COOLIDGE LEAD CUT SLIGHTLY

SAYS DEALS IN OIL TALKED AT G. O. P. MEETING

Air Surcharged with Stories at Chicago in 1920, Says **Ohio Witness**

WOOD REFUSED OFFER

Says General Declared He Would Not Consider Any Shady Deals

Washington, Mar. 19.- The atmosphere at the Chicago Republican con vention in 1920 was surcharged with stories of "oil deals," the oil committee was told today by Tiffin Gilmore, deputy secretary of state of Ohio, who was at the Chicago convention as a Wood supporter.

One story was, Gilmore said, that oil operators had proposed to throw delegate support to Major-General Wood if they were permitted to name the Secretary of the Interior He declared he knew nothing about it "first hand" but that it was common talk that "a deal had been con summated between oil operators and the possible nominee.'

Discussed Land

In a conversation he had after the convention with Carmi Thompson, an Ohio Republican leader who was the nominee of his party for Governor in 1922, Gilmore said there was some discussion of a land claim Thompson was interested in.
"What land did you refer to when

you asked Carmi Thompson if he had the land?" asked Senator Bursum, Republican, New Mexico.

"The whole air was so surcharged I cannot tell. My impression was that it was some land adjacent to Bakersfield, California. I had never heard of Teapot Dome at that time." "Did you gather the impression that Mr. Hamon (Jake Hamon the Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma) had anything to do

with it.' "I don't know what oil companies were in it; I do think, however, that a young man named Moulter told me Hamon was mixed up in it."

"You really know nothing of those matters except gossip on the street."
"No man who knew ever heard

Wood Refused?

Asked by Senator Walsh, Democrat, "I was told he walked up and down

at his hotel and said it was a shady deal; that he would have nothing to do with it and that they would have Mississippi river packet boat. He of the country including the Smith-The witness was excused and the

committee called James D. Darden, a man of many adventures whose name had been interwoven with disclosures in both the Daugherty and Teapot Dome inquiries. Process severs had reported failure to locate him for a month but he denied that he had tried to avoid service of the committee's subpoena. He said he was Angeles paper, he came to Bismarck store of information. away from home a good deal but and got a job tending bar in a salocn. As a result of his had seen by the newspapers that he He got to be a faro dealer and dealt ciety is already planning to send a was sought and had immediately notified W. J. Burns of the Department day and what he ate, smoked and go over the historical points of the of Justice.

Darden said he had known President Harding a long time and had become intimate with him during the pre-convention campaign in 1920. "Did you aid in bringing about his

"I did everything I could." "Did you raise any money?" "I did now and then a little." "Where did you raise the money?" 'Among my friends."

Do you know Joseph Hall of New 'Yes, I met him during the Har ding campaign. He wanted help."

RETAILERS TO FLOCK HERE

Plans Advanced to Make Convention Largest on Record

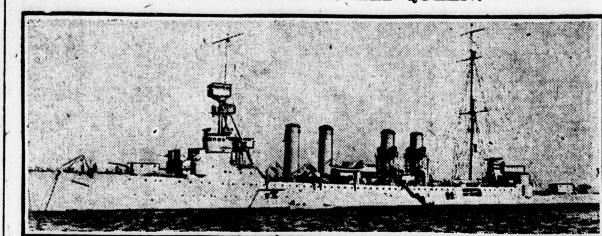
W. A. Donnelly, secretary of the North Dakota Retail Merchants Association, will be in Bismarck the last of the week to confer with local retailers and officers of the Association of Commerce regarding plans for the retail merchants state convention here May 27, 28 and 29.

It is planned to make this convention the largest ever held in the state. While the retail merchants association has a large membership in the state the conventions have not been as large as the officials of the organization believe they should A. J. Bradley, secretary of the Association of Commerces plans to issue on behalf of that body and the city a special invitation to 1,800 merchants in the state to come here for the convention.

The program also will be planned with a view of attracting merchants to the city. Traveling men also are evincing much interest in the proposal to make the convention a grand until the day when he persisted in rally for the retail business of the

The principality of Wales has an area of 7467 square miles and a population of 2,200,000.

SHE'S AMERICA'S SPEED QUEEN!



