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VOTING THIS MORNING WAS VERY DULL IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY

However Election Business Is Expected to Revive Late This Afternoon and It Is Probable That the Total Vote Cast For City Officials Will Only Be a Few Points Shy of Normal, and It Is the General Opinion That Dr. W. W. Zimmerman, the Republican Nominee, Will Win Out Over Reid by a Majority Not Less Than Six Hundred.

A LITTLE COMEDY IS ONLY RELIEF TO THE DULLNESS

Republican Nominee Gives Himself Up on a Charge Dreamed and Circulated by Some Reid Supporters.

BUT NO WARRANT IS HELD BY THE POLICE

Then the Democrats Also Hatched Up Plot to Arrest Republican Sheriffs, But It Ends in a Roaring Farce.

Up to noon today the vote on the city ticket came in slow, awfully slow. In the precincts north of the Pennsylvania railroad it appeared as though the majority of the voters had overlooked the fact that this was election day. In West Richmond the workers hurried past the polls and did the Marathon to their various places of business, but the politicians say this vote will be brought into the fold late this afternoon. In the south end there was also dull voting, but, like the west side, this vote will come in quite briskly late this afternoon.

In the east end there were symptoms of election interest and this forenoon the polls in that section of the city did quite a brisk business, having polled over a fourth of its vote before noon.

There have been just two incidents during the past twenty-four hours to enliven the election. The first was a mixup over the election sheriffs, a democratic plot upset by the vigilant Zimmerman workers; and the second was Dr. Zimmerman's appearance at police headquarters this morning for the purpose of "giving himself up" on a charge, dreamed by some Reid supporter and spread about town.

The Sheriff Trouble.

As to the sheriff trouble, it runs something like this: Republican workers secured papers for the republican precinct sheriffs and these papers were signed by the chief of police, legally, the republican workers contend; illegally, so the democrats averred.

The democrats, learning of this laid a deep plot. This morning it was there plan to denounce the republican sheriffs as illegally serving, and demand their arrest. They pictured that this would cause perverseness on the part of the republican workers at the various polls and hoped that this perverseness would eventually lead to trouble. It was then to be their cue to dash wildly about town and inform the drowsy voters that there had been riots at the polls and that the republicans had started the trouble in defense of their sheriffs who were illegally serving. It was hoped that this would create a sympathy for Reid.

Plot Is Uncovered.

But, slack, this little plot was uncovered by the indiscretion of a prominent democratic official in the presence of a hot Zimmerman supporter. The latter party took the news last evening to republican headquarters. Zimmerman workers then secured sheriff papers, signed by Sheriff Meredith, and before midnight all of these officials had had the new papers served on them.

While all this excitement was going on last evening somebody turned in a fire alarm from the box at Eighth and Main streets. The street was congested before the arrival of the departments. This nice, fat crowd being present some enterprising democrat circulated the tale that in the morning Dr. Zimmerman would be arrested on a serious charge. The story spread like wild fire and it was not long before it reached the ears of the republican mayoralty candidate. Accordingly this morning he walked into police headquarters and confronted the chief of police.

A Little Conversation.

"I have come to give myself up," remarked the doctor.

"What for?" said the chief.

"I don't know what the charge is," replied the doctor.

"Neither do I. We have no warrant for your arrest here," came back the chief, with a smile.

"All right, goodbye," said the doctor, with a grin, and then he left the city building.

FOURTY ARRESTED FOR CROOKEDNESS AT GOTHAM POLLS

Spirited Election in New York With Gaynor, Tammany's Candidate, Favorite in the Betting.

WOMEN WATCH VOTERS ABOUT THE POLLS

"Bob" Taft, Son of the President on Hand to See That The Election Is to Be Kept Clean.

(American News Service) New York, Nov. 2.—With clear weather early, but fears of showers predicted for later in the day, the voting during the forenoon was unusually heavy.

Forty arrests for illegal voting were made up to noon.

Gaynor continues to be the favorite at two to one in betting, but all parties are confident of victory.

Much splitting of tickets is reported.

One of the oddities of today's municipal election was the presence of women watchers in the voting places. Police Commissioner Baker gave orders that any credited representative of a party was to be recognized irrespective of sex. There is a legal cloud on the authority of non-voters, but until it is settled in the courts, Commissioner Baker decided to give them the benefit of the doubt. In two districts at least, and probably more, the prohibition party will be represented by women, volunteers from the political equality league, the suffragettes' organization.

Ballots Very Heavy.

The work of distributing the ballots was the first hard task of the police. In one precinct alone the papers weighed more than four tons.

