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VOTES CAST COUNT.

Analysis of the complete official returns of the last election on the measures, shows that only in one case did a successful measure receive a clear majority of the votes actually cast, and not one received a majority of the votes registered.

The following list shows the percentages of the favorable vote cast on each particular measure, as compared with the total number of ballots cast; and each measure listed has become a law.

Single Item Veto.....53 per cent
 Ship Tax Exemption.....44 per cent
 Bone Dry Prohibition.....42 1/2 per cent
 Rural Credits Bonds.....40 per cent
 Tax Limitation.....37 per cent
 Sunday Closing Repeal.....37 per cent

For the above figures we are indebted to The Oregon Voter.

From a state-wide standpoint, all that is very interesting. It shows in effect that a minority of the voters participating in the last election actually "put over" five important constitutional amendments and repealed a law of long-standing.

That goes to show what an active minority can do. It also evidences that a majority which is too indifferent to act, can accomplish nothing and is actually entitled to no consideration so far as political efficiency is concerned.

From a local standpoint, the results as above set forth are even more interesting and important.

In each instance it will be noted, the passage or defeat of the measures was determined by whether or not a majority of those actually voting on each particular measure, cast their ballots for or against it.

Whether the number of favorable ballots was a majority, or less than a majority of the total number of ballots cast at that election, or of the total number cast upon some other measure, or of the total number of voters registered, had absolutely nothing to do with it. And so it is with the county division law. The results mentioned simply show the application of the principle involved.

Each measure carried when the favorable vote on it was a majority of the votes cast for or against it.

And so it is with the county division returns. When 65 per cent of the vote in the new county and 35 per cent of the vote in the old county was favorable, the percent-

ages being based upon the total vote cast on that particular measure, division was adjudged successful.

THE CHINOOK WIND.

(Pendleton Tribune.)
 The strange, intensive and cutting wind know as the chinook, once deemed to arise from the influence of the Japan current which flows in the Pacific, is now declared by science to be a descending wind, flowing from the Rocky mountains, becoming warm as it descends and spreading out over a wide expanse of country. Descending air is brought under great pressure as it reaches lower levels and, according to observers, the temperature raises about one degree Fahrenheit for every one hundred and twenty-three feet descent. In many cases the heat is then intensified by seasonal conditions.

The name chinook originated in the belief among the early settlers of the Pacific Northwest that the winds came from the ocean, moving over the home of the Chinook tribe of Indians. It is now demonstrated that the true chinook wind comes from an entirely different general direction and is wholly unaffected by the ocean. The wind bearing that name is frequent in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, but exists under another name, or without name, in any portion of the globe where conditions for a descending wind are favorable. Switzerland knows it as the "Fohn wind."

SOLDIERS DRAW TO GET GIRL; WEDDING IN HALF AN HOUR

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Three guardsmen of the Second Kansas Infantry sat in a Wichita picture theater and drew lots to see which would marry a girl who sat in front of them. None of them knew her.

Half an hour later she became the bride of Charles L. Todd, 29 years old, who, before she told it to the probate judge who married them, did not know her name. She was Myrtle Wood, 18 years old, a brunette, who turned in the picture show and said: "I will marry the first soldier who asks me."

The girl had seen a uniform and heard the five who composed the party behind her talking about life in the army service. After she had spoken three of the five, Todd, Harry Van Horn, and Donald Jones, all members of Company 1, which recently returned to Wichita from San Antonio, offered to become her husband. Another member of the party, Arnold Maynard, was married the day after his return, and the fifth, Sergeant Harry Slates, has a wife and two children.

Slates proposed drawing lots to decide, and broke matches, which were drawn from his hand.

The shortest stick fell to Todd, who immediately agreed to carry out his part of the agreement. The girl assented. Todd leaned forward and kissed her, after placing a ring, with the seal of the United States upon it, upon her finger. The entire party of six were driven to the court house in a taxicab, where Miss Wood and Todd were married by Probate Judge G. W. C. Jones.

After the marriage the bride gave as her reason for marrying Todd: "I always said that if I couldn't have a soldier, I didn't want anybody."

She informed her mother over the telephone of the marriage. Todd is a high school graduate and a son of a well known Wichita family.

NORTH DAKOTANS SEEK WIVES IN CITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—So many Chicago girls want to go to North Dakota as the wives of the bachelor farmers who came here in special trains for the stock show and hose fair and who promptly advertised their desire not to remain bachelors, that an official Cupid committee was named. The committee consists of Bert Green of Sherwood and A. G. Sorlie, North Dakotans, who attend all meetings of agriculturists and who have agreed to see that inquiries are forwarded to suitable men. Six more bachelors joined the wife hunters today, all from Rolette, N. D., and headed by Ray Law.

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WIDE REFORM SEEN

Four Eastern Legislatures Will Convene January 2.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
 ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Legislatures of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota will convene January 2.

Woman suffrage, statutory prohibition and regulation of mining companies will be before the Minnesota legislature. It is believed that state wide prohibition and suffrage will be placed on the ballots of the next state election, as a result of legislative action this session. About two-thirds of Minnesota was made dry by local option laws enacted at the last legislative session.

In North Dakota, sweeping reforms' legislature convening January 2. Four years ago, a farmers' co-operative marketing organization, for non-speculative selling of their grain, was organized. As an outgrowth of this organization the Farmer's Non-partisan league, object strictly political, was organized.

Twice in general elections the Non-partisan league has swept North Dakota. Her legislature is filled with Non-partisan league candidates. These men are instructed to fight for state owned elevators, and are understood to advocate public ownership of public utilities. Adversaries of the Non-partisan league have referred to its aims as socialistic.

