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LIGHT VOTE AT PRIMARY

Both County and State Cast Small Vote Tuesday—Parker Conceded to Have Won Nomination for Lieut. Gov.

Election day passed off very quietly here Tuesday and only about 160 votes were cast out of more than five hundred in this precinct. Most of the farmers were busy in the harvest fields and, as the contests on the tickets were not serious ones, only a small vote was cast. In fact, the vote in both county and state was light and was restricted largely to the town population, while the country voters paid attention to their work in hand and left their voting until the general election in November.

In the state D. W. Davis, the American Falls banker, won out in the race for governor on the republican ticket, while Geo. E. Crum, of Lewiston, was second.

Burton L. French outran both McCracken and Elliott in the race for congress and will be the running mate of Addison T. Smith in the coming campaign.

For attorney general M. J. Sweeley was nominated over three other contestants and Geo. R. Baker is again the candidate of his party for secretary of state as is also John W. Eagleson for state treasurer.

George W. Lewis had a close race for state auditor but landed the position, while B. M. Holt of Caldwell, secured the nomination for lieutenant governor.

Miss Ethel Redfield defeated Miss Catherine Bryden for state superintendent of public instruction.

On the non-partisan judicial ticket John C. Rice lead with Robert N. Dunn second, Judge Sullivan being defeated.

There were only two contestants on the democratic state ticket, E. L. Parker of Cottonwood, defeating James H. Frazier, of Coeur d'Alene, for lieutenant governor, William T. Dougherty and Joseph Hanson running very close for secretary of state.

Returns from the following seventeen precincts in the county, Grangeville numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, Lake, Mt. Idaho, Green-creek, Big Butte, Stuart, Stites, Clearwater, Newsome, White Bird, Cottonwood, Border, Penn and Yellow Pine, give the following results on the two tickets:

Democratic

For commissioner of third district Rhoades has a majority over Yeager of 69, Campbell over Taylor for probate judge of 30, Atwood over Hickerson for Assessor 95 and Trenary over Hancock for coroner 21 votes. There is not apt to be much of a change in the results and the above who have majorities are pretty apt to win. Following is the total votes on contested places only:

Lieutenant Governor: J. H. Frazier, 42; Ernest L. Parker, 278—236.

Secretary of State: William T. Dougherty, 116; Joseph Hansen, 138—22.

County Commissioner, 3rd District: J. O. Rhodes, 186; Jacob Yeager, 117—69.

Probate Judge: Wilbur L. Campbell, 186; Pleasant J. Taylor, 156—30.

County Assessor: T. M. Atwood, 189; J. B. Carter, 51; Walter Hickerson, 94—95.

Coroner: E. S. Hancock, 151; George W. Trenary, 172—21.

Republican

On the republican ticket for county offices Clark for commis-sioner of the 1st District has a

majority of 128 over Westenhiser, Rice 71 over Painter in the 3d district, Frank Rice 166 over Reynolds of Stites for treasurer, Hess 165 over Fitzgerald for Probate judge and Hazelbaker 57 for assessor over VanDeventer. Following is the vote on the republican ticket on contested places:

Representative in Congress: E. E. Elliot, 119; Burton L. French, 370; Robert M. McCracken, 221; Addison T. Smith, 333.

Governor: George E. Crum, 349; D. W. Davis, 179; Captain E. G. Davis, 48; Herman H. Taylor, 85.

Lieutenant Governor: B. M. Holt, 290; L. V. Patch, 254—36.

Secretary of State: George R. Barker, 159; Erv Johnson, 151; Chancey Wallace, 261.

State Auditor: Melvin J. Barrows, 79; L. L. Folsom, 101; Geo. W. Lewis, 237; W. S. Parkhurst, 122.

State Treasurer: John W. Eagleson, 463; Fred E. Fisk, 117—346.

Attorney General: Carlton Fox, 73; C. Douglass Smith, 130; Charles A. Sunderlin, 155; Marlin J. Sweeley, 159.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Catherine T. Bryden, 249; Ethel E. Redfield, 385—136.

