

FINAL CLAIMS OF RIVAL CHAIRMEN

They Are 325 for Taft, 333 for Bryan.

MACK TALKS OF LANDSLIDE

But Hitchcock Grows More Confident of Victory.

STANDARD YARN HARMLESS

Chairman Says He Neither Sought Nor Got Contribution—Ohio, New York and Indiana Safe in Taft Column.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The rival managers of the Republican and Democratic National campaigns issued today final claims of victory. Against the 25 electoral votes claimed by Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock for Mr. Taft, Chairman Norman E. Mack set an estimate of 333 votes for Mr. Bryan.

The close of the campaign tonight found the Republican officers in the lofty Metropolitan tower and the Democratic officers in the Hoffman House, just across the park, humbling with activity. Both headquarters are to remain open tomorrow and there will be details to be attended to on Monday, but Mr. Mack and Mr. Hitchcock feel that their hard work is ended.

Mr. Mack's estimate of votes for Mr. Bryan does not differ materially from his previous statements. He includes Maryland, Delaware and Missouri in the "solid South" and claims 17 of the states classified by Mr. Hitchcock as "sure for Taft." These states include such as New York, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, etc.

Both Still Claim New York.

New York State is claimed tonight by both old parties for their respective National and state tickets. The Republican managers are apparently confident that Mr. Taft will have a substantial plurality and in the last week have the re-election of Governor Hughes, although they admit that his vote will fall far short of that polled for the Presidential candidate. Republican State Committee Chairman Ward went so far today as to say that Mr. Taft would carry Greater New York.

The Democrats have maintained ever since the nomination of Mr. Hughes in the face of opposition from certain leaders in his own party that the Governor would be defeated. They are willing to admit that he has gained during the last two weeks of his campaign, but assert that Lieutenant-Governor Chandler will be victorious by large plurality and that Mr. Bryan will receive the electoral vote of the state by a comfortable margin.

Predicts Bryan Landslide.

Mr. Mack, in giving his forecast tonight declared that he meant a landslide for Mr. Bryan. He said: "In my estimate of electoral votes for Mr. Bryan I include, in addition to the 168 votes of the Solid South, the following states: Colorado 5, Connecticut 7, New York 20, Kansas 10, New Jersey 12, North Dakota 4, Oregon 4, Rhode Island 4, West Virginia 7, Wisconsin 12, Wyoming 3, Indiana 15, Idaho 3, Montana 3, Ohio 21, Nebraska 8, South Dakota 4. Total 164. "California and Illinois I place in the doubtful column, but from the reports I have received from these states the chances are extremely in favor of the Republican ticket. The landslides for Bryan, Maryland and Delaware I include, of course, in the solid South."

Stamps Standard Yarn as False.

Republican headquarters, National and state, maintained the confident attitude of the last two weeks. When shown the statement of Mr. Mack charging that negotiations have been going on for ten days between Mr. Hitchcock for the Republican National committee and the Standard Oil Company, Mr. Hitchcock dictated this: "The assertion that there have been negotiations between myself and the Standard Oil Company in reference to campaign contributions is absolutely untrue. So far as my knowledge goes, there has been no contribution to our campaign fund by any person connected with the Standard Oil Company, no matter in what capacity, nor has any such person been solicited for a contribution."

Ohio and Indiana Safe.

Mr. Hitchcock said of the charges that he has no apprehension as to their effect. He said that he had received additional information today from Ohio and Indiana, which accentuates the opinion held by him for the past few weeks that those states were absolutely safe for the National and state tickets. While he had not doubted Ohio, Mr. Hitchcock said, he had not been so sure about Indiana's plurality until the last two weeks. The Montana vote will be Republican, he also repeated his claim about Nebraska and said his most recent reports from Kentucky indicate that the outlook for a Republican victory there was decidedly encouraging.