Among the republican watchers today was "Bob" Taft, son of President Taft, who came from Yale with fifty members of the Yale City Government club, of which he is president. He said he was following his father's footsteps, and was ready if necessary to go as watcher to the Tammany strongholds. Young Taft's station was on Third avenue near Seventieth street. He got up at 4:30 o'clock to be on the job.

College students from Princeton, Harvard and other colleges also worked today under the volunteer watchers' committee.

John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan had no vote today, as they didn't register. Mr. Rockefeller is conducting a political fight of his own in Greenburg and Mt. Pleasant against the saloon forces.

Governor Hughes came down from Albany to vote. Big Tim Sullivan, the Tammany leader, voted, too, in spite of a report that he had failed to register. He registered from a new address and the bowery got a needless shock of fear.

WILL GIVE RETURNS

The Home Telephone company has made arrangements to serve its patrons with election returns this evening. Any patron calling phone No. 1400 may be accommodated. The company has made arrangements to keep the returns up to the minute and those who receive the returns by such means will be able to keep as well posted as though they are present at the city building, where the official returns will be received.

MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the annual meeting of the Country Club last evening, the meeting of the directors of the Commercial club was postponed until this evening. The majority of the members of the Commercial organization are members of the Country club and desired to attend the meeting of that organization, which was a very important one.

CLUB HAD MEETING

And Approves of the Plans to Remodel the Old Club House.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Country club was held last evening at the club house, and was well attended. The election of officers and the adoption of plans for the remodeling of the club house, were the most important matters up for consideration. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Prof. John F. Thompson, president; Raymond Nicholson, secretary, and Walter Hutton, treasurer.

The club house will be remodeled considerably. The improvements include the rearrangement of the dining room, the addition of a dance hall and the combination of the remaining rooms downstairs. The work will cost approximately \$3,000, which sum has been raised.

James Herr, official golf instructor of the club for the past year, has been re-employed and will begin his duties about April 1. The standing committees will be announced soon. A committee including Capt. Paul Comstock, Raymond Nicholson and Ray Cheviley was appointed to have charge of the proposed amendments to the constitution.

Two Booths Robbed

Theives Take Money from Pay Compartments of Telephone Stations.

ABOUT \$7 WAS SECURED

The two pay stations in the long distance telephone booths at the Home Telephone building, North Ninth street, were jerked from their positions last Friday night and about \$7 in nickels, dimes and quarters secured. The police are investigating the depreciation, which they are positive was committed by local talent.

The booths are located in a down-stairs room, and after 6 o'clock there is no one in that part of the building, so the thieves had a comparatively easy time making the steal. The pay receptacles were screwed on the booths, but now the company has replaced them and it will be necessary in case of future degradations of this nature, for the parties to carry away the telephones, booths and all.

GIVES POSIES AWAY

William Klopp, superintendent of the parks, possesses a very affable disposition and also characteristic gratitude. The newspaper men and the city officials at the council meeting last evening were remembered by him, each one being given a large chrysanthemum, which was raised at the Glen greenhouse. The flowers were unusually large and indicated that the city has an efficient floral force.

SHE ASKS DIVORCE

Daisy E. Woodard of Cambridge City entered suit for divorce against Stephen Woodard in the circuit court this morning. It is averred that the defendant abandoned the plaintiff, also committed adultery with some party unknown to the plaintiff and treated the plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner.