This is the fastest of all ships flying the Stars and Stripes. She's the scout cruiser Cincinnati. She' oon leave Pacific waters for a record run to New York, around Cape Horn

IN N. DAKOTA

Interested in Possibilities Af-

ter Major Welch's Visit

To Chicago

explorations may be started in this

vicinity this summer by wealthy

Major Welch, who is known to pos-

ROAD WORK

Will Spend More Than

\$60,000 on Projects Let

Minot, Mar. 19 .- Contracts for fed-

sioners and representatives of the

state highway commission and the

federal government, meeting late

Saturday at the court house. The

Schultz Bros., of Bowbells was

awarded the contracts for approxi-

mately 18 miles of grading work on

two projects, No. 182 and No. 82. the

and Berthold and the latter consist-

ing of nine miles of highway directly

north of Minot. The same contract

The F. M. Haas company of Minot

was awarded the contract for con

OLMSTEAD DIES

Rett E. Olmstead, 63, former mission-

Manitou, Minn., March 19 .- Rev.

work will be done during the coming

summer.

TRAIL OF "BALDY" SHARPLESS, EARLY DAY CHARACTER IN CITY,. LEADS HIM TO THE POORHOUSE

Adventurous Life Is Recited by Him to Los Angeles Newspaper, in Which He Tells of Operating Faro Bank in Bismarck in the Frontier Times-Painted Deck of Cards on House Here

The long, long trail of "Baldy" Sharpless, who sojourned in Bismarck n the early days, has ended in the Downey poor farm at Los Angeles. road was a primrose path for a time-he lived well and gambled with fate and cards, and the closing of his days finds him resigned

to his fate and not knowing exactly how he could avoid it. "Baldy" Sharpless' story is told in the Los Angeles Record of March 11-presumably the man referred to is "Baldy" Sharpless once of Bismarck-and his story is one of bright travels on high roads and a fall

o the low ones. "Baldy" Sharpless, it is said, built! the house in which Judge Casselman now lives. His trade was that of the green table, and he painted a deck of cards on the roof as his insignia. It is said by one or two old timers that he started to decorate his dining room with figures of cars, but his wife objected and he did not accom-

plish this work of art. In Bismarck he ran a barbershop for a time on the spot where Lenhart's drug store now stands, and also ran a rough and ready "gun boat" on the Missouri river. Later, as Bismarck became too refined for him, he moved further west in search of

Tells Of Adventurous Life "Baldy," in telling his story in the Los Angeles Record, recites some incidents of his days in Bismarck. He

adventurous fields.

was born April 29, 1850, in Rochester, N. Y. He was the second of eight children. He admits he was happy A. B. Welch when he spoke last Montana, if he knew what reply as a child, though the lot of his fam-General Wood had made, Gilmore ily was hard. The mother, after the death of her husband, took her brood over 400, all of whom are students to Wisconsin where she had a broth- of the historical lore of the middle er. At 14, "Baldy" went to LaCrosse western states. The group are learned to be handy with the paint sonian institute.

From that time on "Baldy" was a confirmed riverman. He was on the of the Indian wars, and customs, eswater 12 years, logging, docking pecially in the Missouri valley found

freight, and similar jobs. but, according to his story in the Los he added much to their already good bank two and a half years-for \$5 a party to western North Dakota to drank. When the bank closed, its slope and near the river points. proprietor had salted down \$52,000 and "Baldy," who had married an Otto L. Schmidt of the First National economical girl of German descent, bank, Ralph H. Linton, head of the had enough money to buy some Bis- Field Museum and also Messers. marck property worth \$6,000 and to Chandler and Startey of the Museum return to river life with \$1,400 cash. board, Major Welch had the oppor-

"Baldy" built a houseboat-nick- tunity to see many of the historical named a gunboat-which he ran on possessions in the various museums the Missouri. He went as far as of the city. Cyrus H. McCormick, Jr. New Orleans, but the chief stock in and Marshall Field III are leading trade was said to be liquor. Shauers members of the society. bought a phonograph for \$350 when and houseboating up and down the river, he charged natives five cents they were scarcer than hen's teeth, to listen to it. His wife was constant companion. He had also a nicke-in-the-slot camera, and traveled

about either by boat or wagens, cleáning up about \$20 a day. Up until the early 1900s "Baldy" worked the western and northwestern part of the country, and got into Oregon and California. Later he drifted o Louisiana, because phonographs had become common in the Northwest. In the backwoods district of eral aid highway construction work Louisiana he plied his business of in Ward county, totaling \$61,814.04 selling phonograph music at five were awarded by the county commiscents per. Bad luck hit Shauers when he was at the zenith of his earnings in 1914. He was piloting a houseboat down the Tennessee river His wife was attending to the engine. She stepped across the driving shaft

to the deck. He clothes were pretty much torn from her body.

