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WEATHER
Tacoma: Occasional rain tonight and Sunday.
Washington: Same.

THE TIMES' ADVISORY BALLOT

Vote **AGAINST** ALL the propositions on the ballot. That means vote **AGAINST** the constitutional amendment, **AGAINST** the two booze initiatives and **AGAINST** the seven referendums. Be sure to vote against these separately, 10 "no" votes in all.

For president—Vote for Wilson. You have to do that by voting for the seven democratic electors. Put a cross opposite the name of each of the following names: D. M. Drumheller, George F. Christensen, C. C. Brown, Francis Donahue, G. W. Hoxie, Joseph A. Sloan and Edwin M. Conner. (If you happen to live in a precinct where the ballot bears the name of A. T. Stream, deceased, see that you substitute Conner's name by writing or sticker.)

For U. S. senator—Vote for Miles Poindexter, republican. His work in the people's cause is too widely known to require comment.

On state offices The Times expresses no preferences except

the following:

For lieutenant governor—Vote for Thomas Lally, democrat. His opponent, Louis F. Hart, is an enemy of the initiative, referendum and direct primaries. He is just a partisan politician. Those who vote against the referendums should vote against him.

For secretary of state—Vote for J. M. Tadlock, democrat. It is highly desirable to defeat I. M. Howell, republican incumbent. He has hampered in every conceivable manner the operation of the initiative and referendum.

For attorney general—Vote for Henry Alberts McLean, democrat. His opponent, W. V. Tanner, has been remiss in many matters of public welfare.

For insurance commissioner—Vote for H. O. Fishback, republican. His record is good.

For superior court judge—Vote FOR C. M. Easterday, incumbent, and John D. Fletcher. Vote **AGAINST** M. L. Clifford, incumbent, the choice of the corporation lawyers.

On county offices The Times makes only these recommendations:

For sheriff—Vote for John Griffith, democrat. His opponent, Robert Longmire, incumbent, is a do-nothing official.

For prosecuting attorney—Vote for Fred Remann, republican. He has been a fairly faithful official. His opponent, in the opinion of The Times, entirely lacks the calibre necessary to fill the office.

In the legislative fights The Times has these preferences:

For state senator, 27th district—Vote for Walter S. Davis, republican. He was the only member of the Pierce county delegation two years ago who had a thoroughly good record.

For representative, 36th district—Vote **AGAINST** Guy E. Kelly, republican. W. V. Burrill, democrat, is a clean, worthy candidate. Kelly was a leader in the last session and as such helped "put across" some of the worst bills in the state's history.

For representative, 37th district—Vote **AGAINST** J. H. Davis, republican, for the same reason as in Kelly's case.

CONDITION OF JAIL IS UNDER FIRE

The county commissioners Saturday announced they would make a thorough investigation into conditions in the Pierce county jail which is under the direct supervision of Sheriff Longmire, following a visit through the jail at the request of the prisoners.

The visit to the jail developed general complaints from the inmates that not only has their food supply been cut down, but that what they have been given to eat has been served in a negligent and uncleanly manner.

A score of the prisoners Friday signed a letter to the commissioners, asking for an immediate conference on a "matter of great importance." The commissioners immediately complied with their request.

Among the complaints put before the commissioners were that half-cooked meat is being served to the prisoners, that the potatoes they get are cooked several days before they are served, and that when the food gets to them it is stale.

When the inmates used to get one bowl of sugar to every 12 men, they are now allowed only half a bowl of sugar to every 20 men, according to another complaint.

The commissioners found that the food was being served to the inmates in old rusty tins.

Following the visit, Commissioner Reed declared that the situation would be put up to Sheriff Longmire immediately and that an investigation would be started at once to see that the county prisoners get proper treatment.

County Jailer Carl Carlson is an appointee of Sheriff Longmire.

DISCUSS ACTION TO ABATE MOVIES

An ordinance under which action could be taken to abate motion picture houses or dance halls if necessary, was discussed at a meeting of the new censorship board, composed of committees from the Ministerial Alliance and the Federated Catholic societies, and the social service board, Friday.

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BALLOT BOXES THAT FIGURED IN ELECTION SCANDAL FOUND

Another paragraph was added Saturday to the history of Tacoma's most amazing political scandal, the stealing of municipal ballot boxes after the spring election of 1896.

The very ballot boxes that were stolen after Mayor A. V. Fawcett had defeated Ed S. Orr 20 years ago by a scant margin of votes, have been found!

Commissioner Atkins, who recently took over the department of public works, made the discovery.

The boxes, small wooden affairs eight inches square by 14 inches long, had lain for 20 long years in a locked compartment of a large steel cabinet formerly used as a record case for the councilmanic committees.

