

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RE-ELECTED WILSON

CONTEST THE CLOSEST IN NATION'S HISTORY

New England, Middle West and Many Central States for Hughes.

New York, Nov. 8.—The contest for president of the United States is apparently so close that the official returns may be necessary to determine whether President Woodrow Wilson has been re-elected or will be succeeded by the republican candidate, Charles Evans Hughes of New York. The possibility that an official count would be necessary in states where the margin of apparent victory for one presidential candidate or the other is slight, was freely discussed at both headquarters. It was pointed out that if the house of representatives became the court of last resort in the election of a president, the present house and not the one just elected would sit in judgment. No formal statement on the subject was made, however.

The election hangs in the balance, the early pluralities for Hughes having been virtually wiped out by later returns from the western states. Although Chairman Willcox, for the republican national committee and his chief aide, Frank H. Hitchcock, George W. Perkins and C. N. Hillis, declined point blank to concede the defeat of Mr. Hughes, they frankly said that the outlook was "uncomfortably close."

WOODROW WILSON



THOMAS R. MARSHALL

Frank Hitchcock, the political expert of the republican camp, declared that the election of Hughes depends on results in California and Minnesota.

Eastern States for Hughes. The east has declared unmistakably for Mr. Hughes. The south, the trans-Missouri west and the Pacific coast, have combined to achieve a result wholly unprecedented in the history of presidential campaigns.

That one state may decide the election seemed possible, although democratic headquarters predicted that Wilson would have a total of 200 votes in the electoral college.

Although California still showed a lead for the president and his campaign managers were claiming it, the president's plurality was only 3000.

In Minnesota the Wilson lead, which was as high as 10,000, steadily decreased as the vote from the rural districts came in. Hughes took the lead with a small margin and then the president shot ahead again, but Mr. Hughes again took the lead with a plurality of about 400.

Idaho was estimated for the Wilson column with a majority of 10,000. Kansas showed President Wilson leading with more than 27,000. Washington was giving the president a lead of 7000.

Hughes Leads in New Mexico. New Mexico at a late hour, with returns from a little more than half the precincts in, gave Hughes a lead of 800.

West Virginia, more than two-thirds complete, was showing a Hughes majority of more than 2500. North Dakota was close, two-thirds complete, showing a Wilson majority of 1500. Leaders of both parties in all parts of the country, especially in the west,

HUGHES IN THE LEAD IN OREGON

Single Tax and Beer Amendments Appear to Have Been Defeated.

Portland, Or., Nov. 8.—Charles E. Hughes probably has carried Oregon for president by a plurality that may reach 6000.

Hughes is leading Wilson in Multnomah county by a narrow margin.

Hughes is maintaining a good lead in most of the up-state counties. He appears to have carried Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Gilliam, Hood River, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Sherman, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill counties. His lead in Clackamas is small.

Wilson is leading in Baker, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Linn, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

State officers, all republicans, have been elected as follows: Secretary of state, Ben. W. Olcott; justices of the supreme court, George H. Burnett and Frank A. Moore; dairy and food commissioner, John D. Mickle; public service commissioners, H. H. Corey and Fred G. Buchtel.

The "bone dry" or absolute prohibition bill will lose by a comparatively narrow margin. The measure will run behind in Multnomah county by 10,000 or 11,000, and carry in the state outside by 7000 or 8000.

The brewers' bill likewise has been snowed under. The margin against it is large in the outlying counties.

The single tax amendment was overwhelmingly defeated. Every county reporting has given a decisive vote against it.

WEATHER FAVORS VOTERS

Heavy Vote is Cast Throughout the Country.

New York, Nov. 8.—Fair weather, general throughout the country except in the upper Mississippi valley and in western Colorado, accompanied by agreeable temperature, brought out the voting hosts early today. Reports from practically all sections indicated that a heavy vote had been cast, and some points reported that the bulk of the vote was in before 10 a. m.

All the New England states in their early reports of the voting dwell on the heavy early balloting. Providence, R. I., reported that throughout the state it was the heaviest ever known. New York state and other middle-Atlantic states reported an unusually large early vote, and similar reports came from the west and south.

COUNT IN IDAHO IS SLOW

Returns Are Widely at Variance, But Trend Towards Wilson.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 8.—The count in Idaho is exceptionally slow. Returns are widely at variance but the vote in the state shows a decided trend to Wilson and he will apparently carry the state by 10,000.

For the governorship, Alexander, democrat, leads by a narrow margin over Davis, the republican candidate.

An exceptionally large vote was cast all over the state. In southwestern Idaho Robert N. Dunn is strongly in the lead in the non-partisan race for justice of the supreme court. C. A. Elmer, secretary for the republican state central committee, claims Idaho for both Hughes and Davis.

Representative Mann Re-elected.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—James R. Mann, minority leader of the house at Washington, on whom a vigorous fight was made by the dries of the second Illinois congressional district, was elected by an indicated plurality of 10,000.

Michigan Goes for Hughes.

Detroit, Nov. 8.—Democratic State Chairman Stevenson conceded Michigan to Hughes by "a normal republican majority." Michigan is normally republican by 100,000.

Wisconsin Goes for Hughes.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 8.—Early returns indicated Hughes running well ahead of Wilson and polling practically all the 1912 combined republican and progressive vote.

