



Rounding Up The Returns.

At last we have an opportunity to make a fairly correct estimate as to the extent of the vote for president in the election six weeks ago. Several of the states were in doubt for a few days after the voting, and Maryland split its vote, as it did more than once in the past, but by the end of the election week the country knew that Taft had 321 electoral votes, as compared with 162 for Bryan. None of the minor candidates received any electoral votes in any of the recent contests. In the electoral vote McKinley had a majority of 95 in 1896 and of 137 in 1900. Roosevelt's majority was 195 in 1904, and Taft's is 159 in 1908. Except as there has been a drop from the 1904 margin, there has been a steady increase in the Republican majority in all the elections since the end of the interregnum during Cleveland's terms. In Bryan's own years, however, the Republican majority has steadily grown. Parker in 1904 chanced to be weaker than Bryan has been at any time, but Bryan has been falling backward without interruption from the beginning. The majority against him is greater in 1908 than it was in 1900, and it was greater then than it was in 1896.

After hovering close to the 14,000,000 mark for several presidential elections, the popular vote has now left that linear behind. Counting the scattering votes in with those cast for the candidates of the various parties, the popular poll was 13,923,000 in 1895, 13,961,000 in 1900, and 13,529,000 in 1904. It is approximately 14,850,000 in 1908. Here, too, Bryan's vote has been getting beautifully less from the beginning. His poll was 6,502,925 in 1896, it was 6,358,133 in 1900, and it is 6,450,690 in 1908. The apparent increase in 1908 over 1900 is due to Oklahoma's advent as a state in 1906. Subtracting the 122,000 votes which he received in Oklahoma, his tally in the recent election was below that of eight years ago, and far below that of twelve years ago. This shrinkage in Bryan's vote is all the more remarkable when it is borne in mind that the country has been growing with considerable rapidity during all those years, and the poll of the Democratic party, under normal conditions, ought to have increased instead of decreasing. As compared with the gains on the Republican side the steady weakening in Bryan's strength shows up impressively. McKinley's lead over Bryan in the popular vote was 603,854 in 1896 and 849,790 in 1900, while Taft's margin is about 1,209,000. The only comfort which Bryan can extract out of these figures is that Parker was beaten worse in 1904, Roosevelt's lead being 2,545,515. Apparently Taft's total of the popular vote is about 36,000 greater than Roosevelt's but Bryan's poll is far ahead of Parker's.

The vote for the minor parties is always slower in reaching the public than is that for the two big organizations. Returns for all of them, however are sufficiently full to show that their support was much smaller than the average person expected. In point of strength they stand in this order, beginning with the largest and dropping to the smallest: Socialist, Prohibition, Independence League, Populist, Social Labor. Instead of getting 1,000,000 or 1,500,000 votes, which he predicted, Debs, the Socialist candidate, obtained a few thousand less than the 402,000 which he received in 1904. His tally in the returns thus far

is 401,000, but is it believed he will get 10,000 or 15,000 more when the final figures are at hand. Chafin, the Prohibitionist, has only 228,000 votes, as compared with the 1,000,000 which his boomers boasted that he would get, and as compared with the 258,000 which Swallow, the candidate of 1904, received. After the great flourish which Hearst and his Independence League made in the campaign, it is somewhat surprising to see that Hisgen, that party's nominee, received only 82,000 votes, notwithstanding the active canvass which Hearst and Hisgen made. Poor Tom Watson, the Populist, who received only 117,000 votes in 1904, dropped to about 30,000 in 1908. The Social Labor candidate received 31,000 votes in 1904, and only 12,000 in 1908. In no state did any of the minor parties alter the result. The Populist party, which cast over 1,000,000 votes for Weaver in 1892, has now reached the end of its career. It will never figure on the tally sheets of a presidential canvass again. The first national campaign of the Independence party is also its last. There is not the faintest probability that Hearst will put it in the campaign of 1912, although he may gather enough of the flotsam and jetsam of politics around him to launch a freak party having a somewhat different creed and carrying a different name. The large tact of the election, however, is that Bryan's strength steadily shrinks, yet he would be a rash man who would predict that he would never again be the Democratic candidate.—Globe Democrat.

Local Events.

J. F. Taylor made a business trip to Amity the first of the week.

Hiram Smith is at home from O. A. C. spending the holidays.

Nathan and Miss Mary Cook are spending the holidays with relatives in Salem.

W. E. White has sold his warehouse on Meridian street to the Wright Feed & Implement Co.

Miss Ella Crawford who is home from Seattle on a vacation spent Wednesday in town with some of her young lady friends.

Ralph Rees of Glenwood farm is down from O. A. C. this week, presumably working out in practice some of the theories he has been getting during the past term.