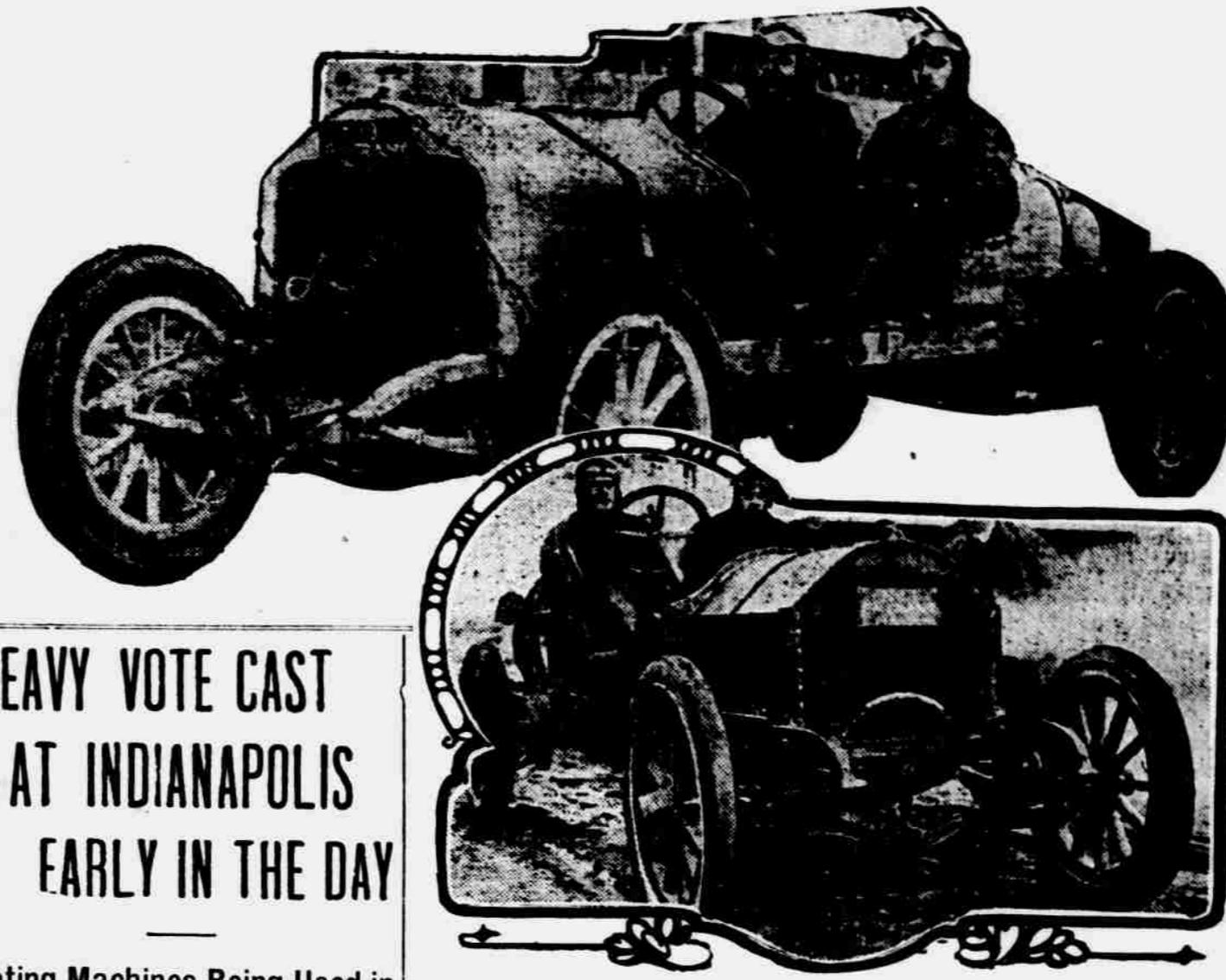
HELD AN ELECTION

At the meeting of the post office clerk's association, officers were elected for the following year as follows: Frank W. Wilson, president; William Massey, vice president; and Louis Niewohner, secretary and treasurer.

REVIEW THE CLAIMS

At the session of the county commissioners yesterday a large number of claims were reviewed. The claim of contractor Burke who constructed the Washington township three-mile road, for \$2,247.65 for additional work was withdrawn. It is probable, however, that the claim will be presented again. A liquor license was granted Will Torbeck.

Daredevils of Recent Vanderbilt Cup Race



HEAVY VOTE CAST AT INDIANAPOLIS EARLY IN THE DAY

Voting Machines Being Used in Capital City and the Result Should Be Known Early Tonight.

LIQUOR ISSUE IS BEFORE VOTERS IN ILLINOIS

Republicans Threaten to Contest Election in Virginia Because Democrats Used a Rubber Stamp.

ABOUT \$7 WAS SECURED

(American News Service) Indianapolis, Nov. 2.—Heavy voting marked the forenoon of municipal elections throughout Indiana. Early, weather was gloomy, but later the sun broke through the clouds frequently. In some cities a fourth of the vote was cast in the first two hours. Interest is intense at Terre Haute, Evansville, Muncie, South Bend, Logansport, Vincennes and Marion.

In Indianapolis both parties brought out a big vote up to noon, and nobody is qualified to predict the winning ticket. Machines are in use and the result should be known early.

ILLINOIS ELECTION.

(American News Service) Springfield, Ills., Nov. 2.—Clear, bright, cool weather prevails throughout Illinois. Thirty-one towns and cities of central Illinois are voting on "Wet" or "Dry" proposition.

DOWN IN VIRGINIA.

(American News Service) Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—The democrats early claimed the election of Judge William H. Mann, for governor, and the entire state ticket by 20,000. W. P. Kent heads the Republican ticket. The Republicans threatened to contest the election because the democrats used a rubber stamp with which to place the name of Col. B. O. James, candidate for secretary of the commonwealth, on the ticket. D. O. Eggleston, the regular democratic nominee, died two weeks ago, after the ballot had been printed. The weather is fair, and favorable to heavy voting.

