

PARKER'S ELECTION IS ASSURED

Basing the Returns on Present Indications Parker will Win by 17 Electoral Votes.

256 VOTES TO PARKER'S CREDIT

This Report is Sent out From Democratic Headquarters and Considered a Conservative Estimate.

New York, Oct. 20.—That Parker will have 256 votes in the electoral college is the belief of the Democratic managers. The Democratic policy throughout the whole campaign has been that of a still hunt. The campaign has been conducted upon the lines of that which Samuel J. Tilden nearly 30 years ago, pursued with such astonishing success.

Conference matters have been withheld from everybody, even within committee headquarters, while the work of thorough organization has been persistently followed. No claims have been made. There has been, indeed, no attempt to arouse local workers by promises of success, and the blare of brass bands. On the contrary it has been impressed upon them that the road to success lay through constant work in organization.

Proceeding upon the assumption that the independent vote of the country was with the Democratic candidates, they hammered at the building up of the organization that eight years of continuous defeat had laid on the ground. These policies have been attended with a success that has more than justified their labors and expenditures.

As a matter of fact more than 256 voters are hoped for. Wisconsin, it is held, is quite likely to cast her vote for Parker, and there are even hopes of Washington. Here is the list counted on by Democratic managers: New Jersey, 12; New York, 20; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Maryland, 8; West Virginia, 7; Indiana, 15; Montana, 3; Colorado, 5; Idaho, 3; Wyoming, 3; total, 105. One hundred and fifty-one votes from southern states are conceded by the republicans to Parker. Add these and the result is 256, a majority of 17. These are the real figures of close-mouthed Democratic managers.

Concerning Montana, Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming, the utmost mystery has been maintained by Democratic managers at headquarters, and it is doubtful whether admissions that they count their 14 electoral votes would have been made if representatives of each of the states had not come to New York and boldly proclaimed their states were committed to the Parker cause.

COLONIZING VOTERS.

Republican Leaders in New York Are on Trial for Colonization.

New York, Oct. 19.—Richard Van Cott, son of the postmaster of New York, and republican candidate for the assembly in the Fifth district, and Bankson McAvoy, cashier in the general postoffice and a republican worker in the Fifth district, were arraigned on the charge of having colonized in the district non-resident citizens with the purpose of their registering and voting at the coming election.

R. D. Levy, who is said to have made a confession relative to the case, was a witness in the proceedings today. He was an employe in the New York postoffice for several years. He testified that he was commissioned by Van Cott and McAvoy to secure 100 men, whom rooms were to be furnished in the Fifth district. Levy said that the bargain made between him and McAvoy about procuring the men was "one dollar for registration, six weeks board and a couple of dollars for the vote on election day."

The witness said that after he reported to Van Cott and McAvoy that he had the men ready, they told him that they had washed their hands of the matter. The examination was adjourned until next Monday, with Levy still on the stand.

Indiana Is Ready.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 20.—"The democrats of Indiana seem to be ready to vote now," said W. J. Bryan, when he concluded his tour of that state at New Albany tonight. The closing day of the tour through Indiana was regarded by Mr. Bryan and his party as the most successful of all in respect to the size and enthusiasm of the audiences, and the auguries of success furnished in the reports of campaign workers.

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Democratic State Platform.

"We, the democrats of Montana, in convention assembled, hereby adopt the following declaration of principles and pledge the nominees of this convention to be governed thereby:

"Believing in the principles of democracy as taught by Thomas Jefferson, we indorse the platform of the national democratic party as adopted by the St. Louis convention and declare our allegiance to the nominations of Alton B. Parker for president and Henry G. Davis for vice president of the United States.

"We acknowledge with gratitude the public services rendered by our two United States senators, especially in securing the passage of bills opening to settlement the Crow and Flathead Indian reservations.

"We indorse the system of national irrigation provided by the Newlands act. We believe that it should be carried out by competent engineers in a nonpartisan manner and without favor to special localities. We are glad to learn from the congressional records that among the earnest advocates of this system were Governor Toole and other democratic representatives from the territory of Montana.

"We indorse the wise, conservative and judicious administration of Governor Joseph K. Toole. We especially commend the action of the state board of equalization, under his chairmanship, in increasing substantially the assessments of railroads in this state.

"We favor reducing the state and county officers and boards to the smallest possible number consistent with the proper transaction of public business, and to this end pledge our legislative candidates to a careful investigation and revision of existing laws.

"We denounce the action of the republican governor of Colorado in attempting to legalize the crimes of a lawless mob under the pretext of military necessity.

"We denounce the unlawful deportation of citizens and the destruction of private property as the greatest crime ever perpetrated against our American form of government. We pledge all officers elected upon the democratic ticket to forever refrain from so turning the machinery of government into an instrument of oppression, but instead thereof we pledge them to so administer the law as to secure as nearly as possible equal and exact justice to the weak and powerful alike.

