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THE VOTERS' VERDICT

First Returns From Today's Election Show a Gain For the Republicans.

Indications That a Light Vote is Being Polled in Most States.

Weather Conditions Are Generally Good—Usual Trouble Crops Out in Kentucky.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Results from six towns in the state give Crane, republican, 886; Paine, democrat, 253. The same towns in 1898 gave Wolcott, republican, 1,185; Bruce, democrat, 353. Shows a republican loss of 28 per cent; democratic loss of 26 per cent.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Mansfield is the first town to count the vote for governor. Result: Crane, republican, 450; Paine, democrat, 30. The vote last year was: Wolcott, republican, 236; Bruce, democrat, 31.

Boston, Nov. 7.—There was only a moderate vote up to noon today. In the western part of the state Crane, republican, for governor, is running ahead of his ticket. A light vote in the state is anticipated.

Boston, Nov. 7.—It is thought the republicans will have 100 majority in the house of representatives, about the same as last year. The senate will be republican four to one.

Boston, Nov. 7.—Polling places in this city opened at 8, but in the early hours the voting was light, except in some wards where the working people are numerous. Indications are that Robert Treat Paine, Jr., democratic candidate for governor, will carry the city.

IOWA.

Ottumwa, Nov. 7.—The weather is warm and the sky slightly cloudy. Both parties are hustling and the prospects are that a big vote will be polled.

Dubuque, Nov. 7.—The weather is fair and warm. Indications are that a large vote will be polled in this city. Reports from the country precincts show an unusual interest in the local tickets.

Keokuk, Nov. 7.—The weather is fair. Little interest is shown in the election. At 9 o'clock only 60 per cent of the vote was cast that should have been in at that hour.

Sloux City, Nov. 7.—The early attendance at the polls is light. It is thought the vote will not be heavy, as the interest is not great. Rain is threatened.

Cedar Rapids, Nov. 7.—The weather is clear and the indications are for a large vote. Interest is principally in the county offices and legislative candidates.

Burlington, Ia., Nov. 7.—The weather is fair and warm. Interest is largely centered in local offices. Reports from the country precincts are for a large vote.

Des Moines, Nov. 7.—The weather promises to be fair. It opened cloudy, but there was no rain. Indications are that a very small vote will be cast. The registration was the lightest in ten years.

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 7.—Mild and hazy. Prospects of a heavy vote.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 7.—The weather is pleasant, the average vote of an off year being polled. Principal interest centers on the local ticket, particularly the legislative portion.

Des Moines, Nov. 7.—Reports up to 1 this afternoon from various sections state that the vote will be larger than at first anticipated, though not as large as a year ago. Rain has driven the farmers from husking corn and they are flocking to the polls. The only report disquieting to republicans is from Davenport to the effect that the Germans are voting the democratic ticket on account of expansion.

Chairman Weaver, of the republican state committee, states that the prediction is 45,000 for the republicans (small); that the farmers will make it larger. The cities all report a fair vote, but interest lacking.

Des Moines, Nov. 7.—If reports from over the state, up to 11 o'clock, do not change the vote will be the lightest for several years. The only towns in which there is heavy voting are Davenport and Iowa City. The former has a large German population; in the latter there is a local contest of great interest. Chairman Weaver, of the republican committee, declares the vote to be heavier in the country and that apathy exists only in the cities.

OHIO.

Toledo, Nov. 7.—This is the home of "Golden Rule" Jones. The voting began with a rush, especially in the workmen's wards. In many precincts one-quarter of the vote was cast in the first half hour. The weather is perfect.

Columbus, Nov. 7.—Election day opened clear and crisp. All indications point to a heavy vote.

Cleveland, Nov. 7.—Election day is clear and cool. The vote during the early hours was very heavy. At many voting booths it is stated that nearly every ballot deposited was scratched.

Cincinnati, Nov. 7.—The weather could not be better for bringing out the full vote. Voters flocked to the polls before 8 o'clock, the time for opening. The ballots are being cast rapidly, portending a heavy vote.

Canton, Nov. 7.—At 7:30 some precincts had polled one-fourth of the registration, which nearly equals that of 1896. It is cool and clear.

Cincinnati, Nov. 7.—The rush continued all over the city at noon, indicating that nearly all the registered voters of the city will be cast. There is much scratching and it is apparent Jones is receiving many votes.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Election day in Pennsylvania opened under excellent weather conditions. The polls opened at 7 o'clock and will close at 7 tonight. During the early hours there is a light vote was polled and little interest was manifested. Throughout the state considerably more interest was shown.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—The heaviest fog of the year operated against an early voter. The morning vote was lighter than usual. There is very little interest in the state election.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Reports from various sections of the state at noon showed a light vote. Some cutting of ballots, republican, for state treasurer, is reported. The city vote is very light. In some instances it is only half of last year's vote.

