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## COMPLETE PROGRESSIVE VICTORY.

The progressives have won a most complete and thorough victory in Carbon county and they are entitled to whatever credit is due a political organization for having delivered a crushing defeat to its opponent. The bull moosers feel jubilant, and, as far as The Advocate has been able to discern, the defeated candidates and their supporters have taken their loss with perfect equanimity and with the feeling that "to the victor belongs the spoils." In view of the bitterness of the campaign the attitude of the losers is remarkable but like good American citizens, to a man they show the disposition to get down to every day business, with their eyes set on the future and with the past a buried incident.

That the republicans-democrats were amazed at the results of the vote throughout the county, there is no doubt. Possibly over-confidence in the outcome had something to do with the defeat. As it now develops, however, it seems quite easy to make a correct diagnosis of the manner by which the progressives went down the line so efficiently.

First of all it was a democratic-progressive inning, not only in Carbon county, but in Salt Lake county and in Cache, Grand, Morgan, San Juan and Washington, and probably several others. Progressives of two years ago did not return to the Utah republican fold but on the other hand joined their arch enemies, the democrats.

In this county the Consolidated camps and every independent camp joined with the bull moose in defeating the republican-democratic ticket. The D. & R. G. vote also went that way, but the most artistic blow was delivered by the town of Helper, where the republicans-democrats had been led to believe they would get an even break.

On the first of January the progressives will take complete charge of the court house with the exception of the county clerk's office and they will be the whole show in county affairs for at least two years. May they conduct themselves wisely and well and give the people that square deal which they have told Carbon electors about so much during the past two months.

It is clear that the record of Senator Smoot in Washington, particularly in his close attention to the interests of this state and to Western industries, has been responsible for his election. Unofficial figures give him a total in the state of 49,500 in round numbers. The republican vote for governor in the last state election was 42,552. Mr. Moyle is given 46,800 votes. In the last state election the democratic and the progressive votes on governor were 30,076 and 23,590, a total of 60,666. There is an interesting little problem in political arithmetic in trying to add, subtract and divide these figures to find out just what changes have taken place in the two years. They show emphatically, however, that republicans in the state are still in the majority, Smoot drawing seven thousand more republican votes than Spry received two years ago.

In the next state legislature the republicans will undoubtedly be in control by a slender margin. The democrats and progressives, however, have made heavy gains. In the upper house there will probably be a republican majority of five republican senators, but in the house the entire republican strength will not amount to more than a two majority. While the entire country has shown a strong tendency to repudiate the Wilson administration, the state of Utah, one of the two states in the Union that gave Taft its electoral vote in 1912, has almost slipped into the democratic column. The matter is simply unexplainable from any standpoint, except that the unusual democratic-progressive vote was due wholly to state issues and in which party politics were forgotten.

Even a bigger surprise than in Carbon county was the result of Tuesday's election in Salt Lake. Numerous attempts to explain it are being made. One plank in the county legislative program of the republicans is credited with being a big factor in the defeat of its legislative ticket—the recommendation for doing away with the commission form of city government. The vote in the county may be interpreted as a rebuke on this score and a complete vindication of this advanced idea in municipal affairs. Unquestionably the stand of labor against one of the candidates for commissioner had an effect on the whole county ticket, if not the party ticket entire.

The most vital question that will confront the next state legislature will be further legislation on state-wide prohibition. In line with its announced program, the association of the betterment leagues of the state will ask for the passage of a referendum measure on the liquor problem by which the wet and dry question may be put up to the voters of the state. At this time it looks very much as if such a measure would pass both houses. This may mean that prohibition for Utah will be voted upon even before the next general election as it would be possible to hold a special election to determine the wish of the voters along this line.

It is not probable that the progressive victory in Carbon county was much more of a surprise to republicans than to the bull moosers themselves. The Advocate arrives at this conclusion by the simple fact that progressive money on anything like an even bet was so scarce that it simply could not be found and it is foolish to suggest that had the progressives been certain of results they would not have relieved supporters of the republican-democratic ticket of a good many thousands of dollars.

Having handed Frank Harmon the hot end of the poker at the election, and having elected a precinct justice of the peace who is not at home and probably will not again take up his residence here very soon, the bull moose commissioners will have the opportunity of rewarding Levi Olson for his part in the campaign by appoint-

ing Harmon to the precinct justiceship, and the small favor no doubt will be thankfully taken under consideration.

In every other state in the Union but Utah and California the bull moose party is practically dead. In the populated East where democratic policies have been felt the most severely Wilson has received a severe rebuke, as well as the illustrious Roosevelt. Nationally, the progressive party has served its democratic usefulness and in 1916 the G. O. P. will very psychologically be returned to power.

While socialism has waned to a considerable extent in the mining communities of the state, unofficial returns show that the gain in the agricultural sections has more than offset this apparent loss. Tooele has elected a socialist representative, the first one to be elected in the state. In the new county of Duchesne it is reported that several socialist nominees have been elected to county offices.

On the face of incomplete returns it seems that the prohibitionists of the country have made but a slight advancement. With the possible exception of Colorado, in the other states where the matter was up to the voters, the wets won by heavy majorities. California and Ohio voted heavily to retain saloons.

The vote in Carbon county is increasing rapidly. Two years ago there were twenty-one hundred votes cast. Tuesday more than three thousand qualified electors presented themselves at the polls, a gain in two years of over 30 per cent.

In the East in every state where women's suffrage was a factor in Tuesday's election it has been defeated. Two states, however, have been added to the women's list—Arizona and Montana.

