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"OUR FIGHT IS WON," SAYS W. J. BRYAN

LABOR VOTE EARLY GOES TO THE POLLS

Reports From Many States Show a Heavy Vote--Machines Give Trouble In Many Cities

SALEM, Or., Nov. 3.—With weather conditions perfect, the indications are the vote cast today will be the largest ever polled at a national election in this city.

A feature of the election is the quiet way in which it is passing, due principally to the corruption act passed at the June election.

An agreement was made between the Democratic and Republican chairmen and for the first time in years carriages or other conveyances have not been furnished to bring voters to the polls.

Within one hour and a half after the polls opened one quarter of the registered voters had cast their ballots.

Scratching in Ohio. COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 3.—Scratching of ballots is the feature of the Ohio election today. Reports from Cleveland say that the voters are taking so long to mark their ballots that it is questionable whether the entire registration can be handled by the time the polls close tonight.

Reports at the state headquarters of both parties indicate that a heavy vote is being polled all over the state. At Columbus and Toledo, the vote is the heaviest that has been polled early in the day for years.

In Northwestern Ohio, the Democratic stronghold, voters were in the polling places early.

Indications are that the returns will be late tonight. The use of voting machines has been prevented in many counties that have them because of the great length of the ticket. In Cleveland the ticket carries 20 names.

California Vote Late.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 3.—A dense fog that was not dispelled by the sun appearing held back the early morning vote in the residence sections of San Francisco. The laboring men were at the polls early in this district and this is taken to mean that in San Francisco a large vote will be cast for Bryan. Because of the complications in the local judicial ticket the voting is slow and considerable scratching is being done. No voting machines are being used in San Francisco this year. But voters are having difficulty with their ballots. This may make the returns very late, but it is probable that the event of a close in the national ticket, the result of the San Francisco vote will be counted tomorrow.

Good Weather in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 3.—Reports throughout New England show that good weather prevails. Despite this, the indications are the vote being polled will be below that of former years. Bryan supporters are making a hard fight to carry Massachusetts and their workers are busy about all the polling places. There is no indication, however, of unusually large third party vote.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 3.—

Weather conditions are perfect here today and a heavy early vote resulted. In some precincts 50 per cent of the vote was cast before 9 o'clock. The heavy voting is taken as an indication that both sides are fighting hard to carry Maryland, which is a doubtful factor in the electoral college.

Out Early in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 3.—Voting started with the opening of the polls at 8 o'clock this morning. Unlike all previous years, a heavy early vote is being polled. Voters are taking a long or time than usual, showing that they are scratching. It is stated that many republicans will vote for Bryan presidential electors, but the remainder of the ticket will be voted straight. Democrats are claiming that they will win in King county, but the republicans issued early this morning statements that the entire county and state ticket will be a republican landslide.

A GLIMPSE AT FUTURE OF MEDFORD

Events Following Adoption of Hamilton's Water Offer Shown --- Smith Rends Veil of Time.

A romance by R. G. Smith. November 5.—Election held in Medford. Hamilton's water proposition carried by a majority vote.

November 6.—City council met and authorized contract with Hamilton for construction of wood pipeline for \$254,100. Ex-Mayor J. S. Howard, a noted civil engineer, appeared as a friend of the people and denounced the proposed wood pipe, as it was on guaranteed one year, as unfit for the use intended, and demanded that steel be substituted for ten miles. Hamilton ably supported by Engineer Roberts and A. S. Bliton insisted upon a contract according to the proposal submitted. The council asked Hamilton what guarantee he could give the city against litigation. Hamilton said he would give the same guarantee he gives in his proposal, and in addition he said: "Mr. Bliton will assure you that I am all right." After much wrangling, the council authorized Mr. Hamilton to prepare his contract and submit it to the mayor and council on the following day.