NEW YORK. New York, Nov. 7.—The weather in Greater New York could not have been finer, with the result that the voting all over the city is pretty rapid, considering that only local officers and assemblies are to be elected. The polls opened at 6 o'clock and close at 5.

At Harlem, where there are several close assembly districts, the early voting was so heavy as to surprise old-time politicians. Registration was light. Probably the poll will be 10 to 15 per cent below that of last year.

Dispatches from interior cities and towns in the state report good weather and good roads, insuring a vote up to the average of an off year. At noon Croker said: "Everything points to a sweeping democratic victory for the city. There will be a clean sweep all around."

Reports from Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and other up cities show a determined fight by both sides to capture the assemblymen.

NEBRASKA.

Omaha, Nov. 6.—The weather is ideal; bright, temperate and pleasant. Indications are that in Omaha, Lincoln and practically all of the cities and towns a heavy vote will be polled. The reverse is likely to be true in the country, where there is an immense crop of corn to gather and a shortage of men to do the work.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 7.—The weather is fair and party workers are interesting themselves in getting out the voters, many of whom failed to register.

Lincoln, Nov. 7.—Bryan, on his return from Omaha, said he believed Nebraska would give an increased majority for the fusion ticket. He did not care to give a forecast of results in other states where he had made speeches. Bryan voted shortly before noon. He had not registered and his vote was sworn in. He gave his politics as democratic.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—Election day opened with cool and pleasant weather. The interest is intense. It is thought there will be little scratching. The army of the Louisville Legion was alive with blue coats early, while at the same time scores of policemen were in readiness for any emergency. There was little excitement about the early morning balloting.

Lexington, Nov. 7.—The weather is threatening and there is intense interest in the election. The voting is slow, owing to numerous tricks to delay the voters, the colored voters being discriminated against.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 7.—It is clear and crisp. A large vote is being polled. There is no excitement.

Owensboro, Ky., Nov. 7.—Indications are that one of the largest votes ever polled in the city will be cast. Perfect quiet prevails. Cloudy and cool.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 11.—The weather is clear and crisp. All precincts were reported with voters when the polls opened.

Louisville, Nov. 7. Noon.—The indications are for more than average vote in the city. It is unusually quiet. Aside from a clash between United States and local authorities at Covington, no disturbances of any consequence are reported from any part of the state. The state republican headquarters continue to receive complaints of the removal of election officers and the substitution of men unfavorable to the republicans. At one point it is reported the republicans threw out the Goebel election officers.

Louisville, Nov. 7.—Reports to 2 p. m. from the state indicate that a larger vote than was at first looked for is being polled. There is a conspicuous absence of anything suggestive of serious trouble.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 7.—The Goebel campaign committee at 1 o'clock claimed all reports received, mostly from cities, were encouraging. In the county vote comes up equally, Shackelford, of the campaign committee, thinks Goebel majority will reach 25,000.

NEW JERSEY.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 7.—Reports at headquarters of both parties in this city are to the effect that the election is progressing quietly. The vote is comparatively light, outside of Newark, Jersey City and other large cities of the state. Leaders claim republicans will control both senate and house. Democrats say they have a fighting chance.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Nov. 7.—There are clear and cool, crisp atmosphere all over the state. In Baltimore the polls opened at 6. Both parties exerted themselves to get out the full vote early. The result was that at least one-third of the total vote was cast before 9. In the county the polls were not opened until 8, but reports from all quarters indicate a heavy vote. Both sides continue to claim everything, but odds of 4 to 1 on the success of the democratic ticket are being offered, with but few takers.

Baltimore, Nov. 7.—The voting continued heavy until 10, when it was well off. At noon it was estimated that more than half of the probable vote of the city was cast. Both sides professed to be satisfied with the outlook. Reports from the country indicate that a heavy vote is being cast.

MISSISSIPPI.

Natchez, Miss., Nov. 7.—The weather is cloudy. Little interest is shown in the election in this part of the state.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 7.—The weather generally over the state is fair. The greatest interest manifested in the judiciary amendment.

COLORADO.

Denver, Nov. 7.—The weather is fair, but the vote in the state generally will be comparatively light, as only county officers are elected.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Nov. 7.—The weather is warm, with rain threatening. The vote is light.

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possibly the correct policy, but its effect will, in all likelihood, precipitate an open alliance of all the Cape Dutch with the Boers. In that case the sooner the some authorities mobilize and dispatch their energies, the better it will be for our hold on South Africa.

"All are reported well from Kimberley, Mafeking and Rhodesia, but with the exception of these small gleams of light the whole situation is much more serious than it has been since the Boers first crossed the borders."

The Westminster Gazette in a study of the situation reviews the British government's policy, and even holds out little hope of a peace after the war. It says:

"Rhodes' former policy of working with the Dutch was more of them in the term 'liberal imperialist' policy, but when Rhodes lost patience when the Jameson raid failed it became obvious that the colonial office had to all intents and purposes adopted Rhodes' policy."

