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WHY THE EGGS COME HIGH.

A correspondent who writes to The Times in a tone of simple common sense that indicates possession of information whereof he speaks, tells some truth about the high cost of eggs.

The price of eggs has gone skyrocketing, he says, because the cost of living—for hens—has gone up. That's all there is to it. If it costs 20 cents a dozen to raise eggs when chicken feed costs on the basis of 100, then it costs twice as much to raise eggs when feed and everything else goes to a basis of 200.

It is a fact, of the commonest knowledge to people with any opportunity for knowledge of such subjects, that dairy herds are being sold off at an alarming rate by people who discover that there is no profit in raising milk, and good money in raising other things on the farm.

THE NEXT HOUSE AND ITS SPEAKER

In the membership of the next House of Representatives will be a Socialist, a Progressive, an Independent, and a "Progressive-Protectionist."

Seemingly the Democrats have not a majority in the House, which is 218. They are likely to count 215, according to the latest reports; so they will need some of the members of this group of political non-descripts in order to organize.

Controlling the House is not the same game it was a few years ago. The Speakership is not the thing; it is the Committee on Ways and Means, whose members are elected by the House, and which names the committees of the House.

Lord Randolph Churchill once pretty nearly bossed the British government with a party comprising four members. The despised independents may boss the next House.

THE FUNNY FOREIGN COMMENT

Our British and German editorial friends, who went to bat before they were called, and struck out by commenting on the election results when they thought Hughes was elected, find that the joke was on them.

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especially since the submarine raid off the New England coast, which seems to have convinced Germany that there wasn't much danger of America getting seriously resentful, no matter what indignity were imposed.

Responsible official people in the warring countries have maintained extreme reticence. Their extreme care about making any expression is reflection of the feeling that the time is at hand when America will be a more important figure, in connection with world reorganization, than it has been in war time.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIUMPH

President Wilson is re-elected, with 272 electoral votes in his column and a chance to gain a few more on completed and official returns. But the probability is that in the conclusion the total will stand Wilson 272, Hughes 259.

It must be set down as a personal triumph for the President. His party has lost heavily in the Senate and House. It is probable that the Democrats will control the new Senate, but they seem to have lost the House. They surely would have lost the Senate as well, if the country had been choosing an entire new Senate, instead of only one-third the members of that branch.

There has been no confirmation of any allegations about corruption, either in the casting or the counting of the ballots. The Democratic management made charges, before the polling, that now sound curiously hollow and silly.

When it became apparent that the result depended on a group of very close States, they charged that the Republicans were getting ready to steal it. A result which shows the Democrats victorious, with the President running far ahead of his party strength, indicates how little ground there was for either accusation.

The appearance of Federal judicial officers in conferences which aimed at attempted interference with the States' business of canvassing their own votes was in exceeding bad taste, and worse. Federal authority has no right to intrude itself in this affair.

In the conclusion of the matter, it must be said that President Wilson has carried the country, and that the Democratic party and its policies have been denied a vote of confidence.

POPULAR AND ELECTORAL VOTES

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In a union of States, it was agreed, the fairest method of apportioning influence in the Federal Government was on the basis of population of the States. To place

it in proportion to the number of voters in the State would be unfair because the State that was most liberal in giving the ballot to its people would have a long advantage.

The situation may be illustrated by taking three States that have approximately the same population and the same strength in the Electoral College, but that have different conditions surrounding their qualifications for voting.

The disparity is much greater when comparison is made between Alabama and California as they vote today. Alabama denies the vote to half its men—the black ones; California gives it to all men and all women.

Results attained through the Electoral College system are, on the whole, much more fair and representative than would be the results from a popular vote—so long as the "popular" vote varies so widely as now.

SURPRISES IN THE VOTING

One of the early signs that something astonishing was in the political atmosphere, was the vote of Milwaukee in the Presidential primary early in the summer.

Now comes the election results with a list of such eccentricities, not yet nearly completed. Wilson carried St. Louis, one of the greatest German centers; the Republicans carried Cincinnati by a very low majority, that city being another German center.