TROUBLE IN KENTUCKY.

Jackson, Ky., Nov. 2.—A house in which ballots were stored at Crooksville precinct was burned during the night, but a new supply of ballots was procured. Soldiers are on guard today.

HEAVY VOTE IN OHIO.

(American News Service) Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 2.—With threatening skies, chilly winds and a decided drop in the temperature, Columbus today is in the throes of one of the hardest fought elections in the city's history. The town is not excited, it is aroused, and according to party managers, the absent vote will be nil.

With the closing of the campaign today, every interested party leader is confident of success. George S. Marshall, the republican candidate for mayor, has fought bitterly, but the conservative prediction is that Frank Vance, the democratic nominee, has a shade the better of the controversy. The polling booths this morning were crowded and every indication of a heavy vote existed.

VOTING ON CONSTITUTION.

(American News Service) Providence, R. I., Nov. 2.—Election day in this state opened with a slight rain and promise of a storm. The early vote was light. The campaign has been conducted on state issues and between the republican administration which holds all the offices and the democrats. Governor Aram J. Pothier, who had 7,500 plurality last year over Olney Arnold, the democratic nominee, is expected to win, with his associates, but by not more than 2,000. There are three constitutional amend-

PROPOSES A PLAN FOR CITY TO BUY BIG TRACT LAND

Councilman Deuker Says that He Favors Central Play Grounds and a Place for Farmers to Hitch Teams.

THINKS PROJECT IS A VERY POPULAR ONE

At Council Meeting Last Night The City Fathers Take Fall Out of the Board on Account of the Dirty Alleys.

The proposition of the city purchasing a large amount of ground in the center of the city to be converted into a public play grounds and also a public hitching lot for the accommodation of farmers, will be brought up by Henry W. Deuker, councilman from the second ward within the next month. He announced last evening at the council meeting that he was considering this proposition and that he would bring them up in the usual way, which means an ordinance being drawn up for the appropriation of money with which to make the purchase.

Large lots in the center of the city are favored by Mr. Deuker but as there are none sufficiently large to carry out his schemes it would be necessary for the city to purchase property on which dwellings were located and then to raze the buildings. While the initial cost would undoubtedly be very large, it is believed that it would more than pay in the end.

Likes His Project.

The proposition of having a public hitching place in the center of the city will meet with the entire approval of the citizens, Mr. Deuker argued. The matter has been considered a number of times.

The board of works has been asked to consider the proposition and it is probable that its decision will carry much weight as to the future development of the project.

The condition of the alleys of the city came in for general "knocking" last night by the councilmen and there was scarcely a member who did not make some objection to their bad condition.

Councilman Englebert asked that the alleys be kept clean even though the board of works had to order additional teams and men to do the work. Councilman Von Pein asked whether Street Commissioner Kroné was to blame, or whether the blame should be shared jointly by the city authorities and the public in general. Mr. Von Pein advised that receptacles be purchased by the citizens and placed in the alleys, in which the garbage and refuse might be dumped.

Another point was brought up by Councilman McMahan who stated that contractors on public improvements often dumped gravel and sand in the alleys and allowed the dirt to remain there until they were ready to use it. These piles are dangerous and the public is not protected as no red lights are placed on them.

Road Car Company.

Sheridan street, on which the street car company has a line, and like a number of other streets on which there are car lines, is in bad condition as a result of the company's alleged neglect. Councilman Burdsall stated last evening that the tracks on certain parts of the street were six inches above the street level. The company is required to keep the street in excellent condition both between and within eighteen inches on either side of its tracks. The condition of South Eighth street along the car tracks was not brought up, although this street is in the worst condition that it ever has been in the past five years.

The attack of the corporations on the streets of the city and practically ruining them is again illustrated vividly in the condition of North Eleventh street, for the past two years the best made and prettiest street in the city. Right in front of the Reid Memorial church, pipe fitters dug a trench and in replacing the street made haste and committed havoc. The ditch is now six inches below the level of the street and making this particular point dangerous.

The proposed ordinance regarding stallions will be amended so as to make it illegal for any one to keep a stallion within 500 feet of a school house.

Joseph Edwards who was appointed inspector of the twenty-first precinct withdrew last evening by reporting to council that he would be unable to serve. George W. Knight was appointed in his place.

An ordinance appropriating money from the general fund of the city was read a second time last evening, but final action will not be taken until the next meeting. The appropriations desired are as follows: Sundry equipment for the light plant, \$2,000; legal advertising, \$100; interest and commission, \$875; and water rent, \$122.40 making a total of \$2,107.40.

THE WEATHER.

INDIANA—Fair and colder.