"Every effort was made to remove suspicion and check the militarism of the Transvaal. At the end we emerged with the view that the Dutch were our natural enemies, whose armaments were intended, not as seemed naturally probable, to secure them against assault on their independence, but to destroy the British power in South Africa."

"To this view Chamberlain, Sir Alfred Milner, and more lately the whole Tory party were converted. Hence the conclusion that war was inevitable, that the franchise issue and negotiations were unimportant."

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BRITISH WIN VICTORY

Dispatch From South Africa Says Boers Were Severely Defeated Near Ladysmith.

Alleged That 2,000 Burghers Were Taken Prisoners—White is Safe.

Official Dispatch Shows There is No Immediate Danger in the Situation.

London, Nov. 7.—It is announced that a cable dispatch from Cape Town, dated Nov. 5, says the British were victorious in an engagement at Ladysmith; that the Boer loss was very heavy, including 2,000 prisoners.

LADYSMITH SAFE.

Official Dispatch Says the Town Can Hold Out.

London, Nov. 7.—Official advices from Ladysmith, November 6, say:

"There has been a cessation of hostilities since Friday. Only one Kaffir was killed by the Boer bombardment. The total British loss is eight killed, including Capt. Knapp and Lieut. Armit. Twenty were wounded in Thursday's and Friday's engagements. The town is well provisioned and it is believed entirely safe."

British Cavalry Charge Enemy.

Capetown, Nov. 4.—A dispatch from Ladysmith says: Thursday afternoon the British cavalry charged the Boers south of town and cut their way through. Naval gunners put the big gun on Hepworth's hill out of action. The enemy at Grobler's Kloof engaged a company of Royal Irish Fusiliers. There was brisk firing on both sides. The armored train drew the enemy's fire and enabled the volunteers to reach headquarters safely.

Tugela Bridge Still Safe.

Estcourt, Natal, Nov. 7.—An armored train went over Tugela bridge yesterday and found it intact; also found the railway intact. Boers were found. An Orange Free State force was sighted six miles from Colenso, on the Ladysmith side. It is supposed to have been engaged with British forces near Ladysmith Thursday. The Boers are reported to have been engaged with the Natal Dutch force in the engagement, siding with the Boers.

A Boer Report.

Cape Town, Nov. 6.—Advices from Orange River say: It is reported that the Boers destroyed one of the piers on Modder river bridge. Rumors emanating from Hopetown say that an attack will be made on Orange River camp.

TO ATTACK KIMBERLEY.

Boers Reinforced and Believed to Have Surrounded the Town.

Capetown, Nov. 7.—A dispatch from Kimberley dated November 6 says: "Apparently Boer reinforcements from Mafeking have arrived, as the burghers are more numerous all around Kimberley. Twelve hundred made a demonstration three miles eastward at Fraser mine today and opened fire on the Boers' camp. No damage. Explosion of a dynamite magazine caused by the Boers firing the place was terrific. The huts contained thirty-five tons of dynamite. All the wounded are progressing satisfactorily."

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS.

Situation in South Africa as Seen by Military Correspondents.

London, Nov. 7.—The military correspondent of the Globe, writing on the military situation today, says: "Interest in the situation at Ladysmith is still keen at the highest point. The fact that the British force there now is completely isolated will not tend to decrease it, but save for the fact that news can only come to hand now by means of the pigeon post or dispatch riders, and that trains have ceased running, there is no material difference in the situation."

"It might be argued that the cessation of trains is an important factor in such cases, but unless the organization of commissariat and ordnance departments has been criminally defective Ladysmith should long ago have been put in a position to hold out against investment for a considerable period."

"The arrival of long range quick-firing guns, accomplished just in the nick of time, must have tended to show the Boers that Ladysmith could not fall an easy prey to them."

"While the moral and material effects of shelling the Free State camp at Beers, and apparently at Acton Homes also, will show that Gen. White's garrison was forced to accept isolation, it is still able to strike hard, and that its cavalry is exceptionally effective."

"It is of course a matter of regret that it should have been found needful to evacuate Colenso, but there are no indications in the official report that the withdrawal has been to any great distance. It may be that the defending forces have only been withdrawn to a more defensible position on the southern bank, or else the flanking movement of the Boers through Zululand and the Umvoti country has become so pronounced as to necessitate concentration on Pieterburg itself."

"That the position is regarded as serious is clear from the fact that the cruisers are being hurried to the Cape station."

"Meanwhile the situation is becoming complicated by the unrest among the Basutos, for it appears increasingly unlikely that we shall be able to restrain them from action."

"At last, too, the Free State Boers have taken heart of grace and have begun the invasion of the Orange river line of Cape Colony. Here also the policy of withdrawing before the enemy's advance has been adopted."

"It appears as if Gen. Buller intends to allow the invaders to debouch through the passes of Stormberg before attacking them strategically. It

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