



CURRENT EVENTS

## BIG MAJORITY FOR REMOVAL

RESULT WAS SURPRISE EVEN TO THE MOST SANGUINE

### REMOVAL FAVORED BY THE CITY

If the Women Had Not Voted New Site Would Have Received Most Votes Here

The smoke of the first battle for the removal of the courthouse to the site offered by the Klamath Development Company having cleared away, many strange things appear. The strangest of all is the fact that Klamath Falls favors the acceptance of the site—leaving out of the count the votes that were cast by the ladies who took advantage of the opportunity to exercise the right of suffrage. There were 106 votes cast by the women. Of this number 71 were in favor of the present site; 35, including all the doubtful ones, were cast for the new site. Deducting these votes from the result, it would leave a majority of 10 in favor of the new site.

To Judge Baldwin is generally attributed the novel idea of bringing the ladies into the fight, though some contend that the honor belongs to Alex. Martin, Jr. Since both are Beau Brummels with the ladies, it would be but fair to divide the honor. It was a well planned coup, and caught the advocates of the new site napping. As soon as it became known that the ladies were voting, there was a hurry and bustle in the other camp, and before the polls closed in the neighborhood of 35 of the fair sex had cast their ballots for the new site.

Many charges were made that both sides voted Daggoes and non-residents, etc., but it is generally admitted that honors are even in this respect. The poll published in the Herald Saturday was not changed materially when the returns came in. Its estimate made some weeks ago that 88 per cent of the voters in the county and 62 per cent in the city favored the new site, and the result has proven how nearly accurate the canvass made by this paper was.

The vote in the country was light, due to the fact that the farmers were busy, many believing that their vote was not necessary to accomplish the result that they desired. Nearly 1200 men voted on the question, which was more than was expected, though the number polled in the city was far in excess of what was generally supposed it would be. Following is the vote of the precincts heard from to date.

	Yes.	No.
Klamath Falls	394	420
Bonanza	53	9
Dairy	41	7
Merrill	60	54
Keno	3	14
Ft. Klamath	70	19
Bly	21	3
Poe Valley	20	
Snow	16	

Lorella	16	7
Total	694	543
Majority	151	

Crescent is yet to be heard from.

### SPRING VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Spring Valley Telephone Company was held Tuesday at Dairy, at which officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected. The following were chosen: W. L. Welch, William A. Flackus, Emil Egert, W. P. Sedge and L. A. Sterzel directors. W. L. Welch, president; L. A. Sterzel, vice-president, and W. P. Sedge, secretary and treasurer. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer showed the company to be in a good, healthy financial condition. Forty-three telephones are in operation on the lines of the company. An assessment of \$1 per share and \$3 on each phone was made for the current year, this being the same as last year. A special meeting will be held on the first Saturday in June of the stockholders to take up the subject of interest in the improvement of the line, including a possible assessment of \$10 per share.

### COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the city council was held on Tuesday for the purpose of taking action on the passage of the ordinance calling for a special election, at which the question of voting bonds for a new city hall and the purchase of garbage and city hall sites will be submitted. May 21 was set as the date.

The bond issue will be for \$20,000, payable in 20 years, the interest thereon not to exceed 6 per cent. The following permits were issued: To Mr. Anderson to build a two-room addition to his residence.

To Bird Loosley to erect a 20x36 frame building on lot 6, of the Fairview addition. This is to replace the structure that was destroyed by fire.

### SEVEN THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE IN JAPAN

TOKIO, May 4.—Hundreds injured and many reported missing as a result of a fire that destroyed seven thousand houses in Aemori yesterday afternoon, is the report that has reached this city. The military dispatches that were received today was the first intimation of the disaster. It is impossible to estimate the casualties. Ninety per cent of the city was destroyed. The fire started at 2 o'clock and burned itself out at 5:30, leaving nothing standing in the territory covered by the conflagration. The terrified inhabitants were rescued by the troops, who fought the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. Great suffering prevails in the city and appeals have been issued for food and supplies.

