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SENTIMENT IN POLITICS

A recent straw vote taken by the Oregonian developed a curious fact. A few less than 1700 voters were interviewed as they appeared to register and of these 813 or nearly half, favored Woodrow Wilson for president. 468 were for Hughes and 329 for Roosevelt.

Registration by parties during the three days of the test showed 2328 Republican, 639 Democratic and 120 Independent. Of course this total number were not all interviewed but it may be taken for granted that the proportion of party supporters in the straw vote was the same.

The astonishing feature of this is the strength of Wilson's popularity beyond that of his party.

The directors of the vote attribute this strength of Wilson to the women, with whom Mr Wilson's peace reputation appears to have made a hit. In the days when women suffrage was still a matter of discussion it used to be argued in ridicule that women would be prone to do their voting through frivolous influences. For instance it was alleged the color of the ballot would be to them more important than the party name. If a woman went to the polls to vote, garbed in an old gold satin, and one of the ballots happened to be a shade of canary the lady would vote that ticket without further inquiry on the ground that the color of the paper harmonized with her dress.

This frivolous tendency has not developed so alarmingly that any one would notice it. But that the votes of women can be influenced by sentiment as contrasted with the more sordid influences of financial gain, the straw vote bears eloquent testimony.

The women of the world abhor war in all its forms and would discourage anything and everything suggestive of it and in dealing with it they prefer the substance to the shadow. While the truth is that no president, not even the terrible Teddy, would have been a bit more apt to have plunged the nation into war than Wilson, for Wilson started a war with Mexico once and then backed out and has for a second time started a practical war with that country, still he has acquired a peace reputation and that fact is bound to make him rock-like in his strength with the voting women of America.

The average man has the support of himself and family loom up in bulk so that he can not see a great ways beyond it. The country's finances, the alleged effect of politics on prosperity, the intricacies of the tariff sched-

ule all look big to him.

This is especially true of the wage earners. The writer knows of one town in south eastern Wisconsin where there are many Italians. With them 1896 is a tradition. They will vote for a yellow dog for mayor, for whoever will put up the biggest keg of beer, for anything from coroner to governor; but for president of the United States nothing—from bribes to a gatling gun could induce them to vote anything but the Republican ticket. These Italians are simply an exaggerated example of the male standpoint.

But for woman—well it has been demonstrated that she is taking the ballot as a serious institution—but seriousness mixed with sentiment; she can be depended on to favor moral issues and temperance and world wide peace in her will find a firm friend.

ELBOW ROOM

Monmouth, just at present, is like the growing boy who is still wearing the suit bought a couple of seasons before. The trouser legs are short and the sleeves of the coat have a disposition to climb up beyond his elbow, his trouser band and waist band have a hard task negotiating a union and all of his buttons generally have the appearance of a liability to yield to the strain any minute and speed through the air like bullets from a rifle.

Monmouth is growing and has not houses enough to go around as any one may testify, who goes out to look for vacant quarters. More residences are needed and needed badly. And that they will be built in due course of events is a certainty.

But when they are built they should not be crowded together. A rural aspect becomes a school town. One of Monmouth's greatest charms is the fact that its residences are not jammed tight against one another. It has a comfortable, homelike appearance with plenty of elbow room and it is a fine standard to cultivate and toward which to aim.

THE COAST, A SHOW PLACE

Since it is so dangerous to go sightseeing in Europe the "See America first" propaganda is attaining a wide popularity and last year's attendance of visitors from the east was notable for its proportions. The Southern Pacific is out with a new slogan this year "All the Pacific Coast is a Show Place" and to forward the idea has issued an illustrated booklet, entitled "Four Gateways to the Pacific."

A prominent feature of this booklet is a two colored map of the entire coast extending across eight pages of the folder. On the map the various main points are designated by small scenic views, calling attention to the principal natural attractions which the coast has to offer.

The unusual is so predominant in the west that its scenic attractions form a strong point of interest to the dwellers to the east of the backbone of the continent and these features are cleverly brought out in the new folder.

The pranks of the Juniors the

other morning may be excused on the plea that it was their last chance. Next year they will be Seniors and will be too dignified to perpetrate ridiculous stunts.

Some one was recently lamenting the passing of the campaign cigar. By straining the memory one can recollect that somewhere back in the stone age, there was such an institution. But it was lopped off as a measure of economy with the coming of the primary which imposes a double expense on candidates.

The right man in the right place can create a great deal of trouble. Ordinarily, Villa is only a cattle thief but by being entered into the right combination he has kept Mexico in hot water for some time and now threatens to immerse the United States in the same vat.

Some time when you have a little leisure you may sit down and contemplate how many dollars the rise in the price of gasoline is putting into the trousers pockets of your uncle John D. Rockefeller. Even though the demand is greater it does not cost any more to produce gasoline than it did a year ago and every automobile owner and other consumer of petroleum products is paying his share to John D.

Of General Interest

The steel bridge which has spanned Ash creek is to be moved to Soap creek, southwest of Buena Vista and in its place will be built a bridge of concrete. The new bridge will be built in a different place straightening the road north from Independence which has long been a matter of complaint with auto travelers.

Mrs. Amanda Rexford, owner of the furniture and fixtures in the Palace hotel destroyed at Independence by fire last November has brought suit against the Royal Insurance company for \$1,000, the amount of her policy. At the time of the fire arson was charged but a trial developed no evidence that would convict. The insurance company delayed payment and now suit is brought to collect.

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FOR TREASURER

I am a candidate for the office of treasurer on the Republican ticket. Your vote is respectfully solicited at the primary election, May 19, 1916.

A. V. R. SNYDER.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of District Attorney. If nominated and elected, I shall enforce all laws as I find them without fear or favor, and in a just, conscientious manner. I will give to the County's affairs the same careful, conscientious attention I would give to the affairs of private clients. I respectfully solicit your support, and if nominated and elected, will devote my entire time to giving you an administration of the affairs of this office such as may reward you for the trust and confidence placed in me.

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TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I am a candidate for District Attorney of said County, and if nominated and elected, I pledge myself to diligently and faithfully attend to all the duties pertaining to said office, and will fearlessly enforce all the laws in an impartial manner.

I respectfully ask your support at the primary election on the 19th of May, 1916.

B. F. SWOPE.

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

I hereby announce myself on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May, and respectfully solicit your support.

L. V. MACKEN.

TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in May and respectfully solicit your support.

MRS. WINNIE BRADEN.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the members of that party at the primary in May. I solicit the support of all republicans throughout Polk county, assuring each that if I am nominated and elected the duties incumbent upon the county surveying will be given the very best attention.

Efficiency, Economy and Impartiality is my motto.

WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Having been urged by my friends to again become a candidate for commissioner and having acceded to their demand, I most respectfully ask the support of all republicans in the primary May 19. My past record is my only platform.

G. A. WELLS.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

I hereby announce my candidacy on the republican ticket for the office of county assessor of Polk county, and solicit the support of all republican electors in the primary.

C. S. GRAVES.