

BALLOTING NORMAL IN CITY ELECTION

Democrats and Republicans
Both Predict Success of
Candidates.

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been cast. Five hundred persons in this precinct are qualified to vote. Officials, during the early hours, predicted a slow vote in this precinct.

Voting before noon in the Second precinct of the Eighth ward was considered fast by officials. More than 200 votes had been cast. The number of women voters far exceeded the men.

Moderate voting was in evidence in the First precinct, Ninth ward. Two hundred persons had voted in the first six hours. Officials looked forward to increasing vote during the afternoon.

In the Twenty-first precinct of the Ninth ward, 249 persons had voted at noon. Officials and workers expected the vote to increase 500 before closing time.

Total votes at 10 a. m. in each of the wards, as compiled by the Republican city committee, was as follows:

First ward, total 3,036; Republican, 2,145.

Second ward, total 2,218; Republican, 1,500.

Third ward, total 1,600; Republican, 1,111.

Fourth ward, total 7,633; Republican, 4,672.

Fifth ward, total 823; Republican, 467.

Sixth ward, total 710; Republican, 457.

Seventh ward, total 1,145; Republican, 603.

Eighth ward, total 1,581; Republican, 1,085.

Ninth ward, total 5,009; Republican, 2,797.

Tenth ward, total 2,953; Republican, 1,687.

Eleventh ward, total 1,295; Republican, 721.

Twelfth ward, total 521; Republican, 263.

Thirteenth ward, total 2,423; Republican, 1,022.

Fourteenth ward, total 1,148; Republican, 607.

Fifteenth ward, total 2,428; Republican, 1,443.

School Race

Intense interest was shown in the balloting for school board candidates. Workers were active at the headquarters of the Citizens' school committee and the United Protestant committee.

Henry L. Dithmer, executive

chairman, of the citizens' committee said that it looked "like a good fight." Workers of the citizens' organization were optimistic over the chances of victory, but rather resented the activities of the Protestant organization at the polls.

Dithmer said the opposing organization had paid workers at each of the polls.

The United Protestant committee, supporting the Klan slate, has its main offices with the Duvall-for-Mayor Club. It was said at these offices that each of the workers for the United Protestant ticket were wearing the proverbial clothespins.

Both organizations will keep their offices open until about midnight to night and are expecting to obtain figures on the school vote shortly after 6 p. m.

South side voters were in good strength at the polls early in the day. In many precincts party workers said more than one-third of the votes registered had been cast at 11 a. m.

At 629 Lexington Ave. there were 180 votes recorded, from a total voting strength of about 600. Two hundred voters had appeared from a total of 781 at 1102 Harrison St.

Only 320 persons registered in the primary eligible to vote at 302 Virginia Ave. Of this number and 100 registered subsequently, 120 persons had come to the polls. From a primary registration of 440 at 917 Lexington Ave. there were nearly 200 votes cast.

Few party workers agree that a forecast of the way the voters are pulling the levers can be made, but the Myers proponents say they are well satisfied their vote is coming out.

Duvall Forces Large

Duvall forces outnumber the Myers organization staff in most voting places, but the Democratic workers appear alert to capture their share of the ballots.

Included in the Duvall proponents are many women, while at almost every precinct one or more city employees are battling hard for the Republican nominee.

"You just can't tell what they're doing," said a Myers poll worker. "Some of them seem to spend the whole minute there and they get sort of confused about the school board candidates."

"Oh, I forgot to turn my iron off," one woman voter screamed as she thrust aside the voting curtains and ran pell mell from the booth.

Workers are scratching their heads to learn whether she had completed voting.

"I stepped in and voted for every

school board candidate that wasn't on a slate," said a grey-haired voter. "I'm sick of these people that tell you how to vote."

Klansmen Vote Fast

Klan Republicans vote in short time, it was noted. Their slate is mapped out for them and they received full instructions regarding intricacies of the machines.

On the other hand, the Democratic voters require more time, since their choice for the school board has not been designated by party or organization headquarters.

Sole hope for victory of the so-called "citizens' ticket" rests upon a Democratic success, it was believed.

There were uniform reports of quietude about the polls and loud arguments were rare.