"Indorsing Governor Toole's recommendations to the Eighth legislative assembly, we demand: "First—An initiative and referendum amendment, identical in all material provisions with the amendment adopted by the voters of Oregon and sustained by the supreme court of that state, and we pledge all members of the legislative assembly elected upon the democratic ticket to vote and work therefor.

"Second—A state railroad commission, to be elected by popular vote.

"Third—A direct primary nomination law, conducted under the Australian ballot system, covering all state, county and municipal elective officers, and providing for the printing of the names of all candidates upon one ballot, under proper party titles.

"Fourth—An efficient fellow-servant law, guaranteeing adequate protection to all classes of workmen engaged in hazardous occupations, and especially to all railroad, mining and smelter employes.

"Fifth—Election of all important state officers by popular vote.

"Sixth—A constitutional amendment empowering the state board of equalization to equalize property assessments in the state.

"The period of employment of workmen in all underground mines and in mills and smelters for the treatment of ores is now fixed by law at eight hours per day. It is proposed to embody this principle in a constitutional amendment, extending its scope so as to cover the works or undertakings carried on or aided by any municipal, county or state government, and on all contracts let by them; and to prevent the employing of children under 16 years of age in underground mines. We favor the adoption of this amendment at the ensuing election.

"We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

"We instruct our candidates for congress, if elected, and our United States senators to vote for a strict Chinese exclusion act."

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Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.—Lewistown, Montana, Oct. 15, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

ANDREW J. BRIDEWATER, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3394, made Feb. 26, 1904, for 1/4 sec. 1, 1/4 sec. 13, township 13 north, range 15 east, by

JOHN FRANK HANNAH, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John Frank Hannah has not at any time made the aforesaid land his home; that he has not established settlement, improved or cultivated said land, nor built a habitable house, and the land is in its wild, original condition, and that the said John Frank Hannah has been absent from said land for more than six months last past, also that the said absence was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine corps of the United States.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on Nov. 25, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lewistown, Montana.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Oct. 15, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

L. W. ELDRIDGE, Receiver.
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Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.—Lewistown, Montana, October 17, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

GROVER C. BENNETT, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 1921, made March 19, 1900, for Lot 4, sw 1/4, nw 1/4, section 1, nel sec. 2, township 15n, range 20e, by

JOHN R. SHAW, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John R. Shaw has failed to establish residence, build a house or improve said land and the said John R. Shaw has been absent from said land for more than 6 months last past and said absence was not due to his employment in the army or navy of the U. S., said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on November 28, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lewistown, Mont.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Oct. 17, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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Notice.

Bids for coal, to be furnished School District No. 1 during the present school year, will be received by W. B. Miner, clerk, at the First National bank, up to Nov. 12, 1904.

\$25 Reward.

For information leading to a knowledge of any one driving my stock from their accustomed range or pasture; or mutilating or changing the brand of my stock.

R. C. MATTERN, Forest Grove.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.—Lewistown, Montana, Sept. 30, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

ALBERT BARDEN, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3239, made Aug. 10, 1903, for the sec. 1, nel sec. 1, township 12 north, range 20 east, by

OLIVER W. ANDERSON, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Oliver W. Anderson has failed to establish a residence upon said tract of land, or to make it his home; that there is no habitable house built, and that said claimant has failed to cultivate or improve said tract, as is required by law, and he has been absent from said land for more than six months last past, and said absence was not caused by being enlisted in the army or navy of the United States.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on November 10, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lewistown, Montana.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Sept. 30, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

EDWARD BRASSEY, Register.
First Publication Oct. 4.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.—Lewistown, Montana, Sept. 30, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by

ALBERT BARDEN, contestant, against desert entry No. 2302, made Aug. 10, 1903, for lots 5 and 6, sec. 1, nel sec. 1, township 12 north, range 21 east, by

OLIVER W. ANDERSON, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Oliver W. Anderson has failed to make the first annual proof on or before the tenth day of August, 1904, as is required by law; that he has not expended the required one dollar per acre, and said land is now in its wild and original condition, unimproved and uncultivated.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on November 10, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lewistown, Montana.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Sept. 30, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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Cyrus Brownlee Newton.

Cyrus Brownlee Newton, the noted California humorist and comedian will give another entertainment in this city on Friday evening, Nov. 4th. Mr. Newton was in Lewistown winter before last and gave two entertainments which were pronounced among the best ever heard here. He is a gifted elocutionist, possesses the rarely developed trait of humor and is inimitable in impersonations. Tickets will soon be on sale at the Dezell Drug store. You will miss a treat if you fail to hear Mr. Newton.

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