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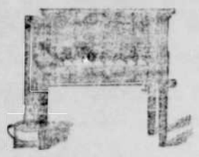

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Polk's Primary Election

VOTE NOT UP TO REGISTRATION FIGURES

An Unmerciful Jumble of Many Nominees.

The primary election held last Friday was a surprise in many ways, Firstly, it was to be expected that as it was a rainy day, and the farmers had nothing else in particular to do they would turn out at the polls and express by the ballot their opinion of the different candidates who were up for office. This they failed to do, in fact the vote cast could not in any way be called a representative one, as not much to exceed 50 per cent of those who registered showed up at the polls. Another surprise was the foolish practice inaugurated of writing on any person who they happened to think of as candidates for the different offices. Besides causing the job of canvassing the election vote to be an unusually lengthly one and hindering the count, it initiated a practice which is not in accord with good citizenship. No voter can rightfully cast a vote for any person unless he is assured that that person is desirous of the office for which he names him. We hope this will be discontinued in the future and that no one will be voted for unless he has expressed a desire to be elected to the office.

As only two voters registered in the Rock Creek precinct, no election was held there, and that column will be found an entire blank in the returns appended.

Monday morning Clerk Smith called to his aid Justice Wilson, of Independence, and Justice Holman, of Dallas, and they proceeded to make the official count. On account of the multiplicity of people ballotted for this seemed almost an endless job, as by 5 o'clock that evening they had just succeeded in canvassing the democratic vote. Tuesday afternoon they finished up the job and the result is given below.

B. F. Jones for representative and R. L. Chapman for coroner on the republican ticket had no opposition, and having received a majority of the democratic vote became the nominees of both parties. F. H. Muscott was made a candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket. The democrats nominated W. I. Reynolds for school superintendent, A. M. Holmes for commissioner and Luther Ground for surveyor, beside a whole lot of miscellaneous voting of which no cognizance is taken by us, as it would take up a whole paper to give the different parties voted for. And, then we do not desire to encourage such practice.

Small Pox at Monmouth.

County Health Officer W. I. Cary informs us that there are 18 cases of smallpox at Monmouth. It is of a mild type and has not yet proved malignant. All houses containing cases have been rigidly quarantined and further spread of the disease is not expected. The local officer and Dr. Cary are working hand in hand to see that the disease is kept within its present bounds, and no fears may be entertained by the residents of surrounding towns. The report that smallpox had appeared in Dallas is found to be untrue.

