

GIVEN ODDS

Believed That Wilson Will Sweep the Country.

MANY STATES ARE IN DOUBT

Each of the Three Great Parties Predict Victory in Today's National Election—Strength Matter of Conjecture.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—As the greatest national campaign since 1860 closes tonight, says the New York Times, indications are that Wilson will sweep the country tomorrow.

Whatever may be the outcome, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana play the crowning part. New York is conceded to Wilson and Sulzer by all the prophets, by odds of something like 3 to 1; Pennsylvania hangs in the balance, as does Indiana and Illinois.

T. R.'s Popularity Is Factor. The popularity of Theodore Roosevelt and the philanthropy of Oscar Strauss, the bull moose candidate for governor of New York, is causing no little trouble, however, to the democrats. Pennsylvania presents through its troubled waters arising from the row between the progressives and the regulars, the same concern for the republican, with the odds slightly favoring the democrat.

Indiana and Illinois are badly split, but the chances are that Wilson will lead the ticket to safety in Indiana, while in Illinois it remains a toss up between the democrats and progressives republicans.

In any event, the chance of no election tomorrow has not by any means grown dim.

Campaign Hotly Contested.

With the opening of the polls tomorrow the most momentous and hotly contested national campaign since the civil war come to a close. Involved in the contest is not only the presidency of the United States, control of the United States senate, the house of representatives and of the state government in more than one-half of the states north of Mason and Dixon's line, but the prestige and perhaps the very life of the republican party.

It is of more than incidental interest and importance that on the eve of election there should be a distinct prospect that the battle of the ballots which will be in progress tomorrow all over the Union, after all, may not decide the most important of the issues involved—the presidential election.

Strength Matter of Conjecture.

With three candidates in the field and the strength of the three parties supporting them—despite all the optimistic forecast that have been made—a matter of conjecture, it is possible that the election of the next president of the United States will be thrown into the house of representatives. Should such a situation arise, the United States senate would be called upon to choose a vice-president.

The national leaders who are in charge of the campaign here admitted tonight that this alternative is not by any means beyond the realm of possibility and that the situation accordingly is fraught with complications without precedent in the history of this country. This is apparent at a glance.

Majority Of States Required.

While the house of representatives has an ample democratic majority, the election of a president is not attained by a majority of the members. It requires the vote of the delegations from at least 25 states and the vote of a state delegation is determined by the political complexion of a majority of its members. In the house, as at present constituted, there are 22 states represented, 10 of which are republican, 12 are democratic. A number of states would cast the republican nominee for the presidency. In four states—Nebraska, Rhode Island and New Mexico—there are divided delegations. Contrary to the impression gained by recent newspaper articles,

the death of Congressman Utter, of Rhode Island, yesterday, will not eliminate the possibility of a deadlock.

Deadlock In Senate Probable.

In the senate a deadlock on the election of a vice-president is as much of a probability as a deadlock in the house on the selection of the nation's executive head. There are 50 republican members of the senate as against 43 democratic members.

In the senate the election of a vice-president is by a majority vote of the members. As half a dozen of the republican senators are men who have cast their political fortunes with the national progressive party, there looms large the possibility that these men could keep the senate deadlocked and prevent the second place from being filled, provided a man distastful to the progressive sentiment of the country should be selected by the republican national committee for the place of the late James S. Sherman.

State Elections Important.

While, of course, the outcome of the presidential election is the most absorbing question before the country, the state elections, which in ordinary presidential years would only be of secondary importance, this year come fraught with extraordinary interest and importance. In 32 states, the complexion of the legislature to be elected tomorrow will determine whether republicans, democrats or progressives shall fill vacancies in the United States senate, that will arise after March 4. Incidentally the outcome of these elections will decide the control of the upper house in the national lawmaking body and determine whether Woodrow Wilson, if elected, shall have to support him, in changing the policy of the administration at Washington, a democratic senate as well as a democratic house.

Democrats Predict Landslide.