November 7.—The council met in the council chamber, being filled with all members of the Mail. Ed Hanley appeared and announced he would enjoin the diversion of any water from Little Butte creek. A. S. Bliton obtained the floor and declared he would run for congress two years hence and immediately upon taking his seat have a law enacted creating the Medford water reserve, including all of the north fork of Little Butte, confiscating all private property along the creek, providing for the fencing of 500,000 acres with a cement wall and prohibiting any beast, reptile, bird or insect from ever entering said reservoir. He was mildly rebuffed by Shorty Hamilton. The council, overcome by his eloquence, ordered the recorder to sign the contract now offered by Hamilton without reading the same.

November 10.—Hanley brothers having transferred their lands and water rights to a corporation, organized under the laws of Arizona, have suit brought in the name of such corporation in the federal court, and secure a temporary injunction against the Fish Lake Water company, I. L. Hamilton and city of Medford, enjoining the diversion of water from Little Butte creek.

November 12.—A full timid taxpayers met at opera house and discussed advisability of enjoining the expenditure of money on pipeline till litigation with Hanley brothers is settled. Hamilton's attorney states that it will be six months or longer before a decision can be expected and then even if victorious the case can be appealed by Hanleys to the circuit court of appeals and a final decision from that court will require as much longer. Hamilton states that material and labor are advancing and delay means reduction of his profits. Meeting adjourned without action.

November 14.—Mass meeting called by ex-Mayor Howard, who delivers an address and tells the people that the wooden pipe proposed by Hamilton will be practically worthless, as it is only guaranteed one year, and is wholly insufficient to withstand the pressure. The meeting is broken up by hired roustabouts of the Fish lake proposition and Mr. Howard is roughly handled and seriously injured.

November 15.—City attorney proceeds to procure right of way, and many land owners refused to concede right of way claiming wooden pipe will be constantly leaking and breaking. He reports that right of way across many farms must be condemned and cannot hope to get all cases necessary to bring determined before the March, 1909, term of court. November 20.—First carload of wooden pipe arrives and citizens become aroused. A Taxpayers' league with 100 members, is organized. A committee appointed to examine into wooden pipe and Fish Lake company's right to use water and Hamilton guarantee. November 21.—Committee starts for Fish lake.



MR. BRYAN LEAVING THE BOOTH AFTER CASTING HIS BALLOT.

TAFT TAKES FOUR MINUTES IN BOOTH.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 3.—William Howard Taft, Republican candidate for the presidency, arrived at the polling place in his precinct shortly before noon today and after chatting for a few moments with friends who stood about the polling place, he entered and awaited his turn to vote. He was forced to stand in line for some moments. A man starting to make room for him was advised to stay in line as there was no particular hurry. Standing behind a man in overalls, Mr. Taft waited some moments before he entered the booth. It was exactly four minutes and five seconds before Mr. Taft completed the marking of his ballot. This was probably due to the many names on the ticket.

Outside of the polling place Mr. Taft was asked if he had scratched his ticket. He replied: "That is an American's privilege. I voted according to my convictions." "I am more confident at the present time than I have been at any time during the campaign. I am sure that the American people will vote for a continuance of the prosperity they have enjoyed under Republican administration."



MR. TAFT VOTING AT CINCINNATI.

HOW THE OIL KING VOTED

Apparently Undecided, Mr. Rockefeller Votes--May Have Voted for Taft

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—John D. Rockefeller, king of Standard Oil, stepped from his carriage in front of a little store in Sixth avenue, around the corner from his residence at No. 4 West Fifty-fourth street, this morning.

This sharp-faced man, whose declaration in favor of the republican candidate aroused one of the most sensational discussions of the campaign, looked about him quickly and then walked into the shop, where the polls of his precinct are located. He seemed to be undecided. His thoughts apparently were in the air and it appeared that he had not fully made up his mind. A policeman near the shop grinned and said: "I guess the old duck's trying to decide whether he'll vote for Gene Debs or Gene Chafin since Taft gave him the frozen face and Bryan burned him up. It must be a lot of fun to vote when everybody's so anxious for your ballot. He couldn't get a dollar as a repeater, even in Brooklyn." Rockefeller did not hesitate long, however. He cast his ballot quickly after he entered the booth and went out without making any comment.