Mr. Hitchcock said he never had any doubt about New York being for Taft and Hughes and he declared New Jersey would be for Taft and Sherman.

The Republican Congressional committee, with headquarters in this city, expects, according to Secretary Louis Slager, that the Republican majority in

HELEN MALONEY TRANSFERS HEART

THROWS CLARKSON OVERBOARD TO MARRY CHICAGOAN.

Awaits Sanction of Pope, Whom Father Attends, and Conceals Identity of Latest Choice.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—According to information received yesterday, Miss Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, the millionaire churchman, will not marry Captain Samuel Clarkson, the Englishman with whom she eloped to Europe a year ago, but will wed instead an American of her own faith who lives in Chicago. The engagement with Mr. Clarkson was broken several months ago after the legal annulment of her marriage to Arthur Osborne, the Princeton student.

Her father is now in Rome, but it is not believed that his presence there has any significance regarding her case now before the Vatican. At any rate, she has been no devotee and she cannot marry in the church until a ruling is made.

Because of Mr. Maloney's prominence as a household officer of the papal court, it is certain that he will not sanction a marriage by any other ceremony, although the couple have declared they cannot marry in the church until a ruling is made.

FIVE VOTERS OUT AT RALLY

Democratic Speakers Are Undaunted and Use All Their Thunder.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—A Democratic meeting was held last evening at the Hickey schoolhouse, the site of the garrison, the speakers being Patrick Dough and Judge Abe Axtell. The hall was empty of an audience, save for five voters. The orators stood their ground, though, and both fired all the Democratic ammunition they had. The paucity of hearers deterred them not at all—they are old Democratic war-horses and have grown gray in the service. Mr. Dough has been principal of the Vancouver High School for 20 years, resigning only last Spring. Judge Axtell is a candidate for State Representative, and claims what he regards as the honor of being the only State member No. 1 candidate on any ticket in the State of Washington.

ROBBER RETURNS LOCKET

Heart Softens When He Sees Baby's Picture in Gold Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—A locket and chain belonging to Mrs. H. E. Keller, mother of Mrs. Frederic Christensen, was stolen from her apartment at Broadway and Madison street, Friday, and was returned this morning by the burglar, who, however, did not leave his name and address, nor did he return a valuable milk ruff and string of coral beads taken at the same time.

SUES HEARST FOR LIBEL

Democratic Candidate in Chicago Asks \$100,000 Damages.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Three suits for \$100,000 each against William R. Hearst, principal, and others were begun in the Superior Court today by Jacob J. Kern, Democratic candidate for state's attorney for Cook County. The actions, it is said by the attorney filing the suits, are based on editorial, cartoons, and stories printed in papers controlled by Mr. Hearst and attacking the character of Mr. Kern. Only the precepts were filed, stating the amount of damages.

FIREMAN INJURED IN DRILL

Heavy Ladder Falls, Rendering Newport Man Unconscious.

NEWPORT, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—This evening while the Newport Volunteer Fire Company was drilling, Lee Covert, one of the firemen, met with an accident in which he narrowly escaped being killed. Covert and another fireman were attempting to lower a heavy extension ladder, when it fell, striking Covert on the back of the head, rendering him unconscious.

Progress of Philippine Forts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The ordering of four additional companies of coast artillery to the Philippines marks substantial progress in the work of constructing fortifications in those islands. The National coast defense board estimated the cost of its project for the defense of Manila at \$5,268,419 and for Subig Bay \$2,248,180. The appropriation for that project was made June 15, 1906, since which time a little more than one-half of the work has been done. The entire project will be completed in about two years if ample appropriations are made and as the work advances additional companies of artillery will be sent there for duty on the defenses. The coast defense project contemplates an expenditure of \$3,254,244 on the defenses of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, about one-half of which has also been completed.

Ruef Jury Still Incomplete.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—Another week has ended with the Ruef jury still incomplete. The latest venire drawn, composed of 60 men, was exhausted this morning without a single juror being added to the ten now in the box. An adjournment until Monday was then taken.