During the present session of congress the republican senate has played havoc with the initiative toward tariff reduction taken in the democratic house of representatives. The democratic leaders here who have had supreme command over the Wilson forces in the conflict that now has drawn to a close, express confidence that tomorrow's election will result in a great democratic victory—possibly landslide. All this is predicted on the presumption that the great pivotal states of New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Connecticut return a majority of the democratic electors.

While every indication points to the probability of the Democratic predictions coming true, the Governor Wilson receiving more than a majority of the 582 votes in the Electoral College, the forecasts predicting a Democratic victory in Pennsylvania and Illinois are contested by the Progressives, who claim these states for Colonel Roosevelt.

Velma Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bates, celebrated her 12th birthday Saturday evening at her home on Ella street. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and the festivities of the evening continued until a late hour. About thirty little folks joined in carrying out the delightful program arranged for the party, all of whom had a jolly good time. The home was tastefully decorated for the birthday party; games and other amusements enjoyed, and a dainty lunch made the little folks "wear" a pleasant smile.

WILSON IN LEAD COUNCIL MEETS

Early Indications Point to a Democratic Victory.

PACIFIC COAST PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION DELAYED WEEK

Taft Takes Third Place in Washington—Oregon Battle Ground for Even Fight Between Wilson and Roosevelt.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—Weather conditions throughout the state were bad today and the vote in Oregon is lighter than was anticipated. Heavy rains in Central Oregon deterred much of the rural vote from going to the polls. Wilson and Roosevelt appear to be running neck and neck in all districts. President Taft taking third place. So far there is no indication as to how the senatorial fight and the suffrage question will be settled.

Record Breaking Vote.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Telegrams pouring into the national headquarters here report a record breaking vote throughout the country generally. National Committeeman King, of the democratic party of Oregon, wired that a democratic landslide has started in his state, assuring Wilson of an easy victory there. Tom Taggart, of Indiana, says the vote in his state is heaviest in years. Utah and Colorado dispatches indicate democratic victories there are possible.

Washington For Roosevelt.

SEATTLE, Nov. 5.—Thousands of voters were astir early this morning, and polling during the first few hours after the balloting began indicated that Washington's seven electoral votes will probably go to Col. Roosevelt, who appears to be a top-heavy favorite with the electorate. Wilson looms up a dangerous second to the Colonel, while Taft will occupy, in all probability a third place. The fight for governor is bitter. M. E. Hay, the present incumbent, being the stand-pat nominee. Betting favors Hay over Hodge. Little money, however, is being wagered.

Ohio Democratic.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 5.—Indications are now that Woodrow Wilson will carry the state, and probably elect the state ticket as well. The socialists expect to poll 125,000 votes in Ohio, and indications are that they will. James M. Cox, democratic candidate for governor, is the favorite in betting circles.

Montana Probably Democratic.

MISOULA, Nov. 5.—Although the democrats claim the state by 15,000, a conservative estimate reduces their plurality to 2,000. The silent vote is very heavy, placing results in doubt. Socialists in Butte and Silver Bow counties are polling unusually large numbers of votes. Roosevelt will run far ahead of the balance of the progressive ticket, and his election including the state ticket, is claimed by progressives. Senator Dixon appears doomed to defeat at this time.

Wilson No. 112.

PRINCETON, Nov. 5.—Woodrow Wilson voted No. 112 this morning (Continued on page 4.)

Usual Monthly Gist of Bills Are Allowed.

ORGANIZATION DELAYED WEEK

Mayor Micelli Displays Cunningness When He Refuses To Make Appointments—New Councilmen Attend.

The members of the city council, including those elected at the recent city election, met in regular session last evening. Mayor Micelli presided as usual, but on account of today's election he deemed it wise to refrain from making the usual appointment of committees. Neither was the president of the council selected as is customary upon the advent of a new council.

The only business of importance transacted during the evening was that of allowing the usual monthly gist of bills.

Bills Allowed.

