

# HEAVY EARLY VOTE IS GENERALLY CAST.

Returns From Polling Places Throughout the State of Utah Indicate that Great Interest is Being Taken in the Outcome of the General Election—Incidents in Salt Lake.

## Vote in the State Two Years Ago.

Republican	42,560
Democrat	27,921
American	11,411
Socialist	3,610
Total	84,002

## Vote For Congressman (Salt Lake County.)

Howell, (Rep.)	11,333
Powers, (Dem.)	6,408
Weir, (Am.)	9,940
Burt, (Sec.)	965
Total	29,186

## Vote For Congressman (Salt Lake City.)

Howell, (Rep.)	5,555
Powers, (Dem.)	4,638
Weir, (Am.)	7,762
Total	20,955

## Vote For Sheriff (Salt Lake County.)

Emery, (Rep.)	12,055
Howells, (Dem.)	5,315
Pitt, (Am.)	10,554
Bogart, (Sec.)	392
Smith, (Labor)	810
Total	29,967

## Vote For Mayor One Year Ago.

Plummer, (Rep.)	6,270
Morris, (Dem.)	5,942
Bransford, (Am.)	11,754
Total	23,966

### BULLETIN.

A canvass of 50 Salt Lake City districts at 2 o'clock this afternoon shows a total vote cast of 10,000, of which the Republicans claim 9,000; conceding to the "Americans" 6,000 and to the Democrats, 1,000. This breaks all records. Two years ago at the corresponding hour the total number of votes cast was 11,000; or 5,000 less than today's.

There never was such an election as today's in the history of Utah. The weatherman proved that his growth is more than his bite, for after promising cloudy weather he turned on a brand of sunshine that has never been more balmy upon a valley where the autumn glories of brown and purple had never been more beautiful array.

The day was one to make the outdoor fever simply grow upon the house-dweller, and drive the office man away from his desk, if only to get the sun and the breeze.

The result has been a phenomenally early vote. The man of much wisdom and long experience who slipped away from home to vote early and avoid the rush found a line of voters waiting for him, even if he was on hand 15 minutes after the polls opened at 7 o'clock. The line never diminished. Many voters who had to take their time off in short relays could wait this morning, and plan to return to vote after work.

The safest way to estimate the totals cast is to estimate that every voting machine worked constantly without interruption from the minute of opening, and give it a vote of one a minute, which is about its capacity.

At the polling places order prevailed. Three policemen to polling place, rush found the line of voters waiting for him, even if he was on hand 15 minutes after the polls opened at 7 o'clock. The line never diminished. Many voters who had to take their time off in short relays could wait this morning, and plan to return to vote after work.

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## THE VOTE THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The vote throughout the state as sent in by the Desert News correspondents at 2 p. m. indicates that a heavy vote is general. In nearly all cases the record had been passed and generally great interest is being manifested in the outcome.

The outlook in some of the principal cities and towns as given by the correspondents follows:

### OGDEN.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, 2 p. m.—The voting here is spirited and close. The Republican and Democratic organizations are both in fine shape and every available conveyance in the county has been brought into the service. While the Republican county ticket seems safe, the judicial and legislative tickets are in doubt, and it is still an open question as to results in these fields. County Organizer S. S. Smith for the Democrats claims the legislative ticket, although Republican Chairman Mattson is equally as positive of the law. The American vote is very slight, 500 or under. No enthusiasm over the ticket exists and it is being un-enthusiastic. A spirited early morning vote preceded a rush at noon.

### PROVO.

This city is the Knight stronghold of the state and indications point to his

date on the ticket. A heavy afternoon vote will be necessary to get the totals up to a normal vote.

### MURRAY.

The vote in Murray, which has registered 1,360 voters, was about one-third in at noon. The vote when smeltermen came off shift at 4 o'clock is expected to be very heavy. Betting against Mackay, candidate for commissioner, is brisk here today, odds being offered 3 to 1, with the short odds for Mackay followers. Between Miller, Democrat, and Bougard, American, the fight seems to rest. Bougard is considered very strong in this portion of the county, however.

### BINGHAM.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the Republican chairman claimed out of a registered vote of 1,800 that the ticket as a whole would pull between 800 and 900, the judicial ticket sweeping 1,100. Mr. Joseph declared that with the Republican ticket polling even 500 votes, the victory of the ticket will be decisive, the remaining half of the vote being split as to leave little for the other parties.

The Democratic chairman is predicting that Bryan will carry the camp by a big majority, bigger than the expectations of previous days.

The American party chairman declares that the American ticket will win with a plurality of 150 votes in the camp.

At each of the six districts there is the most lively appearance and the vote is heavy and continuous.

