

# WANTING FOR ELECTION RESULTS 100 YEARS AGO

### Not Only No Telegraph to Flash Results, but Awkward System Might Throw Election Into House—Old-Timers No Saints in Election Methods.

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(Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) Washington, Nov. 3.—Unless the race for the presidency shall prove one of the neck-and-neck variety, with an eyelash finish, the people of the United States will know who is elected within three hours after the polls close today. In the middle period of United States history it took more days to learn the result than it now takes hours. In the first quarter century of our national existence it was more a matter of months than it is of hours today.

It is the little spark of lightning which Ben Franklin borrowed from the skies that sends the election returns to outstrip the wings of the wind. There are now about 7,000,000 miles of telephone and telegraph wire in the United States, and over many a mile of it will fly the dots, dashes and voice pulsations which will promptly tell the result. The farther one goes the earlier he will know what that result is. California time is three hours slower than New York time, and the Californians, Washingtonians and Oregonians will know what the result is by the time they cast their last vote, as their polls will remain open for hours after the eastern count has begun. On the other hand, their returns will be three hours slower getting to the eastern people.

The Searchlight Bulletin. The arrangements that have been made by the leading newspapers of the country for giving the election returns are the most elaborate ever undertaken. There is no time in the year when a newspaper gets such valuable advertising for itself on a big election night. It used to be that if one wanted to know how things were going he had to sit at a newspaper for hours in the immense crowd around the bulletin board. But even that discomfort has been dispensed with, and many an up-to-date newspaper has arrangements which will permit you to sit in your comfortable home and know the result as soon as the paper itself knows it. A big searchlight is mounted on the roof of the newspaper office. If the election is a close one, the waves of light will be thrown in one direction, and as soon as the result is known the searchlight will change to a steady stream of light.

The First Bulletin by Wire. To the New Orleans Picayune is due the credit of having started the giving out of election returns by wire. It was in 1848, when General Zachary Taylor was a candidate for president. Being a Louisiana, every citizen of that state who heard the result, and so the Picayune rose to the occasion. At this time the telegraph was only four years old, and the use of the innovation was so apparent that all leading newspapers followed the Picayune's example in the investigation.

Until this time the choice of a president was a sort of happy-go-lucky affair. There was no uniformity in the date of holding an election, the only limitation being the provision of the act of 1792, which set forth that the choice of electors should be made on or before the 3d day next preceding the first Wednesday of December of the presidential year. Some states chose their electors by popular vote and others were appointed by the legislatures.

He who thinks we have failed to make progress in the matter of holding elections should read the history of the early contests in the United States. The irregularities of the early elections would never be countenanced now. For the first 25 years few American citizens were anywhere near the polls. The electors elected the president and vice-president. It is not to be wondered that with all this confusion of power and responsibility there should have been room for manipulation.

Elections in the House. The result of this policy was that there was always doubt about the result until the electoral vote was cast, and even then the election was thrown into the house on two occasions. The first of these was when Jefferson and Burr, the Democratic nominees for president and vice-president, got the same number of electoral votes. In those days it was the law that all votes should be cast for president and that the next to the highest vote should determine the vice-presidency. Burr could not in good faith pose as a candidate for the presidency after he had stood by and sought to be the beneficiary of the Federalist support in congress. It was only after prolonged bargaining that the doubt was finally resolved in favor of Jefferson.

The second time that the election of a president was thrown into the house was in the Jackson-Adams-Crawford-Clay race. Jackson had a popular vote of 155,000 as compared with 105,000 for Adams. The electoral vote stood: Jackson 69, Adams 34, Crawford 11, Clay 37. Yet when the electors met in the house, although he had carried nine states by popular vote and 11 in the electoral vote, Jackson got only seven in the electoral vote. Adams carried only six in the popular vote, and only seven by electoral vote, yet he carried 13 in the house election.

The Possibilities of Today. From that day to this there has never been another election thrown into the house, the nearest approach to it being the Tilden-Hayes contest. But with the present growth of population, prohibition and other outside movements, it is not impossible that the day will come in the not distant future when a president will be chosen by the house. The constitution provides that when no candidate receives a majority of the electoral vote the house shall proceed to choose a president and the senate a vice-president from out of the three leading candidates for each position, as shown by the electoral college returns.

