov. 26.—To secure work for the unemployed in the cities this winter a co-operation of the newspapers is Governor West's plan for ending the I. W. W. agitation in this state, it was announced today. The governor is working on a scheme to make it easy for the man who wants help to find the man who wants a job. The executive office will be the clearing house through which the requests for men will be sent. The governor stated today that he was preparing a blank form which may be easily filled out by farmers, contractors, and other employers, and will ask all the papers in the state to publish it. The blanks are to be filled out, returned to the governor's office and classified.

GENERAL VILLA SAYS MADERO'S DEATH AVENGED

El Paso, Nov. 26.—Arriving from the front at Juarez at noon today, General Villa issued the following statement through the United Press: "Nothing I could say would make matters better. What my valiant soldiers did speaks loudly and convincingly. They fought for a just cause, and triumphed."

"Madero's death is avenged. Soon our wounded country will be under constitutional government, just as our great martyr, Madero, would wish."

"Tell your country that I will always protect Americans. Should the federals aim another attack at a border point, I shall go to meet it within our country, as I met the enemy at Tierra Blanca. I want your friendship, and I tried to show it. No bullets shall fall on American soil while I am in command."

"I cannot divulge our future plans, nor have I anything to say concerning an attack on Chihuahua City, but that will be taken care of."

There was no demonstration at Juarez over the rebel victory. The people were too busy caring for the wounded.

SAYRE'S BRIDE PROMISED THAT SHE WOULD OBEY

Washington, Nov. 26.—Not more than a half dozen persons knew the whereabouts today of Francis B. Sayre and his bride, formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. It was believed they motored to Baltimore, but whether they boarded a train there or went to visit friends in the Maryland city was not known.

It was learned today that the Rev. Dr. Beach, who performed the ceremony, included the word "obey" in the service yesterday at the bride's request. Dr. Beach read the service sanctioned by the Book of Common Worship in the Presbyterian church, but shortly before the ceremony Miss Wilson requested that the word "obey" be inserted.

Practically every government official and member of Washington's 400 who were not invited to the wedding received wedding announcements today. The couple, in leaving the White House gave an army of newspaper men and photographers the slip. At 8 o'clock they walked to the executive offices, passed through a private passageway and entered an automobile waiting on a side street. The newspaper men and camera operators waited in taxicabs outside the White House until midnight.

PETITION ROAD BOND ELECTION

ASK COUNTY COURT TO SUBMIT QUESTION TO VOTERS

ISSUE TO BE \$225,000.00

Plan for Road Construction Would Distribute Fund Proportionately Throughout County

Petitions are now being circulated under direction of the Josephine County Good Roads Association asking the county court to call a special election for the submission to the people of the proposition of the issuance of \$225,000 bonds for road building. It is proposed to have these petitions ready for presentation to the county court at its December session, and under the law the election could then be called at some date from twenty to forty days thereafter.

The petitions as being circulated call for the limit of bond issue, the two per cent. upon the assessed valuation of the county producing \$225,000. The bonds petitioned for are to run for a period of twenty years, and are to draw interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum. Copies of the petition have been forwarded to the various centers in the county, a number are being circulated in this city, and copies may be found at Russell's, at the National Drug Store, and at the Spa, for those who do not get an opportunity to sign others.

The officers of the Good Roads Association and the county officials have given careful consideration to the plans for the distribution of the funds raised by the bond issue throughout the various road districts of the county and the intention is that the money be distributed as equally as possible on all the permanent roads and that each and every road district receive its proportionate share. No district is left out of the plan, as can be seen by inquiry to the county clerk, to the road overseer, or to members of the Good Roads Association.

MUST SELL TICKETS ON SEATTLE STREET CARS

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 26.—The Washington state public service commission today signed an order requiring the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company to reinstate the sale of tickets upon the street cars of Seattle.

An ordinance requiring such sale was recently declared void in the federal court here and sale of tickets in cars was discontinued. The city of Seattle then filed complaint with the state commission and the order today resulted.

