

ELECTION RETURNS ARE INCOMPLETE

Chamberlain Probably Safe—Inman Gaining on Williams —Few Precincts Counted.

The entire Republican state ticket is elected, with the exception of W. J. Furnish, for governor. It appears to be a defeat for him. It is but fair, however, to say that the finals may even yet change the trend at present apparent.

There are many returns yet to come from counties that may cut down the lead that is Chamberlain's at this time.

The majorities of the remaining state candidates will be by such liberal margins as to make their races uninteresting. The fight was on the governorship. The interest centered on that office. The movement of the protesting Republicans was the thing that, added to the union of forces by the Democracy, gave Chamberlain the strength he had. He was of course, if at all, elected by Republican votes.

The returns that come in so often mention only the governorship vote and some of the local phases that the size of the majorities gained by the Republican state candidates cannot yet be given.

Also, it is certain that Tongue, in the First District, and Williamson, in the Second, are elected by heavy majorities.

quarters that precinct 34 had brought Inman up with a gain of 24 votes in the count up to date in that precinct. This gave the sawmill man 188 the lead, and his supporters began to take good cheer and hope that the result would be such as to permit them to do some loud shouting when the finals were all in from throughout the County.

MORE GAINS AT 11:30.
At 11:30 o'clock, the totals gave Inman 205 the lead, and his stock went up with a bound. Smiles appeared where gloom had reigned on many countenances, and there was expectancy that the victory might be his.

STILL MORE AT 11:45.
Then at fifteen minutes to 12 o'clock another boom occurred in Inman securities, when two precincts sent in Inman gains.

Precinct No. 23 sent in a total of votes counted and showed Inman 118, Williams, 81, a gain of 37 for Inman.

Precinct No. 30 gave Inman 60, Williams, 45, another Inman gain of 15. These two returns gave Inman an added gain of 42, and brought the total count to the moment so that Inman was 247 ahead.

The hour of noon struck with no more news of definite character. It was time to eat, but no one was hungry. Election returns tasted better than pork and beans or even than terrapin or canvas back duck. No one went to luncheon, but more came into the Citizens' headquarters and the room was jammed.

VARIOUS ESTIMATES.
Then began rapid estimates and only a few thousand votes, probably 3,500 or 4,000 had been counted, out of a total of about 15,000 cast in the city of Portland.

If the same proportion were kept up, Inman would win by approximately 800 to 850. This was the prevailing sentiment, though everyone knew that any hour might change the face of the returns and give the lead to Williams.

REPUBLICAN CLAIMS.
Over at the Republican headquarters there was a disposition to claim Williams' election, although Chairman Matthews conceded that there was nothing yet but guessing and that the end could not be accurately predicted. He said:

"Our figures show Williams slightly ahead, but the margin is so narrow that the count as it progresses may wipe it out at any moment. It remains an open question yet as to who will be mayor."

"The count goes on slowly, and at the close of the day the totals are such as to leave all sorts of possibilities for the outcome."

COUNTY OFFICERS

No Result Can Be Given for Hours.

The County offices are all in doubt. No one, unless it be Omniscience, knows at this time who are elected, and the status of affairs at Citizens' and Republican headquarters is such as to render it somewhat difficult to establish direct communication with the domain of infinite knowledge.

There was a tendency to believe Driscoll was slightly in the advantage, with Bird, Independent, and Storey, Republican, fighting for tail-end honors.

Going down the line on the other officers, the facts were that there was almost as much doubt at 3:30 this afternoon as when the polls were opened yesterday.

TICKETS CUT.
The Citizens' and Republican tickets were all cut to pieces here and elsewhere. One precinct would show the Citizens ahead, another the Republicans, and yet another would show that half of one and half of the other was receiving support. Any of the candidates may win. It will be hours yet before the end will be in sight.

As to drift, there was none. It was a choppy sea, with a gale blowing and no break in the Eastern sky. Not one County candidate could be found who would give any reason for the faith that was in him, and few had any faith that he was successful.

CHARTER CARRIES.
As to the initiative and referendum, only one result is, of course, possible, and that is that it carries unless it be that so many failed to mark their ballots that the requisite majority of all votes registered were marked "Yes." A majority of all votes cast would not suffice.

Many ballots were not marked as to the initiative and referendum. The same is true with reference to the city charter. The voters apparently thought more of the personality of the

THE LATEST

At 3 o'clock 11 completed precincts gave the following totals:
Chamberlain, 759.
Furnish, 717.
Geer, 423.
Wood, 401.
Butcher, 439.
Williamson, 941.
Lane, 624.
McGinn, 700.
Inman, 498.
Williams, 623.

The first counted votes were those cast in the afternoon as the election boards went deeper in the boxes and got to the morning votes, the trend was somewhat favorable to the Citizens' ticket.

At 3 o'clock it is "anyone's fight" on local officers, with reasonable certainty that Chamberlain will have about 2000 majority in the state, carrying also this county.

About one-half the vote of the county has been counted. The finals will be in at sometime tomorrow.

candidates than for the abstractions of municipal law and constitutional changes. Both measures will remain in doubt up to the end of the count, when both will probably carry, provided neglect was not too common on the voters' part.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

JACKSON COUNTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
ASHLAND, Or., June 3.—Out of 33 precincts, 18 heard from give Chamberlain 1061, Furnish 1090. Precincts yet to hear from will give Chamberlain a majority of 100. Democratic Legislative ticket from Jackson County is elected, excepting E. V. Carter, Republican, elected ever Neil for Senator.

The entire county Democratic ticket is elected, excepting Patterson for Supervisor and Applegate for Recorder.

