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WHY TAFT.

- Gov. Chas. E. Hughes: When we hear sounded a strident call to defense of popular rights, we look carefully to see who constitute the new patriotic army into whose keeping we are asked to turn over the destinies of this great nation.

Mrs. Dollie Logan Tucker is said to take after her father. She is also taking after her husband—with a sharp stick.

There never was a time when labor was better employed or at higher wages. Intelligent workmen will vote to continue this state of affairs by voting for Taft, Sherman and Kennedy.

Voters residing in towns of 3,500 population and over are the only ones required to register. There are only two towns of this size in Lee county—Keokuk and Fort Madison.

Officers of the National Home Finding Society have succeeded in interesting the President in their work. One of these, Theodore Dreiser, told the President that there are now 100,000 dependent children without homes.

dent will take up this subject with congress.

One Chicago business firm has offered a premium of \$10,000 for a \$100,000 policy of insurance against the election of Bryan.

The Gate City's revision of its estimate of Kennedy's majority, giving him 3,500 instead of 3,000 has called forth the suggestion from the Burlington Hawk-Eye that probably the extra 500 have been reading the Democratic papers of the district of late.

A local Democratic leader told a voter residing in Jackson township (outside) that it would be necessary for him to register in order to vote.

Secretary Wilson's prediction that Iowa land will soon command \$200 an acre is in a fair way to be fulfilled.

Cheap wages make cheap living. The Democratic party propose to make wages cheap by abolishing protection and inviting a flood of foreign products made by workmen whose pay is much less than that of workmen in this country.

Professor Laughlin of Chicago University, in his address before the Illinois Bankers' Association, aptly reduced Mr. Bryan's pet proposition to guarantee bank deposits to this plain statement: "If A steals B's horse, go to the most honest man in the village, C, and rob him of a horse to pay for B's loss—it will increase the eagerness of all men to be honest and discourage horse stealing."

Experiments conducted by the bureau of Forestry and of Plant Industry at Washington are said to have demonstrated that paper can be made from cornstalks by much the same process as that used in treating wood pulp.

James T. Lloyd, congressman from the First district of Missouri, explained the fundamental differences between the Republican and the Democratic parties in a speech to an audience of young voters in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium in Chicago a few evenings ago.

THE ABSURDITY OF IT.

The absurdity of Mr. Bryan's bank guaranty scheme was clearly pointed out by Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin of the University of Chicago in an address before the Illinois Bankers' Association in Chicago a few days ago.

Professor Laughlin went on to say that if a depositor wishes none of the privileges of a commercial bank he can get absolute safety in a deposit vault. But in the politician's view, he wants the privileges and none of the conditions going with deposits in a commercial bank.

absurd to make a carefully managed bank guarantee the deposits of a reckless or dishonest one. That is what Mr. Bryan proposes shall be done.

YOU MUST REGISTER.

This is presidential year and if you wish to participate in the election November 3, and live in a town of 3,500 population or over, you must register. Registration days in Iowa will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 22, 23 and 24, and Saturday, October 31. The registrars will be found at the polling places on the date mentioned.

TAFT GIVEN 293 VOTES.

A forecast of the election result compiled by the magazine Success from a poll of its life subscribers gives Taft 293 electoral votes, or fifty-six more than needed. There are about 15,000 of these life subscribers, residing in all the states in the Union, and votes were received from 11,007 up to the "closing of the polls" on October 7.

These subscribers were asked to express not only their personal politics, but to answer the questions: "For what candidate you intend to vote?" and "How do you think your state will go?"

"As a result of all the information thus obtained, we have found it impossible to doubt that in inspecting looking directly into the hearts of the American people, and the conviction has been forced upon us that in the following presentation and discussion we are correctly interpreting the general feeling in each state of the Union as it existed in the last two weeks of September."

Table showing electoral votes by state for Taft and Bryan. States include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Entire country, 298 161 24. *Probabilities favor Republican success. **Probabilities favor Democratic success.

According to the article, New York state presents no signs of being even a doubtful state this year. The drift of Republican votes to Bryan being only 3 per cent and the independent vote is 60 per cent for Taft and 40 per cent for Bryan.

Ohio is classed as surely for Taft. Indiana, according to the magazine vote, is surely for Taft. Nebraska is considered doubtful, because of a Republican drift to Bryan of 11 per cent and a Democratic drift to Taft of 4 per cent, with 85 per cent of the independent vote for Bryan, with Republican pluralities in the past.

MONSTER SUFFRAGE PETITION.

Without waiting for the result of this litigation, the advocates of votes for women have started to secure a great petition to congress, signed by all the prominent men and women in the movement, including a number of senators and congressmen and their wives.

The leader of the movement is Lady Cook, a sister of the Virginia Woodhull, who in the 70's ran for President as the candidate of the Equal Rights party, and who was permitted to address congress, being the first woman to have that privilege accorded. Lady Cook then was known as "Tennessee Clafin." She has lived until recently in England, where she married, and has taken a prominent part in the suffrage movement there, being the possessor of a large fortune. She says that the American woman suffrage battle is to be fought out on legal lines.