LAST SPEECH NON-PARTISAN

Bryan Says He Has Made His Last Speech as Candidate for Office.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 3.—William Jennings Bryan, democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States gave what he says is his last political address to the people of Lincoln. Almost every citizen was present to hear the "Commoner's" non-partisan speech. This sharp-faced man, whose declaration in favor of the republican candidate aroused one of the most sensational discussions of the campaign, looked about him quickly and then walked into the shop, where the polls of his precinct are located. He seemed to be undecided. His thoughts apparently were in the air and it appeared that he had not fully made up his mind. A policeman near the shop grinned and said: "I guess the old duck's trying to decide whether he'll vote for Gene Debs or Gene Chafin since Taft gave him the frozen face and Bryan burned him up. It must be a lot of fun to vote when everybody's so anxious for your ballot. He couldn't get a dollar as a repeater, even in Brooklyn." Rockefeller did not hesitate long, however. He cast his ballot quickly after he entered the booth and went out without making any comment.

G. O. P. HOLD FINAL RALLY

Addressed by Judge Colvig on the Civil War and Newbury on Turndown

The final rally of the local campaign was held Monday evening by the republicans in the Angle Opera house. The meeting was addressed by Judge W. M. Colvig and Gus Newberry. Judge Colvig devoted most of his time to telling of the glorious flag of the country and of the heroic deeds of '61. His address was an able one and of much interest to those historically inclined. He failed however to get any nearer than 50 years to the issues before the American people today. Gus Newberry spent his time in lambasting local members of the G. O. P. for turning him down in April at the primaries. But in spite of this he stated he was willing to aid the republican party in snatching victory from the democrats. He then paid some attention to the panic of '93 a "democratic crime" and wound up by saying that Cleveland was the greatest president since Lincoln. Hon. W. L. Vawter and Hon. B. P. Mulkey were to address the meeting but did not show up. A picture of extreme merit is billed at the Bijou tonight. "Romance of a War Nurse" is undoubtedly the strongest production of the kind.

RAY SAYS HAMILTON IS FOOLISH

Condor Company at All Times Willing to Arbitrate Accounts With City --Asks for Guarantee

The Condor Water & Power company replies to Hamilton's letter, which appeared in the Medford Mail, November 3, as follows:

"It appears that Hamilton, like his organ, the Medford Mail, has stooped to misrepresentation and insinuations in an effort to defeat the Condor Water proposition.

"The arguments of Mr. Hamilton against the Condor company are so silly that the people do not require any answer, but as Mr. Hamilton appears to be so ignorant about the Condor Water & Power company, this letter will give him some information.

"The Condor Water & Power company holds stock in the Rogue River Electric company.

"A visit to the recorder's office will show you, Mr. Hamilton, that the Condor Water & Power company has a contract with the city of Medford and is still doing business in Oregon and with the city of Medford.

"Mr. Hamilton will also find at the recorder's office a certified check of the Condor Water & Power company for \$5000 as a guarantee of its proposition, which states there will be no charge for electric power for pumping.

"If Mr. Hamilton will open his eyes and look down West Seventh street he will still see the sign of the Condor Water & Power company furnishing free light to the city of Medford.

"Does Mr. Hamilton want any more evidence of the life of the Condor Water & Power company?

"As Mr. Hamilton has assumed, the business of looking after the people's rights in the city of Medford, will be please answer the questions which have been asked him a number of times in the Tribune?

"Will Mr. Hamilton guarantee his wood pipe line over one year?"

"Will Mr. Hamilton guarantee pure water, and how much and what size bond will be put up as a guarantee?"

Important Questions. "These are most important questions and the people of Medford should insist on an answer from Hamilton before election, for if the Hamilton proposition wins, then the people will have to accept a wood pipe line which has not been guaranteed at all in the Hamilton proposition.

The people after election will have to accept any water which Hamilton furnishes, because Hamilton does not guarantee pure water in his proposition.

