

TAFT'S CHANCES  
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Forecast of Republican Convention Made by Journal  
Mar. 20, Correct in Main—Revision.

Revision of the forecast of the Republican national convention published in The Journal March 20, bringing it to date, makes no great change in the figures then given. The net result of various revisions is a net gain of 24 for Taft over Roosevelt as compared with the tabulation then given.

"Taft on the first ballot," therefore, seems a better guess than ever. The totals, including results in states where delegates have already been chosen and estimating other states on an impartial basis, give Taft 607, Roosevelt 527, La Follette 34, Cummins 10, doubtful 100. Eleven days ago the totals awarded Taft 598, Roosevelt 512, La Follette 34, Cummins 16 and doubtful 85. The total number of delegates is 1078 and the number needed to nominate is 540.

**But Few Changes.**  
Conventions and primaries held since the last forecast was published show that it was remarkably near the truth as forecasts go. Taft lost a few here and gained a few there, but the final balancing gave only a small gain. Several transfers have been made from the Roosevelt to the doubtful column, it being now apparent that his strength was in some states overestimated.

New York, Indiana, Colorado and Mississippi have held conventions or primaries since the last forecast. In New York Taft gained five more delegates than The Journal forecast had allowed him, and Roosevelt suffered a corresponding loss. In Indiana Roosevelt fared better than the forecast, and took eight of the delegates that had been listed for Taft. In Colorado Taft has secured eight delegates, where only six were allowed him, and the other six are now taken out of the Roosevelt column and put in the doubtful list. There is no change in Mississippi, where all the delegates were credited to Taft.

**Fraud Is Alleged.**  
Many of these delegates are contested, the Roosevelt men alleging fraud in New York, Indiana and Mississippi. The delegates listed in the accompanying table are the "regulars," who are entitled to their seats unless overturned by the national committee, which is now generally conceded to be controlled by the Taft forces.

The chief changes from the former forecast, other than in the states above named, are in Connecticut, where four are credited to Taft that formerly were listed as doubtful, four subtracted from Roosevelt in Kentucky and awarded to Taft, six taken from Taft in Minnesota and placed among the doubtful, four taken from Roosevelt in New Hampshire and made doubtful, four added to Taft in Ohio from Roosevelt, four taken from Taft in West Virginia and awarded to Roosevelt, and six taken from Cummins and added to Taft in Iowa.

This is the estimate as revised in the light of the latest information and delegates already chosen:

Estimate of Strength. Taft. Roosevelt. Doubtful.

Alabama	24	6	..
Arizona	14	..	..
Arkansas	..	..	26
California	..	..	..
Colorado	8	..	4
Connecticut	14	..	..
Delaware	6	..	..
Florida	22	..	..
Georgia	18	..	..
Idaho	..	..	8
Illinois	18	40	..
Indiana	18	12	..
Iowa	12	16	4
Kansas	..	..	..
Kentucky	22	4	..
Louisiana	20	..	..
Maine	8	4	..
Maryland	..	..	..
Massachusetts	20	16	..
Michigan	16	14	..
Minnesota	..	12	12
Mississippi	..	18	..
Missouri	18	..	..
Montana	..	8	..
Nebraska	..	..	..
Nevada	6	..	..
New Hampshire	4	..	4
New Jersey	14	..	..
New Mexico	..	..	..
New York	82	7	..
No. Carolina	16	8	..
Ohio	30	18	..
Oklahoma	..	..	10
Oregon	..	..	10
Penn.	50	26	..
Rhode Island	10	..	..
So. Carolina	..	..	..
So. Dakota	..	6	4
Tennessee	20	..	..
Texas	50	10	..
Utah	..	..	2
Vermont	6	..	..
Virginia	22	..	2
Washington	8	..	..
W. Virginia	..	16	..
Wyoming	..	6	..
Alaska	..	..	..
Hawaii	..	..	..
Porto Rico	..	..	..
Philippines	..	..	..

For La Follette—North Dakota 10, Wisconsin 24, total 34.  
For Cummins—Iowa 10.

