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Official Estimate on Vote of Washington.

CHAIRMAN GIVES FIGURES

Republicans Will Have 100 Out of 136 Legislators.

TURNER'S SPEECHES FALL FLAT

Prosperity of the State, With Protection to Coal and Lumber, Gives the Lie to His Free-Trade Argument.

VOTES FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, 1896-1900.

1896—	
Booth, Rep.	38,190
Hyde, Rep.	37,809
Lewis, Rep.	31,554
Jones, Rep.	31,158
1900—	
Jones, W. L., Rep.	39,809
Cushman, Rep.	38,983
Lewis, Rep.	38,385
Jones, W. C., Rep.	33,002
1902—	
Jones, Rep.	35,331
Cushman, Rep.	35,228
Ronald, Dem.	34,448
Robertson, Dem.	34,382

SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—“Washington will go Republican next Tuesday by 20,000 majority. If we are successful in getting out a vote proportionately as large as that cast in the general election of 1900, the next Legislature will contain at least 100 Republican members of the Senate and House out of 136 all told.”

Chairman Ellis Morrison, of the Republican State Central Committee, made this prediction to the representative of The Oregonian today. Continuing, he said: “Being an off year, it is figured, naturally, that the vote will be comparatively light. Moreover, so little interest is manifested among the voters at large that a scant vote is almost a certainty. Against this fact, however, must be set off the great increase in the state's population as compared with two years ago. The new vote is believed to be very largely Republican, so that, taking the situation altogether, it is but fair to believe that the Republican majority of 13,000 in this state for President McKinley in 1900 will at least be equaled, and perhaps considerably surpassed.”

A Remarkable Campaign.

“The campaign in Washington is remarkable in more ways than one. There is but one issue on the Democratic side of the contest—the re-election of Senator George Turner. Senator Turner has carried the brunt of the campaign. He has contributed most of the money which the Democratic managers have handled, or else has been instrumental in securing contributions from his followers throughout the state. Turner has been away in the lead in the campaign, with Catterill, Cole and Holcomb, the three Democratic candidates for Congress, struggling along in the rear. Catterill has devoted himself largely to the initiative and referendum and socialism, while Cole has told a good many funny stories. He has been the joker of the trio. Turner has taken himself seriously, and has made a number of entertaining speeches throughout the state—entertaining because of their choice diction, their elegance of imagery, their wealth of imagination and their absence of fact and logic.

“The truth of the matter is that the people of Washington are paying little or no attention to the state campaign except in so far as it relates to the election of Republican members of the Legislature who shall elect a successor to Senator Turner. There are no issues, and after looking the situation over carefully, reason and justification is found in the prediction of Chairman Morrison that the Republican Congressional candidates will have 20,000 votes to spare if the vote Tuesday is proportionately as large as that two years ago.”

What County Chairmen Say.

Chairman Morrison has within the past few days received detailed reports from the chairmen of the various county committees throughout the state. This afternoon he looked them all over for the last time, and then said to The Oregonian: “You would perhaps think that I was too optimistic if I told you all the county chairmen say to me of the situation in their letters. But I can instance a few counties where the Republicans have made great gains as compared with two years ago, and where we have the best of the fight at this time.”

“For example, Franklin County, which has always been Democratic in my recollection, will elect a Republican to the Legislature, and a Republican county ticket. This is the report I have received from Chairman Houston, of the county committee. Secretary M. E. Hay, of the state committee, writes me from Lincoln County, his home, along the same line. The county has frequently gone Democratic, but we now have the best end of the fight.

“The southwest is in excellent shape. Our majorities will be as large, if not larger than two years ago.

“The reports that have come to me from the chairmen of the county committees have been corroborated by those made by the state speakers who have visited headquarters here, or who have written. Among these I might mention Representative Cushman and Jones and Hon. W. E. Humphrey, candidate for Congress; B. W. Colner, of Lewis; F. H. Brownell, of Snohomish; J. N. Picherell, of Whitman; H. W. Craven, of King; C. P. Lund and Sam Stern, of Spokane, and a number of others equally well known.”

Much Enthusiasm for Roosevelt.