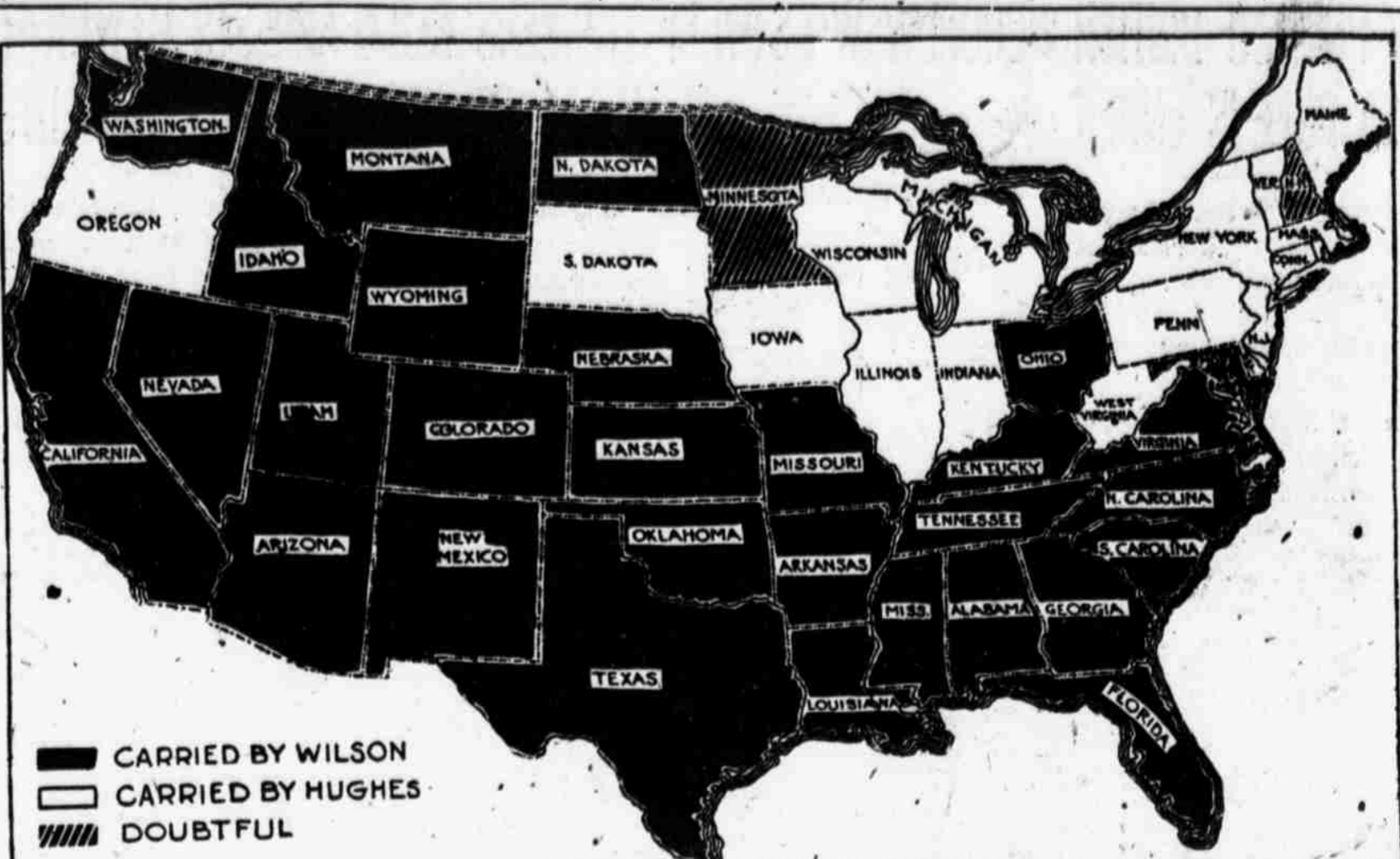
New Hampshire requires explanation that is not at all obvious. If it hasn't gone Democratic, it has come so near as to make it almost Democratic. Doubtless the explanation dates back to the State's revolt against the old Boston and Maine regime which bossed it for many years.