OFFICIAL

Primary Election Returns for Polk County

APRIL 17, 1908

	Douglas	Jackson	Salt Lake	McCoy	East Dallas	South Dallas	North Dallas	Rickreall	Falls City	Rock Creek	Luckiamute	Bridgeport	N. Independence	S. Independence	South Monmouth	North Monmouth	Buena Vista	Suver	Eola	Spring Valley	Totals	Pluralities
For U. S. Senator																						
H. M. Cake	5	17	18	7	35	54	21	13	39		42	14	24	35	18	20	8	6	16	10	402	
C. W. Fulton	5	7	11	17	83	65	40	13	50		19	3	41	25	12	18	20	6	27	8	470	68
G. E. Chamberlain	9	21	4	10	42	27	25	26	8		41	10	14	20	12	6	9	12	17	5	318	
Representative in Congress																						
W. C. Hawley	10	24	28	25	105	103	57	23	74		59	16	55	54	30	39	25	11	44	18	800	
J. J. Whitney	6	15	0	9	22	11	8	15	0		35	0	7	6	9	0	1	9	2	5	160	
For Justice Supreme Court																						
R. S. Bean	10	24	27	24	108	101	57	23	72		57	15	61	56	27	37	28	11	42	18	798	
Oregon Dairy and Food Com.																						
J. W. Bailey	6	21	20	17	77	73	43	16	47		48	10	44	44	23	28	22	10	37	17	603	424
A. Reid	3	3	8	7	25	26	13	4	22		6	5	15	14	5	8	6	2	6	1	179	
For Railroad Commissioner																						
T. K. Campbell	4	9	9	9	34	37	15	7	34		26	9	24	22	14	25	8	9	5	11	311	
W. A. Carter	2	8	13	11	46	53	32	7	17		16	5	32	26	7	10	7	0	34	5	331	20
R. Robertson	1	4	1	0	6	3	4	5	9		3	6	2	1	3	1	9	2	3	0	63	
For Prosecuting Attorney																						
J. H. McNary	8	22	24	23	93	90	50	22	67		52	12	49	43	25	34	24	10	42	18	708	
For Joint Representative																						
C. H. Gardner	4	3	17	5	40	29	17	9	20		10	2	8	10	17	21	3	2	33	5	255	
B. F. Jones	6	23	11	20	81	82	43	16	65		51	14	54	51	13	17	25	8	13	13	607	348
For Representative																						
C. L. Hawley	9	23	26	22	105	99	59	23	72		56	13	56	54	30	35	25	10	41	14	772	
W. D. Henry	9	21	8	12	49	33	28	27	17		46	15	28	23	19	13	10	8	23	5	394	
For County Judge																						
Ed. F. Coad	5	16	17	12	86	88	50	23	40		41	13	42	42	26	24	18	9	33	12	504	357
Glen C. Holman	4	8	11	15	27	24	10	5	42		13	3	18	11	4	15	10	1	6	5	257	
J. E. Sibley	13	14	3	6	38	30	19	11	20		31	16	23	16	14	8	8	7	19	5	291	153
J. G. VanOrsdall	1	8	6	6	24	11	13	17	2		13	1	10	10	8	7	4	5	6	0	151	
For Sheriff																						
J. M. Grant	14	22	8	12	59	42	31	29	22		43	17	32	28	23	15	11	12	34	5	449	
F. H. Muscott	0	0	0	0	28	20	12	0	5		1	0	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	
For Clerk																						
H. S. Portwood	1	9	12	15	24	40	13	5	23		47	5	25	30	20	21	16	9	8	4	327	
E. M. Smith	9	16	18	12	95	77	47	19	64		12	12	35	31	10	15	12	3	32	14	533	206
F. S. Croxley	11	19	6	6	32	21	19	25	15		23	8	6	7	14	11	3	3	19	3	257	67
A. Robinson	2	2	3	6	27	17	12	4	7		19	7	28	22	8	3	8	8	5	2	190	
For Treasurer																						
H. Holman	3	5	7	11	53	58	27	6	44		38	6	24	25	15	23	15	7	8	9	384	
D. P. Stouffer	7	20	21	15	58	51	33	19	39		21	10	38	33	12	17	12	4	35	8	453	69
J. D. Belt	3	0	4	4	13	14	11	11	10		24	4	27	16	14	7	9	5	18	2	196	
Ed. Dunn	11	21	5	4	48	28	21	18	7		23	11	5	10	7	7	2	3	2	2	232	36
For Assessor																						
A. M. Arant	1	3	11	4	14	16	11	6	24		23	5	23	21	30	33	10	7	5	3	247	
C. S. Graves	0	22	19	22	100	101	51	20	56		36	10	34	31	1	5	17	3	39	14	590	343
F. E. Myer	11	19	7	9	55	40	30	25	14		44	16	24	23	20	8	10	7	21	4	387	
For School Superintendent																						
H. C. Seymour	9	25	25	24	103	104	57	24	72		54	14	50	45	26	36	24	10	40	18	760	
W. I. Reynolds	0	13	0	5	9	3	7	10	3		31	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	6	91	
For County Surveyor																						
R. F. Beezley	10	24	26	26	100	103	48	23	81		55	14	51	48	24	35	26	10	39	18	761	
Luther Grounds	0	0	0	1	17	8	5	12	0		1	0	2	3	0	8	0	0	0	4	61	
For Coroner																						
R. L. Chapman	10	25	27	26	103	112	58	23	79		50	15	51	46	26	36	26	10	39	18	780	
R. L. Chapman, dem	0	1	0	0	8	5	3	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
For Commissioner																						
Wm. Riddell	7	24	28	26	105	107	58	24	72		54	16	56	53	29	40	24	10	42	18	793	
A. M. Holmes	1	20	1	3	9	2	0	9	0		25	0	3	2	0	5	1	0	4	6	91	

MR. PRIGMORE'S ASSURANCE.

[Original.]