MARCH, 1912, ONE OF BEST PORTLAND HAS EVER KNOWN

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\$84,868.74, compared with a total of \$83,962.28 for March of last year.  
**Good Spring Business.**  
For the month there were 332 building permits issued authorizing new construction to the value of \$4,750,441 as compared with 336 permits and \$1,982,848 for March 1911.  
The real estate market was not as active this month as it was in March 1911, although the situation is far from unsatisfactory and brokers are confident of a good spring and summer movement in all classes of real property.

PIERCE AND M. A. MILLER MEET ON THE PLATFORM

(Special to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Or., March 30.—Walter M. Pierce, Hot Lake, and Milton A. Miller, Lebanon, candidates for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, were the speakers at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held tonight in this city.  
Mr. Pierce arranged for the meeting some time ago and invited Mr. Miller to take part in it with him. General campaign issues were discussed.  
The Democratic state convention of Indiana, meeting in Indianapolis this week, is expected to endorse Governor Marshall for the presidential nomination.

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BEFORE-EASTER ECONOMIES

**Women's Apparel That Strikes the Latest Note of the New Season's Fashions**  
Nothing contributes so largely to gratify a woman's desire at the opening of a new season as diversity of styles in apparel, and therefore we have made persistent effort to embody the widest possible variety of authentic fashions in Spring Coats, Suits, Dresses and Accessories embraced in these Pre-Easter economies. The event demonstrates the extraordinary buying facilities we possess among leading makers. Primarily, however, it is intended to give our public the opportunity to buy and avoid the unpleasant and unsatisfactory "last minute" expenditure, which is a burden and a task. Despite the unusual economies offered,

**Our High Standard of Quality Is Rigidly Maintained—Suits That Reveal Exclusive Ideas at \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$19.50, \$25**  
The harmony of becomingness and novelty of styles make the Spring Suits doubly attractive. The lines are charming and assure the gracefulness of figure demanded by fashion. Profit by these leading Pre-Easter specials. The materials comprise the finest quality serge, fine Scotch homespun, handsome English whipcords and extra quality diagonals, shown in all the new, fashionable colorings too numerous to mention. You are going to be pleased with these handsome models.

**Beautiful Silk Dresses at \$12.50, \$15 to \$19.50**  
Faultlessly made Silk Dresses of foulard, pongee, messaline and chiffon taffeta. Come in plain colors, also polka dots and small figures in the bordered effect. Latest styles in both low and high neck.

**Women's Spring Coat at \$8.50, \$10.50 to \$19.50**  
New Spring Coats for women and misses. They come in plain tailored effect or neatly trimmed. Handsomely made of midnight blue serges and whipcords, also a large variety of light colors and mixtures, with round or square collars.

Pre-Easter Sale of Beautiful Ribbons

Shown in the new season's most exquisite colorings. Plain wide Ribbons suitable for hair bows, and extra wide Ribbons for fancy work, sashes and millinery purposes. Seven great lots to choose from.  
Beautiful Messaline Ribbon, full 5 1/2 ins. wide, best 35c quality, specially priced at 19c  
Black Moire Ribbon, 5 inches wide, suitable for hair bows, best 25c 15c  
Good, heavy Satin Ribbon, full 7 inches wide, regular 50c quality, special at 29c  
Fancy Dresden Ribbons, full 8 inches wide, suitable for millinery, our best \$1.25 grade, at 75c  
Handsome Black and White Striped Ribbon, full 4 1/2 inches wide, best 30c quality, at 18c  
Good quality Taffeta Ribbon, 6 1/4 inches wide, black, white and colors, 45c grade, at 25c  
Seven-inch Fancy Striped Ribbon for millinery purposes, all shades, regular 85c grade, at 59c  
Lace Waist or Coat Collars, values to \$1.00 each, specially priced for this sale at 48c

Pre-Easter Sale Women's Neckwear

**HANDSOME DUTCH COLLARS, JABOTS, SIDE RUFFLES, LACE COLLARS, ETC., REGULAR 35c TO 50c VALUES, SPECIALLY PRICED AT 25c**  
An unsurpassed assortment of the latest novelties in Women's Neckwear. Every woman will want new neckwear for Easter, so why not supply your needs at this sale, when such splendid savings are possible? Here is a special purchase and sale of 1000 dozen pieces, including Tabs, Dutch Collars, Jabots, String Ties, Cascades, Side Ruffles, Lace Collars, Yokes, etc. Not a piece in the lot worth less than 25c.  
Coat Sets, regular 50c values specially priced for this sale at this very low figure 35c  
Lace Waist or Coat Collars, values to \$1.00 each, specially priced for this sale at 48c

