

SIX STATES CENTER ELECTION INTEREST

Democrats Can Not Win Even Counting Those.

ALL IN DOUBTFUL CLASS

West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Utah, Montana Are in Liminality.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 29.—Practically all interest in Tuesday's election centers in a half dozen states which are put down as doubtful, but which would not be sufficient to throw the election to Cox should every one of them go democratic.

These states are West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Utah and Montana, with a total of 55 electoral votes.

Most peculiar of all is the situation in West Virginia, where the democrats appear to be confident of victory. Their confidence is said to be bolstered up entirely by the result of several straw votes which, on their face, give the democratic nominee a slight lead.

An analysis of these votes, on the other hand, shows that the turnover from 1916 favors the republicans by a large margin. Hughes having carried West Virginia by a small lead in 1916, republicans insist that this turnover must indicate a much larger majority for Harding, notwithstanding the Cox advantage in straw ballot totals.

Maryland Democrats Aroused.
In Maryland the democrats have become thoroughly aroused and are putting up much the better campaign of the two parties, but observers still hold out that the chances favor the republicans. The city of Baltimore is a deep mystery, and when Baltimore grows mysterious, the local politicians say it invariably means that a large number of republicans intend voting the republican ticket and saying little about it.

Kentucky affords a peculiar situation as West Virginia. All polls give it to the democrats on comparative totals but there is a very noticeable republican advantage in the turnover. As Wilson only carried the state by 28,000 votes four years ago, the turnover would also indicate republican victory.

Both republicans and democrats also who have been in the state recently, however, give it to Cox, admitting at the same time that they were not in the republican sections of the eastern part of the state where the poll takers have not so far ventured.

Missouri Held for Harding.
Missouri is declared to have passed out of the doubtful stage in the last two days, so much so that odds are now given in St. Louis and New York on the state going for Harding. The city of St. Louis, normally 20,000 republican, promises a Harding plurality of 75,000.

Although the republicans continue to claim Utah, the state is mysteriously polled in fragmentary tests as for Cox. Most of the polls taken in Salt Lake City indicate that Cox will carry that city by 5000 to 6000, this being due, it is said, to the popularity of the Wilson league of nations among the Mormons.

No reason, whatsoever, can be found for giving Montana to the democrats except that the state has been going democratic quite regularly for several years.

Turn in League Tide is Hope.
Democratic hope now is based entirely on a reported turn in the tide on the league issue. There is no doubt that democratic leaders are sincere in their assertions that the drift has changed, but neutral observers say that, if true, there cannot be enough change to prevent the election of Harding by a very large majority.

An example of last minute democratic enthusiasm was afforded today when the democratic state chairman of Minnesota telegraphed the national committee in New York to send \$5000, that the tide was turning and a little money would assure a democratic victory. The national committee telegraphed for the opinions of 15 leading democrats in Minnesota and received replies that there was a favorable drift, but that the situation was hopeless just the same.

Big Odds Expected Monday.
It is predicted that by Monday the betting will be at odds of 12 or 15 to 1. One New York firm has received \$1,000,000 to be offered at odds of 10 to 1 on Harding. This, it is thought, may bring out some Cox money, which so far has not responded to offers of odds of 7 and 5 to 1.

The trend toward Harding continues to develop in the straw ballot taken by the Cincinnati Enquirer in Ohio and Indiana. As already mentioned, the ballot in West Virginia and Kentucky is being afforded, the turnover of votes. The results in the four states up to yesterday stood:

Ohio—Harding, 11,108; Cox, 7758; Debs, 1157; Watkins, 159. Change of vote—Democrat to republican, 1651; republican to democrat, 644; democrat to socialist, 204; republican to socialist, 102. Women—Harding, 1204; Cox, 712; Debs, 57; Watkins, 16.

Indiana—Men—Harding, 2692; Cox, 1589; Debs, 132; Watkins, 42. Change of vote—Democrat to republican, 2145; republican to democrat, 131; democrat to socialist, 19; republican to socialist, 5. Women—Harding, 404; Cox, 242; Debs, 2; Watkins, 1.

West Virginia—Men—Harding, 254; Cox, 288; Debs, 11; Watkins, 1. Change of vote—Democrat to republican, 42; republican to democrat, 2.

Kentucky—Men—Harding, 2415; Cox, 2518; Debs, 235; Watkins, 29. Change of vote—Democrat to republican, 400; republican to democrat, 158; democrat to socialist, 71; republican to socialist, 21.

AUTO PRICE ESTABLISHED

FURTHER REDUCTION UNLIKELY, SAYS E. S. JORDAN.

Survival of Dealers Is Declared Dependent on Service Given to Public.

That automobile prices may now be considered as stabilized, and that no further reductions are likely at this time, was the declaration of Edward S. Jordan, president of the Jordan Motor Car company of Cleveland, O., in an address last night before an audience consisting of automobile dealers, salaried bankers, and others interested in the automobile industry and in good roads.

try speaking on the automobile industry as a representative of the National Automobile Dealers' association and the National Automobile chamber of commerce. He spoke here last night under the auspices of the Automobile Dealers' association of Portland and the Oregon Automotive dealers' association. Mr. Jordan will remain in Portland for several days, and on Monday he will address the members of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Speaking of recent price reductions, Mr. Jordan said: "Prices on the standard cars are now stabilized and will remain about as they are until next summer. The public need not expect any further reductions. They will be fortunate if there are no increases, because the production during the past few months has been so reduced that I confidently prophesy a shortage of all good cars after the first warm days of spring. The shortage will continue throughout the summer of 1921."