MEYING FOR AUDITOR.

Henry Heying, the Republican candidate for county auditor, has been actively and successfully engaged in business in Fort Madison for twenty-one years and enjoys the confidence and friendship of that community and of all who know him in an eminent degree. The duties of the auditor's office are complex and exacting and require a special order of talent for their successful discharge.

If elected auditor there is every assurance that Mr. Heying will discharge the duties of the office with ability and fidelity. Both his personal character and his training and experience as a business man make this a foregone conclusion. He is perfectly competent and wholly trustworthy and will take justifiable pride in doing the work in the best possible manner.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The earl of Rosslyn has married a poor girl. "Poor, poor girl!" exclaims the Omaha Bee.

It has been noticed by the Philadelphia Record that most of our mistakes, also, are self-made.

"Two is company," says the Chicago News, "but with the father in the parlor there is a multitude."

The Odebolt Chronicle sees clearly that if you voted for Roosevelt you ought also to vote for Taft.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil harbors the suspicion that Mr. Hearst is saving up for the very last week.

The Chicago News, explaining why so many widowers remarry, says that "some men just have to be bossed."

The Topeka State Journal notes that the man who maintains that whisky is good for a cold usually has a cold.

It is the opinion of the Topeka Capital that some church members "return thanks for some mighty poor meals."

The bachelor of the New York Press has observed that there is nothing more uncomfortable than being truthful in practice as well as in principle.

The Chicago Record-Herald has discovered that as soon as a man gets \$10,000 he begins to fear that somebody is trying to stir up class hatred.

The Ida County Pioneer anxiously inquires: "But what do the people of Oklahoma think of Bryan?" "Sh, it isn't mailable," cautions the Sioux City Tribune.

And it is not surprising, thinks the Milwaukee Wisconsin, that city boys visiting the farm for the first time should think that the goat is kept in the buttery.

The rural carrier who stole from the Bryan campaign contributions has confessed. "Haskell is still brazening it out, however," remarks the Marshalltown Times-Republican.

It is a conceit of the St. Joseph News. Press that the turning of Lot's wife into a pillar of salt is nothing by comparison with the fate of a St. Joseph woman who looked over her shoulder and turned into a dry goods store.

Mr. Kennedy a Winner.

Burlington Saturday Evening Post: From all over this congressional district come encouraging reports concerning Mr. Kennedy's campaign. These reports are of such a nature as to create the belief that he will make gains in every voting precinct. That the people generally are more than pleased with the two years of excellent work put in down at Washington by Congressman Kennedy is evident to all who have noted the progress of the campaign.

A Talented Congress.

Des Moines Capital: In a congress of mothers it always develops that there is plenty of good timber for speaker of the house.

Just So.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: Keokuk is spilling a base ball park to create a location for a power plant. Keokuk prefers factories by a dam site.

Campaigning.

I doesn't undertake to say jes' what it's all about, But it's highly beneficial an' I hasn't any doubt. Dat dis great an' glorious country would have trouble foh to reach Dis glorious greatness if somebody didn't make a speech.

It's kind o' mystifyin' but to judge it by de sound' It's mos' as good as preachin' when camp meetin' time comes 'round. I listens very careful an' when all de shoutin's through I's feelin' mighty thankful to de men dat comes along. A pourin' out dem wisdom words so generous an' so strong. Of course dar's matters mentioned dat I doesn't understand, But I like de conversation an' de music of de band.

EASTERN DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

Gains are Expected for Bryan, But Not Enough to Win.

Jud Welliver's New York dispatch in Independent Sioux City Tribune: Bryan will make great gains, but not enough to win. That is the shortest summary of expert political opinion in this town at this date.

The possibility of the Democrats electing a President without New York is more and more talked about. There is something strange in the present reversal of political form in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, according to the political students who come back here, the people all agree that Bryan hasn't a ghost of a chance without New York.

Everybody wonders what it is that's in the air. There's something. They all admit it. It is recalled that ten days before election four years ago the Republican managers got panic stricken and went out to make a tremendous hustle for New York state's electoral vote. They were seriously and honestly worked.

And yet they were at that moment being borne along on a wave of public sentiment which swept them over the line with 2,500,000 popular majority—three times as much as any President had ever received.

Is it any wonder that there is uncertainty now? If James K. Jones were yet alive, even he would hesitate to make any forecasts about this election. Everybody agrees in the beginning that Taft will probably be elected, all right; and then the inevitable but.

"But" there are so many uncertainties. "But" there is the temperance issue in Ohio and Indiana. "But" there is the LaFollette sphinx in Wisconsin. "But" there is the local fight in New York. "But" there is the bank guarantee issue in Kansas and the state pride factor in Nebraska. "But" there is the prevailing doubt as to where the labor vote will land, and the vague misgivings in both camps concerning the outworking of the prosperity and employment questions.