Mr. Morrison says that the one great feature of the campaign has been the universal satisfaction expressed by the people with President Roosevelt and his Administration. Speakers reporting to the state committee have universally remarked on the fact that Roosevelt's name has been tremendously cheered at every point, especially within the past few days, or since the successful termination of his efforts to bring about a settlement of the coal strike. Because of this general satisfaction of the people with Roosevelt there has been almost an entire absence of National questions in the campaign. The feeling of regard and admiration for the President extends even among the Democrats, and the Democratic speakers, recognizing this fact, have frequently praised the President, hoping thereby to gain attention and consideration for their arguments against the policies of the Republican party.

Turner's Speeches Fall Flat.

As to Senator Turner, he has made the Philippine question and the trusts his main subjects. On the Philippine question the Senator has delivered choice words and polished extracts from his recent speeches in Congress, carefully editing therefrom his intemperate attacks on President McKinley. His speeches on the “consent of the governed” doctrine as applied to the Philippine Islands have fallen flat when directed at the farmers of Washington, who have realized a handsome price for their oats sold to the Government, and the farmers of the East Side who have seen their wheat prices for their hay during the past few years as a result of large Government purchases.

On the other hand, the Republican managers have quietly circulated extracts from Senator Turner's speeches advocating free lumber and coal, two products in which Washington is vitally interested in maintaining the present duty. The duty of 75 cents per ton on coal placed on the product by the Dingley bill doubled in two years the number of miners employed in the state, doubled the product and opened new mines, besides advancing the wages of the miners. The duty on logs has similarly benefited the thousands of employees in the lumber and logging industries. The Democracy is without an issue in Washington, and the Republican victory next Tuesday will be a magnificent one.

Flander at Head of Engravers.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—The International convention of the photo-engravers today elected Louis Flander, of St. Louis, president.

MORGAN AGAIN FAILS

Parliament Will Not Aid Him in Fight With Yerkes.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND LOST

Legislators Agree That Promoter Is Being Badly Used, but Hold That Enemies Are in His Own Household.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The efforts of the promoters of the Morgan “tube” railway scheme to procure the re-establishment of the parliamentary status of their original franchise bill, as a whole, led to an hour's debate in the House of Commons tonight, the only result of which was the withdrawal of the endeavor. The Morgans intend to ask later for the recommitment of the bill granting rights for their proposed “tube” and other lines without regard to the London United Tramway Company, which was to have been operated in connection with the Morgan “tubes,” but which was privately bought up by the Yerkes interests.

Thomas G. Ashton, who moved the recommitment of the Morgan bill, accused the London United Company of a dishonorable transaction and said he doubted whether so “dirty” a transaction had ever been entered into by parties coming before Parliament. He said also the House should resent this action by passing the Morgan bill, thus giving the Morgans a chance. Mr. Ashton's proposition was greeted with cries of “No, no.”

Mr. Ashton's motion was opposed by Sir John Dickson-Poynder, who said the Morgan scheme was now a truncated affair, and that it was not within the discretion of Parliament to intervene in the discussions of rival speculators. James W. Lowther agreed that the Morgan promoters had been badly used, but he said their enemies were those of their own household. Sir Lewis Melvor, chairman of the house railroad committee, and others also opposed the motion, which was finally withdrawn.

London Faces a Thorny Problem.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The tube disputes promise to involve London in the thorny problem of whether the County Council or private speculators shall supply London's locomotion needs. Strong feeling is expressed equally against the American endeavor to secure control of the system and against the County Council involving itself in probable heavy financial burdens by taking up the work of building “tubes and tramways.”

The London papers this morning express satisfaction with the result of last night's debate, and protest against American capitalists being permitted to exploit the rich field of London transit. Discussion of the question of whether the County Council should undertake the work rather follows political lines. The Conservative papers being against the Liberal papers in favor of the municipalization of transit. It cannot be doubted, however, that recent events have strengthened enormously the claim of the County Council at least to have a greater voice in the matter than hitherto.

WHEELER AT WHITE HOUSE

Head of California Wants Military Instruction for University.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—One of the President's callers today was Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, who, after an interview with the President in the morn-

ing, took luncheon with him. One of the features of the University of California is a battalion of cadets, and a part of President Wheeler's mission here is to obtain assistance from the War Department in the promotion of military instruction at his institution.

BANQUETED BY CRANE.

Crown Prince of Siam Entertained by Governor of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—The Crown Prince of Siam and his suite accompanied by H. H. D. Pease, Third Assistant Secretary of State, representing the President, reached Boston from New York tonight. The members of the party were met by representatives of Governor Crane and Mayor Collins, and escorted to the Hotel Somerset. Here they were greeted by the Mayor and later given a banquet by Governor Crane. For their three days' stay in Boston an interesting programme has been arranged to be concluded on Saturday evening by a dinner given by Mr. Pease.

