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Official Vote Announced.

The total popular vote of the various presidential candidates at the last national election was made known Tuesday in an official form by the filing of the last of the official votes, that of Michigan. The totals show the following votes cast:

Taft (republican)	7,637,676
Bryan (democrat)	6,393,182
Debs (socialist)	447,651
Chafin (prohib)	241,213
Hisgen (ind)	83,186
Watson (pop)	33,871
Gillhaus (soc labor)	15,421
Total for all	14,852,289

President Roosevelt is the subject of a scathing article in the New York World, Joseph Pulitzer's paper, replying to the president's chastisement of Pulitzer in a special message to congress relating to the alleged Panama canal scandal. The president charges Pulitzer with having wantonly made false charges against the administration, against Chas. P. Taft and Douglas Robinson, in relation to the canal deal, and threatens prosecution if there is any way to get at the offending newspaper through the federal department of justice. Pulitzer assumes that Roosevelt is trying to muzzle the World and refuses to be quieted. We believe the World to be guilty of bolstering up a sentiment of doubt in the honesty of the president, and having no proof to substantiate it, of having published many slanderous statements, in the way of rumors, with an effort to damage the president. It is a case of yellow journalism, where there was no basis for the charges but where designing writers have persistently done all in their power to create doubt with the people. And no honest man, whether president of the United States or private citizen could pass the charges unnoticed. Probably the most effective thing the president can do is to authorize the most searching investigation by congress of the Panama canal purchase. It is impossible to quell the destructive determination of the World or to procure from papers of that character fair and impartial treatment. Pulitzer hides behind the claim that the president would only curtail false, slanderous and libelous articles published for sensational purposes, when the publisher could ascertain their falsity by investigation.

Cassius H. Barnard, living a mile from Westville, was struck in the right eye Tuesday morning by a piece of wood from a board which he was splitting, preparatory to killing hogs. The injury, which is quite serious one, necessitated his being taken to the Holy Family hospital at Laporte.

Mike Finn was refused a liquor license at Huntington, because it was shown that he conducted a disorderly house. J. E. Norton was refused because he had his application published in a daily instead of a weekly publication as is required by law.

Gophers Good Eating.

Experts of the Department of Agriculture have discovered that the pocket gopher, the depredations of which cost the farmers and fruit growers of this country \$12,000,000 annually, is good eating. The flesh, when properly prepared for the table, is said to be delicious, rivaling quail in flavor. With the price of beef and all foodstuffs balloonizing in value, there is a fortune in store for the man who converts the Americans into a nation of gopher-eaters. The opportunity is ripe, and gopher steaks, cutlets and spare ribs may yet solve the housekeeper's problem.

MARKED FOR DEATH.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bae, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at A. F. Long's drug store, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The saddest thing about the life ministers to no one is that it knows what it has missed.

PROMISES MUST ALL BE FULFILLED

Platform Pledges Must be Carried Out Says Roy Blue In An After-Election Discussion of Politics.

Inasmuch as Judge Thompson, Logan Wood, and others have established a precedent in setting out their views on questions of politics, I present the following observations for the consideration of the readers of the Republican.

The election being over, undue enthusiasm for party success has greatly subsided; and partisanship or political bias has lost much of its keenness. For that reason this is the very best time for political discussion. Men can now look at political questions from the standpoint of loyal citizens, looking to the welfare of all the people; rather than as Republicans or Democrats, anxious alone for party success.

Among the questions of the campaign just past some are worthy of our consideration now. It seems to me, that if the voters would give attention to politics between campaigns the need of large contributions, fireworks and oratorical brain-storms would be reduced to a minimum and the necessity of saving the country every four years would cease to be important. Instead we wait until a few weeks before election, when party traditions and partisan prejudice obscure our thinking—then we are the prey of ill-designing politicians, of biased campaign literature and of unprincipled newspapers. It is indeed hard to keep the head clear and the judgment firm under such conditions.

For a number of years, the question of the election of United States senators by a direct vote has been discussed. Some state legislatures, I think, have passed resolutions in its favor and various other steps have been taken looking to such a change.

Mr. Crumpacker had a conference with the President the other day in which he told Mr. Roosevelt that the people were really in earnest about tariff revision and that he favored revision "down—not up." President-elect Taft says the platform pledges must be kept; but there ston must be kept; but there stands Uncle Joe in the House and he says "he'll show 'em," and over the other way stands a conservative senate—Elkins, Foraker, Aldrich, Depew, Platt, Hale, Burrows.)

Previous to the Chicago convention it was the boast of party leaders that Roosevelt might dictate the nominee but that he could not write the platform. All of which meant that a check should be placed on the reform tendencies of this administration; and that the rebuke should be sufficiently forcible to deter the coming administration from a like course.

Ex-Governor Durbin, now mentioned as republican state chairman to succeed Goodrich, had a very sensible article in a recent publication of the Indianapolis Star in which he said that the party was placing itself in the position of being forced to take the right course; and cites the defeat of republican congressional candidates, as a result of this attitude.

Hamilton urged the opposite—hence the compromise that gave us direct sufficient index as to what may happen as to members of the House pen, in four years, to the national and indirect as to senators. We ticket if the party persists in its

were glad to get the compromise at "Fabian" policy. A party cannot

perpetuate itself wholly on past

achievements; it must measure up above question before it last June to the demands growing out of our

and turned it down. The reason is too evident for discussion.

I am not blind to the great strides towards better things under the leadership of Roosevelt; but all the gains were made with almost if not as strong opposition from his own party as from the democrats.

The republican party has been the party of construction for nearly fifty years; it has been the aggressive party. If it expects to retain leadership it must be even more aggressive because the people are demanding first step to achieve this great remedial legislation as a proper function would be a constitutional amendment; but if the people want it they ought to have it, else that principal the government that merely plays

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