Great Pre-Easter Economies in Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps

Fashion's decrees in fine Footwear for men, women and children are to be found here in fullest assortment and at prices you will be pleased to pay.  
Included in this sale are the new Tan and Black Boots, in button and lace, for women; plain, Low-Cut Pumps, with silk or leather bow or small buckle; the "Nubuck" White Kid Pumps, that can be cleaned with soap and water; also Gunmetal, Tan Calf, Glazed Kid and Suede Oxfords and Pumps. Every style in every wanted size and width, and all underpriced.  
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**MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, OXFORDS AND PUMPS** in all of the best styles in vici kid, gunmetal, patent colt, tan calf and white canvas. All are good, reliable makes that are guaranteed by us to wear satisfactorily to you. Arranged for this sale in three special lots and priced as follows:  
LOT 1—Sizes 11 1/2 to 2, regular \$2.50 grade, specially priced for this sale at \$1.98  
LOT 2—Sizes 8 1/2 to 11, regular \$2.00 grade, specially priced for this sale at \$1.35  
LOT 3—Sizes 5 to 8, regular \$1.50 grade, specially priced for this sale at, pair 99c

Special Easter Showing Knit Underwear and Hosiery

**WOMEN'S UNION SUITS AT \$1.00**  
The Richelieu Union Suits for women, medium-weight cotton garments, made with seamless sides and thin waist line. They come in high or low neck, long or short sleeves, and in knee or ankle length. They are perfect fitting and well finished throughout. Special at, the suit \$1.00  
**WOMEN'S HOSE, VALUES TO 65c THE PAIR, SPECIAL FOR 39c**  
Women's Lisle Hose in plain black lace or embroidered effect, all full fashioned, with double heel, sole and toe and garter top. Values to 65c the pair on special sale at 39c  
**CHILDREN'S HOSE, VALUES TO 35c A PAIR, SPECIAL AT 25c**  
Children's Silk Lisle Hose, shown in good fast colors, tan, pink, red, bronze and black. Shown in a fine rib, seamless and made with double heel and toe. Values to 35c a pair for 25c

Opportunity Knocks Loudly in This Great Pre-Easter Sale of Undermuslins

Read the descriptions. Observe how perfectly facts match the printed statements. The interest of money-wise women will be aroused at once as they run through the brief chapters of the story below. It is a supreme effort to place this great Pre-Easter Sale ahead of all former ones in bargains offered, in variety and in the total volume of recorded sales. It is a sale that opens up broad ECONOMIES POSSIBLE AT NO OTHER PERIOD of the YEAR!

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**Your Choice for \$1.25 This Sale Only \$1.25**  
An unsurpassed showing of beautiful styles with high, low and V-shaped neck, made of the finest nainsook or cambric and trimmed with fine ribbons, laces and embroideries. Reg. \$1.50 to \$2.00 values priced for this sale at one twenty-five.  
**Your Choice for \$1.59 This Sale Only \$1.59**  
A wonderful showing of attractive new styles, with high, low or V-shaped neck. Made of the finest of materials and trimmed in the most approved manner with fine ribbons, laces and embroideries. The kind sold reg. at \$2.25 and \$2.50 priced for this sale at one fifty-nine.

**A COMPREHENSIVE SHOWING OF COMBINATION SUITS**  
**Your Choice for \$1.25 This Sale Only \$1.25**  
An unusually fine line of Combination Suits—corset covers with drawers or skirt. Shown with or without yoke and trimmed and finished in an attractive manner with the finest materials. Priced for this sale at one twenty-five.  
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**Men's Kid Gloves**—The best known makes in the most popular shades of tan, gray, brown, etc., at \$2.00, \$1.50, and \$1.00.  
**Men's Underwear**—Shirts, Drawers and Union Suits of reasonable weights, in cotton, merino, wool and worsted and in the best colors. Shirts and drawers from \$2.00 down to 50c.  
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