Ministers to Wife Shauers landed the boat, and min istered to his wife, but she died. "The next year, "Shauers is quoted in the Los Angeles paper as saying, ing firm will also do the concrete ing broadcast as an experiment to I made my big mistake-in marrying work in connection with project No. Jessie. She was only 15. I was 65, but didn't feel old. But I should work in its bid. have known better.

to reach a can of gasoline. Her dress

caught and she was hurled violently

For a while all went swimmingly. The penny arcade business was good. crete work on the federal aid project By his first wife Shauers had no No. 182, at a bid of \$1,903.67. children. Unto his second, a son was born. The sky was free from clouds working on his engine in the blind-

Lay On Bed He lay down on his bed, and in (Continued on page 3)

DAUGHERTY'S PROBERS HOLD **DULL SESSION**

Senator Wheeler, Committee Prosecutor, Ill and But One Witness Called

Washington, Mar. 19 .- The Daughrty investigating committee had a brief, dull, drab session today because Senator Wheeler, the committee "prosecutor" had a bad cold and remained at home.

Will A. Orr, former private secretary to former Governor Whitman of New York was waiting to be grilled further about the film "deals" and whisky "deals" on which he testified yesterday but the committee turned aside from Orr to hear briefly again Maco Stewart, a Galveston, Texas, lawyer who complained in his testimony yesterday that the department of justice had been remiss in proecuting lotteries and to hear briefly also T. D. Dawkins, a Texas post-

office inspector. Attorney-General Daugherty's coun sel brought out on cross examination that the government had been pros ecuting the concerns Stewart complained of but the witness insisted they had not been prosecuted under the lottery law as he contended they Mandan, March 19. Archaelogical

should have been. The Attorney-General's counsel announced they did not wish to cross-Chicagoans as the result of an examine Orr and he was excused inaddress given to the members of definitely. The hearing will resume the Chicago Historical Society by at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TURNED DOWN

El Reno, Okla., March 19 .- Overwhelming opposition to the organization of a third party was expressed by the state convention of the farmsess a great abundance of knowledge er-labor progressive league here. By struck from the report of its resoluthat parts of the address which he tions committee a provision favoring In 1876 he went to the Black Hills gave more than coincided with the the third party movement. Charles in the gold rush. He didn't find any, knowledge the society possessed and J. Wrightsman, Tulsa oil operator, received the indorsement for United

As a result of his address the so-**CLAIMS FORCE** BACKEDCHARGE

John W. Thompson, Indicted with Forbes, Answers Charge

Chicago, Mar. 19.- John W. Thompor, jointly indicted with Col. C. R. sworn statement in the federal dis- control. trict court that the indictment voted against him by the grand jury had been obtained by "subterfuge,

support of a motion by Thompson to chants. counsel to quash the indictment against him. A court order also was sought to restrain the use of books and papers belonging to Thompson as evidence against him.

HEARD LONDON RADIO STATION

Dogden, N. D., March 19 .- When Miss Ruth Pence put on the headpiece of her father's RC Westinghouse radio set Thursday evening she heard part of an experimental proformer consisting of about 8 3-4 gram being broadcast from London, miles of highway between Des Lucs England, some 6,000 odd miles away. She listened in for about 10 minutes and heard that the station was at London and that the talk was besee how far it could be heard. She 82, having including this item of lost the station, however, just before the announcer got ready to sign off and thus failed to get its code call.

CONGRESS HELD Washington, March 19 .- After a preliminary hearing of more than ive hours in a crowded little Virgina courtroom, Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota, and Leroy M. ing sun until a sharp headache made ary and pastor of the Universalist Hull, a 29-year-old government emit impossible for him to continue. ploye, today were held for the grand the Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. ty police officers.

LA FOLLETTE IS STRONG IN RURAL YOTING

Burleigh County Rural Precincts Come In

COOLIDGE IN THE CITY

President Gets Good Majority Although Much Less Than **Normal Vote Cast**

The race for the Republican presdential preference in Burleigh counwill be close, it became evident as the returns from country pre-cincts came in. In some of them LaFollette was given a big vote.
With 24 out of the 60 precincts of he county, including all of Bismarck, reported, the count stood: Coolidge 1,210; Johnson 710; LaFollette 439. The first 10 country precincts reported gave: Coolidge 186; Johnson 185; LaFollette 206. LaFollette scored heavily in Lein, getting 52 votes to two for Coolidge and one for Johnson. In Burnt Creek LaFolette got 33 votes to six for Johnson and five for Coolidge, and in Driscoll LaFollette got 67 to 25 for Johnson and 18 for Coolidge. Menoken was

to the Coolidge vote there, as he got 33 votes to 10 for Coolidge and one for LaFollette. When 29 of Burleigh county's 60 recincts had reported totals were as follows: Coolidge 1,262; Johnson

for Johnson, he evidently cutting in-

782; LaFollette 279. Fedge bill, 24 precincts, for 669; against 1.462. 10 precincts, Murphy 107; Perry 26.