Table listing bills allowed with amounts: W. C. Gaddis, repairs \$ 10.50; Geo. H. Poole, labor 2.50; Churchill Warner Co., sup'ls .90; Harry Pearce, supplies 7.65; M. B. Germond, salary 125.00; Floyd Cole, Surveying 57.45; Jesse Cole, same 12.77; John Rast, same 13.88; H. Worthington, Inspector 93.00; E. B. Herrmann, legal services 25.00; Review Pub. Co., printing 27.95; Douglas Co. L. & W. Co., water 16.87; Oregon Restaurant, prisoners' board 5.50; Douglas Co. L. & W. Co., light 300.00; J. F. Clements, services 3.00; D. S. Houser, salary 40.00; H. Worthington, salary 15.00; Carl E. Wimberly, salary 75.00; Churchill Hdw. Co., supplies 2.60; Vera Jones, typewriting 4.90; Chas. Walker, labor 63.00; Leslie Farmer, labor 63.00; G. W. Rutter, labor 2.00; A. M. Oeland, labor 65.00; B. Fenton, salary 75.00; J. L. Chambers, salary 70.00; Mrs. H. Jones, rent 5.90; Pacific Stationery & Printing Co., supplies 1.00; Bow Yuen & Co., supplies 116.16; D. Hagen, services 5.00; Douglas Abstract & Trust Co., supplies 58.00; Roseburg Feed & Fuel Co., supplies 116.40; Page Investment Co., supplies 5.44

FARM MORTGAGES

Have Decreased During The Past Few Years.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Statistics with reference to mortgage indebtedness of the farms of the United States are given in a report soon to be issued by Director Durand of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor. The report was prepared under the supervision of John Lee Coulter, expert special agent for agriculture. The total number of farms in the United States operated by their owners, which were mortgaged in 1910, is 1,327,439; while 2,921,293 were reported as free from mortgage.

These figures show an increase since 1900 of 17.7 per cent in the number of farms mortgaged, and 4.4 per cent in the number of farms free from mortgage.

The report will show that 58,104 farms were operated by managers—a decrease of 1.7 per cent since 1900, and 2,354,676 farms were operated by tenants, an increase of 16.3 per cent since 1900. No statistics pertaining to mortgage indebtedness were secured for farms operated by tenants or hired managers. It would be practically impossible in many cases to reach the owners of such farms to ascertain the facts.

Land Values Increased.

The total value of the land and buildings of the 1,006,511 farms for which both the fact of mortgage indebtedness and its amounts were reported was \$6,330,000,000, and the amount of debt was \$1,736,000,000 or 27.3 per cent of the value. The corresponding proportion in 1890 as shown in the reports was 35.5 per cent. There was thus, during the 20 years a marked diminution in the relative importance of mortgage debt on the farms mortgaged, due primarily to the very rapid increase in the value of the land in farms.

The average amount of mortgage indebtedness per farm increased from \$1,224 in 1890 to \$1,715 in 1910, but the average value per farm increased from \$3444 to \$6289 and therefore the owner's equity per farm increased from \$2200 to \$4574 or more than double.

The statistics with reference to the number of farms mortgaged for the past three censuses are not precisely comparable, although nearly so. At the census of 1900 questions as to mortgage debt applied to all farms operated by owners, while at the two preceding censuses they applied only to the smaller class of "owned farm homes"; those farms occupied by their owners as homes.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CONVICT MAKES ESCAPE.

Frank Kelly Saws Way Out of Kitchen And Makes Get-Away.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—Frank Kelly and Walter Davis, both serving from two to five years for burglary, sawed their way out of the kitchen at the state penitentiary here last night, scaled the walls of the prison and made their escape. A posse is scouring the surrounding country but is yet without results. The men were employed as trusties.

The escape was made between the counting of the men made at 6:30 and 7 p. m. The men took advantage of a rainy night which made it impossible to track them. Kelly is a youth 19 years and was sent to the penitentiary from Douglas county. Davis is 35 years of age and is from Union county. The escape is the second made by sawing through the bars in the last year.