HERALD ESTIMATE GIVES TAFT 280

New York Paper Declares Ohioan Safe.

Colorado, Indiana, Montana and Wyoming Solid.

FEW CHANGES WITHIN WEEK

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HUGHES REMAINS IN DOUBT

New York, However, Will Go Republican—Democrats' Activity With Rockefeller's Statement May Swing Few Close States.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(Special.)

This is the final forecast by the New York Herald of the election of 1908. There have been few changes in the outlook since the publication of the forecast of last Sunday, when the Herald's electoral table gave Taft 230 votes, Bryan 152; doubtful, with Republican leanings, 26; doubtful, with Democratic leanings, 21.

Six Changes Made.

The states changed from the table of last Sunday are six. No state that Mr. Taft seemed then to have with reasonable surety has been lost to him during the last week of the campaign. No state that Mr. Bryan was credited with last week has come from his column.

The four states of Colorado, Indiana, Montana and Wyoming, which were last week classed as doubtful with Republican tendencies, are now credited to Mr. Taft by the correspondents of the Herald.

Watch Oil Results.

It yet remains to be seen, however, (Concluded on Page 6.)

IMMENSE CRATER TO BE EXPLOITED

ARIZONA SINK-HOLE CAUSED BY HUGE METEOR.

Astral Body Buried Hundreds of Feet Below Surface—Cavity 4000 Feet Wide, 600 Deep.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Meteor Crater, in Southern Arizona, a great natural curiosity, will soon be exploited by the Santa Fe passenger department as the world wonder of its kind. The transcontinental traveler will be permitted to stop to make a side trip to the big sink, six miles from the railroad.

Something like 3000 years ago—the exact date is not known, but it was comparatively recent from the standpoint of geologists—a meteor struck the earth at that point, and is now supposed to be imbedded far down in the ground. It left a crater, which is 4000 feet across and 600 feet deep, and around the rim rocks and debris are piled up to a height of 125 to 150 feet above the level of the plain. Dwarf cedars, said to be 700 years old, are growing on the rim and sides of the crater.

Tons of meteoric iron are scattered over the plains for miles around. The meteor itself is estimated to have been about 500 feet in diameter. The Standard Iron Company, of Philadelphia, has obtained title to the land and has drilled a thousand feet in the bottom of the crater, but thus far has not encountered the solid body of the meteor.

BURGLAR AMONG GUESTS

Disguised in Evening Dress, He Steals Hostess' Jewels.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—A burglar, attired in full evening dress that he might be confused with the servants or guests attending a reception given by Mrs. Eugene Vincent Roddin, and who secured jewelry valued at \$1500, was reported to the police today. Mrs. Roddin stated that the burglar entered through a window and must have mingled either with the servants or guests in order to reach her boudoir. He would have attracted attention had he been in any but formal attire, but might have escaped detection in the crush in evening dress.

AIRSHIP SAILS OVER ROME

Italian Army Officer Maneuvers Above Eternal City.

ROME, Oct. 31.—An officer attached to the Italian army circled and maneuvered over Rome today at an altitude of about 2000 feet and attracted the attention of the entire city. The airship came from the military balloon house at Bracciano, 25 miles from here.

ENDS CAMPAIGN SURE OF VICTORY

Taft Makes Final Speech at Rochester.

GARRY NEW YORK BY 100,000

Hero of Great Parade and Public Demonstration.

SHOWS BRYAN'S WEAKNESS

Says Peerless One Always Wins in August, but Cold Analysis of Policies Scatters Them to Wind.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 31.—After a week's campaigning in New York City and State, which ended here tonight with a duplicate of the rousing demonstrations he has inspired wherever he went, W. H. Taft, the Republican Presidential candidate, made this statement to the Associated Press:

"The state of New York is the most Republican of the United States, even more than Pennsylvania. "There is every indication in that part of the state above the Bronx that there will be a majority for the Republican ticket nearly equal to that of Roosevelt four years ago. "Expect 100,000 Majority in State. "The Democratic majority of the City of New York probably will not exceed 70,000 votes. This will be overcome by the Republican vote above the Bronx, with such overwhelming force as to give the Republican ticket in the Empire State a clear majority of from 100,000 upward."