RAGTIME CRAZE IN ENGLAND

Liverpool, Nov. 26.—So thoroughly has the ragtime craze obsessed England that it threatens to supplant the quaint and historic cries of the street vendors. The fish hawkers of Liverpool today are singing "Flukes are fresh and cheap today," to the tune of "Alexander's Ragtime Band," while scissor grinders are advertising the excellence of their workmanship through the medium of "The Gaby Glide."

ENGLISH CRUISER AT PUERTO

London, Nov. 26.—Word was received today that the English cruiser Berwick had reached Puerto, Mexico, eastern terminus of the Tehuantepec railroad.

CLACKAMAS PIONEER DEAD

Oregon City, Nov. 25.—One of the oldest pioneers of Clackamas county, J. M. Wear, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Shaw, wife of Chief of Police Shaw of Oregon City, early today at the age of 69 years.

HOME TALENT PREPARES FOR THREE-ACT COMEDY

Rehearsals have begun in the opera house for the three-act comedy which will be staged the first of next month by home players. The parts are all well learned and the time is now being spent in working up the interpretation of the parts. The members of the cast thoroughly enjoy the lines and action, assuring an enthusiastic production. The play itself is full of "pop," and is crowded with more mirth-provoking situations and predicaments than any amateur production seen in this city, its comedy surpassing even that of "Charley's Aunt," which is advertised as the funniest of farces. Grants Pass has always given a good house for amateur shows, and the audience of next Monday is guaranteed a chance to get rid of all the laughter that may be accumulated from now till December.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIVALS

Despite inclement weather, a good audience was present on last evening to hear Rev. Putman preach and Miss Egbert sing. As one looks over the audience he is impressed with the earnestness of the worshippers and their readiness to cooperate with their leaders in their endeavor to reach the unchurched.

Rev. Putman laid great emphasis last evening on the thought that Christianity was a means not of sorrow but of joy and that Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Services will begin this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Putman will use his cornet at this service and all expect splendid music.

PROTECT KING OF ITALY FROM ASSASSINATION

Rome, Nov. 26.—Precautions are being taken today against any possible attempt on the life of the king when he goes to deliver the opening address of the twenty-fourth parliament tomorrow.

The occasion has always been a favorite one for the anarchists in Italy to attempt the king's life. In addition, the recent elections, which were the first held in Italy under the universal suffrage, aroused a degree of excitement and agitation that has not yet entirely abated.

The king will leave the Quirinal in a closed carriage, entirely surrounded by mounted guards, and will proceed at a gallop to parliament. Troops will there be massed not only in the plaza in front but around the entire building. Through these the king will pass to the chamber, where, in addition to the deputies, senators, and ministers, there will be no one who has not been passed upon by the Department of Public Safety. The king will begin his address the moment he reaches the speaker's stand and will leave immediately afterwards.

MRS. TEDDY SAILS FOR UNITED STATES

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, with Mrs. Emelen, Roosevelt's daughter, Margaret, sailed today for the United States, via Panama.

Colonel Roosevelt left for southern Chile.

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+ PALL OF SMOKE PUTS CHICAGO IN DARKNESS +
+ Chicago, Nov. 26.—Chicago +
+ was in darkness throughout the +
+ busiest hours of today, all +
+ downtown buildings being light- +
+ ed. Weather bureau officials +
+ said this condition resulted +
+ from low barometric pressure +
+ and local cloudiness, which pre- +
+ vented the city's smoke from +
+ lifting. +
+ Automobiles displayed lights +
+ and all traffic moved cautiously +
+ in the gloom. Tickers an- +
+ nounced that the usual cash +
+ grain quotations of the board +
+ of trade would not be carried +
+ as the inspection board had re- +
+ ported it was too dark to in- +
+ spect grain samples. +
+ A pall of smoke settled over +
+ the city and filled the streets +
+ until the upper outlines of sky- +
+ scrapers were almost invisible. +
+ + + + +