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This is your last day to make up your pre-election prophecies. The next figures will be results. Facts, not fiction.

"This land of the free! Oh, hosh! Can't even do a stunt for a friend's sollicit votes at so much per; buy a drink and give one away; it is bad enough all of the time, but this last kink on election day is certainly the limit." Thus solloquized one of the "once was," who always bled the candidate or the committee for \$10 on such occasions, and there were others on every corner. For a while this morning it looked as though there would be no election. Under the old system so many of our people always waited until the right fellow came around and showed us where to hedge in (to the sack). It looked pitiful up to about 10 o'clock, but like all sudden changes, they finally voted, but it was evident that their patriotism was not up to the normal, and when not a few came out of the voting booth, the expression on their faces looked like they had suddenly received bad news.

The leaders of the prohibition party have been assured of funds to the amount of \$25,000 annually, for the next four years, to further their interests. This year the prohibitionists in their national platform spread out on national issues, and as compared with the platform of the dominant parties, was equally as good. If the temperance movement continues to grow during the next four years as it has in the last, there will be little left for it to do as a party, or it may grow in strength wonderfully. However, the strong parties are advocating temperance in many of their state platforms and so far the party in power generally has led in making the announcement. The temperance question is the liveliest political wire today, and those who do not pick up the right end are sure to get stung.

Everything is politics; but do you know if our people would work with half as much enthusiasm regarding our irrigation project that it would mean something to us all. As far as Union county is concerned, it is of vastly greater importance that the irrigation project succeed, than whether our next president is William Howard Taft or William Jennings Bryan. Who ever is elected will be our president, and will do all in his power to do the best he can for the citizenry—best he can for the continued general development of the country. Neither of them will ever know, except by accident, that there ever was an irrigation project mentioned in Grande Ronde valley.

The general prediction is that this election will not be close. Whoever wins will have many votes to spare. The only possibility of Bryan winning is by a landslide and there is no more reason why this landslide should not be more or less general than in a few localities. A landslide that would take in such states as New York and Indiana might as well include have a dozen others that are listed in the Taft group. The time is not far distant when we shall know.

If Taft is not elected by a tremendous majority, the sporting men of the country have widely missed their mark. No such odds were ever given before. Think of it! \$8 to \$1 in favor of Taft and even at these odds

there was little Bryan money in sight.

If the election news does not suit you, you do not have to sit up all night.

COUNTY SHOWS APATHY

(Continued from page 1.)

Within an hour after the polls opened a quarter of the vote had been cast.

Portland Vote Light.

Portland, Nov. 3.—Nothing is light in most precincts. Nothing in the general appearance of the city indicates a national election is on. The corrupt practices act had its effect. Weather is pleasant and the sun is shining brightly.

Unusually Heavy in Roseburg.

Roseburg, Nov. 3.—The warm sunshine is bringing out a full force of voters. Early indications are that the vote will be the heaviest in the history of the city.

Union Seems to Lead.

Union, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—At 2 o'clock it is apparent that Union's two precincts will poll the full complement of registrations. So quiet is the voting that it is impossible to even learn the trend of affairs. Precinct No. 1, normally 85 republican out of a total registration of 268, had cast 140 votes at this hour. No. 2, republican by a plurality of 75 and 242 total registration, has cast 110. Many farmers are in the city and it is thought the total vote will be heavy.

Cove-Leans Democratic.

Cove, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—In a community normally republican by 42, it is evident that the registration of 352 will not be reached. Cove is voting extremely slow, though 136 had voted at 2 o'clock. As far as ascertainable, Taft is slightly in disfavor here. The plurality in either case will be very small.

Apathy at Hilgard.

Hilgard, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Hilgard is another precinct in the county that shows apathy in the presidential election. Out of a registration of 66, 45 had voted at 2:30. The apathy is remarkable. The precinct is republican by 9 registrations.

Summerville's Slow Vote.

Summerville, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Like other precincts in the county Summerville is showing but little interest in the election. Farmers are slow in coming in and unless a whirlwind finish is in store, the vote will be far below registration. The precinct is republican by a plurality of 28 out of a total of 203.

Low at Imbler, Too.

Imbler, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Forty-four votes had been cast here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Farmers are attending to duties on the ranches and are not coming to town. The vote of 44 is far below the registration, which is 90, with a republican plurality of 15.

Wallowa County Active.

Enterprise, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—The returns from every section of Wallowa county shows that voting is progressing rapidly. Taft is an easy winner in this county, the only speculation being what plurality he will secure.

North Powder is Confident.

North Powder, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—"We are going to give Taft a big plurality here, though the vote is small," is the consensus of opinion in North Powder this afternoon. The poll opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon with 44 votes cast. The registration for this precinct is 242—republican by 54.

Dull at Elgin.

Elgin, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Elgin's two precincts are not voting with the usual vim today. The new corrupt practices act has put such a quietus on the day that one business man forgot entirely this was election day. The voting strength, according to the registrations in North Elgin is 293, republican by 81; and South Elgin registered 278, republican by 25.

Grants Pass is Democratic.

Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 3.—Nineteen votes in one family cast for Bryan here today. W. H. Pattilo, a member of a large family, says Bryan has an ear for common people. The early morning vote in various precincts indicates a democratic victory. It is estimated Bryan will carry the county by 100 majority.

Umatilla County Republican.

Pendleton, Nov. 3.—With perfect weather a heavy vote will be polled. Umatilla county is considered in favor of the republicans. The indications are that the normal republican majority of 600 will be cut to less than 100.

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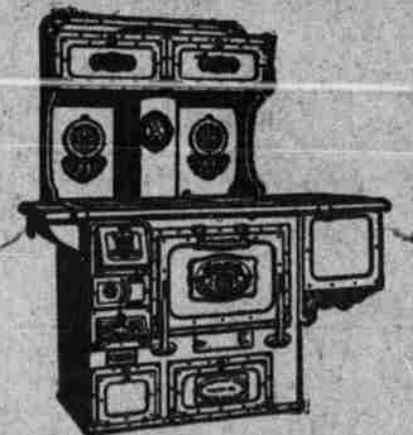
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