24 precincts h. b. 285, for 1,196; against 1,023, s. b. 283, for 1,157; against 1,014; h. b. 282, for 1,174; against 987; s. b. 375, for 1,088 against 1,076. President Coolidge carried Bis-

narck by the handsome majority of 473 over Johnson. The total vote cast for President was however, but 1,705 votes, about 60 per cent of the normal vote. The vote in the city:

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W	1,	pet.	2.					127	46	4
M.	2,	pct.	1.					97	45	17
W	2,	pct.	2.		 			116	60	8
W	3,	pct.	1.					181	56	33
W	3,	pet.	2.					96	44	45
W	ard	4						39	65	30
		5 .						69	41	9
W	6,	pet.	1.					70	54	29
		pct.						47	50	48
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eeived one vote for President. Johnson carried two precints, the fourth ward and St. Mary's school precincts in the Sixth ward.

RUSH MARINES TO AID CONSUL

Asked to Protect Attacks By Rebels in Honduran Capital

Washington, Mar. 19 .- A landing force of 167 sailors and nine officers from the cruiser Milwaukee at Amapala, Honduras is being rushed today from that port to Tegucigalpa. the Honduran capital, where wild lisorder prevails.

The landing force was asked for by and consular offices, who were fired erans Bureau, charged today in a the Honduran ministry has lost all

Consular advices from Tegucigalpa also said many innocent persons were being shot down and looting was misrepresentation, duress and rampant. Losses estimated at \$400,-000 have been suffered principally by The statement was submitted in British, Chinese and American mer-

Weather Report

For twenty-four hours ending noon today. l'emperature at 7 a. m. Highest yesterday Lowest yesterday Lowest last night Precipitation 0
Highest wind velocity 10 WEATHER FORECAST

For Bismack and vicinity: Unsettlprobable. Not much change in tem-For North Dakota: Unsettled to night and Thursday; some snow pro-

bable. Slightly solder Thursday northwest portion. WEATHER CONDITIONS

low pressure area, accompanied by reductions sought average about 20 snow, prevails over the northeastern percent. Rocky Mountain slope. Unsettled weather is general over the Micsissippi Valley and northern Plains States. Warmer weather prevails cattle in 3 1-2 townships in Grand over the Plains States and Rocky Forks county have been tested for Mountain region this morning but tuberculosis according to Dr. V. M. ly at his home here yesterday. He has held pastorates in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio.

FIRST CREDIT CORPORATION **PAYMENTS MADE**

Minneapolis, March 19 .- The agricultural credit corporation, formed to aid in relieving financial distress in some parts of the northwest, announced receipt of checks aggregating several hundred thousand dollars Gains When Returns From in payment for the first call for funds, issued to subscribers to the corporation's capital stock of \$10,-

The percentage of the levy made on the members was not made pubic. Plans formulated two weeks ago by the executive committee, however, called for an original levy of \$2,500, 00, or 25 percent of the capital stock pledges, made by banking and busiless interests of New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Duluth and the 2

Twin Cities. **MUCH MOTOR** VEHICLE CASH

Only One-Fifth Is Expended Under Direction of State **Highway Commission**

ROAD

Records of Highway Commission Found in Excellent

Shape By Auditor

How the motor vehicle license ta dollar is distributed in the state shown in the audit report of O. B. Lund, made for the state board of auditors, in which he reviews the equip- JOHNSON HAS ment department, the operating department and the motor vehicle re gistration department of the state highway commission. Of each dollar collected for auto

licenses, 5.75 percent goes to meet the expense of operating the depart ment, 12.13 percent is used for highway maintenance, 3.17 percent goes to the highway commission ten percent fund for engineering work, 18.60 percent goes to the state bridge fund, 28.59 percent is credited to counties on the highway commission's books and 31.76 percent goes direct to county treasurers. Of the total collections of \$698,

931.70 for 1922 the money was distributed as follows: motor vehicle regis tration expense, \$40,214.45; highway commission maintenance \$84,785.55 highway commission ten percent fund \$22,196.58; state bridge fund \$130. Total...... 971 498 236 000; credited to counties on the high In one precinct Gov. Nestos re- way books, \$199,769.27; remitted direct to county treasurers \$221,965.85. Thus of each dollar collected for motor vehicle license fees, only about 21 percent is expended under the direction of the state highway commission, the rest being distributed by

The highway commission, says the Lund report, "is an organization of considerable magnitude, collecting and disbursing approximately a million dollars per annum; has a staff of employes averaging over one hundred, and having supervision over all the state and federal road construction and maintenance in the state of North Dakota."