Bryan Always Wins in August.

After his meetings here, Mr. Taft left (Concluded on Page 6.)

8000 MILES TO VOTE, THEN FAILS

AMBASSADOR DUDLEY'S TRIP FROM BRAZIL FUTILE.

Travels All the Way to San Diego to Cast Ballot, but Will Lose Out.

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Will Irving B. Dudley, United States ambassador to Brazil, is allowed to cast his ballot at his home city of San Diego for William H. Taft for President. That question is stirring the activities of all the legal machinery in San Diego County. The courts are busy over it. So is County Clerk Francisco. So is Mr. Dudley, who is working hard for that ballot, to cast which he has traveled 8000 miles or more from Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Dudley was informed today that there will be a ruction if he attempts to vote. Prior to taking his long trip home Mr. Dudley had forwarded to Mr. Francisco an affidavit declaring that his legal residence is in San Diego and not at the capital of the Brazilian republic. Now Mr. Francisco declares that affidavits don't go, he says no persons not personally, properly and legally having their own chirography affixed to the great register can vote in San Diego County on Tuesday.

SUCCESSFUL GRANGE FAIR

Lane County Apple Display Rival of Hood River.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The first farmers' institute and fair held by the Springfield Grange closed tonight with the record of having been one of the most successful undertakings ever held in the Mill City. During the two days' sessions some of the best speakers in Oregon have been in attendance. The principal speakers today were State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman, in the afternoon, and Professor H. C. Howe, of the University of Oregon, in the evening. But the features of greatest interest were the fruit and vegetable exhibits and the examples of handwork by the members of the Springfield Grange. The most remarkable feature of the whole fair was the exhibit of Lane County apples, which has been the subject of discussion by many who have seen some of the fine apples raised in Lane County for the first time. The exhibit, while representing only three or four growers, contained some of the finest specimens of apples ever shown in Oregon.

REPUBLIC CHANGES HANDS

Wenatchee Newspaper Will Soon Become Daily Publication.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The Wenatchee Republic, one of the best-known publications in the Pacific Northwest, has passed into the hands of H. O. Steehman and J. A. Stern, formerly of Seattle. They will continue to hold it as a weekly for the time being, intending later to turn the paper into a daily publication.

Such improvements will be made as are necessary to cover thoroughly Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties, in Central Washington. Mr. Steehman, who will have charge of the editorial department, has been on the Northwest desk of the Seattle Daily Times for the past two years. The business management of the Republic will be in the hands of Mr. Stearns, who has conducted a number of newspapers in Kansas and Colorado.

CLIFTON WOMAN SUICIDE

Mrs. Anton Kullijs, Wife of Saloon-keeper, Drinks Acid.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—What evidently was a case of suicide happened at Clifton on Friday evening, when Mrs. Anton Kullijs died a few hours after having taken a large drink of carbolic acid. The woman was the wife of a saloonkeeper at Clifton. She had been ill for some time and it is believed that this caused her to become temporarily insane.

COWLITZ COUNTY FOR TAFT

Republican State and County Ticket Safe by 700 Majority.

KALAMA, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The end of this week brings to a close the campaign in Cowlitz County so far as the county ticket is concerned. The candidates will all be at home tonight and no more speeches will be made before the election next Tuesday. The outlook is reported to be encouraging for the Republican candidates throughout the county and indications are that the entire Republican ticket will be elected by about 700 majority.

Fire in Gas Plant.

