



TAFT COULD LOSE NEW YORK AND WIN

Empire State Is Not Vital to Success.

HE COULD SPARE OHIO ALSO

Thirteen States Counted as in Doubtful Column.

THEIR TOTAL VOTE IS 159

Out of Votes Classified as Doubtful by Ultra-Conservatives, Taft Need Get But Sixty-Nine in Order to Win.

Table with columns for 'TO WIN BRYAN MUST GET NEW YORK' and 'Doubtful' states, listing various states and their electoral votes.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 25.—For once, New York is not necessarily a pivotal state; the election this year, so far as Taft's fortunes are involved, does not hinge on her 23 electoral votes.

On the other hand, according to Democratic claims, Bryan might concede New York to Taft, and still get a majority of the electoral votes.

Thirteen States Are Doubtful. Considering the claims of both parties, and dealing most generously with each, there are 13 states that are today in the doubtful column.

A study of the following table will show various interesting combinations by which victory can be figured out for either candidate, conceding New York to the opposition in every instance.

Table with columns for 'For Taft' and 'For Bryan', listing states and their electoral votes.

As a matter of fact, states have been set down in the doubtful column which, on any reasonable calculation, do not belong there. For instance, Illinois, Nebraska, New York and West Virginia are today almost sure Republican states, but

FEWER GIRLS THAN OF YORE SAY "YES"

RECORDS SHOW DECREASE IN BOSTON MARRIAGES.

Clergymen Attribute Condition to Changed Attitude of Life—Girls Prefer Independence.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—There have been so few marriage licenses issued this year from the City Registrar's office as to cause great comment. To date there have been about 150 licenses applications for licenses in 1908 than for the same time last year.

YOUTH KILLED BY BROTHER

Lad of Nineteen Shot Dead—Two Had Previously Quarreled.

GATE CITY, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Following a quarrel in the morning, after which their differences had been patched and quiet restored, R. A. Patton, the 19-year-old son of William Patton, of this place, was shot and instantly killed by his younger brother, William.

BODY OF KUMLE IS FOUND

Thought to Have Died From Heart Trouble—Companion Missing.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 25.—A special to the Ledger from Hot Springs, Wash., says: The body of Julius Kumle, the chef of the Hot Springs Hotel and companion of Fred W. Kloeber on the disastrous hunting trip of last Monday, was found this morning, lying on the north slope, near the extreme top of Rooster Comb Mountain, about four miles north of Hot Springs Hotel.

D'ABRUZZI IS CAST DOWN

After Visit to Queen Dowager He Retires in Seclusion.

TURIN, Oct. 25.—The Duke of the Abruzzi is still in Turin, and those who see him daily do not believe that he intends to leave for the United States for some time at least. There is a frequent exchange of cipher telegrams between him and King Emmanuel and his elder brother, the Duke of Aosta.

FIND KUMLE'S DEAD BODY

Exhausted, He Was Left by Friend, Who Went for Assistance.

TACOMA, Oct. 25.—The body of Mr. Kumle, the chef of the Hot Springs Hotel, was found today by the searchers about eight miles from the hotel. The body was in a recumbent position, with a bowie under his head for a pillow. The theory is that Kumle became exhausted, and that Mr. Kloeber, his companion, made him as comfortable as possible and then left him to obtain assistance and probably lost his way in the snow storm of Monday night.

HUMAN OSTRICH VERY ILL

Diet of Glass, Nails and Scrap Iron Produces Peritonitis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Terence O'Grady, known in the sideshow world as the human ostrich, was a patient at the Emergency Hospital today, where his ailment was diagnosed as acute peritonitis probably induced by a diet of glass, rocks, nails, scrap iron and almost anything else the public desired to see him eat.

REBEL PLOT MAY MAR RECEPTION

Fear Trouble at Amoy When Fleet Arrives.

CHINESE MARKED FOR DEATH

Authorities Learn of Plans for Assassinations.

EXPECT AMERICANS FRIDAY

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for Reception of Visitors and Entertainment During Stay of Ships in Harbor.

Order of Chaos.

Order and perfect system are being rapidly established at the reception grounds where the recent typhoon wrought destruction. Bamboo structures have replaced the ruined buildings, and the original plans for the entertainment of the officers and men of the American fleet are likely to be carried out in full.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAM H. TAFT IN ACTION ON HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR



Keep Eye on Boycott Club.

The attempt of the remnant of the American Boycott Association to organize a demonstration has proved a complete failure and any attempt on the part of any person or organization to interfere with the festivities in honor of the American visitors will be met with severe punishment.

