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## UNION COUNTY REPUBLICANS CLAIM TAFT VICTORY BY 250 PLURALITY

### UNION COUNTY SHOWS APATHY IN ITS VOTE

**TAFT AT LARGE IS CASTING BIG VOTE.**  
Democratic Precincts That Please Their Leaders Are Cove, La Grande and Big Creek—Affair Extremely Quiet Everywhere—Great Vote All Over But in Union County—Republicans Claim County by 250 at the Lowest Estimate—Union Voting Stronger Than Other Sections—The Vote in La Grande Far Below Normal Strength.

**Votes Cast at 2:30.**  
The following table shows the vote up to 2:30 this afternoon, the first column showing the vote, and the last column the registered strength:

No. 1	87	181
No. 2	190	357
No. 3	182	359
No. 4	151	363
No. 5	Not reported.	

Unless there is a landslide of votes tonight before the polls close at 7 o'clock, the vote in Union county and in La Grande especially, will be far below the registration strength. From every section of the valley but one, there is a report of apathy and neglect in voting. The same thing has been true in La Grande, but the labor

vote has not been put in as yet. When that comes, the total vote cast will shoot upward considerably, bringing the complement of votes in the four city precincts to a pleasing figure, though it is hardly possible that the total registration will be recorded.

**La Grande Stands Alone.**  
From reports received from the state, La Grande is showing the least interest in the election, of any. Portland appears to be next in point of apathy.

At 2:30 the total vote cast in the city is only a little above 50 per cent. Eliminating precinct No. 5 from the count, there have been 580 votes cast in a quartet of precincts that should have given the state 1147 votes before the polls close. The four precincts are republican by 421.

**No Straws to Indicate.**  
The corrupt practices act is working havoc with public interest in La Grande. One could stand around the polls all day and know but little of what the trend of public opinion in the election is. The republican leaders are claiming the county by 250 at the most conservative estimate. Democrats are claiming a strong vote in La Grande and Cove, giving the other smaller precincts to Taft, excepting Big Creek, which is radically democratic.

**Jackson to Cast 5000.**  
Medford, Nov. 3.—Reports from outside precincts indicate an unusual heavy vote. Probably 5000 votes will be cast in Jackson county.

**Salem Obeys Laws.**  
Salem, Nov. 3.—The weather is perfect. Indications are that the vote will be the large in any national election in this city. It is progressing slowly, owing to the corrupt practices act passed in the June election.

An agreement was made between the chairmen of the democratic and republican committees that the act will be complied with. Consequently for the first time in years carriages and other conveyances were not furnished to bring voters to the polls.

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### PHENOMINALLY LARGE VOTE CAST THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

NEITHER CAMPAIGN LEADER HAS YET CLAIMED A DECISIVE VICTORY AT THE POLLS

### MINNESOTA UNIONITES TURN ON BRYAN AND JOHNSON

Remarkable Vote Being Cast Everywhere—Utah Mormons Solid For Republicans—Bryan Sends Message

**West Virginia.**  
Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 3.—Bryan men claim a plurality of 10,000 and Taft men claim a plurality of 25,000 in the election in West Virginia today. Prospects favor Taft, but the issue of the state contest is in doubt, with a strong probability of democratic success. Factional differences in the republican party are responsible for the weakness of the state ticket headed by William E. Glasscock for governor.

**Wisconsin.**  
Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 3.—Election reports from over the state show a republican trend, although there is still more doubt as to the result than has existed in Wisconsin in many years. A considerable number of La Follette republicans are voting for the democratic candidates, and this may effect a considerable reduction in the normal republican plurality for both state and national tickets. A heavy socialist vote is being cast in Milwaukee and more enthusiasm is shown by the followers of that party than by any other.

**Wyoming.**  
Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 3.—Wyoming is claimed by both parties, but the state is too large and the polling places too widely scattered to afford any authoritative information at this hour. Bryan has a large following, and is likely to get the electoral vote by a small plurality over Taft.