County Commissioner, 1st District: Dale Clark, 389; Charles R. Westenhiser, 270—123.

County Commissioner, 3d District: George W. Marshall, 163; Fred G. Painter, 204; John N. Rice, 275—71.

County Treasurer: Albert M. Reynolds, 291; Frank S. Rice, 457—166.

Probate Judge: Edward Blake, 126; J. L. Fitzgerald, 133; Allen O. Hess, 298; F. Z. Taylor, 123—165.

County Assessor: Calvin Hazelbaker, 367; Frank Van Deventer, 302—65.

Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates—Justice of the Supreme Court: Robert N. Dunn, 362; John C. Rice, 302; Isaac N. Sullivan, 261.

Conferred With Mr. Booth

E. L. Parker, Geo. M. Robertson, W. B. Hussman, Felix Martzen and the writer motored to Grangeville Monday afternoon and met State Engineer Booth, who stated that he expected to have engineers in this section within a very short time to take up the work of locating the state highway north from Whitebird to the Lewis county line. At that time the new engineer will consider all tentative locations and will then decide which is the most feasible and which will serve the best interests of the state and the inhabitants of the territory through which the road will pass. Mr. Booth stated that the present survey between Whitebird and Grangeville is very unsatisfactory and will probably be re-located. From present indications it would seem that the chances for getting the road located across the west side of the prairie are very good and the engineer sent in to do the surveying will be given every opportunity to size up the local situation before making his final decision.

A total of 117 votes were cast at the school election held Tuesday afternoon at the public school building and W. M. Schiller and H. C. Mathiesen were chosen to succeed Messrs. Schiller and Parker, whose terms of office had expired. Following was the vote cast: W. M. Schiller, 97; H. C. Mathiesen, 77; Felix Martzen, 14; E. L. Parker, 7; Theo. Schaecher, 15; F. S. Wimer, 15; W. W. Flint, 1. There was no issue at the election and many citizens did not take the time away from their business affairs to go to the polls.

STATE TAX LEVY WAS REDUCED

Board of Equalization Dropped Rates on Electric Power Companies—Governor Objects, But All In Vain.

Boise, Sept. 1.—Tax levies for Idaho for 1916 were reduced \$155,000 over 1915 by the state board of equalization when it made up the schedules for the year, most of the saving being made in the general tax levy, which was whittled down from \$700,000 for 1915 to \$565,000 for 1916. The reductions were announced after the board had cut down valuations of the main lines of the principal railroads in the Panhandle country by 5 per cent in keeping with general reductions made on realty and timber values in northern Idaho.

Levies for the general interest and sinking fund and the public building tax levy were increased by \$25,000 to take care of bonds and interest to be met.

In 1915 the board raised \$810,081.31 through the total tax levy by counties. This year they will raise but \$655,000. The board in 1916 raised \$900,000. The saving in taxes results from a decrease in funds needed for the running expenses of the state government.

In fixing the valuations of the railroad lines of the state the board clipped the assessments of the Great Northern, the Milwaukee the Northern Pacific and some Oregon Shortline branches, but made no reductions on the main line of the Short Line. Reductions were made only on the main lines of the big roads in the north end of the state, all of which were fixed at 5 per cent.

Last year the valuation of the Northern Pacific's main line was fixed at \$5,426,600; the main line of the Great Northern was given a valuation of \$5,167,500; and the Milwaukee's main line was valued at \$5,863,000.

The valuation of the Twin Falls branch of the Oregon Short Line was reduced \$4,000 a mile. The North Side branch was reduced \$5,000 a mile, while the valuation of the Snake belt line was increased \$1,000 a mile. The valuation of the Yellowstone branch was fixed at \$38,000 a mile from Idaho Falls to Ashton, and from Ashton to Yellowstone park at \$5,000 a mile. In the past it had been customary to place the valuation of that branch at \$25,000 a mile for its entire length.