Decoration to Be Lavish.

Shipsloads of potted plants have been brought from Canton, these including a vast collection of dwarf trees more than 200 years old. A fleet of river boats will bring the living bamboo, which will be renewed daily from the North river.

RELIES ON WIFE'S MONEY TO GO FREE

DESERTER WHO MARRIED IDA GORMAN IN CUSTODY.

Believes Wealth and Position of Mrs. Magness Will Save Him From Naval Prison.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Charles J. Magness, who married Miss Ada Gorman, daughter of the late United States Senator Arthur P. Gorman, and who was arrested in Louisville, on October 21, on the charge of deserting from his ship, the United States



Richard Scott, Well-Known Citizen, Who Died Suddenly at His Home at Milwaukee This Morning.

steamer Dolphin, reached this city today in the custody of two detectives. Immediately on arrival Magness was taken to the Philadelphia Navy-yard and turned over to the United States authorities.

Magness refused to talk for publication yesterday, although it was declared at the Navy-yard that he seems perfectly confident that the wealth and position of his wife will extricate him from his plight.

Mrs. Magness did not accompany her husband to this city, but it is said remained in Maryland to enlist in her husband's services a number of influential men. Magness will be tried in this city should the Navy Department decide that the evidence warrants a court-martial.

George to Speak at Philomath. PHILOMATH, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Ex-Congressman M. C. George will address the voters of this city on National campaign issues Wednesday evening, October 28, speaking under the auspices of the Republican State Central Committee.

LABORERS' BEST FRIEND IS TAFT

Shows Faith in Deeds, Says Roosevelt.

CITES CASE IN MILWAUKEE

Strikers Advised to Fight Injunction and They Win.

FINDS LAWYER FOR THEM

Ironmolders Appeal to President, Who Turns Matter Over to Taft. Workmen Take His Advice and Secure Relief.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—In response to a letter from P. H. Grace, of Birmingham, N. Y., a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, inquiring about Mr. Taft's record in respect to injunctions and labor matters in general, President Roosevelt has written to Mr. Grace, reviewing Mr. Taft's attitude toward labor and explaining the work of the Administration toward ameliorating industrial conditions.

The President, after expressing pride in the fact that he is an honorary member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, says in part: "Throughout my whole term as President I have devoted myself with special interest to the questions affecting labor. The lasting prosperity of this country rests upon the welfare of the wage-worker and the welfare of the tiller of the soil.

No consideration of party fealty or personal friendship would induce me to advise either farmer or workman to do anything that was not for his permanent benefit. With this fact keenly before me, I earnestly advise all workmen, in their own interest as workmen, but above all as American citizens concerned in the honor and the prosperity of this great free Republic, to support Mr. Taft for President; just as I advise all farmers, business men and men of the professions, Taft's Rulings Have Been Just.

"I do not believe the wage-workers of this country have ever had a better friend in the White House than Mr. Taft will prove to be. He has already shown his

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RECTOR CHAFES IN STATE LAW BONDS

CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY TO QUIT TOLEDO CHARGE.

Limitations Under Present Regulations Such, He Says, He Cannot Remain in His Place.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, announced this morning that he had decided to accept a call to Kansas City. He will tender his resignation to the vestry of Trinity parish Monday to take effect January 15.

In a letter made public today, Rev. Brady says: "This parish is especially incorporated under the state law. The position of rector in such a case is so radically different from the position of rector under the canon law of the diocese and the general convention, by which this parish professes not to be bound, that I cannot continue longer to fill the position, the local limitations of which were unknown to me at the time I accepted."

Rev. Dr. Brady assured the congregation that the question between the parish and himself was in no wise a personal one. He said it was simply a question of principle.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS MEETINGS

Temperance Delegates Have Grand Rally in Denver.

DENVER, Oct. 25.—Two huge temperance meetings and a grand rally of Sunday-school workers made up the programme today for the delegates to the 35th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. At the afternoon meeting, Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, of New Jersey, National superintendent of legislation, delivered the sermon.

There was a similar meeting tonight, at which Seaman Wright, of Georgia, made the principal address. Both meetings were presided over by the National president, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens.

After the conclusion of the afternoon assembly, the Sunday-school workers' rally was held, and Mrs. Zillah Foster Stevens, secretary of the temperance department of the International Sunday-school Association, made an address on the "Foundation and Framework for a Temperance Lesson."

W. W. WICK DEAD IN EAST

Portland Man Dies Before He Has Chance to See Sick Brother.