Mr. Lund found some criticism of the methods of handling the equipment department, which highway commission employes point out, was prior to the administration of W. G. Black, present chief engineer, and American Minister Morales for the with respect to the highway commisson, St. Louis and Chicago contract- protection of the American legation sion operating fund itself Mr. Lund's report says: "With the exception of Forbes, former director of the Vet- upon by drunken soldiers over which a few clerical errors, all transactions were found properly recorded and the books posted to date in a neat and orderly manner. * The secretary, department heads and assistants

of the various subdivisions of the state highway commission afforded me every facility in making this audit, and I wish to acknowledge my personal appreciation of the hearty cooperation and assistance of all.' Much of the expense of the highway commission is borne by the federal government, since it pays half the necessary traveling expenses of engineers and inspectors.

ASK LIVESTOCK RATES BE CUT

The American National Live Stock Association and fifteen other live stock and wool growers' associations have filed a complaint with the In ed tonight and Thursday; some snow terstate Commerce Commission against the interstate rates on Live Stock between all points west of and including Chicago. They ask that the rates in effect June 25, 1918 be re-es tablished and that special charges in connection with the transportation of Live Stock be abolished. It is stated Snow is falling in the southern that the Live Stock Industry is in Plains States due to low pressure bad shape and that a reduction in centered over that region. Another rates would be of great benefit. The

FORKS CATTLE BEING TESTED Grand Forks, N. D., March 19 .-- All

FA FOLLETTE GAINS IN RURAL ALSO CUTS THE JOHNSON YOTE;

Predictions Based on Available Returns Made that Garnet Wins and Election Laws and Fedge Lien Bill Are De

When 733 precincts of the state's total of 2,058 had reported the count stood: Coolidge 27,526; Johnson 15,973

LaFollette 13,183. The fact that country precincts in many instances compined either to support LaFollette or Johnson, and in some President Coolidge showed unexpected strength, made prediction difficult even with over 700 precincts reported. The TO COUNTIES diction difficult even with over 700 precincts reported. The rapid gains being made by Senator LaFollette in strong Nonpartisan league territory, however, made it appear likely Nonpartisan league territory, however, made it appear likely that Senator Hiram Johnson would have a hard fight to retain second place in the primary, and that if President Coolidge is displaced for the leadership it will be by Senator LaFollette. The Coolidge managers this afternoon appeared satisfied that his lead was sufficient to give him the state's

indorsement for the Republican presidential nomination. Out of the scattered election returns from various parts WORK REPORT of the state indications on other candidates and measures were: Harrison Garnett, "Real Republican," was profiting

> The election laws did not receive the support in many places which it appeared necessary for them to receive in the

> early returns to carry. McIntosh county, for example the vote on this measure was 680 against to 206 for, with but one small precinct missing

HARD FIGHT TO RETAIN PLACE

Fargo, Mar. 19 (By the A. P.) -With President Coolidge maintaining the lead in the Republican presidential indorsement race voted on in yesterday's primary in North Dakota, late returns today showed Senator Robert M. LaFollette threatening to displace Senator Hiram Johnson

from second position. When 733 of the state's 2,058 precincts had been heard from, the president had a plurality of more than 11,500, the count standing Coolidge 27,526; Johnson, 15,973; LaFollette 13,183

