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## NEGROES DRIVE OUT WHITES AND TAKE POSSESSION OF THE POLLS

### GENERAL RAIN OVER OREGON INTERFERES WITH BALLOTING

### RIOTS MAR IN SPITE OF RAIN CITY VOTE IS HEAVY; COUNTRY VOTE LIGHT

#### BOTH LEADERS CLAIMING LIGHT VOTE IS AN AID

Betting in Portland Livens Up—One Wager of \$1000 That State Goes Wet by 5000 Finds No Taker—Odds 10 to 7 on Bowerman.

PORTLAND, Nov. 8.—General rains in the Willamette valley and along the Oregon coast was responsible for a light vote this forenoon. Despite the poor showing of the first hour's poll, a fair vote is anticipated on account of the various local fights throughout the state that stirred the voters during the campaign. Both republican and democratic leaders assert that the lighter vote will prove favorable to their candidates.

Betting in Portland livens up considerably today. Money was freely offered at 10 to 7 that Bowerman, the republican candidate, would beat West, the democratic nominee. There were few West takers.

A \$1000 wager to be bet on the proposition that Oregon will go wet by 5000 votes is in the hands of a commissioner, but so far no one has offered to bet on prohibition success.

SALEM, Nov. 8.—A lighter vote than was expected is being cast today throughout the Willamette valley. This is said to be a factor in Robert G. Smith's (dem.) favor against W. C. Hawley.

The vote in Marion county has been light in the country precincts. Salem is polling a heavy vote.

PENDLETON, Nov. 8.—A light vote was cast here in the opening hours today, owing to rain, but the voting at noon became brisk and a heavy vote is promised.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 8.—Voting began early in this city and was continued heavy. A large vote will be polled.

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 8.—A drizzling rain is falling, but it is not interfering with the balloting, which is decidedly brisk.

Up to 10 o'clock today fully 20 per cent of the registered vote had been cast in the Grants Pass precincts. Every notary in town is rushed with work, swearing in voters who failed to register.

The wet and dry question is bringing out the voters. Robert G. Smith, democratic candidate for congress, is polling a good vote.

#### GETS IN WELL ESCAPES ARREST

Block and Tackle Needed in Order to Arrest 200-Pound Man Who Gets Down in Well and Jeers Officers—Wanted for Disturbing Peace.

SOUTH PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 8.—Deputy Constables Jones and Walker today are rigging a block and tackle to be used to arrest W. D. Browning, who weighs 200 pounds, and who descends into a 40-foot well every time the officers appear at his ranch, near South Pasadena.

Browning is accused of disturbing the peace. When the officers went to his home last night to arrest him he walked to the well and calmly lowered himself. From his retreat he entertained the officers by singing and jeered at them because they could not fulfill their mission.

Jones declared today that if Browning again retreats to his subterranean stronghold he will descend with a gun and compel the man to attach himself to the hoisting apparatus.

#### HEAVIEST VOTE IN NEW YORK HISTORY IS OUT

Betting as to Outcome Is Exceedingly Light—Not More Than \$300,000 Is Wagered—Stimson Expects a Close Race—Teddy Confident.

SCHNECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Indications are that Henry L. Stimson, republican candidate for governor, has carried Schnectady city and county by 600 to 800 reports from Schoharie county say the county will go democratic by 500. Reports from Montgomery county indicate that Stimson will carry that county by a small plurality.

This indicates a republican loss in each county.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—In spite of the first snowfall of the season, voters began arriving early at the polls today and it was predicted that the heaviest vote in New York's political history would be cast. Cold weather and continued snowfall failed to dampen the ardor of the voters and up to noon a steady stream of citizens poured in and out of the polls or stood and talked politics.

Although interest was keen, betting was exceptionally light. In Wall street it was asserted that not more than \$300,000 in all had been wagered on the outcome. Such bets as were recorded were at odds of 2 1/2 and 3 to 1 with Dix the favorite. Even money could be had that he would carry the state by 50,000 plurality and most of the betting was along this line.

Followers of Stimson look for a close race. Colonel Roosevelt announced soon after the polls opened that Stimson would win by 25,000. The democrats still claimed that Dix's plurality would be at least 100,000. Chairman Prentice of the republican central committee last night issued a final call for financial assistance. The appeal declared that a democratic victory in New York today will mean that the democrats will carry the state for the democratic presidential candidate in 1912.

Voting in the east side began in earnest as soon as the polls were opened, the early voting there being the heaviest in the city.

#### Garage Burns.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of automobiles went up in smoke today in a fire that destroyed the Pullman automobile garage, near Golden Gate park. In addition to the machines, the fire damaged the building to the extent of \$25,000.

The fire marshal and police are investigating the origin of the blaze, which was not apparent at a cursory examination. The building contained inflammable materials and the fire spread rapidly, practically consuming the garage.

The automobiles were fully insured.

