

COMPARING THE VOTE

VOTE OF GOVERNOR TWO YEARS AGO TO BE USED AS BASIS THIS YEAR.

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Total For Ticket Estimated at 220,000 to 250,000—Little Foundation For Hope of Democrats in Any One of Congressional Districts—Attempts to Organize Bolts Fail.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Nov. 7.—The comparative tables on which the estimates will be made as to results of the election by the party headquarters will relate to the vote for governor two years ago rather than the vote for president. Two years ago Carroll and White were opposing. There were 2,251 precincts in the state. The vote for Carroll was 266,880; the vote for White 198,929; Carroll majority, 66,951. The majority for president was 74,423. The republican majority on a governor averaged 28 to a precinct. The republican majority was about 12 per cent of the total vote.

There was not a great difference between the vote on the ticket, some of the majorities being: 74,423, Carroll 60,651, Clarke 63,994, Hayward 72,480, Bleakley 65,246, Byers 70,697, Riggs 69,245. The majority for "the ticket" could not have been very far from 70,000 at the last election.

A comparison of the vote for every election the past ten years, not on president, but on secretary of state and governor shows that the republican majority in Iowa has averaged in that time over 90,000.

The total vote of the state at the last election was 957,145, or four years before it was 457,707, eight years before, or in 1902, it was 530,355, and in 1898 it was 521,547. The actual total voting strength of the state is therefore over a half million.

The phenomenon of the regular falling off in the vote after each presidential election is well known. The falling off from 1888 to 1890 was 12,000, from 1892 to 1894 it was 21,000, from 1896 to 1898 it was 99,000, from 1900 to 1902 it was 134,000, from 1904 to 1906 it was 53,000.

The slump in the republican vote has been invariably larger than that of the democratic vote. The loss in the republican vote from 1896 to 1898 was 18 per cent or 52,000; from 1900 to 1902 it was 78,000, or about 25 per cent; from 1904 to 1906 it was 76,000, or about 25 per cent. The Taft vote two years ago was 275,543; a 25 per cent falling off would still leave the republicans with 206,657 votes, which is 7,000 more than Bryan received, 19,000 more than Fred White received and 11,000 more than Dyer got the last time he was a candidate.

At republican headquarters the expectation is that the republican vote will run somewhere between 220,000 and 250,000. The democratic prediction is that it will fall below 200,000.

At least a portion of the hope of the democrats of capturing congressional districts is with little foundation, as will be shown by a few figures from the seventh district. Here the democratic started out to take the district. Clint Price has been conducting a strictly "gunshot" campaign, his chief encouragement being from a small group of leaders who are advertised as the "regular" republicans. It is represented that only a reasonably small change will wipe out the republican majority. Now Captain Hull got 1,011 majority in the district the last time over Charles O. Holly. The democrats assume that this is the district majority they have to overcome. But they may have a very strong candidate, as shown by the fact that he actually received the republican majority over 4,000. The majority which Mr. Hayward received in the seventh district, for secretary of state, was just 11,000. That is the republican majority which the democrats stand just alliance must overcome if it is overcome at all. Virtually one out of every five of the republicans will have to bolt and cast his ballot for the democratic candidate in order to defeat Judge Prouty. But while immediately in Des Moines, where the seat of the most virulent type, and in a few spots in Marion county and possibly in Warren there is organized effort to induce bolting, there is nothing of the sort in the rest of the district. Judge Prouty bolting will have near to 5,000 majority; his friends are confident of more than 2,000 to 3,000.

It is said that analysis of other districts will show a similar state of affairs. A great many of the republican candidates for congress have not been securing the full republican vote. When comparison is made with the actual republican vote in such districts the situation looks different.

Another interesting study prior to the election is that of the effect of the voting machines which are in use in Polk county. The record will show either that they discourage scratching or that the Polk county republicans are not great on that specialty. Two years ago Taft received a majority in the county of 4,521, but Carroll got 5,137. There was some talk of scratching Bleakley, who had offended a great many by what he did in the legislative caucus on senator, and if there was any chance for scratching it was on this office; but Bleakley received 5,192 majority. Clarke also received 5,995 and Byers ran up 4,997; there was therefore only a small matter of 1,400 on the plurality between Taft, who was low on the ticket, and Attorney General Byers, who led the ticket in Polk county. It is regarded as certain that the party level on the machines encourages a tight voting.

It is entirely possible that the legislature of Iowa which is to be elected tomorrow, will have as one of its duties the rearrangement of the congressional districts of the state. If congress should immediately take up and decide upon the congressional ratio and figure it out that Iowa should have ten instead of eleven congressmen, that would force a redistricting immediately. But even if Iowa does not lose a member of congress, the new census virtually forces a redistricting in order to comply with the law and make a fair distribution among the districts.

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Shelby ..... 14,822 17,822
Sioux ..... 25,248 23,227
Story ..... 24,083 23,150
Tama ..... 22,166 24,685
Taylor ..... 16,312 18,764
Union ..... 16,816 19,920
Van Buren ..... 16,820 17,254
Wapello ..... 37,743 35,438
Warren ..... 18,194 20,276
Washington ..... 19,925 20,718
Wayne ..... 16,184 17,491
Webster ..... 34,629 31,787
Winnebago ..... 21,814 23,786
Winnebush ..... 21,729 23,784
Woodbury ..... 67,616 54,610
Worth ..... 9,950 10,827
Wright ..... 17,951 18,227

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A Statesman Who Gambled High. Arthur, Almanack's, Bootie's and White's were the chief clubs of the young men of fashion. There was play at all, and decayed noblemen and broken down senators flocked the unwary there. Charles Fox, a dreadful gambler, was cheated in very little time—lost \$60,000 pounds at play. Gibbon tells of his playing 22 hours at a sitting, and losing 500 pounds an hour. That indomitable punter said that the greatest pleasure in life, after winning was losing. What hours, what nights, what health did he waste over the devil's books. I was going to say what peace of mind, but he took his awful very philosophically. After an ardent night play, he was found on a sofa tranquilly reading "The Log of Virgil"—From Thackeray's "The Four Georges."

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