The people should have a bond of at least \$250,000 to protect them in the expenditure of \$254,100. What good is Hamilton's \$5000 bond going to be to the people after they have expended a quarter of a million dollars, if the wood pipe line roves no good after one or two years, or if the water proves impure, or if the city has expensive litigation over water rights?

"The people of Medford should not go blindly into any water proposition or be swayed by prejudice, and the senseless howlings of hired partisans and a subsidized paper.

"The water question is a serious matter and should be investigated calmly and coolly without prejudice. After election it will be too late.

"If Mr. Hamilton will read Dr. Ray's statement again he will see that \$664,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Rogue River electric company is only a part of the Condor Water & Power company assets.

To the Medford Mail. "For the information of the Medford Mail, the Condor company wishes to state that if the Medford Mail will ask the city attorney it will be informed that the Condor company is willing, and has been at all times, to arbitrate the dispute over the amount of the bill which the Condor company claims is due it for the amount of pumping charges.

Perhaps the city official, who makes the misrepresentation to the Mail, is the same official who objected to Engineer Roberts investigating the Condor company's proposition. (Continued on page 4.)

BIG VOTE IN COUNTY AND CITY

Heavy Early Vote Is Polled --No Excitement--Holiday in Gold Hill--Busy at Eagle Point

Votes polled at 2:30 p. m.—North Medford, 392; South Medford, 343.

Politics! That's all. If the larger cities get all of the excitement of the campaign; if they get the red fire, and parades; and the tumult, and the shouting of excited crowds, are unknown locally; still on election day Medford holds its own. The pursuits of life are forgotten. On every corner stands the voters talking, talking, talking. They have elected Taft and Bryan many times today and have given Debs two and three million votes; they have given Chafin for a million and shook their heads dubiously over the other candidates. For in Medford on the day when the people choose their ruler, as in the largest cities, there is that great sense of choosing for themselves the man to direct the ship of state.

Voters Out Early. Voters began to pour into the city early Tuesday morning and in most cases visited the polling places at once, where they exercised the greatest privilege of the American citizen. Both precincts are polling an unusually heavy vote. And each candidate has his following, with the possible exception of Tom Watson. He may have had his, but not so it was noticeable on the streets.

The polling place for North Medford was in the city hall and in front of the building was a large gathering of interested voters, as was the case in front of the Miles building, the polling place in the south precinct.

The New Law. The corrupt practices act, recently adopted in this state, was a great source of amusement to voters. Wherever a political button was seen it was immediately confiscated by voters, who warned voters not to wear them or to ask regarding the political faith of any citizen, under fear of the penalty of the law.

One voter was about to vote in North Medford precinct when he was stopped by Chief of Police and told to remove his Taft button if he wanted to vote. The button came off in a hurry and the man passed in and cast his vote.

Out Early at Eagle Point. EAGLE POINT, Nov. 3.—(Special) The votes of precincts in this section of the country began voting early and heavy returns may be expected. The boys started for the polls early and kept coming and going throughout the day. There was no excitement many driving away as soon as they cast their ballots.

Light Early Vote in Ashland. ASHLAND, Nov. 3.—(Special) A light early vote was the feature of today's balloting in this city. No crowds collected and it was not until late in the forenoon that the voters turned out in any numbers. Indications at noon however are that a heavy vote will be polled in the local precincts.

Central Point Early Ones. CENTRAL POINT, Nov. 3.—(Special) Voters turned out early today and an unusual heavy vote is being polled. Everything was quiet and orderly. At noon 170 votes were cast out of 282 at the June election. Indications are that Bryan will carry the precinct.

Holiday in Gold Hill. GOLD HILL, Nov. 3.—(Special) Business is at a standstill in this city. The people are devoting their time to the election of a president. Political talk fills the air. Voters turned out early and in great numbers. Although Gold Hill slumbered during the campaign she awoke this morning and went right after the business. The early vote is very heavy.

Quiet in Jacksonville. JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 3.—(Special) Election day is very quiet with a light early vote. Late in the morning more voters are in evidence. Jacksonville will poll her entire vote. Bryan is more than holding his own.