Looking for surprises, again, who would have guessed, after reading the sort of literature that has given us our impressions of Alaska, that it would go dry?

On July 15, say, it would have been hard indeed to find a political prognosticator who would have believed the women's votes would win for Wilson. It seems they did. Wilson was against the Anthony amendment; Hughes was for it; and the great organized women's forces were determined to show their power by punishing Wilson.

There is basis for a mild suspicion that the ladies who run the suffrage movement from a New York headquarters have not quite grasped the idea that is lodged in the pretty heads of the country who actually have a vote, and are using it to suit themselves.

POLITICAL MAP AS CHANGED BY ELECTION



PHOTOPLAYS ON THE PROGRAM NEXT WEEK

Special Productions Scheduled For Presentation in Local Theaters.

Crandall's. George Broadhurst's stage success, "Bought and Paid For," adapted to motion pictures, will be the attraction Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Alice Brady the featured player.

Leader. A photoplay that gives a new twist to the international spy story is "The Intrigue," in which Lenore Ulrich will be seen at the Leader Theater today.

Savoy. Mae Marsh and Robert Harron are co-stars in "The Little Liar," which is announced for showing at Crandall's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Apollo. "The House of Lies," featuring Edna Goodrich, will be shown at Crandall's Apollo Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Avenue Grand. A woman's fight for happiness is the basis of "The Hidden Secret," the Sunday attraction at Crandall's Avenue Grand Theater.

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PAPER ON EUGENICS IN RAILWAY BUSINESS

An entertaining treatise on practical eugenics in the railroad business forms a part of the sixth installment of "Big Readings," a series of articles by Charles Frederick Carter, in the Railroad Man's Magazine.

Reduction in Consumption of Milk Is Suggested as Means of Combating Increase in Price.

Head of United Hebrew Charities Thanks The Times.

Don Marquis' Column

"Is Oratory a Lost Art?" asks a headline. No such luck.

On Tuesday—election day—Candidate Fairbanks lost his hat. Candidate Marshall didn't. These paragraphs are written on Tuesday and you get them on Friday.

Politics in Breathitt County. From the Jackson (Ky.) Times. In the pretty grove of beeches on the east bank of the Middle Fork of the Kentucky river, about two miles below the mouth of Canoe Fork and directly across from the residence of Roger Callahan, there was being held Saturday afternoon an election for school trustee.

Where Is Archy? Sir: I met Archy on a Staten Island ferryboat the other day. It is my impression that he is riding back and forth because he is unable to make a landing, being afraid that he will be trampled on in the rush if he attempts to go ashore when the crowd does.

SCOUT NO. 1738 REPORTS. Sir: It might interest those wishing coffee to know that they can order it at M. J. Coffey's cafe, Broadway and 17th street, or at Eugene Coffey's cafe, 162 Amsterdam avenue, or at J. J. Coffey's cafe, 124th street and St. Nicholas avenue, or at James Coffey's cafe, 223 Eighth avenue.

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"New York," writes F. B., "doesn't seem to get an enthused over the promised advent of Billy Sunday as some of our other fair towns. Is it possible that New York is able to discriminate between strictly emotional religion and the more steadfast sort? Or does New York look on it as just another big show? Or is Billy losing his punch?"

movement. If an investigation by an impartial committee finds a just ground for the advance, then we all must bow to it.

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NEARBY STREAMS BEING POLLUTED

But Additional Sewers From Suburbs Not Health Menace, Says Supt. Phillips.

Increase in the pollution of streams entering the District was noted during the year ended June 30, according to the annual report of Asa E. Phillips, superintendent of sewers.

Efforts of the Maryland Board of Health to this end during the year, which discharged the sanitary condition of the Potomac River is such as to be a menace to public health by the pollution of the water beds in the lower river or otherwise.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN WASHINGTON TODAY

- Today. Dinner, membership committee of the Board of Trade with executive committee. Masonic Temple, Brookland, 8 p. m.

Amusements. National Sarah Bernhardt, 8:15 p. m. Belasco—"The Merry Wives of Windsor," 8:15 p. m.

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