### POPULATION HAS INCREASED OVER FIFTEEN MILLIONS

United Press Service. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The census office today unofficially estimated that the increase in population in the United States, since 1900, when the last census was taken, has been 15,121,036.

## REGULARS BITTER AGAINST TAFT

CLAIM HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFEAT OF BILL

### SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN WASHINGTON

His Indifference the Cause of the Emasculation of the Railroad Bill

United Press Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The regulars today are openly blaming President Taft for wrecking his legislative program. They are in a rage because he seems indifferent to the Congressional situation and apparently has not the sense of the responsibility for the party's troubles. President Taft's telephone message from Pittsburg, in which he advised the passage of the best kind of a railroad bill that could be gotten through, under the circumstances, together with the insurgents, is blamed for the wrecking of the railroad bill, the message only added fuel to the flame and the open denunciation of such an attitude is to be often heard. They declare that they will read the riot act to the President when he returns from his pleasure jaunt.

The officials of the administration are equally angry and chagrined over the emasculation of the railroad bill and they declare that it is a direct violation of the promises of the Republican platform. Wickersham, of Ohio, was author of the measure, but he was aided by Commissioner Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The regulars retaliate by stating that there was no reason for President Taft leaving Washington and starting on a junketing trip at this time. They feel that if he had been here to exert pressure on the "near" insurgents the railroad bill might have been saved.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—President Taft reached here today on his way West. When asked for a statement on the railroad bill question, he stated:

"When I return to Washington I will look over the entire bill. We are either going to have a satisfactory railroad bill or none at all."

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Almighty God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our founder and former president, Mrs. Emelie Louise Manning whose death will ever leave a void in our midst; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Fleur de Lis Club, extend to the bereaved husband and children our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of their sorrow.

MRS. ARTIE SEEHORN,  
MRS. H. J. WINTERS,  
MRS. JOHN HAMILTON,  
Committee.

## AWARD HEATING PLANT CONTRACT

UNUSUAL HASTE ON PART OF SCHOOL BOARD COSTS MONEY

### HIGHEST BIDDER GETS THE WORK

If Witter or Bayer Bids Had Been Accepted the District Would Have Saved Nearly \$2,000

The school board Tuesday awarded the contract for the heating plants that are to be installed in the old and new school houses, and in doing so adopted a course of procedure that makes the transaction smack of high-handedness. The board is supposed to act in the interest of the taxpayers of the district, but in the awarding of that contract it took action that will cost this school district at least \$2,000 more than if it had waited until evening to award the contract. The people of this city would like to know what there is back of all this haste and unless the members of the board make a satisfactory explanation they must stand before their constituents as being guilty of the grossest kind of neglect.

Why was the contract awarded to the W. G. McPherson Company for \$6,500, that being the highest bid in the hands of the board at the time of the award? Why did the board hasten to award that contract before a representative of the J. C. Bayer Furnace Company arrived on the evening train? Why was the bid of Clyde E. Witter thrown out without consideration, when it was regular in every respect, and the contract given to a firm that will charge the district at least \$2,000 more for doing the same work that would have been done either by Witter or the Bayer Company?

William Leo, representing the J. C. Bayer Furnace Company, one of the largest and most responsible firms in the State, arrived Tuesday evening. Prior to leaving Portland he called at the offices of the Southern Pacific to ascertain what train he would have to take to reach this city Monday evening. He was informed that by taking the Sunday evening's train he would reach his destination on time, but on reaching Weed he found that the train for this city had gone. He then telegraphed the school board, and also telephoned, asking that final consideration of the bids be postponed until he reached the city Tuesday evening. That his request was ignored is indicated by the fact that the usual procedure of holding meetings in the evening was changed on this particular occasion, and, if reports are true, the board "wrestled" with the problem from 11 a. m. until 3:30 p. m., evidently being too anxious to fix the matter up to take time to go to dinner.

