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SOME FAILED TO VOTE

Had a Large Vote Been Cast Majorities Would Have Been Larger.

The total vote cast for the Presidency at the recent election has been compiled by our neighbor the World from apparently trustworthy sources, such as the Secretaries of State of the various states. The World's table gives Senator Harding a total popular vote of 16,639,378, while Governor Cox polled 9,131,701. Harding's plurality of 7,507,677 stands huge beside President Wilson's plurality of 591,385 in the election of 1916.

But the analyst of election returns who is amazed by the largeness of the figures is still further astonished when with pad and pencil he discovers that it was not as lively an election as he thought it must have been.

The only way to make an accurate comparison of the massing of the voters last month and the outpouring of 1916 is to take the figures of the States in which women voted in 1916 as well as in 1920. There are eleven of these states and their total votes at the two elections are presented here.

TOTAL VOTE		
	1916	1920
Arizona	58,021	66,087
California	999,551	943,274
Colorado	293,966	289,037
Idaho	134,615	134,897
Kansas	629,813	570,152
Montana	177,675	179,004
Nevada	33,316	27,194
Oregon	261,340	238,572
Utah	142,915	145,828
Washington	381,030	393,534
Wyoming	51,840	56,199

3,164,032 3,044,428

The gains seen in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are more than offset by the losses in California, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada and Oregon. The total vote polled in the eleven states last month was less than 97 percent of the vote polled in the same states four years ago.

This experience is not new. The popular vote in 1900, and again in 1904 was less than the vote of 1896. Apathy is not the reason for these fallings off. There are two reasons for them. One is the refusal of the democrats to go to the polls for a candidate whom they dislike or whom they believe is certain to be defeated. The other reason is the cocksureness of a few republicans.

As it was when McKinley opposed Bryan in 1900, as it was when Roosevelt opposed Parker in 1904, so it was when Harding opposed Cox.

What would have happened to the democratic candidate if all the cocksure republicans had turned out and voted according to their consciences? Harding's plurality, we fancy would have equalled Cox's total vote.—New York Herald.

LITTON

R. L. Swafford has gone to Idaho to look for a farm, he has sold out here. Miss Bessie Tollett is spending the winter in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Miss Mattie Lee entertained the young people with a social Monday night.

James Vann and Miss Lucy Wilson were married a few days ago and are gone south on their honeymoon.

Mrs. Tom Brown and Mrs. George Little, of Nine Mile, visited their aunt, Mrs. Ault, who is very sick.

The bridge at Mose Tollett's is completed and travel over it has been resumed.

Jan. 4 W. H. A.

\$4.00 GINGHAM DRESSES—\$1.39.

Beginning Wednesday morning, January 13, we will place on sale 200 beautifully made and trim-meed Children's Fancy Dress Gingham dresses for only \$1.39

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Court House Monday Night.

Monday night about 25 of the leading business men and citizens of our town met in the court house in response to the request of A. J. McGuire to discuss the pending election, which has been called for the people to express their wishes as to voting \$200,000 in bonds to build a city school building.

A. J. McGuire was chosen chairman of the meeting and U. S. Rose secretary.

Several who were present—in fact almost all—found that they knew very little in fact of the real conditions touching the needs of a better school building for the town. Prof. Vincent, who has been at the head of the city school for over ten years, gave a very lucid explanation of the situation and so clearly set out the facts that every one was to a great degree amazed at the very unfavorable conditions under which the children are forced to pursue their studies and the great difficulties under which the teachers labored.

After brief discussion by most of those present it was the sense of the meeting that A. J. McGuire be chosen chairman of a campaign committee to present the real condition to the people to the end that they may vote more intelligently on this question.

It was decided to call a mass meeting for 2 p. m. Sunday to discuss the situation fully and give any one who might wish to do so the chance to ask any questions that may be in their minds. The opinion prevailed generally that when the people came to understand the situation there would be very little opposition to voting the bonds.

Before the meeting closed a rising vote was taken to determine how many of those present favored the bond issue. The vote was unanimous.

The mass meeting called for Sunday will be announced in the schools and churches and all citizens are urged to be present to hear what is said and lend their aid by any suggestions they may have to offer.

POMONA

Miss Mae Stanley was home from Chattanooga for the holidays.

Miss Louise Owen, of Los Angeles, has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Shellito, for the last month.