### SANDY.

There are no Democratic workers in the field today, the question of getting the vote in the polls being solved by the Republican and "American" adherents who are rustling hard. All is quiet but a big early vote has been polled. At 1 p. m. the Sixty-seventh district had contributed 120 votes and the Sixty-eighth 60. It is estimated that these went two to one Republican. There are a few bets being made on Knight capturing Salt Lake county.

### PARK CITY.

The vote this morning in Park City has been very light. There is said to be a strong Knight sentiment among the miners and the Democrats are promising to carry this city, placing the county, however, in the Republican column.

### MT. PLEASANT.

Interest is lively, although only 300 votes out of 1,500 registered was polled at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Teams and automobiles are out with party workers trying hard to land the entire vote, which seems likely before closing vote. Scratching is prevalent here, probably by Democrats, from admissions made by workers in the five districts in which the whole ticket in the county and Democrats are not very ardent in their denials of this forecast.

The Democrats concede Mayfield, Fountain Green and Centerfield. They claim that they are doubtful concerning Manti and Ephraim.

### NEPHI.

The vote in Nephi this morning was very light, prospects for a heavy

## BULLETINS FROM CITY DISTRICTS.

### FIRST WARD.

District No. 1.—At 11:15 o'clock, 260 votes were pulled out of the 810 voters registered in that district.

District No. 2.—At 11:20 o'clock 350 votes were pulled out of 886 names registered. Republican Chairman J. H. Graham reported that but one vote had been challenged.

District No. 6.—At 11:20 o'clock 83 votes were pulled out of the 260 names registered. It was reported from this district by one of the judges here, Chairman George Heath was inclined to dictate and had caused some little disagreement, but up to date the voting is running smoothly.

District No. 8.—At 11:40 o'clock 314 votes were pulled out of 900 names registered.

District No. 9.—At 1:30 o'clock had pulled 216 votes out of 550 registered.

District No. 14.—At 11:45 o'clock 217 votes were pulled out of 636 names registered.

### SECOND WARD.

District No. 20.—At 12 o'clock noon 234 votes were pulled out of 772 voters registered. Republican Judge V. A. Sperry reported that no votes had been challenged and the voting was going smoothly.

District No. 21.—At 12 o'clock noon 226 votes were pulled out of 750 names registered. Judge V. A. Sperry reported that out of the 750 not more than 500 lived in the district at the present time.

District No. 27.—At 12:15 o'clock 198 votes had been pulled out of 700 registered.

District No. 28.—At 12:15 o'clock 168 votes were pulled out of 746 names registered. A few challenges had been

## JUDGE TAFT FEELING FINE

Will Go to Polling Place Late in Afternoon and Cast His Ballot.

### HIS HEALTH IS SPLENDID.

Long and Hard Campaign Has Left Few Traces on Him, Throat Chiefly Being Affected.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—Judge Taft arrived in his home city from his campaign tour at 8 o'clock this morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Taft who was with him on the last day of his speaking tour.

An accumulation of important office matters required the attention of Judge Taft upon his arrival and precluded his going to the polls. At that time he said he would go to the polling place late in the afternoon and cast his ballot. After having his throat treated today by Dr. J. J. Richardson, the throat specialist of Washington, the judge declared that he felt in every way as good as he did the day he began his campaign.

The betting boards were the center of interest today so far as the matter of casting the vote is concerned. About the only assembling of the populace in the business section was in front of the boards. They lined up in the side of Second South west of Main, and many new ones entered the field today. An offer of \$50 to bet that Bryan was elected, like many similar bets, was without takers, there being many Taft bets at big odds remaining on the boards to indicate at what point Taft would win. The odds were, about 5 to 1 was the prevailing price.

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### TOOELE.

The heavy vote will be polled here about 4 p. m. up to 2 p. m. the heavy vote in the history of the town up to that hour had been cast.

### LEHI.

Twenty-five per cent of 1,200 votes had been cast up to 2 p. m. with indications that another hour's rush would be on. It is conceded that Lehi is safely Republican by from the fact that G. N. Child, Democratic nominee for superintendent of schools is running away ahead of his ticket and there is some scratching in favor of Knight.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—Calmly awaiting the verdict of the American people at the polls, which he is confident will at last reward his efforts to fill the presidential chair, William J. Bryan today is busy himself with the ordinary affairs of his home. Telegrams are pouring in on him bringing tidings of a Democratic victory and these he reads with a feeling of gratification.

Observing by the press despatches that the weather in nearly all parts of the country is fine and that a heavy vote is being polled, Mr. Bryan remarked: "Inasmuch as I expect a majority of the voters are with me, good weather is good for me."

