

Oregon Counties Are Nearly Unanimous for Taft

OREGON COUNTIES STRONG FOR TAFT

Estimated Plurality Is 19,220 in State, but May Be Much Larger.

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Reports to The Oregonian Show That Republicans' Only Danger Lies in Apathy—Bryan to Poll Full Party Vote.

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At the same time the Democrats are claiming the county by the same margin. There is great inactivity on the part of both parties in Benton County, where but a single campaign meeting has been held this year. This county, however, will give Taft a plurality of at least 300. In Douglas the Republicans have made no special effort to arouse interest in the campaign, while the Democrats have been unusually active. As a result the Democrats are counting on carrying the county. It is agreed by both sides that the result in Linn will be close but the Republicans estimate Taft's plurality at 150 or more. Judging from the same reports the total registration in the state for the November election will approximate 135,000. The registration for the election last June reached a total of 122,000, of which the registration in this county was 23,200. Since the books were opened September 29 for registration of other voters for the Presidential election the registration in this county has been increased to 28,823. Before the books are finally closed at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon County Clerk Fields estimates that the total registration will closely approximate 135,000.

Good Gain in Registration.
At any rate the books in this county will contain an additional 400 names. If the registration in the other counties is in proportion to that in Multnomah, which casts one-third of the vote of the state, the voting population of the state will have been increased by at least 12,000 since the June election.

The estimates received by The Oregonian on the probable vote for President were furnished to the following in a letter which was mailed to all of the paper's correspondents residing at county seats:
The Oregonian desires to have from you at the earliest practicable time an estimate of the probable result in your county at the Presidential election November 2. Consult the chairman of the several county political organizations and get from them their views and then from these opinions or estimates and from your own information or from any other reliable authority make the best estimate you can of the plurality to be given Taft or Bryan. Give as nearly as possible the votes of the several parties, Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Prohibition and Independence.

Estimates Are Not Partisan.

"You are to understand that The Oregonian is after no partisan estimate, but it desires the facts just as nearly as they may be had in advance of the election." The margin of the estimates given in this state is considered an over-conservative figure and the returns from the different counties on election night may very reasonably be expected to show a slight excess in the estimates quoted. The estimates in Portland who have been inquiring into the situation have received independent reports from throughout the state which convince them that Taft is certain to receive a plurality of not less than 25,000.

OREGON'S ESTIMATED VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND RETURNS FROM TWO ELECTIONS.

COUNTIES	Estimated Plurality for Taft, Nov. 1908	Estimated Plurality for Bryan, Nov. 1908	Estimated Plurality for Democrats, Nov. 1908
Baker	1,823	470	2,000
Benton	483	713	200
Clatsop	2,000	1,071	600
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Columbia	1,071	600	600
Crook	483	713	200
Curry	483	713	200
Douglas	1,071	600	600
Gilliam	483	713	200
Hood River	483	713	200
Josephine	1,071	600	600
Lincoln	483	713	200
Linn	150	1,500	1,350
Multnomah	11,284	10,292	1,992
Polk	483	713	200
Tillamook	483	713	200
Wasco	483	713	200
Washington	1,071	600	600
Wheeler	483	713	200
Yamhill	1,071	600	600
Totals	42,984	38,702	19,820
Plurality	19,220		

*This total represents the aggregate of the plurality of Congressmen Hawley and Ellis, of the First and Second Congressional Districts, last June.

MARGIN IN MULTNOMAH 7500

This figure, however, is admitted by Very Conservative.
A minimum estimate of Taft's plurality in Multnomah County is 7500. It is expected to reach between 10,000 and 15,000 by leading Republicans, who have been canvassing the situation carefully during the last 10 days. It is admitted that 7500 is an extremely conservative estimate, but in naming that figure allowance has been made for every possible contingency which may operate to reduce the normal Republican majority in the county.
No more reliable index to the political sentiment of the voters could be asked than the recent registration discloses. In the enrollment of electors for the Presidential election during the last month, 1908 Republicans have registered as against 952 Democrats, or more than two Republicans to one Democrat. This is considered indica-

tive of the attitude of the voters in the approaching election.