Mrs. Eva Meyers, of Indiana, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Shellito.

Hewson Benedict, who is attending school in Nashville, was home for the holidays.

W. J. Barnes, who is in business in Chattanooga, visited home folks last week.

Mrs. Dibrell and daughter, Miss Bettie, who have been in Chattanooga for some time, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henard and little daughter, of Jefferson City, spent the holidays with relatives here.

The Christmas entertainment at the church December 24 drew a full house and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The tree was handsomely decorated and bore presents for all the members of the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graham, and family intend to move back to their farm near Pomona this week, having sold their home here to Frank Graham, of Crossville, who will take possession soon.

Mr. Alterfelt is in Chattanooga on business.

Thomas Bell and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Clifty, were the guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Bell.

Jan. 3 O.B.
\$5.00 BLANKETS—\$2.98

Get yours when the doors to the big sale at the Reed Mercantile Company open Wednesday, January 13.

TO DEFER PAYMENT OF TAXES

Half April 1 and Half July 1, Proposed By New Bill

A bill has been introduced into both houses of the legislature to defer the time of payment of taxes and to divide the payment into two equal parts. The law would make the first payment of half the taxes due the state and county as of April 1 and the second half as of July 1.

The reason given for the delay is the low price farm products are bringing and this delay is considered favorable to those who depend on the sale of food and other farm products for a means of living as well as of paying taxes.

The idea of splitting the amount of taxes into two equal parts is not new. Several states follow that plan all the time and it is no doubt much easier for most persons to pay in that way.

Should the act become a law it is very likely that there will be considerable disarrangement of county affairs in some instances, especially where county funds are light and are usually spent about up to the limit as rapidly as paid in. Cumberland County is one in point, in some departments of the county affairs.

INDULGE IN BOXING MATCH

Crossville Soldiers Create a Little Excitement in Philadelphia

The following item was sent us by E. E. Proctor of Philadelphia. Mr. Proctor having grown up here as a boy he naturally feels interested in anything that touches this section, especially the soldier boys.

Mr. Proctor jokingly remarks: "The war is supposed to be over. Didn't these boys get to go over? Everybody knows Tennessee produces fighters; no need of a demonstration. Did Sergt. York train these fellows? Send them to patrol the Philippines." The item taken from the Philadelphia paper is as follows:

Soldiers Box in Street; Jailed

Two soldiers from Camp Dix were jailed here last night after staging an impromptu boxing match at Broad and Filbert streets. When arrested, police say, they attempted to vanquish Reserve Policeman Blake, who took them to the City Hall. They gave their names as Beveridge Davis, twenty-one years old, and King Granville, twenty-three, of Crossville, Tenn.

CLIFTY

Harve and Wade Tucker who have been in the West for the past year have returned home.

Mrs. Xena Bell and children spent Christmas with homefolks.

Jack Britt, of Emory Gap, is visiting relatives here.

William Spencer, who has been visiting the Tuckers, went home Saturday.

Lucille Powers has been visiting at James Henry's for the last few days. Emma Henry visited at Mill Town last week.

Fannie Lewis and John Ray were married last week.

Mark, Clint, Della and Violet Tucker and Lula Bronson, all of Pleasant Hill Academy, were home last week.

Henry Tucker and Miss Oma Owensby were married last week.

John Webb and wife spent the holidays with home folks at Monterey.

Henry Tucker, who is working at Eastland, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Jan. 5 Nameless

FOR SALE—One horse, wagon and harness. Andy Elmore. 1-12-1f.

Mrs. Wm. Musick, who is teaching 30 miles from Atlanta, Georgia, was home for a week recently.

"AUNT FRANCES"

IS CALLED "HOME"

Passed Away Monday After Brief Illness of Only Two Days.

"Aunt Frances" Hamby died Monday at 1:30 after an illness of only two days. She was in her 72nd year. The remains were interred in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. C. F. Starns of the M. E. Church, South.

A few weeks ago she was taken severely sick and after careful and watchful attendance by friends and proper medical treatment, she slowly regained her normal health. But, owing to her weight of years she was unable to recover from this latest attack. She had suffered for years with asthma and of late years had tubercular trouble also.