Electric current and transmission power companies in the state of Idaho were given substantial reductions in their valuations in a majority of cases. They range from 10 to 25 per cent. The Washington Water Power company of Spokane was given a 20 per cent cut in valuation, the board slicing off \$500,000 at one stroke. On the other hand the Utah Light & Power company was given a 10 per cent increase, a total of \$2,975,000. The other noticeable increase was given the Thousand Springs Power company, or 20 per cent. Out of eight of the larger operating hydro-electric companies in the state, six were given reductions in valuations and two increases. Over a half million dollars was the cut in the valuations of the six power companies reduced and over a quarter of a million constituted the increases.

The increases in valuations as set by the board are as follows: Utah Light & Power company, raised 10 per cent; Thousand Springs Power Co. increased 20 per cent. The reductions set

by the board follow: Washington Water Power company, reduced 20 per cent; Lewiston-Clarkston Improvement company, reduced 10 per cent; Grangeville Electric Light & Power company, reduced 20 per cent; North Idaho and Montana Power company, reduced 10 per cent; Northwest Light & Power company, reduced 25 per cent; Canyon Creek Light & Power company, reduced 25 per cent. Practically all of the several other power companies are given the same values as last year.

Governor Alexander moved to increase the valuation of the Utah Light & Power company 15 instead of 10 per cent, but the motion was lost. He fought against the reductions authorized for other companies by the board.

The valuations of these several companies as placed by the board ago follow: Utah Light & Power company, \$2,975,000; Washington Water Power company, \$2,500,000; Lewiston-Clarkston Improvement company, \$177,280; Grangeville Electric Light & Power company, \$156,162; North Idaho & Montana Power company, \$196,650; Northwest Light & Power company, \$160,000; Thousand Springs Power company, \$90,000; Canyon Creek Light & Power company, \$50,000.

Polers Enjoyed Fine Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Poler and Mrs. Bart Simon returned late last week from an auto trip to coast points and the former is now back at work again at the local railroad station. Mr. Poler said they had the trip of their lives and he hopes to be able to repeat it in a couple of years. They left this place about the first of August with Prof. and Mrs. L. C. McMahon and autoed to Portland over the Columbia River Highway and, after spending a few days in the "Rose City" went on north to Olympia, Tacoma and Seattle, thence across the Cascades to Spokane and home. They traveled over hundreds of miles of hard surface highway, saw more fine scenery than the average person believes exists, stopped often at camping places along the road and enjoyed life to the fullest extent every day they were gone. Mr. Poler says the only thing he will change in the program should he make a second trip will be to take their beds along and camp out all along the route. He says the trip is one of the finest in the west and well worth the time of anyone to make if they can possibly get away from their work long enough to enjoy the outing.

Tennis Teams Played Games

Several members of the local tennis club motored to Grangeville Sunday and met the teams of the county seat town in the first contest of the season. The ladies came home victorious after the contest but the men were not so fortunate and left their scalp locks dangling at the belts of the Grangeville players. However, they report a very enjoyable day in spite of the defeat and having to auto home through the mud. Those making the trip from here were C. W. Jenkins and wife, F. W. Nuxoll and wife, Misses Clara and Edith Humphrey, Mamie Burgand and Agne Maugg, Messrs. F. A. Kelsey, Henry Hussman, Harold Simon, Hugo Funke and Martin Wirrer.

The Grangeville teams are scheduled to play a return match on the local courts Sunday afternoon, providing the weather man is agreeable.

Don't fail to save those grain samples for the fair.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

A street fair and agricultural fair will be held at Culesac on October 21 and 22.

H. A. Daubenberber, formerly of Pocatello and a hotel man of many years' experience, last week took over the new hotel at Nezperce.

Reconstruction work on the Johnson railroad south of Lewiston is progressing nicely and it is claimed cars will be operating over the road by October first.

The first carload of clover seed shipped from Twin Falls recently contained 38,000 pounds and was valued at \$6500. The seed crop last year brought the Twin Falls country more than \$1,000,000.

I. N. Sturgeon, who lives four miles northeast of Star, has a 7-year-old cow, part Durham and part Holstein, that has to be milked three times a day and gives three gallons at each milking. The milk tests 5.5.