At this time voters are being registered exclusively for the Presidential election, and there is no occasion for them to misrepresent their political affiliation as many did in qualifying for the election last June. Republicans point to the fact that in enrolling as Republicans at this time, voters unquestionably indicate their preference for the Republican nominee and the principles for which he stands. In other words, Republicans confidently expect the vote in Multnomah county to be an index as to how the vote for Taft to one for Bryan.

The total registration in this county when the books were closed for the June election was 23,200. Since the books were opened September 29 last for the Presidential election, the registration has been increased to 28,823. County Clerk Fields estimates that the total registration will reach 28,000 before the books close at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The chairman of the Republican and Democratic County Central Committees do not expect that more than 95 or 96 per cent of the registered vote will be cast in the election. In that event, the total vote will be about 30,500.

Of that number, Taft and Bryan should receive 25,500, leaving 5000 to be distributed among Debs, Chaffin and Higen. Of the 25,500 Taft undoubtedly will receive 14,500 to 20,000 by Bryan, in the June election Jeffrey (Dem.), for Congress, received 6286 votes, which is about the normal Democratic vote in the county. In estimating Bryan's vote next month at 9000, Republicans believe they are making ample allowance for Bryan may expect over his party's actual strength in the county.

"I cannot possibly see how Taft's plurality can be reduced to that figure," said Chairman Kennedy last night. "From 12,000 to 13,000, to range from 12,000 to 13,000. During the last 10 days conditions in this county have improved wonderfully, and the success of the Republican ticket in the Presidential election, to my mind, seems assured. From an investigation I have been making, I find that the Republican ticket is not going to lose many votes from the reports of the members of organized labor are voting for Bryan. The truth of it is, many of the members of organized labor are voting for the Republican ticket this fall."

There is a wide discrepancy, however, between the estimates of Chairman Kennedy, of the Republican organization, and George H. Thomas, chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. Said Chairman Thomas last night:

"We hope to carry Multnomah County by a margin of 2000 to 3000. We carried the county for Chamberlain by that margin, and I cannot see but that the Bryan sentiment is just as strong, if not stronger, than was the Chamberlain sentiment last June. The reports we are receiving from all sections of the county are very encouraging; they reflect a stronger feeling for Bryan than was displayed for Chamberlain in any of his campaigns in this state, and I have been associated with those campaigns for the last 10 years." Major J. P. Kennedy places at 10,500 the lowest possible estimate of Taft's plurality in the county.

LINN FROM 100 TO 250 TAFT

Democrats Making Claims but Admit Result Will Be Close.

ALBANY, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Reliable estimates indicate that Taft will carry Linn County by a small majority in the Presidential election next month. Returns in the June election indicate that on a straight party vote the Republicans have a majority in this county of about 250, and if many are going to bolt Taft it is not likely that the Democrats will gain more than 100 in Linn County. The county registration roll shows a Republican majority of almost 600, but election returns demonstrated that these figures mean nothing.
L. M. Curl, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, believes that the margin of the vote is a conservative estimate. "I don't hunt bumble bees with brass bands," quoth he. "Other Democrats are not counting on carrying the county, but admit the vote will be close."

POLK IS STRONG FOR TAFT

Republicans Estimate Plurality From 300 to 500.

DALLAS, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The registration in Polk County is 28,823. Democrats and the remaining 326 being divided among Independents, Socialists and Prohibitionists. This should give Taft the county by a majority of more than 400. The more conservative Republicans claim a majority of 300, however, and the most hopeful ones about 500, but that is subject to change on the day of election and for those who vote contrary to their party registration.
The Democratic party concedes the county but claims a very small plurality in favor of the Republican candidate—100 to 200. The Socialist vote will probably be about 200, while the Prohibition vote will be the most part of the strongest parties, and the Independent vote will be too light to be reckoned as an important factor in the result. The vote in Polk County will probably be distributed approximately as follows: Republican, 1500; Democratic, 1000; Socialist, 200; Prohibition, 100.