She was the widow of the late Judge W. A. Hamby, who for many years was county judge of this county and a man who enjoyed the widest and most sincere friendship of our people generally. He passed away June 10, 1919. She has only one brother living, Sam Tollett, Inez, New Mexico. A telegram was sent him Monday but owing to the great distance he did not attend the funeral. The deceased was a cousin to our townsman, former senator E. G. Tollett. She was born and reared in Sequatchie Valley near where the Burke postoffice is now located. She married W. A. Hamby in her young girlhood and to that union an only son was born, Capt. Virgil L. Hamby, who passed to the other world several years ago. She leaves a grandson, Stitzel J. Hamby, who is now a soldier in the Philippine Islands.

No person ever lived in this community who enjoyed the more universal love and respect of all than did "Aunt Frances," as she was familiarly known by her wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Her passing away touches the hearts of our people in a peculiarly forceful way, nor does that sympathetic touch stop with the community for she was widely known over the county, especially by the older generation. For many years she and husband conducted a hotel here in Crossville and never in all those years did any person leave their door hungry, regardless of ability to pay. She was a tireless worker, a member of the M. E. Church, south, and was known and loved for her generosity of heart and readiness to lend assistance to any person in distress. Not in any brief newspaper notice can proper appreciation be expressed of her many virtues be enumerated; it is sufficient to say that she was a Christian woman in whose life the spirit of the Master was reflected daily.

MEN'S \$4.50 COATS—98c.

One big lot of wool mixed fabric chevots and serge coats will be closed out on the opening day of the Reed Mercantile Co.'s big sale for only 98c.

WILL TAKE HIS SEAT

The date for the inauguration of Gov.-elect A. A. Taylor seems to have been fixed at Tuesday, January 18. Gov. A. H. Roberts was inducted into office two days before the expiration of the two-year period of Gov. Rye and he is now to hold for five days beyond the two years.

SENATOR DEAD

Senator J. Parks Worley died in a hospital at Nashville last week as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Yes, men have to live and learn, but it does seem that some of us have to live an awful lot to learn a very little. —Moberly Monitor.

FEDERAL COURT CONVICTIONS

Whiskey Violators' Sentence Held Up Until Next Term of Court

Four persons were convicted in the Federal court at Knoxville last week; one being for perjury and three persons for violating the bone dry law.

In the case of Clarence Loshbough on the charge of perjury, he submitted to the charge and received one year and one day in the Federal prison at Atlanta. The conditions under which he violated the law are in some respects entitled to sympathy. He did not swear falsely to protect himself but did so in the hope of assisting a friend. That supposed friend then turned state's evidence on him and he was made to suffer. While no one can justly approve or condone false swearing, in this instance the conditions are such as excite considerable sympathy on the part of those who know Clarence Loshbough personally. He was tried for being implicated in some way with making whiskey and to render the sentence as light as possible he submitted and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Sanford.

In the case of Dewey Smith, George Ford and "Duck" Smith, they made no fight and presented no evidence in their own behalf, but let the case rest on the evidence produced by the government. Judge Sanford deferred fixing the penalty until the next term of Federal court.

ONE MORE CONGRESSMAN

One More Under New Census; May Be Elected At Large.

By an agreement of the Congress, the total number of congressmen under the new census will be raised from 451 to 483, which means that several states will have their congressional delegation increased while none will be reduced, in spite of the fact that the population total to entitle a state to another congressman must be not less than 218,980 or not over 328,475.

In the distribution under the population shown by the census, Tennessee will have eleven congressmen instead of ten as now. It is probable that the bill will be pushed through congress in time for Tennessee and other states whose legislatures are in session may be able to re-district the states and thus prevent the election of the new member at large, as will be the case in the event the legislature should not re-district.

In the case of Tennessee it will most likely mean one more democratic congressman while the republicans will have to be content with their previous number of two. In the last election three democrats lost their seats to republicans. Those three seats will most likely be again filled with democrats after another election.

OPEN SHOP IN BUILDING.

As a result of the exposure of the tremendous graft and oppression carried on by the union heads in New York City in the building trades, numerous cities over the country have declared for the open shop in the building trades. Raleigh, North Carolina, is one of the towns that has lately declared for the open shop.

LARGEST SEA POWER

The United States Government thinks it is in possession of full and complete information as to the sea power of every nation of any consequence. It is a matter of some surprise that the sea power of England is twice that of Uncle Sam. Yet people will tell you that by 1924 the sea power of the United States will surpass the world.