Suppose, to illustrate how it would work, that today's balloting should give Tilden 147 votes, Bryan 240, and Debs, Hagen or Chas. 2. No candidate would have a majority, and the election would be thrown into the house. There are not many chances that this will happen in the present election, but it is always a possibility. The vote would be officially counted by the senate and house in a joint session in February. As soon as it was determined that no candidate had 242 votes the choice would devolve upon the house. It would then proceed to select a president. Each state would have one vote, and each state delegation would determine by a majority of its members whom that vote should be cast for. There are 46 states. Twenty-nine of them have delegations a majority of whose members are Republicans. Fifteen delegations are Democratic. Those of Rhode Island and Maryland are evenly divided, which would prevent them from voting. Tilden's election would then be assured by a vote of 25 to 15.

Plan Would Be Changed Quick. With a strong third party in the field, which could carry a dozen electoral votes, it would be possible to entirely change the electing president. The gerrymander has been a po-

# JURY SECURED IN REID CASE

### Small Boy Who Killed G. F. De Mars Will Know Fate Next Week.

The fate of 13-year-old Charles Jackson Reid, accused of the murder of George F. De Mars, will be decided by a juvenile court jury this week or early next week. Tomorrow morning the state, through Special Prosecutor John H. Stevenson and Deputy District Attorney Vreeland and Mossosohn, will begin putting in the evidence against the lad, while H. M. Estery and C. M. Tolman, for the boy, will try to prove that the murder was not premeditated and was really more accidental than intentional. The opening arguments were made yesterday afternoon before Judge Santambrogio who, in the event the boy is found delinquent by the jury, will either sentence him to the reform school, or bind him over to a circuit court jury.

The jurors are David J. Burness, A. J. Farmer, H. D. Gates, J. W. Chamberlain, C. V. Dangerfield, and C. F. Eddy. The trial will be resumed tomorrow morning.

had no monopoly of political virtue, and that there were many more irregularities in elections than that would be permitted in these days. Whatever the result of today's election, it is probable that it will be known by midnight. It is certain that it will be known by tomorrow, and it is a foregone conclusion that the verdict will be accepted without a murmur by the defeated party.

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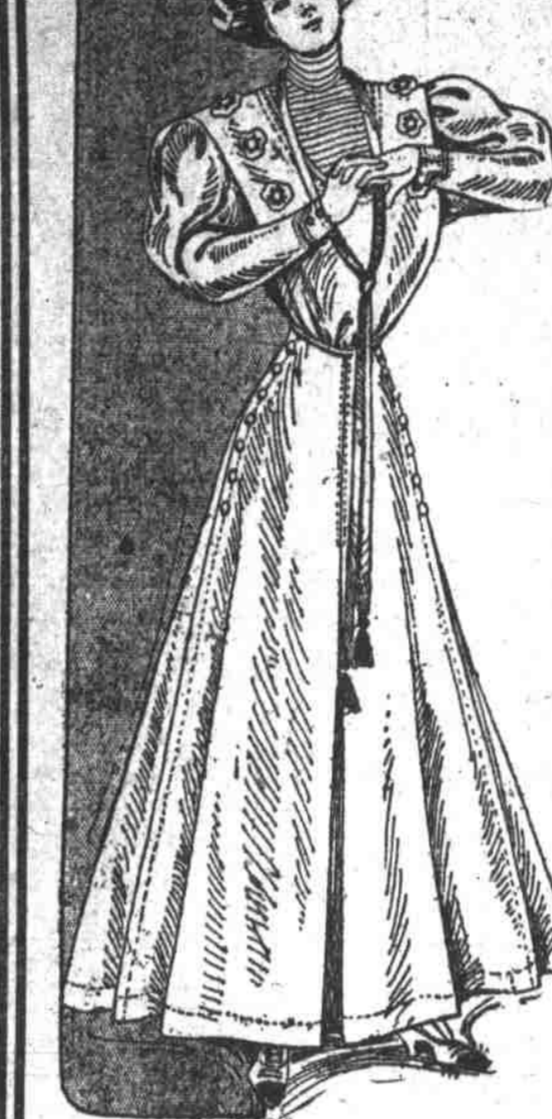
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# Tomorrow Sees the Close of Eilers Great Contest

### ALL ESTIMATES MUST BE DELIVERED OR MAILED TO CONTEST DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN 6 O'CLOCK (WESTERN UNION TIME) TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, EVENING.

### If You Haven't Submitted a Count Yet, Don't Delay Another Minute—Remember, All Have an Equal Opportunity to Win the Magnificent Chickering Baby Grand, the Superb Kimball or One of the Many Other Valuable Prizes.

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