The automobile business, the speaker said, is passing through two stages and now is in the third stage. The first stage was the experimental one, in which manufacturers were merely trying to build cars that would run. Next came the exploitation period, when there was abundant demand, and manufacturers were trying to fill a portion of it. Now comes the stage of competition. Survival in the motor car industry in the future, for both manufacturer and dealer, he said, will in the last analysis depend upon service to the consumer and the second hand valuation of the motor car.

HARDING, McARTHUR WIN

STANFIELD BEHIND BY THREE BALLOTS AT FRANKLIN.

High School Straw Vote Gives Big Lead to Mayor Baker; Mann and Barbur Ahead Also.

Harding and McArthur led in a straw vote taken Thursday by the students and faculty of Franklin high school under the direction of the civics classes. Chamberlain won by three votes over Stanfield. Baker, Mann and Barbur all were far ahead in the race.

On the state measures, the students and faculty voted against single tax, fixing the legal rate of interest, and voted in favor of all the other bills. The three-mill tax levy carried 290 to 323. The faculty vote was not kept separate from that of the students.

Groups of rooms were divided into precincts, tally sheets were kept, and clerks and judges were chosen from the students.

The vote follows:
For president, Harding, 607; Cox, 346; Watkins, 4; Debs, 52; W. W. Cox, 5.

For United States senator, Chamberlain, 452; Hayes, 34; Slaughter, 20; Stanfield, 448.

For representative in congress, Johns, 38; Lovejoy, 237; McArthur, 536.

For secretary of state, Kozar, 759; Sears, 52; Upton, 94.

For mayor, Baker, 580; Gordon, 236; Richards, 89; Kellaher, 77.

For commissioners, Mann, 690; Barbur, 701; Perkins, 228; Ziegler, 80.

Compulsory voting, Yes, 568, No, 337; regulating legislative session, Yes, 514, No, 185; oleomargarine, Yes, 479, No, 462; single tax, Yes, 367, No, 431; fixing terms of county officers, Yes, 479, No, 345; dock commission, consolidation, Yes, 665, No, 225; anti-compulsory vaccination, Yes, 448, No, 407; fixing the legal rate of interest, Yes, 396, No, 297; bird refuge, Yes, 446, No, 271; and state market commission, Yes, 526, No, 264.

Centralian Finishes Tank Course.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 29.—Captain David Livingston of Centralia, Wash., has completed a course in instruction in tank corps school at Camp Meade, Maryland, the war department announced today.

Dr. E. H. Pence Is Recovering.

Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, who was taken seriously ill last week, is now reported to be doing very well and is thought to be entirely out of danger. The doctors said that he is on the road to recovery.

HAYS SEES LARGEST POPULAR VOTE EVER

Official Republican Survey of Country Made.

VICTORY HELD CERTAIN

Responsibility for Extravagance and Mismanagement Declared Dodged by Democrats.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee today issued a statement in which he said an official republican survey of the country indicated that Harding and Coolidge would receive "the largest popular majority ever cast" in a presidential election.

"We are now approaching the conclusion of this campaign," said Mr. Hays. "On the part of the republican party it has been predicated upon the necessity of the revival of patriotism in this country. It has had for a main purpose the reestablishment of an economical and efficient administration of the country's government."

Spending Blame Held Dodged.
"The democratic strategy in this campaign has desperately sought to escape just and due responsibility for democratic extravagance, autocracy and failure to solve any of the domestic problems. The democratic management has attempted to hide behind a 'peace' smoke screen, which is as counterfeit as the 1916 pledge that Wilson would 'keep us out of war.'"

"But 'America is uppermost in American conscience today and that means that the American voter is intent upon making America safe at home as well as abroad, and that the democratic party cannot avoid responsibility for eight years of misadministration. The electorate is determined that the accumulated work in Washington will not longer be denied attention, that all the domestic problems shall be met and solved immediately, before which problems the democratic party has stood impotent in confessed bankruptcy."

Campaign on Highest Plane.
"The republicans have succeeded in the earnest effort to keep their campaign on the very highest plane. In this course they will continue to the end, unaffected in any way by the depths to which the opposition is descending in the concluding days of the campaign."

"I have complete 100 per cent faith in a complete republican victory this fall, because I have 100 per cent confidence in American common sense and because I have 100 per cent evidence that this dependable American intelligence will certainly express itself at the November polls."

"Thirty-two states are surely republican, seven additional most probably republican and only nine at the most safely democratic. The minimum number of safe republican electoral votes is 365. There is very much better than even chance for 24 more, making the almost certain republican electoral vote 392 with a very probable additional 25."

Mr. Hays added that the republican majority would exceed "the unprecedented Roosevelt electoral majority in 1907."

BOARD BERTH DECLINED

Martin J. Gillen Refuses to Act as Member of Shipping Board.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Martin J. Gillen of Wisconsin has telegraphed President Wilson declining to serve on the new shipping board. Mr. Gillen is third of the seven men selected by the president to decline appointment. The others are Theodore Marburg of Baltimore and Gavin McNab of San Francisco.

The only one of the seven known to have accepted appointment is Joseph N. Teal of Portland, Or.

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