Light in North

Voting was exceedingly light on the north side. It was generally estimated between one-half and two-thirds normal. In some places, where as many as 200 usually lined up on the sidewalk before the polls opened, only from 50 to 100 were in line.

Many had to be turned away because of improper registration, some precincts reported. Trouble with voting machines also caused delay, and many persons, tired of waiting, left the polls.

A few persons were reported to have voted without the machines registering.

Voting was so dull in some parts of the Eighth ward that workers at the polls said they were going out after voters if the showing was no better this afternoon.

In Seventh Ward

In the Second precinct, Seventh ward, 267 votes were cast up to noon when ordinarily, over 500 have voted. W. W. Spencer, State election commissioner and Democratic political worker, reported four other precincts in that ward going about the same as the Second.

In the Tenth precinct, Eighth ward, 140 votes were recorded up to noon, whereas over 400 are ordinarily recorded at that time.

Approximately 400 ordinarily vote in the Fourth precinct, Fourth ward, up to noon, but only 147 were recorded there up to that time today. Some Republican workers indicated the Democrats would carry the precinct. Four other precincts in that ward showed similarly light voting.

Workers at the polls were concentrating their efforts on the school board ticket and were saying but little about the other candidates.

Hand bills were being given the

voters, one telling them to vote for the Protestant school ticket and the other for the citizens' ticket.

Around noon the First precinct, Third ward, reported 278 votes cast. Voting was heavier than usual.

In the Seventh precinct, Fourth ward, a heavy vote was cast up until noon. Total votes were 234. The polls were busiest from 6 to 10 a. m.

A total of 281 votes has been made in the forty-second precinct, Fourth ward at noon. Voting was about normal and the inspectors expected heavier voting in the evening.

A normal vote amounting to 111 was cast in the First precinct, Sixth ward, at noon.

Only Ninety Votes

Only ninety citizens had balloted in the Sixth ward, Eighth precinct until noon. Inspectors reported the vote heaviest between 6 and 7 a. m.

A total of 312 votes was cast in the Seventeenth precinct, Tenth ward, at noon. The vote was heaviest between 6 and 7:30 a. m., but was lighter than usual.

A normal vote amounting to 120 had been cast at noon in the First precinct, Eleventh ward.

From 6 until 8 a. m. was the busiest time for the Third precinct, Eleventh ward, and total votes amounted to 170.

Expect More

A heavier vote was expected in the evening at the First precinct, Twelfth ward. At noon inspectors reported 137 votes cast.

In the Ninth precinct, Thirteenth ward, a normal vote numbering 197 had been cast at noon.

A lighter vote than usual was seen in the First precinct, Fifteenth ward. The total was 172 votes at noon.

A heavy vote was expected in the evening at the Fourth precinct, Fifteenth ward. At 1 p. m. 118 votes had been cast, a normal turnout.

In the Thirteenth precinct, Second ward, 178 of the 600 registered voters had voted before noon. The women had taken the lead in the voting, while the number of male voters continued to dwindle.

Unsteady

Lack of steady voting was noticed by workers and officials at the polls of the Tenth precinct, Third ward. In more than six hours 190 persons had voted. During the early hours voting here was averaging one a minute. This average fell considerably after 11 a. m.

One of the largest vote totals of the morning was run up at the Sixth precinct, Seventh ward, where 220 persons voted. This number was

double that of the number which had voted in the first two hours. There are about 600 registered voters in the precinct.

Machine Trouble

Report that trouble in getting the voting machine in the Tenth precinct, Ninth ward, caused a line-up of voters and that voting was also being delayed by asking questions was referred to Frank P. Baker, Democratic member of the election commissioners for investigation.

The precinct has a heavy Democratic vote, it was said.

In the Fifth and Tenth precincts of the Ninth ward, usually Democratic, Republicans were said to have been slowing up the balloting by challenging.

Refused Vote

Seven Democrats were said to have been refused permission to vote by Republican inspectors in the Second precinct, Seventh ward. They were told to go to Circuit Court for affidavits.