#### HARMON RUNS BETTER THAN HE DID 2 YEARS AGO

Cincinnati Times-Star. Owned by Charles P. Taft, Admits That Harmon Will Carry Cincinnati—Republicans Say Cleveland Also.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 8.—The Cincinnati Times-Star, the paper owned by Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, practically admits that Governor Harmon, democrat, will carry Hamilton county (Cincinnati). The paper this afternoon says: "Indications are that Harmon is running better than he did in 1908."

Harmon carried Hamilton county by 20,000 in 1908.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 8.—Recorder Maschke, republican leader, this afternoon conceded that Governor Harmon, democrat, will carry Cuyahoga county (Cleveland) by 10,000 plurality. In 1908 Harmon's plurality was 1700.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 8.—Approximately 900,000 Ohioans are voting today. Harding must average a gain of 4 1/2 votes for every precinct in the state to win. The democrats say that the election of Harmon is certain. It is believed that only a tremendous landslide could elect Harding. It is declared that in order to win Harding must carry Cleveland and Cincinnati, and that the indications so far show that Harmon is increasing the vote he reached two years ago.

The Roosevelt campaign against Harmon in northern Ohio has not decreased the democratic vote. The close of the campaign last night witnessed a sudden spurt in the betting and there was some Harding money in evidence today.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 8.—Over 40 per cent of Cleveland's vote had been cast four hours after the polls opened today, in spite of the fact that it was the coldest day of the year to date. Watchers at the polls predicted that there was being much scratching of ballots.

#### SPURNED MAN'S LOVE AND IS MURDERED

RITZVILLE, Wash., Nov. 8.—Because a pretty school teacher on Rattlesnake Flat spurned his love, Patrick Collins, a rancher, last night shot and killed her, and then tried to kill himself. The bullet was deflected by a rib and the doctor says he will live.

The young woman was alone in the house where she lived. Collins returned yesterday from Spokane. He went at once to the home of Miss Pittman, presumably to again urge his suit. She refused, it is supposed, and the shooting followed. The bullet entered the abdomen and death was almost instantaneous.

Miss Pittman was about 35 years of age. Her home was at 130 Shannon avenue, Spokane.

#### ELECTION OFFICERS APPEAL FOR AID AND ARMED MEN ARE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE—BATTLE EXPECTED—TROUBLE OVER NEGRO'S VOTE UNDER OKLAHOMA LAW.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Nov. 8.—When white election officers at Fussy Creek precinct, in Wagoner county, attempted to prevent negroes from voting today, the negroes, who outnumbered the whites ten to one in that district, drove out the whites and took possession of the polls.

Rioting followed and a race war is feared. In response to appeals for aid from election officers at Coweta, the nearest white town to Fussy creek, two automobiles carrying 15 armed men with rifles, were rushed to the troubled black zone.

A battle is expected when the white officers arrive. The armed posse of whites plan to disarm the rioters and restore the white election officers to their posts. The trouble started when the negroes were prevented from voting under the "grandfather clause," although they presented affidavits of their qualification for voting.

The troubles over the negro vote today, which broke out in Wagoner county, and which are threatened in other parts of the state, are the result of the adoption of an amendment to the Oklahoma constitution taking the ballot from those who cannot read or write, or whose grandfathers were not eligible to vote. The amendment was aimed at the negro vote, which is very large, and the Indians and halfbreeds, who are entitled under certain qualifications to vote.

Negroes today in all parts of the state are armed and the whites at the polls have also been armed to prevent any attack.

In Fussy Creek district the negroes are particularly strong and were very bitter against the act which they declared was an infringement of their rights. When the polls opened today they proceeded to the polling places, openly carrying arms. The whites, who were in control of the polls, refused to allow certain negroes to vote who presented affidavits that they were eligible. Some of them affirmed that their grandfathers were voters and others alleged that they were able to read and write. The officers at the polling places refused to allow them to cast their votes. The negroes at once stormed the polling place, drove out the white officers and took charge of the election. The news of the action soon reached other sections of the county where there is a heavy negro vote and the negroes became threatening. If the whites who have gone to secure the polls are compelled to fight the negroes it is feared that it will be the signal for a wholesale riot throughout the districts where the negroes, Indians, Indian halfbreeds and the Cuban negro halfbreeds are thickest. The situation is considered grave and the news of the whites who drove to the Fussy Creek district is anxiously awaited here.

#### WOMEN ACTIVE IN COLORADO POLITICS

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 8.—Women were among the most active workers at the polls today throughout the state. The weather was ideal and it was predicted that 90 per cent of the registered vote had been polled at noon.

Indications were that Governor Shafroth (dem.) would be re-elected and that the initiative and referendum amendments would carry by substantial pluralities.

#### GRAHAM'S ELECTION IS CONCEDED BY REPUBLICANS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 8.—The re-election of Congressman J. M. Graham, democrat, a member of the Ballinger investigating committee, is conceded by the republicans.