Miss Mildred M. Endicott was married on last Sunday morning to Arthur Hodson at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Bean, on Meridian street, Rev. C. L. Hamilton officiating.

An item will be found elsewhere in this issue referring to the work of the Babies' Home in Portland. Mrs. H. R. Morris has kindly consented to receive any articles from time to time that any may desire to donate to the Home and attend to the shipment of them. Articles may be left at her home in Newberg.

W. E. White has bought the property adjoining his brick which is occupied by Mount and Held, of the Winters and Wiley heirs. Lapp and Boyes will continue to occupy the rooms they now have in the building and the other part of it will be fitted up for a real estate office and will be occupied by Mr. White and N. F. Byers, who have formed a partnership for the business. Both are reliable men who are well known in the community and will command the respect of the public. Mr. White has also purchased of the Bank of Newberg the vacant lot adjoining the property on the east.

Levi Sanders and family started back to Illinois this week.

Miss Lola Kaufman has been spending the holidays with Miss May Mitchell at Corvallis.

Harvey Saunders who has a position in a Seattle hardware house spent a day or two in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nelson and Mrs. Tom Bryan went to LaFayette to see the new year in and visit with relatives.

Claud Cummings has a very substantial concrete foundation laid for a new residence on his Wynooski street property.

Mrs. C. H. Coates of Portland spent Christmas at her old home at C. L. Judd's out east of town returning home Sunday.

Will Miles, Deceased.

After bravely battling for many weeks with an insidious disease, Will Miles died Monday evening at the Miles home north of Newberg. The funeral services were held at the Friends church Wednesday afternoon, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Weaver, assisted by Rev. Lindley A. Wells, pastor of the Portland Friends church. Aside from the music furnished by the choir, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newby sang effectively, "Not My Own but Bought by Jesus," the hymn which the sufferer had had sung for him a few hours before his death.

Mrs. Mabel H. Douglas, who had known Will from childhood, spoke feelingly of his life, short in years but long in service and in the things that make young lives live on "in lives made better by their presence."

The following obituary was read:

Wm. L. Miles, son of Thomas and Carrie Miles, was born in North Dakota, April 10th, 1890. He came to Oregon with his parents in the year 1893, settling at Scotts Mills where he lived until the year 1905 when he came with his parents to Newberg. As a child he was cheerful, affectionate and kind, and it remained with him as he advanced in years. He was beloved by his schoolmates, and all who knew him, always meeting anyone with a smile. His sickness was long and painful, but he learned to bear it patiently, often evincing a disposition, or a desire to bear it with Christian fortitude, and in submission to his Heavenly Father's will, but often said in the last few days, "How long, how long,—I am so tired."

When he realized that his de-

parture was near he said, "It is well with my soul I am ready," telling each one of his loved ones that were present "Good-by," clasping their hands with an earnest grasp, and begging them not to mourn for him. His family surrounded his bed excepting his brother Walter, for whom he left a loving message. His spirit took its departure at fifteen minutes of nine o'clock on the evening of the twenty-eighth day of December 1908, being eighteen years, eight months and nineteen days old. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

Portland Notes.

Nineteen nine will be the travel year for the Pacific Northwest. The most advantageous rates are in this direction. All of the great railroads of the country are going to bend their efforts toward presenting the resources of this portion of the United States throughout the East, Canada and Europe. The Rose Show and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be two important features and railroad men in all the large centers of population predict an enormous travel.

The Pacific Monthly has organized a progress department, to begin with the January number. It is the purpose of this department to condense original items which will interest prospective homeseekers or investors in Oregon. The editor of this department has requested your correspondent to say that he would especially appreciate letters direct from producers giving facts which would be of interest to intended homeseekers.

Don't forget that it is the duty of every reader of this paper to write to some friend at a distance and tell him of the advantages of Oregon both as to climate and production. Remember that the people of the older states, where the weather is cold, are hovering around the fire and have lots of time to read—get busy.

Marriage Licences.

- Nina Russell, 19, to Florence McCarthy, 29.
- Emma Channell, 33, to John T. Anderson, 35.
- Sarah May Reeves, 24, to Lee F. Peters, 39.
- Clara Agnes Houck, 22, to Charles L. Williams, 34.
- Mabel Lillian Duncan, 18, to Ellis A. Winters, 26.
- Elma I. Parrish, 19, to C. L. Klausen, 26.
- Ethel May Thibault, 19, to Jay A. Graves, 23.
- May Richards, 19, to Edward Dugan, 27.
- Francis C. Derby, 20, to H. D. Tallman, 30.
- Gertrude B. Miller, 23, to Chris A. Taylor, 27.
- Mildred M. Endicott, 26, to Arthur Hodson, 32.
- Edith E. Frauendiener, 17, to John M. Pleasant, 28.
- Mary May Hadley, 58, to Eli O. Mills, 60.

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