Thursday last marked the eighty-sixth mile stone in the life of "Anny" Johnson, as the aged lady is called by most of her close friends, and in honor of the event a number of ladies called at the Johnson home and spent the day. It was a memorable birthday party, and many reminiscences of the early days were recalled, and then the dainty luncheon was also a feature not to be forgotten. The afternoon was whiled delightfully away. Those present were Mesdames J. J. Cawfield, Willard Brand, Hefner, Ingersol, Noah, Stone, Hine, Aldredge and Carroll.

ELECTION BRISK

Predicted That "Wet" and "Dry" Fight Will Be Close.

FRAUDULENT VOTES BLOCKED

"Wet" Element Works Throughout the Day—"Drys" Take Life Easy and Comply With Corrupt Practice Act.

Notwithstanding the heavy down-pour, today's election was one of the most interesting events ever held in this city. At three o'clock this afternoon about three-fourths of the registered vote had been cast, and it is safe to predict that no less than 1200 votes will be registered in the four Roseburg Precincts.

As was predicted by The News, the fight centered on the question of local option, and little else was discussed on the streets today. Headed by J. D. Zurcher, Mayor Joseph Micelli, J. W. Perkins and Elbert Hermann the "wets" made a gallant fight, but nevertheless those in touch with the situation predict a "dry" victory.

Taken somewhat by surprise the "wet" element made little attempt to register the fraudulent vote, while the "drys" remained true to their style of fighting square. Although much in evidence on the streets, the "dry" voters did little active work, other than getting their votes to the polls. A number of "wet" men were working throughout the entire day, and in some instances they were detected giving out cards and committing other acts contrary to the provisions of the corrupt practices act.

The challengers stationed in the several polling places by the "dry" element worked heroically throughout the day, and a number of illegal voters were turned away. The election laws were closely followed and the "wets" soon learned that there was nothing doing along questionable lines. In fact, the "drys" gave fair warning, and were persistent in their efforts to compel fair play.

While the result will probably be close, it is generally predicted on the streets today that Roseburg will go "dry" by a majority not exceeding 50 votes. Hamilton precinct will probably give a small majority for the "wets"; but this will undoubtedly be overcome in the remaining three precincts of the town.

The only other contests worthy of mention in Roseburg is that of Sheriff George Quine and District Attorney Brown, with B. Fenton and W. W. Cardwell contesting. Although the predictions vary, it is generally believed that Quine and Brown will carry Roseburg and Douglas county.

Candidates for the other offices are creating little excitement in Roseburg, as the results are practically determined at this hour.

GOOD BERTHS FOR COLLEGE LADS.

Two Horticulture Graduates of O. A. C. Land Big Positions In California And Canada.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Nov. 5.—The Cold Stream estate, a huge fruit tract at Vernon, B. C., has just secured the services of John Quiney Adams, a 1911 graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College department of horticulture, whom the Canadian growers called from the superintendence of the Mackintosh Manor lands in the Bitter Root Valley where he has been this year.

George Rieben, a classmate of Mr. Adams, who last year was at the Union experiment station and has been entered for graduate work at the college, has accepted appointment as instructor in agriculture at the high school in Ferndale, Cal. He will be especially missed from the college diamond, as he was captain of the nine and one of the mainstays for the coming season.

Nothing new under the sun, so the saying goes, but there's always something new in needlework at Graves' Art Emporium. Big shipment just in of the new and popular cut work. Night gowns, bags, pin cushions, centers, pillows and scarfs. Just the thing for Christmas. Come early and get a choice selection with instructions.

ELECTION BULLETINS---RAIN OR SHINE

The News will throw on a monster screen all the election returns from all parts of the United States. The News has also made arrangements to secure promptly all the county and city returns. The mammoth screen will be stretched across the upper story of the New York Store and the bulletins will be flashed from a stereopticon from the top of The News building.

Do not stay away on account of rain. Jackson street on the west side is practically covered with awnings and you will be protected from the rain. Come out and cheer for your favorite candidate as the election bulletins are flashed across the street. The entertainment will be free. If the weather will permit the band will give a concert in front of the News Office.