The boxes represented the first precinct of the sixth ward, and the first precinct of the eighth ward.

The ballots were locked in the compartment assigned to the streets and alleys committee of the old council.

Drills Off Lock.

For nearly a quarter of a century this compartment has been rigidly locked, and no one could find a key that would open it.

Atkins recently decided to satisfy his curiosity, and hired an expert to drill the lock from the door.

During the days of the old council, no one had keys to the various compartments of the steel cabinet except the members of the

various committees. Those on the streets and alleys committee in 1896 were J. W. Kieeb, Samuel Hice, J. L. Coates, John B. Stevens and L. E. Sampson.

Official records show that a councilmanic committee was appointed to make a recount of the ballots, after the first count had shown Fawcett to be two votes ahead.

This committee consisted of Percy D. Norton, N. P. Bulger and the three members of the streets and alleys committee.

Two Are Dead.

Immediately after beginning its recount, the councilmanic committee discovered that someone had bored a hole through the brick vault in which the ballots had been stored, and had stolen two boxes and their contents.

The recount was halted and an

immense scandal developed. Fawcett served his term as mayor without further contest.

Hice and Coates are dead. Kieeb is in the lumber business on Grays Harbor.

LINCOLN HI KIDS 3 TO 1 FOR WILSON

Undeterred by the consideration that it will be some years yet before most of them will have a real vote, the physical geography class at Lincoln high school took a straw vote for president Friday, with the following result: Wilson, 24; Hughes, 8; Benson, 2.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings	\$ 333,074.50
Balances	52,442.94
Transactions	1,085,126.59

Sanda Phayre, Heiress, Isn't Pretty

But she wins a titled Englishman and the old Culver Castle, in the story which begins Monday in The Times.

"The Bride's Hero," a novel by Mrs. A. M. Williamson, co-author of "The Lightning Conductor," "A Set of Silver," and other current novels, is a diary of a girl's heart.

IT STARTS MONDAY IN THE TIMES—BE SURE AND GET IT.

TACOMA'S A MIGHTY DRY TOWN

A big "booze club" has operated secretly within a block of the city hall for four months.

Last week the proprietor purchased his illicit stock, locked the doors and departed.

"What's the matter—got cold feet?" inquired one of the patrons.

"No chance," replied the manager. "But I have common sense. That new chief of police would have me in jail inside a week if I kept running. He's wise, friend. There's no use bucking up against a wise guy with this game."

"And he's honest, too. It's a combination that can't be beaten."

That conversation actually occurred.

'Tis Dry Town Now.

And it is significant inasmuch as this particular "club" manager is not the only one who has seen the light of coming events.

While there were a dozen or more resorts in secret operation downtown a month ago, Tacoma is the "driest of dry" today.

It was hard enough for the thirsty to get a drink in September. But it is well nigh impossible now.

Even Best Friends Can't Buy.

Vendors of the forbidden stuff have become so frightened that they won't even sell a drink to their best friends.

Police Chief Harry M. Smith has been in office since Sept. 15. In this brief period he has conducted 34 raids on blind pigs and resorts where liquor was sold illegally. In only four cases has he failed. In each of these four instances, whisky was found in small quantities but it was protected by legal permits.

These raids have added \$2,225 to the treasury in the form of fines and forfeited halls.

Would Make It Felony.

Fifteen victims have received jail sentences, most of them for a month's period.

And from now on, the police judge has agreed to give jail sentences to all violators, rather than cash.

Chief Smith intends to go before the next legislature and ask for a state law making illicit selling of booze a felony.

Working Out of a Job.

"These blind piggers are just getting the fact that I mean business," declared he Thursday. "When I first took office, it was comparatively easy to make raids. But during the last week or so, they have been going out of business so fast that my investigators are having a hard time to 'find work.'"

Tacoma was a fine oasis for the thirsty until Chief Smith went on the job with his dry squad. Now it's "Dryernell."

SNOWED UNDER BY CAMPAIGN STUFF

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Charles A. Filippak, naturalized last year, got so tired of receiving campaign literature that he resigned as a citizen yesterday, writing the circuit court clerk that he would remain an anarchist.

BUTTER UP AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire)

ELGIN, Ill., Nov. 4.—Butter all sales at 36 cents, an advance of 2¢ cent.

Wives of Candidates for Governor Certain Husbands Will Win

By Cynthia Grey

Women, too, are drawn into the magnetic whirlpool of politics. This is especially true in regard to the candidates' wives.

Hope inspires and thrills them on one hand; defeat, grim and foreboding, menaces them upon the other.

Perhaps no two women were ever more deeply concerned than Mrs. Ernest Lister and Mrs. Henry McBride, because their husbands are making a fifty-fifty fight for the governorship.