Hereafter the democracy of Carbon county should be represented by some animal other than the donkey. The jackasses of the party all left and were swallowed by the bull moose.

Wednesday's sun, however, seemed to be in its customary location and the little birds were still singing in the poplar trees.

Among the few small favors we may be thankful for, Don B. Colton will represent the Twelfth in the next senate.

On top of everything else the "dog fight" has been renewed in Mexico.

## STOCK YARDS CLOSED

Largest Cattle Market in the World Idle For Two Weeks.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The Chicago Union Stock yards, the largest cattle market in the world, which has been in continuous business since 1865, tonight was ordered closed for several days because of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease among cattle.

The closing order will go into effect at the close of business Friday, November 6th, and continue until the opening of business on the second Monday thereafter, or November 16th. This makes the cessation of business at the yards cover six days, including Sundays.

The decision to close was reached after a prolonged conference of the members of the state board of live stock commissioners with all the leading stock dealers and packers after consultation with Governor Dunne.

The immediate effect of the suspension order will be to stop the shipment of cattle, sheep and hogs to the Chicago market, which amounts to almost a hundred thousand head daily. This alone, outside of the meat packing industry, amounts to a daily business of \$1,200,000 and affects directly and indirectly 22,000 employees.

About 75,000 animals now on hand ready for slaughter were on hand ready for slaughter for three or four days, after which time, according to A. G. Leonard, president of the Union Stock yards, the entire packing industry of Chicago will come to a standstill. In ten days, it is planned, the stock yards will be thoroughly rid of the contagion. The process of elimination will include the destruction of infected cattle, the disinfection of cattle pens, and the killing of all rats. After that business is to be resumed as usual.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The gravity of the epidemic of hoof and mouth disease affecting cattle in the Middle West was driven home to cattlemen today by Dr. S. E. Bennett of the bureau of animal industry, who answered the protests of certain interests by asserting that the slaughter of suspected animals would be cheap at a cost of ten million dollars, compared with the incalculable loss which a general spread of the malady would mean.

No way of fighting the plague effectively is known except the annihilation of affected and suspected animals.

Representatives of the federal government yesterday were in favor of closing the Chicago stock yards, the largest in the world, and an order to that effect was rescinded only after the heaviest pressure had been brought to bear. The danger of such action is not yet over. In fact Governor Dunne, in conference with state and federal representatives and meat packers, voiced a renewed proposal to close the yards. The status of the quarantine, therefore, depends upon future developments.

Among the packers today it was said that the immediate situation should make for lower prices, as it was thought that cattle growers, rather than risk disease among their herds, would rush their live stock to market, where it must be killed immediately.

A thousand men were engaged at the yards today thoroughly disinfecting pens and runways. One case of the malady appeared and was isolated for complete observation.

## No New Outbreaks Found.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A corps of 187 government inspectors traveled in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, today reported they had found no new outbreaks of the foot and mouth disease among

cattle in districts outside those already infected. One hundred and sixty-five herds or about a thousand animals already have been destroyed in Indiana and Michigan. The carcasses were buried in lime to prevent spread of the contagion. As yet no cases of children being affected by the milk from tub diseased cattle have been reported.

## COMMENTS OF THE NEW YORK CITY NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Following are comments today of New York newspapers on yesterday's election.

Under the heading, "The Republican Turn," the New York Sun says: "The salient feature of the voting throughout the United States, or rather throughout that part of the country which is reasonably indicative of official change, was the compelling evidence of republican reunion. The progressive advance is not only heeded; the progressive forces are almost annihilated."

"Such is the condition which confronts the Wilson administration. The fact so far transcends in importance the local developments in this state or in any other state that even the landslide by which Mr. Whitman and Mr. Wadsworth benefit so conspicuously seems this morning a minor incident."

The New York Tribune, commenting on the "Rebuke to Wilson and Murphy," says: "There can be no mistake about the intent of the voters. All the democratic apologies and explanations will avail nothing. If the result had been fairly close they might have had some worth. As it is, Murphy and President Wilson may mingle their tears for the voters of this state have spoken their mind in both of them with emphasis."

"Against Mr. Wilson" is the caption on the comment of the New York Press, which says: "The American people carried the elections overwhelmingly against the program of President Wilson."

## ACADEMY NOTES.

On Monday, October 26th, the Price Academy students organized a literary society, known as the "Philological Literary Society." Guy Cottrell was elected president, Edith West, vice-president, and Vera Davis, secretary. Program committee—John Keith, Hazel Cleveland and Rodney Winn. Constitutional committee—L. A. Jones, George Stevenson and Thelma Fouts. The society meets every Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Academy assembly room.

Under the supervision of Contractor West, work on the new dormitory for Price academy is progressing rapidly. The basement walls are completed and the first floor laid, while the cement basement floor will be completed in a few days. The building will be ready for occupation about January 1st, 1915.

The Halloween party given by the Epworth League Friday night, October 24th, in the Academy gymnasium, was an entire success. The guests came masked in original and unique costumes. Many games of witchery were played and fortunes were told. The League is intending to give several parties this winter, and it is to be hoped that all are as successful as this first.

Many members of the Epworth League have joined either the Senior or Junior Bible classes, which are just being organized.

Quite a few Salt Lake residents because of their interest in Carbon county politics lost their vote this year. M. P. Braffet, C. A. Gibbs, D. D. Houts and others were among the number.

District court adjourned Friday of last week until the 17th of December.

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