In the Fifth, Seventeenth and Twenty-first precincts, Tenth ward, large Duvall signs were erected on the polling places. Councilman Otto Ray, Democratic city councilman and election commissioner ordered the signs taken down. More than 200 persons had voted in the Seventeenth precinct, Tenth ward, at 9 a. m.

A heavy vote was being cast in Washington Township, according to officials. About 100 persons were in line at the polling place for the Thirty-fourth precinct, Fourth ward, at 8 a. m. Voting had been steady since 6 a. m.

Registration troubles caused considerable trouble. Before 8 a. m. thirty-five persons were waiting to see Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlain with registration complaints. They said they had registered, but were refused right to vote in their precincts because their names were not on the registration books. Law provides in such cases that the circuit judge can issue an order permitting the voters to cast ballots.

In a number of cases men have been listed in the books for women voters and vice versa.

The election commissioners received several complaints that keys for school board candidates on the voting machines were stuck. Mechanics were dispatched to fix the machines. In several cases precinct boards reported a few minutes later

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The voting machine at 5110 E. Michigan St., Twentieth Precinct, Ninth ward, broke down when it was being unloaded into the voting place. A new machine was sent out in a police emergency, but the wrong keys were taken with the second apparatus. Voting was delayed about two hours.

Voting machines in the Fifth precinct, Fourteenth ward, seemed to be under a hoodoo. Two new machines had to be substituted when the first and second ones placed at the polling place, 1740 Howard St., failed to function properly.

Distribute Slates. Passing out the clothes pin slates, bearing the names of the Republican candidates and the Klan ticket for the school board provided thrills for hundreds of Duvall workers during the night.

Objectors to the clothes pin workers clashed with the latter near West and McCarty Sts., with no serious results.

Automobile loads of anti-Klansmen were reported to have followed the slate distributors and removed the messages from doorsteps.

One of the pieces of paper reproduced the voting machine, with instructions in detail.

The other sheet attacked the Democrats.

Reports reached Democratic headquarters that the inspector in the Third precinct of the Seventh ward was pulling the lever of the voting machine so that it did not register the votes properly. The matter was referred to the Democratic Commissioner, Frank P. Baker, for investigation.

Up to noon the Ninth precinct of the Third ward reported only 265 votes cast out of 1,200 registered.

In the Fifth precinct, Tenth ward, where there are 1,000 registered voters, only 240 persons had reported at the poll. Officials characterized the vote as exceptionally slow, but expected substantial increase late in the afternoon.

In the Fifth precinct, Fourteenth ward, the voting machine was broken down for two hours. When the machine was repaired it was found to contain forty-nine votes for Duvall and thirty for Myers.

SLAYER SUSPECT SAUGHT. GARY, Ind., Nov. 3.—George Helwig, a roller in the tin plate mill here, is dead today from a fractured back received when Walter Harper, colored worker, is alleged to have beaten him with a pair of tongs. The man escaped.



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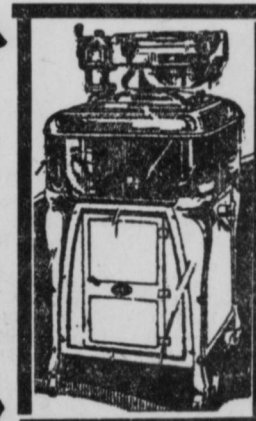
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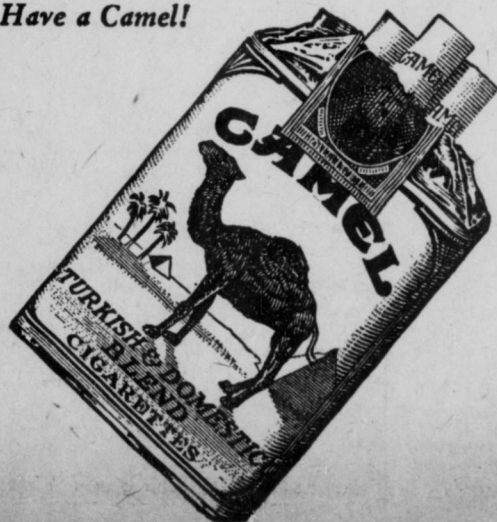


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