JOHNSON MEN WON'T CONCEDE THEIR DEFEAT

Say That Strong Johnson Precincts Are Yet to be Heard From in Voting

Fargo, Mar. 19 .- Calvin Coolidge retained his lead for the Republican presidential indorsement as additional returns from Tuesday's state-wide primary in North Daketa trickled in from the rural districts today. When a fifth of the state's 2,058

precincts had reported the president's early plurality ratio had been slightly trimmed by Senator Hiram Johnson of California but his total still showed a majority of all votes so far tabulated in the presidential 2,698. The division apparently favor State headquarters of the Johnson

forces issued a statement early this Murphy for Democratic national comafternoon declaring the Coolinge "lead at this time is much less than we expected" and saying the size of the LaFollette vote would determine the result. The Johnson headquarters state ment follows: "Coolidge's lead at this

time is much less than we expected. The big surprise of the election is the strong anti-Coolidge vote which indicates that Coolidge polled less lette was widespread. While in some than half the usual conservative vote in the conservative strongholds. "The final result depends entirely upon the manner in which LaFollette cuts into the Johnson vote in the progressive strongholds which are most

ly unheard from at this time." HENDERSON

One Member of City Commission Reelected

Dr. A. O. Henderson was swept into the office of president of the Mandan city commission by a large majority, his majority being 680 over H L Henke, incumbent.

Ben Anderson, Northern Pacific yard master, beat Nels Rohmer, waterworks commissioner, by an equally as large majority while J. B. Fredericks, present member of the city commission in charge of police and fire departments, won over H. A.

Schmidt by 92 votes. The new board will take office

OTHER ISSUES ARE UNCERTAIN

feated-Returns Slow Coming in

President Calvin Coolidge, after dropping from a two tone lead of Senator Hiram Johnson in the tabulation of uesday's primary vote to slightly less than this, maintained steady ratio over the Californian in the tabulation from

noon until late this afternoon.

by the division caused by the four cornered race for Republican national committeeman is likely to win.

The Fedge farm labor lien bill will be badly defeated. In

The race for Democratic nationa' committeeman between R. B. Mur phy of Bismarck and H. H. Perry of Ellendale will not be decided before tomorrow. Perry led in early re-turns but they were chiefly fron Minot and Dickey county, Perry strongholds. Mandan's vote, not in

> four to one lead over Perry.
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> No attempt was made to tabulate he vote on presidential electors and candidates for delegates to the Republican national convention, because of the large number of names and he desire to determine the result of the other issues as quickly as possi-ble. There were 93 candidates or the ballot, which made counting extremely slow.

cluded in the total, gave Murphy a

Tabulated Vote

264 precincts on referred laws out of 2,058 gave: h. b. 285, for 12,457; against 8,514. 309 precincts, s. b. 233, for 12,692; against 10,113; s. b. 275, for 9,793, against 7,095.

Amendments-state bond issue 229 precincts, for 11,695, against 6,568. County officials for 11,-449, against 5,667. Farm labor lien—346 precincts for 9,559, against 29,296. 177 precincts, McAdoo 1,487

261 precincts, Democratic nation

al committeeman, Murphy 1,781

Perry 2,376. 297 precincts, Republican national committeeman-Bowman 2,217; Burdick 5,535; Garnett 11,-641: Kinzer 4.597. When 448 precincts had been

reported Coolidge had 20,885 votes, LaFollette 6,993; Johnson 11,310. When 448 precincts out of the tate's 2,058 had reported the vote stood: Coolidge 20,885; LaFollette

6,993; Johnson 11,310. Returns from 203 precincts for na tional committeeman on the Republi can ticket gave: Bowman 1,500; Eur dick 4,065; Garnett 7,994; Kinze ed Garnett all down the line. Returns from 177 precincts gave

mitteeman 1,339 and Perry 2,013. The gain of Johnson from the earl ier tabulations is shown by a com parison when 294 precincts had been reported, which gave Coolidge 17,22 votes, LaFollette 4,681 and Johnson 8,453. Both LaFollette and Johnson gained on Coolidge in the next 20 precincts reported.

The "sticker" campaign for LaFol rural precincts it was evident that Nonpartisans decided either to join for LaFollette or Johnson, there were other precincts in which it was apparent that Hiram Johnson cut int the Coolidge vote more than LaFollette cut into the Johnson vote. The voters apparently were well supplied with LaFollette stickers in most rura precincts.

Doubt On Laws

Political observers, basing esti-mates on a knowledge of condition in the state and returns available doubted if the election laws would carry. Returns from 79 precinct showed 4,372 votes for house bill No 282 as compared to 2.374 against 5,374 for s./b. 233 and 3,831 against 3,515 for h. b. 282 and 2,190 against Several towns where Coolidge ra ahead gave a majority against the election laws.

The Fedge labor lien bill, object of much discussion, continued to re ceive hard knocks at the hands of the voters. One hundred and ter precincts gave 2.861 for the bill to ,869 against.

Interest centered on the presidential preference primary, but the vote was being reported slowly, due attention paid city and township elections and lack of the heated in-

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