LINCOLN STRONG FOR TAFT

County Will Give Republican Majority Next November.

TOLEDO, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—The result of the Presidential election in Lincoln County will probably be to give Taft a majority of 400. The registration for the June election is as follows: Republicans, 325; Democrats, 225; Socialists, 75; Prohibitionists, 45; Independents, 15. The registration for the November election, and the Democratic and Socialist vote will exceed the registration, there being possibly 120 Socialists in the county and 200 Democrats.
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all indications, with a full vote cast, a plurality of 600 for Taft appears to be a conservative estimate.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM JACKSON

Based on Registration, Vote Should Be Republican.

ASHLAND, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Estimates as to how the vote of Jackson County will be thrown for President on November 3 can only be pure guesswork. The registration would seem to favor Taft to be an index as to how the vote will be cast, but it was demonstrated in June that it is not in Jackson County any more than it is in Multnomah, for here with two voters who swore that they were Republicans to every one who registered as a Democrat. Chamberlain received nearly 600 majority over Calk, Republican, in the June election. But Hawley for Congress received nearly 900 majority over the Democratic candidate.
Jackson County is perhaps a Republican by 500 majority, but it will not throw 500 majority for Taft. It will do well, many Republicans think, if it gives the Ohlsen half the majority. On the other hand, Democrats claim that their three-time candidate for the Presidency will be about 30,500.

1000 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Chairman Connell Predicts Republican Lead Even Greater.

HILLSBORO, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—John W. Connell, chairman of the Washington County Republican central committee, states that in his opinion Taft will have a plurality over Bryan in this county in the neighborhood of 1000. He says:
"The county has many new home-seekers and the majority of them are for Taft. Four years ago Roosevelt's plurality over Parker was 1700. I am aware, however, that half of the Democrats voted for Bryan in 1904 or refused to vote at all. I hear of no changes so far as the old residents are concerned, and I think that 1500 plurality for Taft is a matter of fact, it looks as if Taft will get anywhere from 1000 to 1500 plurality."

NOT WORRYING IN YAMHILL

Republicans Confident of 600 Plurality in November for Taft.

MINNIVILLE, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—A "quiet campaign" has thus far marked the Presidential contest in this county, indicating little else than Taft being in the lead. The county will be the June election as a basis for a forecast, the Republican majority should be large. For Representative in Congress the lowest possible estimate of Taft's plurality is 200, or a plurality of 1100 over the Democratic candidate. For this office the Prohibitionist candidate received 200, and the Socialist 210. For Sheriff there were four candidates and 354 votes cast, the Republican receiving 173 plurality over his Democratic opponent.
This, it is considered, is a pretty good criterion of the normal Republican majority. Only a few voters have registered since the books were recently opened, and public votes are said to be fairly equal. Neither party is laying claim to any considerable gain in strength. Taft's plurality in this county should be more than 600, and will carry Yamhill conservatively against any possible Bryan stampede.

SURE OF CLACKAMAS BY 600

Light Vote Will Cut Down Republican Lead of 1000.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—From such information as has been obtained in a campaign that is exciting little interest, Taft will carry Clackamas County at the November election by about 600. The registration for the June election was 5000, but there is certain to be a very light vote polled, probably not more than 4000 which is bound to cut down the normal Republican plurality of 1000.
Bryan will get practically the total Democratic strength here, some 1500, but the Republican vote will be more than 1000, as Chamberlain carried it last June by 500. Leading Democrats say that Bryan is as strong as Chamberlain, and will carry Clackamas by 200, but these figures are more personal hopes.
The Socialist vote is likely to be 200, and the Prohibitionists will cast about 100. There is practically no Independence League strength in Clackamas.

LEAD TO BE CUT DOWN

Umatilla Republicans Confident County Will Go For Taft.

