

OREGON TAFT MEN URGED TO GET BUSY

Chairman Ayer Reports That Roosevelt Support Seems to Be Disintegrating.

PRESIDENT MAKES GAINS

Persons Who Formerly Were for Colonel Said to Be Deserting Him—Administration Policies Are Surveyed.

WITH TWO DAYS TO REGISTER, RUSH OF ELECTORS BEGINS. With only two more days left in which to register, the law requiring that the books close until after the primary at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the rush yesterday began. Voters to the number of 150 had signed the rolls at 5 o'clock and they were still coming as rapidly as the clerks could accommodate them. They were lined up in long rows. There are now 41,121 electors registered. Republicans number 22,133, Democrats 19,000 and miscellaneous 204.

Another appeal issued by W. B. Ayer, chairman of the Portland Taft committee, urges supporters of the President not only to go to the polls and vote in the primary election, but also to do individual work among other electors in advancing Taft's candidacy. With this combination effectively at work, Mr. Ayer said yesterday, the Taft vote will be increased. Many of those leaving the Roosevelt cause are joining with the Taft people. Mr. Ayer declared further that he confidently expected the nomination at the Chicago convention by a larger vote than when he was first nominated four years ago. Discussing the general situation yesterday and the need for continued aggressive work by the supporters of the President, especially in Oregon, Mr. Ayer said:

Active Work by All Urged. "Less than two weeks remain before the primary and every day conditions are improving. Greater activities will prevail from now on and I would urge that every man who is favorable to the election of President Taft appoint himself a committee of one and 'get busy.' First, he can make sure that nothing will interfere with his going to the polls; let his mind become attuned to the idea that he is going to vote; let him keep saying to himself over and over again, 'Every Taft voter must vote.' Second, he can talk to his neighbor, the man on the street, to every one he meets and do his part to win votes. I want to say right now that there is no obligation resting on this committee that does not rest just as heavily on every other supporter of President Taft. Every one of them must do his duty. "The Presidential preference primary law is one of the best laws ever put on the statute books. It places the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of every voter. There can be no shifting and shrinking. Results are right up to the electors. "In this campaign the strong arguments are with the Taft supporters. "In all fairness he is entitled to renomination, for no party has ever failed to renominate the retiring President for a second term. "He is entitled to the renomination on his record. No President has ever tried harder or succeeded better in administering the affairs of the Nation. "Progressiveness Pointed Out. "He is truly progressive, for he stands for a scientific revision of the tariff and not for haphazard tariff tinkering that disturbs business. "He stands for an income tax—the fairest form of taxation. "He stands for an extended civil service that will produce increased efficiency and reduce expenses. "He stands for Government ownership of Alaska railroads, in order to develop that territory. "He stands for Presidential preference primary law. He said so to the Massachusetts Legislature. "He stands for peace. Look at his arbitration treaty. "He stands for a sensible administration of the land laws—less red tape and less delay. And I look for a great improvement in his direction during his next four years. "He stands for all that is the best and finest in American manhood; for all that has made our country great in the past and all that will make it prosperous in the future. "One word more: I think every one realizes the serious conditions throughout the country have never fully recovered from the panic of 1907, and that the greatest happiness of the greatest number is when business men are good and that a change of administration never makes good business. It always creates uncertainty. It retards progress. With the renomination of President Taft I expect to see great activity and a great revival of business and such development of this state as we have never witnessed. Taft stands for peace, progress and prosperity."

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