**South Carolina.**  
Charleston, S. C., Nov. 3.—With only one ticket in the field, and the state democratic beyond possibility of change, South Carolina will add nothing of interest to the general election.

**South Dakota.**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 3.—Early estimates place the plurality for Taft at 20,000. Democrats claim the governor, on account of factional fights and local issues. A side issue of great interest is the law which will do away with the "divorce industry" in South Dakota, and on which the people are voting today.

**Tennessee.**  
Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 3.—Bryan will receive a plurality of not less than 20,000, and Patterson, democrat, will be elected governor in today's political contest. Taft is personally popular in Tennessee, but the normal democratic vote will probably be sustained.

**Texas.**  
Austin, Texas, Nov. 3.—Owing to local issues, a tremendous vote is being cast in Texas today. Bryan will receive an overwhelming plurality. The adoption of a prohibition plank by the democrats has made the liquor question the issue in the state contest. Governor Campbell will probably be re-elected, but Colonel John N. Simpson, the republican gubernatorial nominee, is likely to receive an independent vote.

**Utah.**  
Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 3.—Mormon support of Taft may give the state to the republican candidate in today's election, although the result will doubtless be very close. Democrats claim 4000 plurality for Bryan. Knight

the democratic candidate for governor, declares he will be elected and that a legislature hostile to the reelection of Senator Smoot will be chosen. Mormons say the Taft vote will be the heaviest of any republican plurality in years.

Washington, Nov. 3.—After casting his vote in Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt remained here today to entertain at an election party at the White House tonight. He will receive United Press Bulletins from New York headquarters.

Among the guests will be Secretaries Wright, Metcalf, Root, Straus, Cortelyou and a number of the president's intimate friends. Mrs. Roosevelt will entertain friends in the parlor of the White House.

**Vermont.**  
Burlington, Vt., Nov. 3.—Thirty thousand plurality for Taft is the most reliable estimate of the result of today's election in Vermont.

**Virginia.**  
Richmond, Va., Nov. 3.—With the exception of the Ninth district, where C. Bascomb Siemp, republican, will probably be returned to congress, Virginia will go solidly democratic in today's election, with possibly a slight reduction in the usual plurality.

**Oklahoma's First Vote.**  
Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 3.—A heavy vote early today marked this state's first opportunity to participate in a national election. Indications point to a heavy vote. The prediction of a democratic victory is correct, but the 27,000 plurality prophesied by Haskell will be materially reduced. A democratic legislature seems assured.

**Heavy Vote in Iowa.**  
Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 3.—Reports from all parts of the state indicate that an unusually heavy vote is being polled. The weather is excellent.

**Washington.**  
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 3.—Roosevelt's plurality over Parker of 73,000 votes will be reduced to a Taft plurality over Bryan of about 40,000, according to a prediction by Meade today. The labor vote will be largely divided between Bryan and Debs, and the latter will receive in the neighborhood of 20,000 votes.

Democrats are claiming King county, but republicans issued a statement making the same claim. The weather conditions are perfect.

**Maryland.**  
Baltimore, Md., Nov. 3.—As one of the doubtful states Maryland may play a large part in determining the next president, and the voters are conscious of the fact and rushed to the polls early this morning to cast their ballots. Both Bryan and Taft adherents are claiming the state by small pluralities. Charges have been made that money has been used in large quantities to influence voters, and the officials of the Baltimore Reform league are keeping a close watch upon the balloting and threaten to prosecute all illegal and purchased voters. The Baltimore laboring vote is one of the determining factors, and the democrats base their claims of victory on the statement that the union men have been won for Bryan and that the

republicans will lose much of the negro vote. The naturally conservative tendencies of the Maryland voters, the republican leaders assert, render a Taft victory certain.

**Phenomenally Heavy Vote.**  
Oakland, Cal., Nov. 3.—A phenomenally heavy vote is being cast in Alameda county. The ballot machines are being used.

