

VOTER HAS RIGHT TO "SINGLE SHOOT"

Voting Second Choice for Mayor Very Likely to Become Vote Against First Choice.

"The city ballot creates the erroneous impression that a voter must vote his first, second and third choices for the office of Mayor," declares Charles C. Hindman, treasurer of the Mayor Baker reelection committee. Proper instructions should be placed on the ballot to make it clear to the voter that he is not obliged to vote a second and third choice for such office if he does not care to.

"A second choice vote may defeat his first choice candidate, and in view of that fact it is only fair that the voter should be informed that he can 'single shoot' his candidate for mayor and thus help to insure the election of the man whom he really wants elected. To vote a second choice is to vote against his first choice candidate if no candidate receives a majority of first choice votes. To 'single shoot' actually gives his first choice candidate two votes upon the count of second choice votes.

"Walter H. Evans, district attorney, and W. P. La Roche, city attorney, inform me without the least hesitation that a ballot bearing only a first choice vote for mayor is a perfectly good ballot.

"Before the next city election occurs I think that steps should be taken to clearly inform the voter by proper instruction on the ballot that he need express only a first choice vote for a candidate for city office if he so desires."

Proscenium Couple Wed
Freswater, Or., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Margaret Wheeler was married Thursday at Walls Walla to Cecil Proscenium of Proscenium & Sons of this city.

Threats Used to Secure Names on Petitions, Charge

Pendleton, Oct. 30.—Charges are being made in Pendleton that signatures upon the petition circulated by W. Z. Bancroft, father of Emmett Bancroft, alias Neil Hart, self-confessed slayer of Sheriff T. L. Taylor, asking clemency from the death sentence, were obtained by sympathizers threatening to boycott merchants of the city if they did not sign. W. Z. Bancroft, father of the sentenced man, and E. L. Mitchell, Bancroft's step-brother, secured 578 signers in Pendleton to the petition which they took to Salem, but local citizens charge that many of the petitioners are under age and that others were secured by threats. One sympathizer is reported to have approached both laundries in the city, demanding that they sign the petition before she would patronize them. On their refusal to sign she is said to have capitulated.

Will Demonstrate Gearless Drive at Oregon City Today

Demonstration of the Oregon gearless differential, a new automobile appliance patented and manufactured by a Portland man, will be given at the west end of the suspension bridge at Oregon City this afternoon from 12 to 3 o'clock. The mechanism is being manufactured by the Oregon Gearless Differential company, a new corporation with headquarters at East Seventh and Main streets. Officers of the concern are J. W. Linn, president, and J. L. Hagley, secretary.

The principal feature of the new differential is its ability to drive both rear wheels of a car in exact unison. The device may be attached to any make of automobile, according to the manufacturer.

New Zealand is planning to produce salt from sea water with its easily available hydroelectric power.

History Is Great Repeater Remember "Cinch" of 1916

Pertinent reading at this time is the eve-before-election forecast of the Oregonian in the presidential contest of 1916. The cock-sureness of the forecast—of course, in favor of the Republican nominee, Hughes—was set forth as the leading article in the Oregonian of Sunday, November 5, just preceding the casting of ballots that proved the Republican

forecasts so much "junk." "Signs indicate Hughes will win" read the top-head, and a subhead announced "Prevailing sentiment in 48 states analyzed." Preceding the figures the statement was made "These reports were prepared by unprejudiced political experts whose forecasts of election results have proved reliable in the past."

SURE GOING SOME

Then followed the forecast which declared: "Analysis of the reports shows that Hughes appears to be assured of 270 votes; that he probably will receive 324 votes, and that he may receive 382 votes. Wilson is sure of 128 votes, probably will receive 168 votes and may receive 207 votes."

The detailed figures showed the Oregonian's forecast for Hughes to be 270 electoral votes sure, 324 sure and probable, and 362 sure and probable and possible.

The 21 states in which the 270 votes for Hughes were counted as sure were given as follows:

California 13, Idaho 4, Iowa 13, Indiana 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 13, Michigan 13, Minnesota 12, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 14, New Mexico 3, New York 45, North Dakota 5, Oregon 5, Rhode Island 6, Pennsylvania 26, South Dakota 5, Utah 4, Vermont 4, Wyoming 2.

The same forecast gave five states with 54 votes probable for Hughes, these being: Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Ohio

24, Washington 7, Wisconsin 13, and it declared a good prospect for Hughes in Colorado, Maryland, Montana, Nevada and Arizona.

ONLY THAT IS GREW

Thirteen states with 153 electoral votes were conceded to Wilson: Alabama 12, Arizona 3, Arkansas 9, Florida 6, Georgia 14, Louisiana 10, Mississippi 10, North Carolina 13, Oklahoma 10, South Carolina 8, Tennessee 12, Texas 20, Virginia 12.

Five states with 23 votes were listed as probable for Wilson: Colorado 4, Maryland 4, Montana 4, Nebraska 5, Nevada 2.

The main trouble with the results as

compared with the forecast was that Hughes did not receive enough votes. Shortly after the election, that event Wilson back into the presidential chair, the Oregonian stated that a drive had not conducted without a system had no more value than an individual opinion.

GORDON FOR LESS TAXES

A vote for Herbert Gordon for mayor of Portland and a vote against the 3-mill levy asked for by the present administration means that you help elect a man who will save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to the citizens. Reports from all sections, except the north end, indicate this.—(Paid advertisement)—Gordon-for Mayor club: Ralph Coan, pres.; C. C. Stout, secy.)

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