#### Gillett Loses Vote.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Governor Gillett loses his vote today by changing his residence from Enclena to San Francisco, where he will reside after his term of office expires. The governor went to San Francisco to vote, but it was found that the Gillett residence had not been established there long enough to entitle the governor to vote.

#### Spellacy Confident.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 8.—Timothy Spellacy, democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, today predicted the election of the entire democratic state ticket. He said Bell would carry 45 counties with a fighting chance in all the others. Spellacy will hear the returns in Los Angeles.

#### LOOKS LIKE HODGES WILL WIN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 8.—Scratching is general today and this is taken as an indication that there will be a landslide for the democratic candidate for governor, George Hodges. It is believed that the railroad men have been successful in directing away votes from Governor Stubbs on account of the governor's railroad attacks. Indications are that Stubbs' plurality will not exceed 5000, if, indeed, he is elected.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 8.—Indications this afternoon were that the Louisiana voters would approve the proposed constitutional amendment assessing a special tax to raise \$10,000,000 in support of the Panama exposition.

#### DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING GREAT GAINS IN EAST

Claim Election of Eugene Foss Over Eben S. Draper for Governor of Massachusetts—Incomplete Returns Show Great Gain in Votes.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 8.—Democratic leaders already are claiming the election of Eugene Foss over Eben S. Draper for governor. They base the claim on the fact that a gain of 4 per cent in the vote of last election would give the democrats the lead. Returns so far received indicate a larger gain than this.

HOLBROOK, Mass., Nov. 8.—Ten precincts here give Draper (rep.) 214, Foss (dem.) 169. Two years ago Draper 243, Vahey (dem.) 149. Democratic gain, 20.

New Bedford—Four precincts give Draper 767, Foss 1066. Same two years ago gave Draper 575, Vahey 846. Democratic gain 220.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Nov. 8.—Six precincts give Foss 1504, Draper 1165. Two years ago same precincts gave Draper 1082, Vahey 1287. Democratic gain 217.

#### Light Vote in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 8.—Seattle is polling the lightest percentage of its vote of any time in its history. A drizzling rain is falling and aside from an occasional plumed automobile, there is no sign in the streets that the polling places are open.

The atmospheric conditions has cast a gloom over the republican workers, especially in Congressman Humphrey's headquarters, while there is jubilation among the democrats.

The outlook for the non-partisan judicial candidates for the supreme bench is bright.

#### Heavy Vote in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Nov. 8.—The heaviest vote in the history of Wyoming will be recorded when the polls close, if the present ratio is continued. The weather is perfect, and this, it is said, will enhance the chances of John M. Carey, democratic candidate for governor.

The democrats claim that the republican majority in the state legislature will be greatly reduced.

#### Snow Sweeps Montana.

BUTTE, Nov. 8.—Rain which began at 6 o'clock this morning soon turned into snow and the storm swept most of the state. The rural vote, it is believed, will be very light.

#### Heavy Rains in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 8.—Heavy rains prevailed here today and indicate a light vote.

#### BETTING LIVELY ON OUTCOME OF BALLOT BATTLE

Many Bets Recorded in Medford on Chances of Candidates, But Particularly on Governorship and the Wet or Dry Question.

Monday evening interest in the outcome of the state and county election suddenly became more lively than at any time during the campaign. A large number of election bets were made with various odds. Some of the offers excited the jeers of bystanders, who disagreed with the one offering to bet, while some were backed up.

The greater share of the money was placed on the governorship. Betting was brisk, much Bowerman money being placed at 2 to 1. Later the odds were reduced to 10 to 7, where they remain today.

Many bets at even money were placed on the wet and dry question, while 2 to 1 was offered that three out of five Medford precincts will vote wet.

Even money was placed that Jones would beat Ballinger for sheriff by 250 votes.

Ten to seven was offered that Smith would beat Hawley in Jackson county by 750 votes.

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Gold Hill—After 9 o'clock voting became brisk and has continued so. Talent—Voting light up until noon.

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#### RAIN IN IDAHO CHECKS VOTING

Hundreds Are Kept From Polls and Republicans Claim That This Is Having Serious Effect on Their Chances for Success.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 8.—A steady downpour in Southern Idaho today is keeping hundreds of voters from the polls. Early reports indicate that a light vote will be cast throughout the state.

Republican leaders admit that their chances for success have materially lessened by reason of the inclement weather conditions, as they expected to roll up their largest majorities in the country districts.

As the democrats are opposing statewide prohibition, the loss of the country votes and the women's ballot augur favorably for democratic success. Republican leaders, however, assert that the entire state ticket will be elected by an average of 5000 majority.

Oil Men to Meet.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Nov. 8.—Oil men from every section of California will meet in Bakersfield next Saturday to discuss means to secure from the federal government and congress a statement relating the future policy of the government in the disposition and development of public oil lands in this state. The session will last two days.