There is a conflict in the minds of many railroad employes about whether they should vote for or against Taft. They conceive that Taft represents the idea of injunctions in labor disputes, and don't like him for it. But on the other hand they believe also that Taft represents the best chance of restoring their jobs and the normal current of business and the certainty of making a living. If business were good, Taft would lose a big railroad vote, but being bad, and the very concrete issue of a job being more immediate than the abstraction of "judicial despotism," they incline to vote for the job and take the chance, on despotism later. The despotism of being jobless looks more serious than the despotism of being compelled to keep it when a strike is contemplated.

Railroad Men's Attitude.

This explains the attitude of thousands of railroad men who are sentimentally friendly to Taft. It is the analysis which an Ohio politician gives, in explanation of his claim that the loss of railroad votes in that state will be less than the Republicans might otherwise expect. And there's the unemployed vote in general. Some of it will vote for a change on the ground that "things couldn't be worse," but as election grows nearer the impression that the Republican party is the real patron and guardian of business seems to grow. The Democrats have the desperation end; the Republicans have two hope ends. That's about all there is to the unemployed question. The indications point to a close victory of hope over desperation.

A Fearful Thought.

If chance should suddenly disclose All of the letters ever writ, 'Tis only reason to suppose That this big world would have a fit!

ADDS TO CORN FIGURES

Secretary Wells Puts Iowa's Crop for 1908, 7,000,000 Bushels Higher.

DES MOINES, Oct. 19.—Iowa's corn crop gained an additional 7,000,000 bushels between Sept. 1 and the final week of the month, when Jack Frost put a "kink" in further development. This is the estimate of Secretary George A. Wells of the Western Grain Dealers' association who issued his report for October yesterday.

Secretary Wells estimates that the total yield in Iowa will be 287,000,000 bushels. This is 7,000,000 bushels more than he estimated the probable yield on Sept. 1. It is within 3,000,000 bushels of the estimate of the government, which places the total yield at 290,000,000 bushels, while Dr. Chapell's dope has been about 275,000,000 bushels.

From the reports from all sections of the state, furnished by Mr. Wells, the corn crop this year is 15 per cent ahead of last year's crop. It is also given out that about 10 per cent of the corn will be soft, which indicates in the opinion of Iowa grain men, that the frost would have done well to hold off a fortnight or so longer.

Secretary Wells in speaking of the condition of the state at large in respect to corn yield says as follows: (1) The high, well tilled or drained lands show remarkably heavy yields per acre.

(2) The level flat lands that are not low or overflowed, but simply flat with no drainage, are giving disappointing results as to yields per acre.

(3) The low, overflowed and washed lands have to a large extent produced no crops whatever.

The True Test.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: While the Democrats of the First district are asking Mr. Kennedy how he is going to vote on the question of the Republican speakership they might include a few questions as to how Mr. Kennedy did vote on measures in congress. That is the true test of a congressman's worth. What he has done in the past has a greater bearing on his value to his constituents than any question of what he may do in the future. Performances are better than promises.

Mr. Kennedy's record is unassailable, and the Democrats know it. Therefore, they are resorting to an attempt to create prejudice and strife among the Republicans with the hope that they may profit by it. They know their only hope for winning is to create a division among their opponents. However, the methods they are using to accomplish this break will utterly fail. Republican voters are not to be hoodwinked by any such scheme.

ASK FOR SENATORIAL BALLOT.

And Vote for Major John F. Lacey as Senator Allison's Successor.

The extra session of the Iowa legislature amended the primary election law in order to enable the Republicans of the state who had declared their preference for William B. Allison for United States senator, to select another candidate, on account of the death of Allison, at a primary election to be held in connection with the November election.

By the provisions of the amended primary law only those who believe in the principles of the Republican party and generally support its candidates are entitled to cast a vote for United States senator.

In order to vote for senator, the voter must ask for a printed ballot which will be furnished by the clerk of election. This request contains a statement that the voter affiliates with the Republican party and supports the candidates of the party. This request must be signed by the voter and is to be preserved and become part of the records of the election. Presentation of this request proposed, the voter will be furnished with a senatorial election ballot which he must mark and deliver to the judges as he does the Australian ballot.

In case the voter's right to vote is challenged, he must swear to the truth of the statement he has signed and a false oath renders the making it liable to punishment as perjury.

Remember the date, November and vote for Major John F. Lacey.

Chance to Learn Trades.

To the Editor of The Gate City: There is immediate demand for men and women to learn trades in this city at fair wages. The first thing for a young man to do is to learn a trade. I am in favor of more mechanical training in our schools.

Gubernatorial Candidates Ill.

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 17.—Both candidates for governor are seriously ill. The interest is shown in the political situation here. It is predicted that the vote will be very light.

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