

TEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT TAKEN IN DOUBTFUL STATES BY ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC GIVES WILSON BIG LEAD

The following is a compilation of the first results from the "straw" vote being conducted by The Republic in every debatable State of the Union. The returns are set forth as they have been received to date of publication. Additions will be made to this unbiased political test as they are obtained. Those States from which ballots have been received follows:

—WILL VOTE IN 1912—				
WHERE TAKEN	TAFT	WILSON	TEDDY	DEHS
ARIZONA	211	762	312	48
CALIFORNIA	1,297	2,396	2,026	800
CONNECTICUT	425	480	585	250
DELAWARE	266	648	381	96
INDIANA	195	174	135	120
KENTUCKY	724	2,444	1,357	114
MARYLAND	144	479	378	30
MISSOURI	529	1,979	1,101	121
NEBRASKA	735	1,474	1,026	174
NEVADA	125	2,596	687	195
NEW JERSEY	245	477	300	102
NEW YORK	283	1,147	1,011	132
OHIO	223	477	211	73
WEST VIRGINIA	169	567	573	34
PENNSYLVANIA	543	570	384	80
TOTAL VOTE BY STATES				

POLITICAL STATUS OF STATES AT A GLANCE

Following is a summary of political conditions throughout the United States as taken from a thorough and impartial canvass made by the Republic. Only States that are considered debatable are listed below. Those Southern States that without question will return their customary Democratic majorities are not included in the compilation.

ARIZONA—Democrats seem reasonably sure of carrying the state in November. The Roosevelt strength is variously estimated at 25 to 40 per cent. Chances are all against a Taft victory.

CALIFORNIA—State likely to give its electoral vote for Wilson and Marshall by a small plurality. Politicians are counting on a big "stay-at-home" vote, with Roosevelt the principal sufferer.

COLORADO—Correspondents who have canvassed the state are unanimous in the prediction that Wilson and Marshall will be returned the winners. Republican organizations organized badly demoralized.

CONNECTICUT—At an election in Connecticut today taking the results of a thorough canvass by The Republic into consideration, doubtless would return Woodrow Wilson the winner; the Democrats would get two congressional districts, the Republicans two, and one would be left in doubt. In the event the Roosevelt forces make good their threat to place congressional, state and assembly candidates in the field, the close student of politics declare Wilson has an excellent chance to carry the state.

DELAWARE—Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt forces each claiming the state. The naming of a fourth ticket in the state has resulted in political chaos, and in anywhere near accurate estimate of the strength of the three parties is out of the question at present. Indications point to a heavy listing of the negro vote to the Democratic party.

IDAHO—Battle admitted to lie between Roosevelt and Taft. The latter has strong Mormon support, while the former has reason to expect a heavy vote in the northern portion of the state.

ILLINOIS—Three parties in a neck-and-neck race and all concede that the question will be settled in the closing days of the campaign. Democrats are bemoaning what they term a lack of effective campaign work. Taft men claiming they have made great inroads upon Roosevelt strength. Deane is conceded to have a good chance. Dunne, Democratic nominee for governor, claims to be holding his organization pat in the downstate counties.

INDIANA—Prediction seems warranted that Wilson will carry the state and that Roosevelt will run second and Taft third. Beveridge making a whirlwind campaign for governor, with chances slightly in his favor.

IOWA—Wilson is the beneficiary of the growing sentiment against the Bull Moose since a state ticket was announced in Iowa. The New Jersey governor admitted to have an admirable chance to capture this Middle West stronghold.

KANSAS—Wilson's chances in Kansas are said to depend almost entirely upon the number of votes Taft will be able to poll. Roosevelt is in control of the republican machinery.

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The 86,682 majority of Roosevelt and carried his home state by 4,192. Factionalism in the republican ranks is counted upon to swing a heavy vote to Wilson. The state, however, is conceded to be decidedly close.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Democratic leaders say the vote will be nearly equally divided between Taft and Roosevelt in November and that thus a plurality will be cast for Gov. Wilson. Samuel D. Folger is making a strong Democratic canvass for governor. It is admitted, however, that the state is in a chaotic condition and that an accurate indication of the strength of the three forces is out of the question at present. With three candidates for governor in the field it is believed the legislature will be called upon to select an executive.

NEW JERSEY—Gov. Woodrow Wilson will carry his home state in the November election. This is the consensus of opinion of astute politicians. Just how large a vote he will poll is the subject for contention. Indications are it will drop below that cast for him as governor, but his backers are predicting an increase. Indications are Roosevelt will have a shade on Taft.

NEVADA—Nevada will elect a Democratic set of three electors, a republican representative to congress and will return United States Senator Massey, a republican, on a "gentlemen's agreement." Wilson's chances are considered bright, despite the progressive republicans are losing ground.

NEW MEXICO—Republicans are fearing the vote of the thousands of newcomers into New Mexico. A full vote in all the republican counties alone can overcome their known allegiance. Here, as elsewhere, the National Progressives are making inroads upon the Taft forces. The latter have no party organ and their cause has been weakened by the death of Solomon Luna, national committeeman. Straw votes in Santa Fe and Albuquerque give Wilson a substantial lead.

NEW YORK—Every test that can be applied indicates that Gov. Wilson will win the vote of New York state. That he will poll a much larger vote than did Mr. Bryan is conceded on all sides and the advantage he will gain from the factional fuss in the republican ranks is assurance that he is the man to be reckoned with. Patrick E. McCabe, the Democratic leader of Albany, declares all the Democratic need do is sit tight and win.