Idaho will receive \$87,395.79 from the federal government this year for school and road purposes, the money being one-quarter of the receipts received from the national forests in this state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916.

Here is a bean story. A farmer of American ridge pulled up a stock of beans containing 173 pods. He took it to the house and estimated the number of beans on the stalk, by striking an average he found there were over a thousand beans on the one stalk.—Kendrick Gazette.

A new creamery is being installed by private parties at Bonners Ferry and will be ready for operation by October 1st. The machinery was purchased from the same company that installed the local creamery and was sold by J. W. Quinn, who put in several weeks here early in the summer.

State Land Agents Walter E. Daggett and Chas. A. Fisher conducted a sale of state school lands in Nez Perce county at Lewiston Saturday, selling a thousand acres out of 1400 acres advertised. Most of the land was suitable only for grazing purposes and brought the appraised values ranging from \$10 to \$25 per acre.

Made An Early Move

A. H. Nau grabbed Father Time by the forelock last Friday morning and moved his stock of furniture and undertaking goods into the new Nuxoll block adjoining the Chronicle office, having the work completed and all hands discharged before many of our citizens were out of their beds. Tony routed out "fat" Hamlin about three o'clock and got the big auto truck into operation and, with two men in the old store, two on the dray and one at the receiving end, got the stock moved into the new location in rapid fire order. He now has his stock nicely arranged in the new quarters and has a much nicer store than ever before.

Tom Watson injured the back of one hand severely this week by striking it against a bolt on a threshing machine feeder and may be laid up with the injury until after harvest.

They Had A Great Trip

Otto Aichlmayr and M. S. Hendrickson returned Tuesday evening from their trip to Wyoming, having been gone just two weeks on the trip. They went south by way of the Salmon river to Weiser and Boise, thence to Twin Falls and Pocatello and on into Wyoming. After visiting at Big Piney they decided to return home by the northern route and motored up through the Jackson Hole country, through Yellowstone National Park to Livingston, thence to Missoula and across the mountain to Wallace, thence to Spokane and home. They report atrocious roads through southern Idaho and say they were not able to make more than 75 miles a day when running from twelve to fourteen hours. This threw them far behind their running schedule and caused them to choose the northern route for the return trip even though the distance was considerably greater. The trip through the park was made at the time the railroad strike was threatening and everyone was trying to get out to the railroads and home before the strike went into effect, consequently the places in the park were all closed and they had no chance to view any of the wonders there. They report fine roads through Montana, north Idaho and Washington and say this route is a fine one for autoists and can not be equalled for scenic beauty, but advises all to steer clear of south Idaho. They traveled 1835 miles on the trip and spent only \$35.75 for gasoline, even though they had to pay 50 and 60 cents a gallon for gas in some places. They had no accidents other than a few punctures and blow-outs and passed many large cars that were laid up by the road for repairs.

Mr. Hendrickson says he found the property he went to look at in very good condition and will be able to sell it easily for \$35 an acre or better as soon as the patent is received. He says that country is devoted almost exclusively to cattle raising and the farms are only hay ranches where feed is put up for the cattle herds in the winter.

Elevator Going Skyward

Work on the new elevator for the Cottonwood Milling company is progressing rapidly and the cribbing is now about twenty feet in the air and going skyward at a rapid pace. The crew is laying over 16,000 feet of lumber daily and will soon have the elevator completed if the mills are able to provide material as it is needed. The machinery for the elevator was ordered shipped this week and will arrive in time to be installed immediately after the building is completed, after which grain will be received. The contract for the flour mill building has not yet been awarded but work on this structure will no doubt commence soon after the elevator is ready for operation.

The weather report for the month of August, as recorded at the Monastery west of town, is as follows: Maximum temperature, 89 degrees on the 31st; minimum, 39 degrees on the 18th. Total precipitation, 1.53 inches. There was a killing frost on the 19th. August 31 was the hottest day of the summer and the month was warmer than the average for August, there having been 12 days in the month with a temperature of more than 80°. On the evening of the 26th there was a beautiful display of the northern lights, or aurora borealis.