The necessity for such remarkable haste is quite unusual, especially when it comes to a question of saving the district approximately \$2,000. In

the two bids submitted there is a considerable discrepancy. Under the provisions of the one accepted, the board will have to pay additional for the installation of a ventilating system, while with the Witter bid this would not have been done. If it is decided to install a thermostatic system of heat regulation, and the McPherson Company is given the contract, the district will pay \$700 more for this particular attachment than if the work was given to the Bayer Company.

The Bayer Company is not coming in at the eleventh hour with a kick because it lost the work. It is a small matter in consideration of the amount of business they do. It is a responsible firm, and the representative came here with a regular bid and a certified check for the amount demanded by the board. If the board had waited until that bid could have been presented the district would have saved \$1,800 on the job.

### COMPLETE CONFESSION MADE BY WHITE-SLAVER LEVINSON

NEW YORK, May 4.—A complete recital of the details of the white-slave trade in New York was made to District Attorney Whitman today by Harry Levinson, who yesterday pleaded guilty to selling two girls for immoral purposes. After hearing the story, the district attorney sent detectives to confirm certain portions of the story. Other arrests are imminent, but Mr. Whitman refuses to discuss any part of the story told by Levinson. It is reported that he gave the names of men and women engaged in the traffic in this city and named the man "higher up" who furnished the funds for the business.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, the wife of our beloved neighbor, Horace M. Manning; and

Whereas, By her untimely death, Neighbor Manning loses the companionship of a loving wife, and his children the care of a tender mother; be it

Resolved, That the members of Ewauna Camp No. 10090, Modern Woodmen of America, extend their sincere sympathy to Neighbor Manning in this dark hour of his life. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Ewauna Camp, that a copy be sent to Neighbor Manning, and that they be published in all of the papers of the city.

EDMUND M. CHILCOTE,  
ARLIE WORRELL,  
GEO. H. HAYDEN,  
Committee.

### QUAKER CITY PREACHERS OPPOSE THE BIG FIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 3.—The Methodist Preachers' Association today adopted resolutions of protest against the Jeffries-Johnson fight and urging Governor Gillett to stop it. They termed the fight "nothing less than a national disgrace."

William Uhrmann, road supervisor from Dairy, arrived in the city Wednesday for the purpose of attending to some business with the county.

## A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

JUDGE NOLAND GRANTS ONE AGAINST COUNTY COURT

### IT WILL STOP IMMEDIATE ACTION

Will Probably Remain in Force Until After the Judge Returns From Lakeview

Judge Noland Wednesday granted a temporary injunction restraining the county court from taking further action in the matter of selling the present site of the courthouse, moving it to another location or entering any order "changing the county seat of Klamath County."

The issuing of the injunction was anticipated, inasmuch as it was necessary to estop any action being taken until after the term of court in Lake County, for which Judge Noland will leave here this week.

Under ordinary circumstances the defendants have ten days in which to make answer to complaints filed in injunction cases, during which the court may issue a temporary restraining order, similar to that in the courthouse case. In the meantime, the other side of the case may be presented and the order made permanent or dismissed. As soon as Judge Noland returns from Lakeview a hearing will be had and definite action taken. Whether the injunction is made permanent or dismissed, the case is sure to go to the supreme court.

Following is a copy of the order made in the case:

"The above named plaintiff having filed his complaint in our circuit court of the State of Oregon, from the County of Klamath, against the above named defendants, praying for an injunction against said defendants, requiring them to refrain from certain acts, in said complaint, and hereinafter more particularly mentioned. On reading said complaint in said suit, duly verified by the plaintiff, and it satisfactorily appearing therefrom, and that sufficient grounds exist, and the necessary undertaking has been given, we, therefore, in consideration thereof, and of the particular matters in the said complaint set forth, do strictly command you, that you, and each of you, until the further order of said court, do absolutely refrain from and desist from selling or abandoning the county courthouse, or any part of block 35, in the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, on which it is situated, and to refrain from making any order for the removal of the county seat of Klamath County."

A bond for \$1,000 was filed, H. F. Murdoch, W. T. Shive, George Hurn and Arthur Lewis being sureties.

Karl Sauber, of Portland, has taken charge of the repair department of Klamath's Exclusive Shoe Store.