**Bryan's Hopeful Message.**  
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—"Our fight is won and I await the verdict with confidence. Reports indicate that we will carry New York, Indiana, Nebraska and other doubtful states."

This is the election day message from Bryan to the democrats of the country. Bryan voted early. He was greeted on his way to Fairview to the polls, a mile away.

**May Be Denied a Vote.**  
Sacramento, Nov. 3.—Trying to handle the vote in Sacramento by machines in the big precincts is likely to cause a lot of trouble. In one precinct 724 votes will be cast, meaning one vote a minute for the full 12 hours during which the polls are open. It is feared the entire vote cannot be cast. The line was nearly a block long at 10 this morning.

**Democratic Claims the Most.**  
San Francisco, Nov. 3.—Early scenes show a large Bryan vote is being cast, particularly where the laboring classes reside. Republicans claim Taft will carry the state by 40,000 plurality. The democrats claim it by 8000.

**New England Vote Light.**  
Boston, Nov. 3.—Reports throughout the New England states show good weather is prevailing and early voting indicates a small vote.

**Union Men Angry.**  
Minneapolis, Nov. 3.—Because the voting machines used here are not made by union men many unionists refused to vote today. Bryan and Governor Johnson lost heavily, is it thought, as a result, as most of them swore allegiance to the democratic candidates.

**Light Vote at Walla Walla.**  
Walla Walla, Nov. 3.—A light vote was cast at noon. Local candidates overshadowed the national election. The good weather and a heavy vote is expected this afternoon.

**Washington Town for Taft.**  
Snohomish, Wash., Nov. 3.—The vote is small but points to a republican victory.

**Spokane for Taft.**  
Spokane, Nov. 3.—The fine weather started the voting as soon as the polls opened. A heavy vote is indicated. The republicans claim Spokane and the county by 4000, while the democrats claim a victory for Bryan and their congressman.

**Ferry Boat Run Down.**  
Washington, Nov. 3.—The iron steamer Washington, ran down and sunk the ferry boat Lackawanna off Alexandria wharf today in a dense fog. One unknown passenger is missing.

### BITTER FIGHT AGAINST HUGHES BY RACE CROWD

HEAVY ODDS FAVOR TAFT AND HUGHES.

With a Bitter Fight That is Costing Thousands, Aimed at Defeat, it Seems the State Will Elect Hughes and Taft—Judging From Betting Odds—Odds Only Indication of the Trend of Events—Rockefeller Dodges to His Polling Place—Heavy Vote Cast in New York, Commencing Early and Lasting All Day.

New York, Nov. 3.—With nothing but the uneven odds to indicate the pulse of the vote in this decisive and much discussed state, and a liberal squatching in Ohio, there is no real light on the direction which New York and Ohio are taking in the presidential election being waged here today. The enormous odds, which are greater at the lowest point, than they were against Parker, it seems New York will enter the Taft column tonight when the vote is counted.

The weather throughout the state was perfect. Indications point to the heaviest vote in years. The voters were out early.

**Rockefeller Votes Hurdled.**  
John D. Rockefeller stepped from his carriage in front of the little tailor shop on Sixth avenue, around the corner from his residence this morning. He looked about nervously, and shot into the shop were the polling place for his precinct is located. He seemed undecided as he entered the booth. He voted in a hurry and departed.

**Bitter Fight on Hughes.**  
Race track men are making a desperate fight on Governor Hughes. Eight hundred came from Baltimore in 14 special cars last night and appeared at the polls early. They predict Hughes will be buried under a Chanler landslide.

It is understood the big racing interests have agents working throughout the state, encouraging voters to oppose Hughes and get out early. The entire racing contingent left for Pamlico at 8:30 this morning.

**Recognize Roosevelt; Shout for Bryan.**  
New York, Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt and wife, Secretary Loeb and several of the president's attaches arrived at Jersey City this morning

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## OREGON FACTORY WOOL BLANKETS

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