PENDELTON, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—That Taft will carry Umatilla County by the normal Republican majority of 800 is the claim put forth by the Republican leaders here. The Democrats are not claiming the county for Bryan, but say the vote will be close and that the Democratic leader may win out.
Judging by reports from independent sources, it is believed that Taft will carry Umatilla by about 250 votes ahead of Bryan. It is generally conceded that more Republicans will vote for Bryan than vice versa, and also that a larger number of Democrats will carry Umatilla on election day, thus materially cutting down the normal Republican lead.

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Senatorial fight and the "wet" and "dry" fight brought out the voters. It is believed that some Democrats who have voted with the Republicans in recent years will return to their old party this year. It is doubtful that Bryan will receive many Republican votes, for there are no Republicans desiring their names to be put for him or advocating his election. The vote in this county will probably be about like this: Taft 3700, Bryan 2200, Debs 500, Chaffin 250, Higen 75.

WASCO IS SAFE FOR TAFT

Hood River County, Too, Will Give Him Large Majority.

THE DALLES, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—At the last June election, when Hood River County was included within the boundaries of Wasco County, the vote of the county was about 2000. The seven precincts south and west of Mosier, which are now in the new county, which leaves the nominal vote of Wasco County 2500. The Republican majority on the representation in Congress in Wasco County at the June election was 1010. The Democrats carried 1220, the majority and the precincts remaining in Wasco 684. Wasco, as it now stands, cast, in the June election, about 1600 Republican votes, and 400 Socialist and 100 Prohibition, and it is generally believed that there will be no material change from this vote in the Presidential election in November. With fairly full vote in November, it is believed that Wasco County will give Taft a majority of from 400 to 600 votes, and Hood River County from 200 to 400.

BRYAN CANNOT CARRY UNION

Conservative Estimates Place Taft's Majority at 400.

LA GRANDE, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—According to the registration books of Union County, the vote will carry the county by 600 or 700 majority. There is an element to be reckoned with, however, in the railroad vote, which is uncertain. Bryan would have even up the figures, but there is no way to figure a Bryan victory in this county. A conservative estimate of the election would give Taft a majority of about 400.
CROOK TAKES IT FOR GRANTED
People Too Busy With Railroads and Cattle to Talk Politics.
PRINEVILLE, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Indifference characterizes the 1908 campaign for President in Crook County. Few people here are taking more than casual interest in the outcome, the election being conceded to Taft. People for the most part are busy doing railroad and cattle work, and there never has been a Presidential election so quiet in this county as the present one. A careful canvass of the county is impossible owing to the great distances to be covered, but as Crook County has gone Republican in every Presidential year since 1856, the county will be expected that there will be no change on November 2, next.

DOUGLAS SAFELY REPUBLICAN

Thought Taft Will Have About 200 Majority.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Reliable estimates indicate that Douglas County by 200 for Taft, that figure being their majority at the late state election. So far the Republicans have done very well in the county, but the committee in charge of the Democratic campaign for the county says that a very strong sentiment for Bryan has been formed in the county by 300 and 200. The Democrats admit that the vote of their party will be from 100 to 150. Prohibitionists and Independents will poll a number probably totaling as much as the Socialist vote.

DEMOCRATS TO LOSE WALLOWA

Admit Taft Will Carry County by 250 Majority.

WALLOWA, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Wallowa County will go for Taft by a majority of at least 250. Such is the estimate of conservative Republicans in different parts of the county, and leading Democrats admit that the county will be carried by Taft by at least 200 votes. Prominent Socialists claim that the vote of their party will be from 100 to 150. Prohibitionists and Independents will poll a number probably totaling as much as the Socialist vote.

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Eastern Oregon County Strongly Republican.

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TAFT WILL CARRY LANE BY 1000 MAJORITY

W. B. MUMMY, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, says: "I figure that Taft will carry Lane by a bigger majority than did Calk in June." Calk's majority over Chamberlain was 600.
M. Travis, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, said: "I think Bryan will get a larger vote here than Chamberlain got in the county over 500 votes, and if the Republicans show as much energy as the Democrats expect to put into the campaign, Taft should have 1000 majority. The indications now are that the total vote will not be a heavy one."

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TAFT EASILY FIRST IN TILLAMOOK

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