UMATILLA COUNTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
PENDLETON, Or., June 3.—Chamberlain's plurality in this county will be 300 and Raley 250. The Democrats elect all the county ticket with the exception of Recorder, Commissioner and Coroner. The Democrats elect Pierce Joint Senator, Smith Senator, Blakley Representative. The Republicans will elect probably one Representative by a small plurality. Matlock, Joint Representative, is in doubt. Chances favor Phelps, Republican.

MARION COUNTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Ore., June 3.—Marion County goes Chamberlain by from 200 to 500 plurality. The usual Republican majorities except on Sheriff and State Printer. Colbath, Democrat for Sheriff, and Godfrey, Democrat, for State Printer will have small majorities.

POLK COUNTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
DALLAS, June 3.—The totals in Polk County are as follows:
Chamberlain, 1121; Furnish, 984.
Dean, 1089; Bonham, 942.
Dunbar, 1089; Sears, 942.
Blackman, 820; Moore, 1132.
Ackerman, 1069; Wann, 1029.
Crawford, 1154; Raley, 912.
Godfrey, 972; Whitney, 1055.
Tongue, 1145; Weatherford, 906.
Geer, 1142; Wood, 853.
Jones, Republican, 1092; Simpson, Democrat, 921.
Butler, Democrat, 886; Hawkins, Republican, 1138.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

(Journal Special Service.)
ROSEBURG, Ore., June 3.—Chamberlain carries this county by from 200 to 400. The Democrats will elect Assessor and Coroner. Election quiet. Full vote. Returns are coming in slowly.

WASCO COUNTY.

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THE DALLES, Or., June 3.—Nineteen

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CHAMBERLAIN WINS PRECINCT

The election of Geo. Chamberlain was conceded early last night. It is probable that nothing short of an earthquake could shake his hold on the executive chair. The city and county were showing up finely for him, and the country counties were doing yeoman service. Counties heretofore Republican were coming with returns indicating Chamberlain gains, and in not one locality of the state had there been losses. Chamberlain had gained in almost every one of the 800 to 1000 precincts in Oregon.

At noon, Mr. Chamberlain was seen by The Journal, and asked to say something and he replied:
CHAMBERLAIN TAKES.
"I am assured by my friends that I have carried Multnomah County and the

Vote Given as the Count Progresses.

Who will be mayor of Portland remains the absorbing topic of the election speculation. George E. Chamberlain's election is conceded by Democrats and Republicans of all shades of political belief. But as to Portland's chief executive, the end cannot yet be told. At seven o'clock a. m. today, when the night count had ended, Inman was 124 ahead, based on partial returns from 25 precincts. During the forenoon this lead was increased until 10:30 o'clock it stood at 164 to the good for Inman, with returns coming in slowly. Precincts 25, 29 and 30 were complete at that hour.

GRADUAL CLIMB FOR INMAN.
Crowds of people in a score of places had assembled to receive the news, and The Journal was besieged from all directions to satisfy the consuming curiosity of the feverishly anxious citizens.

RETURNS

Of Election Unusually Slow.

The rule of law requires that the judges and clerks of election shall, after completing their count, seal their report of the same and return to the County Clerk.

These reports must remain in his hands until five days have elapsed. It is the expectation of the law that by that time all the returns will be in.

In case the returns are not all in by the expiration of five days, the County Clerk is authorized to break the seals, and then the official count begins.

The law also directs that the judges and clerks of election shall post, in their respective booths, a copy of their reports on the number of ballots cast for each candidate, for the information of the public.

It appears that in making the count last night, there were numerous provoking delays. In the outlying districts which were not accessible by messenger at a late hour, it was not possible to get returns, even by telephone. In some precincts the reports did not begin to come in until 11:30 and even then were very incomplete.

Under all the circumstances it is not strange that complete figures were unobtainable. The fault does not lie with the newspapers, for they are strenuous in the public service; neither does the fault lie with any individual judge or clerk of election.

There has been evident a manifest lack of system somewhere. The lack of definite information is aggravating to the public. In other states, notably in California, where the Australian ballot system also prevails, there is a perfect adjustment of the wheels in the complicated political machine. Wads of incompetency do not get in to the clog the cogs. Everything is so perfectly systematized that there are no delays and definite figures are obtainable.

For the most part, those who were officially in charge of booths, treated newspaper reporters with decency. In one instance, however, this was not so. Threats were made to throw the reporter out. Occasionally such low-bred persons will work themselves into these places. They would disgrace a tramp's rockpile.

Up to 10 o'clock reports had not been turned in for public information to the

County Clerk from seven precincts, although the sealed boxes containing the ballots had been. These were Nos. 13, 20, 23, 28, 29 and 56. Such a lack of forethought is inexcusable, and most unpardonable. It is well to acquaint the public with these facts, not so much in a



GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN.

spirit of fault-finding, but with the object of preventing such blunders in future elections.

At an early hour this morning men with sealed ballot boxes were at the County Clerk's office, where there was no one to receive them.

In the 56th precinct, when the ballot box was brought in, it was found that the sheet, showing the tabulated total vote, was not made out. When the inquiry was made as to why this had not been done, the answer was that the judges wanted to catch a car, hence, did not take the trouble to make one out. This was truly considerate and showed a higher conception of duty to the pub-

"What's the latest from the election?"
"Is it true that Chamberlain is elected?"
"How about Inman? Is he gaining yet?"
These were the questions that came thick and fast.

The answers were invariably that Inman, the Citizens' candidate, and Judge Williams were running a pretty race with the younger man slightly in the lead, and exhibiting better endurance than the venerable man who was entered against him.

GAINED AT 11 O'CLOCK.
At exactly eleven o'clock, the phone brought the news to the Citizens' head-