

REPRESENTATION IS NOT NEARLY EQUAL

Washington Election Returns Indicate Result of Lack of Reapportionment.

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Failure to Redistrict According to Population Basis as Provided by Constitution is Laid to "Cow County Combine."

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Tabulation of the returns from the recent election shows an almost startling inequality of representation of different sections in the state in the Legislature. Legislative districts with voting strength ranging from \$70, in the case of Wahkiakum County, to 25,197, in the case of the Forty-second District, King County, exist in the state, according to the official returns. The last named district has two representatives, to one from Wahkiakum County, so that, it is pointed out, the representative from Wahkiakum County represents 70 voters and each of the representatives from the King County district 12,598 voters, a proportion of about 1 to 15. This disparity in representation in the Legislature is shown to be general throughout the state in varying proportions. It is laid to the failure of the Legislature to make any redistricting since 1901, although under the constitution a reapportionment on the basis of the population as shown by the Federal census of 1910 should have been made in 1911.

Census Provision Ignored. The state constitution also provides that the state shall take a census every 10 years, alternating with the Federal census, so that state censuses should be taken in the years 1895, 1905, 1915, etc. No attention has ever been given to this provision.

The reason why no reapportionment has been made in conformity with the constitution is made apparent by the election returns. Eleven counties—King, Spokane, Yakima, Whatcom, Snohomish, Pacific, Okanogan, Kitsap, Chelan, Clarke and Coville—are the most strikingly underrepresented in the Legislature. These counties cast 232,662 of the total of 331,453 votes in the state, or 69.91 more than the other 25 counties combined. 11 counties, however, have only 44 votes in the lower house.

The remaining 25 counties, casting 168,791 votes in the recent election, have 63 votes in the lower house, a majority of nine. These counties, roughly speaking, constitute the "cow county combine" that at the last two sessions of the Legislature has prevented reapportionment.

Yakima is Underrepresented. Yakima County appears from the election returns to be the most strikingly underrepresented in the Legislature, having only two representatives in the lower house, although casting 16,929 votes at the recent election. Jefferson County, also with two representatives, cast only 2313 votes, etc. Clatsop County, with only one representative, cast 5113 votes, more than the combined votes of Wahkiakum, Snohomish and Jefferson Counties, which together have four representatives.

The following table gives the number of representatives accorded to each county in the lower house of the Legislature, the vote of the county in the recent election and the number of participating voters represented by each legislator:

Table with columns: Name, Representatives, Votes Represented, Total Votes, Av. 3924

Medford School Gives Show. MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—One of the most successful public school entertainments of Southern Oregon was that given by the pupils of the Roosevelt School Friday, at the Page Theater, before an audience that completely filled the main auditorium. The programme consisted of a series of Swedish folk games. Prieast physical culture exercises and an Indian club drill, all selected from the regular work in physical culture, which has been recently introduced in the school by the Superintendent, U. S. Collins, and the ward principal, Mrs. Margaret Wallace Gallagher. The children were picturesque in the national Swedish costumes, and that the effort to improve the physical condition of the children is appreciated by the parents of the school was conclusively demonstrated by the financial support given the entertainment. The proceeds, nearly \$100, was applied on the piano purchased by the school.

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NEW ENTRIES COME Northwest Show Offices Are Moved to Lewiston. STOCK SALE DATES SET With Opening of Exhibition Tomorrow Headquarters Will Be Transferred to Grounds During Period of Display.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—J. H. T. Smith, secretary of the Northwest Livestock Association, moved his office from Moscow to Lewiston this week, and all business of the livestock show and sale to be held here the week of December 14 to 19 will be transacted here now. Additional entries have been received as follows: Lewis & Foley, Duroc-Jerseys; Cooper & Green, purebred horses; Preston & Fell, saddlehorses; L. H. Thompson, registered bulls. The entry list to date numbers over 500. Horses are arriving already 20 head having come from Mayor Bros., of Uniontown, this week.

Sale of cattle and herds: pole zams, Spokane vs. Lewiston. Evening, annual association banquet. Friday—Oregon day, Portland day. Sale of Percheron and Shire horses, Duroc-Jersey, Poland China, Berkshire and Chester White swine. Evening, horse show.

Walla Walla After Speeders. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Sixty or 70 speed officers are to be appointed by the Commissioners. The names will be kept secret. Each officer is to be an auto owner and they are to report infractions to the Sheriff who will issue the warrants.

LIQUOR FLOWS ON STREET Members of Roseburg Temperance Organization Decline Invitation. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Two barrels of beer and several gallons of whiskey were broken open on the street here yesterday in the presence of many spectators. Members of the W. C. T. U. invited to attend, declined to be present. J. M. Spancek, who brought the liquor in, was fined \$50.

Clackamas Sends Christmas Trees. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Christmas trees from Clackamas County are being shipped to Southern California points by the railroad. Many of the trees are being gathered from along the line of the Willamette Valley Southern. Young evergreens have been sent from Clackamas County to Los Angeles and nearby cities each winter for several years, but this year shipments are larger than before.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS WHAT SHALL IT BE AND WHERE TO FIND IT. A VISIT TO OUR STORE WILL AID YOU GREATLY IN MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS SELECTIONS. OUR CUTLERY, TOOL, SPORTING GOODS AND HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENTS CONTAIN HUNDREDS OF COMMON SENSE ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR GIFT-GIVING AT CHRISTMAS.

- QUALITY GOODS AT RIGHT PRICES. THERMOS BOTTLES, MANICURE SETS, SCISSOR SETS, SMOKING STANDS, FRUIT BASKETS, LIBRARY SETS, SERVING TRAYS, BAKING DISHES, TABLE CUTLERY, FRUIT KNIVES, BERRY SPOONS, SALAD SETS, PERCOLATORS, GILLETTE GEM, JR., DURHAM DUPLEX, AUTO-STROP AND EVER-READY, SAFETY RAZORS, SHAVING MIRRORS, SHAVING BRUSHES, RAZOR STROPS, HIGH-GRADE FISHING TACKLE, HUNTING COATS, SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES, BOXING GLOVES, STRIKING BAGS, INDIAN CLUBS, PILLOW COVERS, FOOTBALLS, FLASHLIGHTS, ROLLER SKATES, EXERCISERS, DUMBBELLS, BASEBALLS, BOYS' WAGONS, HANDCARS, VELOCIPEDS, TRICYCLES, HILL COASTERS, OVERLAND WAGONS, AUTOMOBILES.

Acid Stomachs Are Dangerous. Common Sense Advice by a Distinguished Specialist. "Acid" stomachs are dangerous because acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach, thus hindering and preventing the proper action of the stomach, and leading to probably nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble from which people suffer. Ordinary medicines and medicinal treatments are useless in such cases, for they leave the source of the trouble, the acid in the stomach, as dangerous as ever. The acid must be neutralized, and its formation prevented, and the best thing for this purpose is a teaspoonful of acid-free antacids.

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SCENE AT NORTHWEST LIVESTOCK SHOW GROUNDS, LEWISTON, IDAHO. VISITORS INSPECTING THE ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENTS. THE SHOW WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 14-19.