Each of these women is dead sure that her husband will emerge from the battle royal on Tuesday with the laurels of victory upon his brows. I know, because I asked them.

It was down in the reception room of the hotel that I put the

question to Mrs. Lister, wife of the present governor.

Sure Lister Will Win.

"Indeed I do believe my husband will be re-elected," said the First Lady of the State.

"And why not? Knowing the governor as I do, I could not possibly feel otherwise. His slate is clean. He has been just as conscientious about the governorship as he could possibly be about his own private business."

"And his campaign—despite the fact that he has had to depend mostly upon himself, has been clean and absolutely in the open."

Mrs. Lister's smile was convincing and I felt like a very small person and absolutely in the open.

"But—supposing your husband doesn't win? I finally got up nerve enough to say.

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IMPORTANT TO VOTERS!

With the ballot title completed Saturday, the initiative petitions to abolish partisan election of state and county offices, will be ready for circulation in Tacoma Monday.

They should be distributed in every precinct for the voters to sign at the general election Tuesday.

The petitions will need 32,000 signatures. It should be easy to get at least 100,000 signers in the state if everybody gets on the job.

If you believe in government by the people of the state rather than by party machines, get one of the petitions Monday and fill it with names.

If you want the state to be the pioneer in the freedom of elections, get busy.

You can get the petitions any time Monday at Homer Bone's office, 529 Provident building.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, did the daylight burglar visit you?

These are the days when mutt campaigners furbish up their last year's rorbacks.

All hall the split ballot, and long may it wave o'er the land of the free, and the straight ticket's grave!

Apparently the Germans class each new enemy as "life's little irritations."

The supply of hot air, as Josh Wise says, always exceeds the demand.

What has become of the old-fashioned political announcement by Mayor Fawcett?

The Salamanca, N. Y., Republican-Press, in its account of a wedding says: "The couple were unwedded."

Which would you rather draw—a pay envelope or a sword?

So would we.

Mabel Abbott is still suffering from nervous shock, caused by the antics of a phonograph record at the Peerless Grill while she was eating lunch there yesterday.

The needle jumped the track after the first two words of a Lauder song, causing the machine to inquire rapidly and loudly, "How's Mabel? how's Mabel? how's Mabel? how's Mabel?" until Proprietor J. C. Boldt choked it off.

Here's to Robert Longmire; vote him down!

Hawaii is making bricks of lava. What'll they do when they run out of volcanoes?

On account of the high price of shoes, caused by the war, shoe manufacturers have raised the price of Government.

DISASTER OCCURS IN HURRICANE

OTHER COLLISIONS AT SEA THAT ENDED IN GREAT DISASTERS

1898—July 4, French liner La Bourgogne collided with steamer Cromartyshire; 258 lives.

1912—April 14, White Star liner Titanic collided with iceberg in Atlantic; loss 1,635 lives.

1914—May 29, Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland collided with Danish collier Storstad in St. Lawrence river; loss more than 1,000 lives.

(United Press Leased Wire)

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The British steamers Connemara and Retriever collided off Carlingford Lough, 30 miles north of Dublin in the Irish Sea.

It was at first feared that 300 persons perished. A late estimate is 100.

A Lloyd's dispatch from Belfast reported that some bodies have washed ashore on the County Down coast.

The collision occurred shortly after the Connemara left Greenore and was near the Irish coast. An official announcement on the sinking said only one survivor has thus far been reported.

The Connemara carried 61 passengers, all of whom perished. A man named Boyle, a member of the Retriever's crew, is the only known survivor.

Hurricane Blowing.

A hurricane was blowing and made it impossible to launch the boats, Boyle reported.

He brought back the story of the greatest sea disaster since the sinking of the Lusitania and prevented the disappearance of the two ships with their passengers and crews from becoming an untold sea mystery.

Only fragmentary reports of the disaster had reached London this afternoon. From these accounts it appears that the Connemara of the London & North-western railway line left Greenore, Ireland, about dusk yesterday evening for Hollyhead, England, and collided with the inward-bound steamer Retriever a few miles off the Irish coast.

Go Down Rapidly.

Leaving Greenore, the ferry steamer ran into the tip of a violent hurricane.

Plunging along through the darkness and storm, with even greater difficulty, the smaller Retriever, inbound for her home port of Newry, in Carlingford Lough, crashed into the Connemara.

The first reports indicated that the vessels went down in a very few minutes before the boats could be gotten over.

Both Vessels Small.

The Connemara was a steamer of 833 tons, built in 1897 for the London & North-western railway for ferry service. She was 275 feet long.

There are three British steamers named Retriever, all smaller than the Connemara. The vessel in collision was probably in Dublin steamer Retriever, bound for Newry.

The Connemara, with 61 people on board, was reported to have bottomed outside Newry, late reports stated today.