NORTH DAKOTA—La Follette element is the bone of contention which makes North Dakota a doubtful state. All these parties are to get their tickets on the official ballot, and all points to a hot fight up to the last.

OHIO—Both progressives and republicans admit they have no hope of carrying the state, but are putting forth their greatest efforts to land the national ticket. Wilson seems to have a slight advantage, considering the force with which the Taft and Roosevelt men are opposing each other.

OKLAHOMA—While there is a chance for Roosevelt to carry Oklahoma, the best informed politicians are forced to admit that possibility is remote. Twenty-five thousand negroes have been disfranchised, but it is a question of whether this barrier will be enforced.

OREGON—Although the State expressed itself unequivocally in favor of Roosevelt at the primaries the sentiment recently is strengthening for Taft. Wilson, it is admitted, will poll a larger Democratic vote than since Bryan first appeared in this timber country.

PENNSYLVANIA—Taft's gain in strength and the decline of the Roosevelt propaganda, indicate at present that Pennsylvania will be forced in its old place in the republican column. Wilson, however, is gaining strength in the anthracite coal region and is all probability will add to his score materially before election day.

RHODE ISLAND—Wilson is likely to carry the state while Roosevelt will get 29 to 35 per cent of the vote for President. Wilson safely in the lead, with little to fear unless the republicans use the same methods as to the last campaign and attempt to stampede the mill workers vote by a hard time scare.

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The first railroad line to build through Arizona was the Southern Pacific, which entered the territory from the west at Yuma in 1878. It passes through Tucson, Benson, Casa Grande, Wilcox, Bowie and San Simon, crossing the line into New Mexico. It passes through Yuma, Pinal, Pima, Maricopa and Cochise counties. The Atlantic and Pacific (Santa Fe) was built across the central portion of Arizona in 1883. It passes through Winslow, Williams, Seligman, Flagstaff, Ash Fork and Kingman, following closely to the 35th parallel.

The mileage of the various roads is as follows:
Arizona Commercial Copper company, 3.03 miles.
Arizona Copper Company, Limited (Coronado railroad) 7.50 miles.
Arizona Eastern Railroad company, Phoenix division (Phoenix-Maricopa), 42.25 miles; Phoenix division (Phoenix-Hassayampa River), 39.22 miles; Globe division, 139.41 miles; Cochise division, 39.48 miles; Kelvin division, 8.49 miles.
Arizona-New Mexico Railroad company, 40 miles.
Bradshaw Mountain Railroad company, 35.65 miles.
Central Arizona Railway company, 15 miles.
Congress Consolidated Mines company, Limited (Congress railroad), 3.60 miles.
El Paso and Southwestern Railroad company, main line division, 103.39 miles.

SOUTH DAKOTA—As conditions show today Roosevelt leads in South Dakota and there is little hope of changing the complexion of the state legislature, which is nearly 4 to 1 republican. Thomas Ayres, however, is making a hard campaign as the Democratic nominee for United States senator. The unknown factor is the La Follette sentiment, which may crystallize at any time in the bulk for Wilson.

UTAH—The progressive movement is making heavy inroads upon the regular republican strength. The Democrats are conceded to be gaining support and have a fair chance of putting over the national ticket at least.

VERMONT—Shrewd political observers declare Wilson will fight it out with Roosevelt in Vermont and that he will carry the state by a small margin. Fletcher, republican candidate for governor, probably will be elected by the legislature, which is republican by a small majority.

WASHINGTON—The vast army of women first voters is a factor that leaders of all three parties are counting upon to turn the tide in their favor. Taft leaders admit the strength of the Roosevelt movement. The Bull Moose are counting upon the suffragists' support in a large measure.

WEST VIRGINIA—Unless the next four weeks of the campaign bring about a change, Wilson and Marshall will carry the state with ease. Polls taken by The Republic show that many sound money, protective tariff Democrats, who refused to vote for Bryan, are returning to the fold.

WISCONSIN—In the event the Wisconsin Democrats settle their differences over the income tax law, the indications seem to point to the relative finish of the three candidates in November as follows: Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt. La Follette is the big unknown factor. Many of his supporters are for anybody but Roosevelt, and he should be seen as a job. Many La Follette votes would be cast for the Jerseys.

WYOMING—The fight in Wyoming is about a stand-off between the three parties. Roosevelt will lose many votes because of his stand concerning La Follette. The state is conceded to be in the doubtful column.

Douglas to Courtland, 34.70; Tombstone to Fairbank, 2.20 miles.
Flagstaff Lumber Manufacturing company (logging railroad), 12 miles.
Grand Canyon Railway company, 63.58 miles.
Greenlaw Lumber company, 5 miles.
Johnson, Dragoon & Northern Railway company, 8.20 miles.
Morenci Southern Railway company, 18 miles.
New Mexico & Arizona Railroad company, 87.80 miles.
Old Dominion Copper Mining and Smelting company, 4 miles.
Phoenix & Eastern Railroad company, 94.49 miles.
Ray & Gila Valley Railroad company, 9.26 miles.
Saginaw & Manistee Lumber company, 8 miles.
Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railway company, 195.35 miles.
Southern Pacific Railroad company, 392.50 miles.
Tucson & Nogales Railroad company, 17.75 miles.
Twin Buttes Railroad company, 10.213 miles.
United Verde & Pacific Railway company, 26 miles.
Western Arizona Railway company, 21.57 miles.
Arizona & California Railway company, 106.99 miles.
Arizona & Swanton Railroad company, 26.40 miles.
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, 286.76 miles.
Prescott & Eastern Railroad company, 19.70 miles.
Shannon and Nogales Railroad company, 37.20 miles.

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