

100,000 PRIMARY VOTES ARE SOUGHT

Both G. O. P. and Democratic Leaders Press Drive To Swell Totals Over 1938 Marks; 99,834 Former Returns.

Democratic and Republican leaders today concentrated on drives to put the Marion County vote total over the 100,000 mark in Tuesday's Primary.

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Primary Vote Light

Only about 40 per cent of the 276,000 registered voters in Marion County ever go to the polls in the Primary because of the large mass of independent voters who wait for the general election to vote their choices.

The 1938 November balloting almost doubled the Primary vote at 18,391.

Major developments in the pre-Primary campaigns during the last several months include:

1. A bitter factional fight among Republicans for control of the Marion County organization. A faction led by James L. Bradford is attempting to wrest control of the party from Chairman Carl Vandiver through the election of a slate of precinct committeemen at the polls Tuesday.

2. A lively Democratic scrap in the State Senate and County Treasurer contests. The organization slate listed both Weiss for State Senator, displaying support for Sexton from the favored list after party leaders had "agreed" on the latter. A strong factional fight also has developed in the treasurer contest between Walter C. Boettcher, incumbent, and James Cunningham, Center Township assessor.

3. A "mobilization" of some unlisted candidates in both parties against what they describe as "boss rule" in picking organization slates.

Boyce Makes Charges

4. Charges that packages of liquor were distributed to precinct committeemen in behalf of Mr. Weiss' campaign for renomination to the State Senate. Mr. Weiss denied any connection with the distribution of any liquor.

5. Charges by William Boyce, attorney that some members of the Republican faction, opposing Chairman Vandiver were linked with bipartisan activities.

6. Marion County Republican leaders' announcement that they will support George R. Jeffrey, Indianapolis attorney, for the gubernatorial nomination at the State Convention May 24.

7. Filing of a suit in Circuit Court by Glenn W. Fulk, Republican candidate for prosecutor nomination, seeking to remove the Democratic Two Per Cent Club's immunity from the Corrupt Practices Act.

Foreign Machine Censure

Two unlisted candidates announced they are not joining others who didn't get on organization slates in denouncing party leaders.

Robert Allison, real estate man, who missed the Democratic slate for State Representative by only one vote, said he was not "affiliated with any anti-machine group of candidates." He said he holds no resentment against the party organization.

James McLemore, Republican candidate for State Representative, who missed the G. O. P. organization slate, also upheld party leaders.

"The Republican slate is a recommendation and not an order from behind closed doors to the rank and file of Republicans to follow or else," he said.

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papers during the campaign. He wrote:

"Charlie Halleck has never bent the knee to political expediency. He has stood like a rock against promises and threats. He has cast some votes that have arousedimentary resentment among certain groups of his constituents. But year by year his people have grown more proud of the fact that they have a Congressman with the courage and patriotism to vote what he believes to be right."

"In the long run the American people are fair. They admire courage. The man who is always trying his salts to the political winds may manage to stay in public life for a while. But the courageous man once the people come to know and understand him is admired and loved and supported even by those who disagree with some of his votes."

Backers of Raymond E. Willis, Angora for the senatorial nomination admit their jubilation at Rep. Halleck's District difficulties, but they deny that they aided in inciting the campaign.

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