Fire, following a slight explosion, created a nominal amount of damage and called out the fire department about 10 o'clock last night to the building of the Pintsch Compressing Company at Ninth and Hoyt streets. In this building the Pintsch gas used in railroad traffic is manufactured. The building is constructed of stone and concrete, the only wooden part being the window casings and sash. These caught fire but were put out in a few seconds after the arrival of the firemen.

TAG DAY PROVES IMMENSE SUCCESS

About \$6000 Realized for the Baby Home.

DEBTS WILL BE WIPED OUT

Lively Interest in Campaign Shown All Over City.

WORK IS THOROUGHLY DONE

Almost Everybody Given Invitation to Aid Worthy Charity and Few Refuse—Young Women Relate Interesting Experiences.

WORKERS TURN IN \$466.

At 10:30 o'clock last night, when committees concluded their work and headquarters were closed, the sum of \$466 had been received. Reports from the remote sections of the city had not been received and were not included in this amount. However, it is estimated by members of the committee that this amount is four-fifths of the total collected during the day, making a grand total of approximately \$6000. The remaining committee will report Monday, when the exact amount will be announced.

Forty-four tots out at the Baby Home

Forty-four tots out at the Baby Home thoughtfully pursued the tyrannical tenor of their way yesterday, oblivious and wholly disdainful of the novel coin-scramble downtown in their behalf that threw Portland in an uproar of excitement and resulted in the most interesting and one of the most successful charity campaigns that has ever been conducted here.

But, notwithstanding their imperious indifference, a sum sufficient to wipe out the indebtedness of \$6000 on the Home was raised by a besieging army of 600 prominent women who swept the city from Willamette Heights to Mount Tabor and from South Portland to St. John. As a result of the crusade nickels and dimes find small change generally in a premium in the downtown districts.

Little Girls Work Successfully.

Determined, though diminutive figures in this charity crusade were two little girls, red-cheeked and red-jacketed, who worked in Alder street, between Sixth and Seventh, and collected more dimes than they thought there were in the world. An unknown six-year-old boy, accompanying his mother, at the Union station volunteered his services and sold tickets to hundreds of persons, although he did not know why they were being sold. In payment for his efforts he demanded the story of the babies, and was enraptured as he heard it.

"Gee, but I bet they're happy kids,"

he said, as he passed through the gate to board a train. Unpleasant incidents were extremely few, if indeed any actually occurred, for none was reported at headquarters of the committee in charge. Almost every one was helpful, and willingly, and those who didn't respond willingly did so anyhow, for it was a rule of the day that grumpy looks or gloomy glances should not avail.

"Tag Day" was an immense success.

It was new to Portland and was suggested for the purpose of raising funds with which to liquidate the indebtedness of \$6000 on the Home—\$350 for street improvements and \$2500 on a note. In return for 10 cents the purchaser was presented with a tag marked, "I Am Tagged for Charity—The Baby Home," and even at noon time there were few in the entire city who didn't wear one or more of these tags.

These Women Conducted Campaign.

The committee in charge of the campaign was composed of members of the managing board of the Home. Mrs. D. C. Burns was chairman and Mrs. E. J. Labbe vice-chairman. Other members were Mrs. L. W. Sitton, Mrs. Hannah Robertson, Mrs. Adolph Wolfe, Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. O. M. Scott. Members of the committee chose 200 matrons or chaperones in the campaign and each of these selected four sides. So there were 800 active participants in the campaign in addition to scores of volunteers, and, indeed, everyone seemed willing to be a volunteer.

Headquarters was maintained in the Medical Building, West Park and Alder streets, where the accumulated dimes, quarters and halves were turned over to the finance committee, composed of F. S. Akin, G. K. Wentworth, J. and Vera Leitch. At 4 o'clock there was so much silver on hand that the combined strength of two men was insufficient to carry it to an automobile outside.

However, the work of the headquarters of the various committees at headquarters.

The city had been carefully mapped out in districts, and certain

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