GREENVILLE, Pa., Oct. 25.—After traveling over 3,000 miles to see his brother A. I. Wick, a retired banker, who is at the point of death at the Greenville Hospital, William W. Wick, of Portland, Or., died at a local hotel a few hours after his arrival and before he could visit his brother.

Mr. Wick reached here at 2 o'clock this morning and retired in apparently good health, but when he was called for it was learned he had died of apoplexy. Mr. Wick was 63 years of age. It is feared his death may hasten that of his brother.

William W. Wick was a clerk in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co. He lived at 285 Twelfth street and left the city the middle of last week to visit his brother in Pennsylvania.

POLICE SAVE MANY LIVES

Plunge Into Burning Hotel and Rescue Dozen Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Prompt action by members of the police force was all that saved a dozen or more women from probable death in a fire which damaged the Gluscepp hotel here today.

The flames are thought to have started in the overturning of a candle, and they quickly spread through the frame structure, several people being overcome before they could leave their rooms. Patrolmen plunged into the smoky corridors, fighting their way to the room and carrying out nearly a score of persons who might otherwise have perished.

TWO BOYS; RIFLE; TRAGEDY

Police Claim They Quarreled and Live Lad Is Sent to Jail.

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Carl Berg, aged 17 years, was shot in the back of the neck today with a 22-caliber rifle carried by Henry Lung, aged 17 years, and instantly killed.

Lung was immediately placed under arrest by the Sheriff and is detained pending an investigation as to the facts of the shooting. Lung declares that it was an accident, claiming that he was loading the gun when the shot was fired.

It is claimed by the police that there had been a quarrel, so a strict investigation will be held before the detained lad is given his liberty.

REVOLT IN COREA AT END

Two-thirds of Japanese Troops Soon to Be Withdrawn.

TOKIO, Oct. 25.—The so-called insurrection in Corea, is practically ended. The troops are still on active duty, but the insurgents have dwindled to merely a disorderly element.

RICHARD SCOTT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Prominent Pioneer Expires Suddenly.

STRICKEN BY HEART-FAILURE

Was One of State's Most Useful Citizens.

WIDELY KNOWN IN OREGON

Pioneer Dairyman Did Much for Industry in This State as Well as to Work for Every Movement for the Public Good.

Richard Scott, of Milwaukee, one of the best known men of the state, died suddenly at 12:45 this morning, at his home. His death was most unexpected, heart failure being the cause. Mr. Scott had been in his usual health yesterday and his sudden death was a great shock to his family.

Mr. Scott was apparently in his usual health yesterday. He attended church at Sellwood, in the morning and appeared to be well last night. He ate his usual meals yesterday and did not complain of illness. His death occurred after he had retired for the night, having passed away without the least warning. This end came painlessly and after being stricken, he died at once. A physician was immediately summoned, but could do nothing.

Few men are better known throughout the state than "Dick" Scott, as he was called. He was very prominent in the Oddfellows, which was the only lodge he ever joined. He was past grand master, as well as being trustee of the Oddfellows' home, a position he held at the time of his death. He had been County Commissioner of Clackamas County and school director at Milwaukee, where he was held in very high esteem by all. During the Lewis and Clark fair, Mr. Scott was a faithful member of the State Commission.

Mr. Scott was 62 years old at the time of his death. He was born in Devonshire, England, and came to Oregon in 1858. After living in Portland for a number of years he moved to Milwaukee, where he engaged in dairying. He owned some of the best dairy stock in the state. He has lived at the well-known Scott place at Milwaukee for the past 25 years.

Mr. Scott is survived by a widow and the following children: Richard Winfield Scott, of Corvallis; Mrs. John H. Williams of Portland; Mrs. H. A. Adams, of Pomeroy, Wash.; Henry Scott, of Milwaukee; William B. Scott, of Portland; Eva Jane Scott, of Milwaukee, and Gilbert Scott, of Kalama, Wash.

Mr. Scott was a man known widely for his great public spirit. He was untiring in working for enterprises for the common good and his great native shrewdness and intelligence made him a valued booster of any public movement. In the State Dairy Association he was a prominent figure and has accomplished a great deal in raising the standard of dairy cattle in this state. His work during the Lewis and Clark Fair is remembered and he is given credit for valuable work in forwarding that project. Milwaukee has lost a strong friend for his efforts in behalf of his own town were always directed in behalf of public welfare and were wholly unselfish.

The sudden death of Mr. Scott came as a severe shock to his family and no arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

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