No little satisfaction was felt by the candidate when at noon he was informed that his own precinct was going for him two to one. He cast his ballot at 9:15, and voted the straight Democratic ticket. As he did so, he removed his hat and every man in the little grocery store in Normal, where the polling place was located, followed suit.

Discussing the reception accorded him last night by the citizens of Lincoln, Mr. Bryan said it far exceeded anything that he had expected. The candidate is showing no ill effects from the trying ordeal of the campaign and said today that he felt better than he did at the close of his two previous campaigns.

The Bryan home is being flooded with flowers from neighbors and from friends in distant parts of the country.

Fourth Ward.

District No. 41.—At 1 o'clock 334 votes had been pulled out of 700 voters registered. Challenges were made but not sustained.

District No. 43.—At 1:10 o'clock 333 votes had been pulled out of 750 voters registered. No challenges had been made.

District No. 44.—At 1:05 o'clock, 355 votes had been pulled out of 750 voters registered. The vote is extremely heavy and is being registered at the rate of one per minute.

District No. 45.—At 1:15 o'clock 332 votes had been pulled out of 700 voters registered. Reports from that district show that the voting went along very smoothly and orderly.

District No. 46.—At 1:30 o'clock 406 votes had been pulled out of 900 voters registered.

Fifth Ward.

District No. 55.—At 1:20 o'clock 316 votes had been pulled out of 710 voters registered. The voting had gone along very quickly.

District No. 54.—At 1:30 o'clock 298 votes had been pulled out of 800 voters registered.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 3.—The sessions of the board of bishops of the Methodist church here yesterday were devoted to the assignment of bishops to preside over the various conferences to be held next spring in all parts of the United States and in foreign countries in which the Methodist church is established. No changes were made in assignments for the missionary bishops. The assignment include:

W. B. Balford, conferences in China. C. W. Smith, Hawaiian mission. W. S. Lewis, conferences in China. M. C. Harris, conferences in Korea. Bishops Warner, Oldham, Robinson, conferences in India and the Philippine Islands.

AN ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN.

Minneapolis, Wis., Nov. 3.—Why State Democratic Chairman H. H. Hanson made his final announcement of the money expended in the Wisconsin campaign, showing a total of \$8,671.25, he named only one individual contributor. That one was Alexander Berger, the board of trade man, whose daughter is said to be the fiancée of William J. Bryan. Mr. Berger gave \$500 to the cause, and the Democratic national committee furnished \$5,000.

At Republican headquarters this morning Chairman Victor Mason said that the vote in Republican districts in this city is heavier in the earlier hours than in the later.

John D. Rockefeller had to stand in line in a Sixth avenue tailor shop for 40 minutes before he had a chance to

for the rewards of their work, a master of transportation sending out carriages, and an impromptu secretary installed to answer telephones while Secy. Christensen might get out among the boys, and Chairman McGinty might go down to his own precinct to vote.

### STRENUOUS LIFE.

The only county chairman remaining right in the field, working at it hard, and directing in a personal way the activities of the army of workers under him, was J. U. Eldredge. With a man's eye before him, a number of helpers scattered through the half dozen rooms comprising his headquarters, Eldredge sat all day at the telephones, and from the conversations it was apparent that he was closely in touch with his district chairman.

"The American party organization is going to pieces," came in the information from many quarters. "An organization is the greatest thing in a campaign," was the quiet remark of the county chairman as he hung up the phone.

How many workers have you in the field? was a question from the reporter assigned to visit the various headquarters. A thousand?

"Yes," was the answer: "and a good many more than that."

At Democratic headquarters it was stated that 400 volunteer workers were out. At "American" headquarters 500 workers had been claimed as being attached to the headquarters. It was clear that the Republican organization was working best today, and when its reports were constantly more enthusiastic and hopeful it became

## Much Interest In Rialto Betting Boards

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clear that the result isn't causing gloom among those at the polls. Crowds of people poured into all of the headquarters, in and out through the day. The betting boards caught them in transit, and then the curb, and then the rialto, where Leon Skiffins seemed to hold forth to the largest audiences.

The Tribune said my roll was as thick as a toothpick," said Skiffins, after betting down everybody who had money to back his opinions this morning and continued, "I still have \$5,000 on Taft at any reasonable odds, and all the even money that anybody feels to ask for that the Republicans carry the county." Second South street was crowded today. The political headquarters were crowded. The streets of the business section otherwise were very quiet, except for banneted carriages and automobiles, hurrying by voters from residences to polling place.

The only flag visible on Main street hung from the window of "American" headquarters where it was used to advertise the party's central office.

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