In South Dakota, enactment of laws to enforce state wide prohibition, passed by the voters at the last general election, is slated.

ONE LEG IS BROKEN, SOLDIER CRAVES WAR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 22.—With one leg already given to the Allied cause, Frederick C. Muir, a Minneapolis-born youth, educated in Canada, who is now at the Leamington hotel, is thinking seriously of enlisting in the aviation corps and returning to the western battle front in Europe. Muir's application for permission to enlist in the aviation service as soon as his wound no longer troubles him has been granted, his friends learned last night.

"My mother is living, and for her sake, I should like to stay out of the rest of the fight," he said last night. "I should like to get into architectural or structural engineering work, in which case I believe my release could be arranged, but as long as there is any fight left in me perhaps I ought to return to the war."

Mr. Muir is a healthy-looking man of 25 years and, despite the loss of his leg just above the knee, is active in getting around on crutches. An 1800-pound shell exploded 25 yards from him in July, 1915, a piece shattering his left leg.

OLD STAGE COACH YIELDS TO AUTO

CODY, Wyo., Dec. 22.—Stage-coaches that once took the visitors to Yellowstone national park through the most interesting spots in real western style, will do so no longer. They have been replaced by the more modern but less picturesque automobile.

Easterners who came to see the park were frequently thrilled when the driver in real western fashion "awung the leaders" down a sharp declivity, taking the descent at a fast gallop.

The change was made on orders from the department of the interior, and is said to have been agreed to by all the stage lines operating in the park. Thus the trip, while being made in more comfort and at greater speed, will lose much of the interest that formerly attached to it, according to park attaches.

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PLAN CHRISTMAS IN WAR'S MIDST

UNCLE SAM PROVIDES FOR DIPLOMATS.

Dainties Sent to Germany, Austria, Hungary Bulgaria and Turkey, But None to Americans in Russia or in England.

By Wilbur S. Forrest.
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding war food scarcity, food tickets, meatless days and fatless weeks, there will be real American Christmas dinners in Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey this year. Thanks to Uncle Sam, his diplomats and employes generally in the warring "foodless" nations will enjoy real turkey, cranberry sauce, oysters, pumpkin pie, etc., on December 25—all direct from America. Somewhere on the Atlantic today, or perhaps on the North Sea by now, are big steel boxes closed with the formidable seal of the American eagle, en route to Uncle Sam's diplomatic and consular folks in the central empires and smaller allied states.

A Christmas dinner for these "orphans" is one small job. Ambassador Gerard and his staff, in Berlin, together with the various consular representatives scattered throughout Germany, number more than 150 mouths. American official dependents in Austria and Hungary are equal in number to those in Germany and Bulgaria, and in Turkey they amount to 75, making 375 in all. This means that some of the 375 have families and the American state department must provide Christmas eats for all.

American embassies in London and Petrograd, where food is not so scarce, will have to provide their own Christmas feasts.

Before the high price of food became a factor in England, Ambassador Page used to act as wholesale grocer for his compatriots in the central empires. The food was bought in England and shipped via Holland. Finally British prices became too much for Jeffersonian simplicity and Ambassador Page suggested to Washington that the "catering" could better be done from America direct. A month ago orders from Berlin, Vienna, Budapest, Sofia and other points began to sound like Christmas. There were appealing references to real turkey, sage and oyster dressing, candles and other requisites which a Christmas dinner cannot be without. These orders reached America in plenty of time. The ship captain who has them in charge on the way to Europe has been requested to ask any submarine commander he happens to meet to "have a heart."

SWIMMERS SMILE OVER PRUDERY OF RULES OF A. A. U.

By H. C. Hamilton.
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Giggles that have gone from one end of the United States Pacific coast to the other were started recently when the Amateur Athletic union, meeting in New York, decided to keep women swimmers from competing with the male of the species, and as a side issue decreed that there must be a change in the garb worn by the lady-fish.

The A. A. U. highbrows ordained it to this effect: "All women contestants in swimming events must wear bathing suits of a black turtleneck that covers their bodies from shoulder to toe."

The giggle is still giggling, or it was at very recent reports. The mormons absolutely refused to get excited over the advice and announced that henceforth, just the same as heretofore, they will follow their own inclinations and wear the popular one-piece kind of Annette Kellerman decollete suits.

Several of these sprites declared with a grin tucked in here and there that to insist on women wearing stockings in swimming events is the funniest thing they ever heard suggested.

"I'd like to take some of those men, hang long stockings on them and then make them swim races in rough water," one remarked.

The women are united in declaring that the stockings quickly become water bags, retarding the swimmer and making it almost impossible to race.

Another remarked: "No girl would be able to achieve good time in a suit such as the officials prescribe. The knee and foot must be free. Neither man nor woman in the water feels at home with any fabric clogging the foot and legs. If the costume is insisted upon, it will simply put an end to women racing. But I do not expect

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western officials to agree to such narrow minded and unnecessary regulations." One woman well known as a swimmer wants to know why the A. A. U. officials didn't suggest that the women wear hats and shoes, too.

TWO DOLLARS A MONTH ALIMONY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—The smallest alimony ever recorded in the local superior court the given to Mrs. Catherine Tracy yesterday by Judge Seawell, when he allowed her an interlocutory decree of divorce and \$2 a month alimony from Joseph L. Tracy, a freeman.

The couple have two children. They separated ten years ago, and since then Tracy has kept the children and paid for their support in a convent. As Tracy offered no objection to his wife's application for divorce her plea was granted, but Judge Seawell expressed the conviction that a man who had cared well for his children for the past ten years should not be further burdened with much alimony.

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