Builders Hold Election.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The National Association of Builders today re-elected John S. Stephens, of Philadelphia, as president. It was decided to meet next year in St. Louis.

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SOON NO TIMBER

Present Practice Bad for Public Weal.

MANY ENTRIES IN OREGON

Secretary Feels Need for Checking Them.

LIKE THE FRAUDS IN MONTANA

Grab for Timber Claims May Lead to Repeal of Present Law or Advance in Price-Reports From Oregon Officials.

In the quarter ending September 30 there were in Oregon 625 more timber claims, covering 100,000 more acres, than for the preceding quarter, and excess cash receipts were \$244,499.50.

In the Roseburg district 830 to 875 entries, covering 130,000 to 140,000 acres, have not yet been proved; and in the Dallas district 600 claims, involving 144,000 acres, are in a similar state.

Secretary Hitchcock will probably recommend to Congress repeal of the present timber and stone act, or a large advance in the price of timber land.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Upon further investigation into the timber land frauds recently unearthed in Oregon, the Secretary of the Interior finds that in the quarter ended September 30 there were in all Oregon land districts 625 more timber entries, covering 100,000 more acres, than were reported in the quarter ended June 30, while the cash receipts for the last quarter exceed those of the preceding quarter by \$244,499.50. If this pace had not been checked the public timber lands in Oregon would soon have become a thing of the past. The Secretary has figured out that if there was the same proportionate activity in timber entries in each of the states as suddenly developed in Oregon, there would not be an acre of vacant public timber land in a year's time.

Not only are these extensive frauds injuring the general Government, but their successful perpetration would throw into the hands of private owners the best remaining public land in Oregon, and the state would be deprived of valuable tracts under its grants. To a certain extent it is expected that the state will assist the department in bringing to justice the violators of timber land law. The Oregon frauds are not dissimilar to those discovered in Idaho and Montana two years ago, which resulted in a large number of prosecutions.

The discovery of these wholesale violations of the present law will act as an inducement to the Secretary to urge upon Congress at the coming session the necessity for the repeal of the timber and stone act. Not only does this law offer opportunity to speculators, but it permits the acquisition of timber lands worth \$30 to \$100 and more an acre for the nominal sum of \$2.50. When that law was enacted it is said the price was reasonable because of the inaccessibility of the timber. Now that the great timber estates are well developed and means of transportation afforded, it is contended the Government should derive a greater revenue from its remaining timbered domain.

There is a bill now on the Senate calendar embodying the ideas of the Secretary, and renewed efforts will be made to secure its enactment. It is said that President Roosevelt is in perfect harmony with Secretary Hitchcock in his desire to arrest frauds arising under the present land laws, and it is not improbable he will personally advocate the revision of those laws that are now so objectionable.

SURPRISE AT ROSEBURG.

Inspector Recently Visited Office and Found Nothing Wrong.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—In regard to the alleged timber land frauds in the Roseburg land district and illegal entries made in collusion with the officials of the United States Land Office here, Register J. T. Bridges this evening said: “I have nothing to say at this time concerning the dispatch which appears in today's Oregonian regarding timber land frauds in this district further than to state that I have no information of any frauds being committed at this office as stated therein, and shall be glad to have the department make the fullest investigation possible concerning them. When we have received from the department information as to the nature of the charges referred to, I will be able to answer more fully.”

The number of timber land entries in the Roseburg office upon which final proof has not yet been made is between 850 and 875—130,000 to 140,000 acres. The business in this line has been very heavy for several months past, many people of means coming here from the East and locating claims because they believe the demand for lumber will make the investment profitable. The fact that Inspector McMillan recently visited this office and, as far as known, found the same to be conducted properly, makes the allegations appear very strange, and the officials are mystified at their appearance in the public prints.

Receiver J. H. Booth could not be seen.

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CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS FROM WASHINGTON



Wesley L. Jones, Rep. of North Yakima.



Francis W. Cushman, Rep. of Tacoma.



Will E. Humphrey, Rep. of Seattle.



O. R. Holcomb, Dem. of Riverville.



Frank B. Cole, Dem. of Tacoma.



George F. Catterill, Dem. of Seattle.