The ice season was on, and a party of young men and women were taking advantage of it for skimming the icy surface of one of those little bays lying along the coast of Long Island. There were Harry Morro, Marjorie Kent and Guthrie Prigmore. There were a lot more, but these three are the only ones who figure in this story. Prigmore was rich, domineering and one of those reckless men whose recklessness is usually folly. With women he counted for far more than he was intrinsically worth. Morro was modest and, though cool, had a very keen appreciation of danger, especially of that attending ice boating. Nevertheless he was fond of sports, and of no sport was he more fond than this same gliding over ice on steel runners.

Prigmore had joined the party at the Bayside hotel, a stranger to most of them. He had not been there six hours before every girl set her cap for him. This didn't matter much for any of the men except Morro, who had been attentive to Miss Kent, and they were supposed to be on the eve of an engagement. When the party left the hotel and went down to the ice boats it was expected that each of the men would take out a girl and that Harry Morro would take Marjorie Kent. What did Prigmore do without consulting preferences but hand Marjorie on to a boat and get on himself. This assurance was just what captured the girls, and Marjorie couldn't help casting a coquettish glance at her lover, as much as to say, "Isn't it nice to be preferred by this splendid fellow to all the others?" Harry looked anxious.

"Have you ever run an ice boat, Mr. Prigmore?" he asked.

"I was born on one," Prigmore replied gayly, and, letting out the sail, he started, as he was bound to do in everything, to lead the party. He hadn't gone a hundred yards, however, before his sail jibed, the boom just grazing Marjorie's head.

"There'll be trouble there," muttered one of the men. "He doesn't know how to sail an ice boat."

Most of the couples stopped to watch the favorite. A strong wind was blowing from across the bay. Prigmore and Miss Kent were well out on the ice when they were observed trying very hard to do something, but what was not apparent.

"Great heavens," exclaimed Morro, paling, "the sheet's fouled the tiller! He can't bring her up into the wind."

On the opposite shore the breakers had broken up the ice and were rolling in on the sand. If the occupants of the ice boat failed to release the sheet, they could not bring the boat up into the wind and they would go over the edge of the hard ice and be pounded with the broken pieces on the beach. But with the wind pulling on the sail they were not likely to get it back to disengage the sheet. Morro jumped into an ice boat and started after them.

Now began a race between life and death. Morro was an expert ice boat man and knew how to get the best speed out of his boat. He was watched anxiously by the party on the shore, who kept the chased boat in view as well. From the start he gained, but could he catch the couple before they shot over the edge of hard ice? The only advantage he had was that their efforts somewhat retarded the speed of their boat.

In time Morro got within a hundred feet of them, they being within some 600 feet of the breakers, both boats going at a terrific speed. The sight before them was awful. The breakers rolled in, throwing up the anchor ice, dashing it down, then sucking it under the floe for another break.

The party on the opposite shore stood looking on in ghastly silence. Nearer and nearer Morro approached the yacht he chased, and at last they could see him, as they supposed, fouled with it. Then the two boats began to spread apart, the sheet of Morro's being eased off and making a sharp turn in which only a considerable weight over the raised skate kept the boat from going over.

Morro had steered his yacht alongside of the other. Prigmore, without waiting for Marjorie to save herself, made a jump and caught a projection on Morro's boat. Morro reached for Marjorie and drew her safely over the gap. Then, directing her and Prigmore to get on the windward side, he spun his boat around sharply and put her before the wind. A crack in the ice like a pistol shot beneath the runners made every heart stand still, but the headway saved them, and in ten seconds more they were out of danger. The sight of the abandoned yacht shooting over into the broken ice and pounded with it gave them a shudder, and they drew a deep sigh of relief.

Sailing before a fresh wind, it was not long before saver and saved approached the party standing on the shore, who gave one yell of welcome, the men throwing up their hats, the girls waving.

When they left the boat Marjorie Kent fell on the neck of one of her girl friends, hid her face and trembled. Prigmore's assurance had given place to a ghastly look of terror. Morro busied himself lowering the sail of his boat.

There was something in the narrow escape that deterred the women from venturing on the boats, and the party returned to the city. Morro was too generous to tell of Prigmore's having saved himself in place of Marjorie. Marjorie tried to keep the secret, but failed. Prigmore had come into the party like a rocket and had gone down like its stick. He was not seen again by any of them.

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