MINNESOTA FAVORS HUGHES

Early Wilson Lead Gradually Reduced and Hughes May Win.

St. Paul.—Hughes took the lead in Minnesota and bit by bit the Wilson lead, which at one time reached 10,000, faded away until it had been wiped out entirely and a Hughes lead of 400 substituted.

As the steady chopping away of the Wilson lead continued, and republican leaders who early Wednesday had despaired of overcoming the big lead, began declaring that their candidate would win and their predictions seemed likely to be fulfilled.

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ELECTION OBSERVATIONS

As we have occasionally remarked before the Weston Leader and the Saturday Evening Post have more than two million circulation weekly and each leads in its respective field. Our valued contemporary supplies us this week with the following editorial which—although written prior to the election—sizes up the situation so well that we have decided to reprint it rather than go to the trouble on a busy week of writing one of our own. We trust that the Post will appreciate this distinction:

It was a painfully flat campaign. Everybody says so. The Republican attack created about as much excitement as the spectacle of a man cutting a hickory log with a dull saw. This impression of it is so much a matter of common report that no partisan bias can be implied in saying it. Why a man of Mr. Hughes' known ability and experience showed so little edge as a candidate has been the subject of many learned explanations by those who sympathized with him and those who did not.

Now there are many subjects in which the public is interested; and one obvious fact is that the Republican management woefully misread the public mind. They thought it was truculently heroic, and writing under a sense of national disgrace, when, in fact, it was merely sensible.

It saw the United States, after more than two years of world war, at peace and on as good terms with the world as could possibly be expected. In respect of the most trying issue the war had brought us, this country had imposed its conditions upon Germany, after couching them in language such as one nation seldom uses to another. Submarines were operating as we said they must. In view of that fundamental fact, whether or not we might safely have pulled a few more tail feathers out of the German eagle seemed unimportant. We were submitting to some indignities from the Allies, but a rather wide sympathy with their cause, our patent powerlessness to coerce them on the sea, and the torrent of money they were pouring into our lap left us the alternative of patient negotiations or committing a sort of moral and material harikari. With regard to Europe, in short, the situation was as satisfactory as could reasonably be hoped for.

The country understood that and accepted it. Impassioned oratory about futile protest against the invasion of Belgium, an impossible prevention of the Lusitania crime, and generally imposing our own conditions upon fighting Europe—without at all fighting ourselves—simply bored the public. The campaign has shown that this country's course in respect of warring Europe has been, in a broad way, the course which the common sense of the country approves, in view of all the circumstances of the case. Whoever wins at the polls—for the votes are not cast at this writing—will probably keep that lesson in mind.

If the Republican campaign had addressed itself to domestic affairs—such, for example, as the pork barrel—and brought forward a number of constructive ideas, it would undoubtedly have found more enthusiastic response.

The LEADER lost its only chance for unique distinction as a political prophet by not predicting that Wilson could win without the aid of New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois.

A good many republicans seem to have voted this time with an unusual degree of intelligence.

'Twould be difficult to say just how a normal school campaign could be won in Oregon, but one way not to win is with highbrow banquets at Portland hotels.

The "prominent educator" may just as well confine himself to prominently educating, for all the swath he cuts in the Oregon political field.

Surfeited ourselves in former years, we do not begrudge to Pendleton the privilege of hearing the "glad tidings" from the Willamette valley.

The teachers resolved and the taxpayers harpooned.

At least Pendleton has not been denied the advantages of the school of experience.

Primary Mass Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a primary mass meeting will be held at the council chambers of the City of Weston Monday evening, November 13, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a ticket or tickets to be voted upon at the annual city election November 20, 1916.

Dated November 2, 1916. J. M. BANISTER, Mayor.

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HUGHES' MAJORITY IN ILLINOIS 150,000

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Illinois is back in the republican column, and by a majority sufficient to dispose of any grounds for argument. Hughes has carried the state by at least 150,000. Frank O. Lowden, for governor, has defeated Edward F. Dunne, the democratic incumbent, by about the same figure.

The outstanding surprise in Illinois, more especially in Chicago and other big industrial centers, was the vote for Hughes by the workmen. Democratic leaders had confidently expected that the labor vote would go practically solid for Wilson and Dunne. Republicans would not concede this claim but expected a majority of the working people's votes, especially the labor union element subject to the influence of Gompers, would swing to Wilson. To the surprise of managers on both sides, the labor votes appear to have gone to Hughes. This explains why Chicago has given Hughes a majority, when all calculations were based on Wilson carrying the city by at least 60,000.

Still another surprise was the big vote given Hughes by the women of the state. Democratic managers had claimed they were sure of a big majority of the women's vote on the "he kept us out of war" argument. Republican managers admitted this would have its effect, especially upon women whose husbands and sons were of military age or who would be subject to call in case of a war a few years hence.

The returns show that the women of Illinois look at conditions from practically the same viewpoint as the men. They appear to have gone along with the men and the sole result is a greatly augmented total vote for the state, with no change in the political complexion.

Hughes Wins Home Precinct.

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Lined leather gloves.....	49c-69c-98c-\$1.49		Union suits, wool mixed and all wool.....	\$1.49 to \$2.98
Corduroy pants.....	\$1.49 to \$2.49		Heavy wool socks.....	25c-35c
Dress pants.....	\$1.98 to \$3.98		Wool mixed socks.....	12 1/2c
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