

and the trust magnates are divided between them. They agree in applauding the decision of the Supreme court emasculating the criminal clause of the anti-trust law. They both favor imperialism and they both prefer national to state remedies. They equally owe their elevation to office to the "bosses" and to the funds contributed by predatory interests—funds contributed for the purpose of securing a continuation of favors; and they have been equally partial toward the claims of contributors. The chief point of difference on national issues seems to be that they both want the same office. It would not be difficult for men who think as Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt do to get together but for their hatred of each other. There are many earnest men, however, in both wings of the Republi-

can party who want reforms; some still expect to secure these reforms through the regular organization, others have joined the new party with the hope of securing them more speedily. Both of these groups can consistently support Governor Wilson, who stands for all the reforms for which the people are now ready. If he is elected, as now seems almost certain, his victory will be regarded as a triumph for progressive ideas, and the reforms which will come through him will make it possible for the people to rule.

Surely the Republicans who have profited, as both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft have, by dissensions in the Democratic party, can not complain if the Democrats profit temporarily by the split in the Republican party.

The Trend Is Towards Wilson

From various sources, and from all parts of the country comes news that should cheer the heart of every loyal Democrat. The New York *Herald's* first straw vote, taken in 11 states, indicates a strong sentiment in favor of Wilson. The political forecasts of the *Herald* for many years have been regarded the most reliable, and invariably, in former Presidential campaigns, were verified by the official vote with remarkable accuracy. The *Herald* says in part:

"With the Republican party from one end of the country to the other torn asunder by the activities of the Bull Moose candidate, and with the Democrats working in complete, almost blissful harmony, indications at the present time—36 days before election—point to Democratic victory at the polls in November."

"It is a further important notation also that the reports of practically all the correspondents agree. Some of them intimate that conditions are gradually changing—that President Taft is gaining here, that Governor Wilson is losing there—but the majority of the reports indicate that the DEMOCRACY at the present time IS AWAY IN THE LEAD."

The *Herald* figures, summarized by states, appear elsewhere on this page.

WILSON WILL CARRY THE WEST

A correspondent of the New York *Times*, who made the trip with the Colonel and who reports him as confident that he will win, has summed up the situation carefully, gathering his impressions through personal interviews with men of all parties in the various states. His conclusions point irresistibly to a victory for Wilson in many of the states, though the division of the Republican vote and the probability that many Taft and LaFollette supporters will cast their ballots for Wilson, in order to make sure of the defeat of Roosevelt. Some of the conclusions at which the correspondent arrived follow:

In every one of these states except Utah (there the Mor-

mons have endorsed Taft) *Taft is out of the race and will run an extremely bad third.*

In most of them Wilson is well in the lead.

In states where LaFollette is strong numbers of LaFollette men will vote for Wilson.

In the other states many Taft men will vote for Wilson, and in some states, such as Nebraska, virtually the whole Taft-vote is turning toward the Democratic candidate.

As a general rule, however, he (Roosevelt) seems to draw most of his support from the Republican party, and if this condition continues this split among the Republicans will give Wilson most of the states so far traversed.

BLYTHE'S FORECAST

Samuel G. Blythe, than whom there is no better informed political writer in the country, recently made a personal survey of political conditions, especially in the Western states. In an article printed in the *Saturday Evening Post* Mr. Blythe makes the following very significant observations:

"However, after visiting Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Iowa some aspects of the situation are reasonably clear to me as this is written in the last week in August.

"Those Taft men who hope that any considerable number of conservative Democrats will vote for Taft, and in a way offset the loss to the Republican party through the defection to Roosevelt, have no substantial basis for that hope.

"Those Wilson men who are convinced that a large number of the old-line Republicans will vote for Wilson in order to make the protest against Roosevelt most effective are right.

"Those people who contend that this is a fight between Roosevelt and Wilson, with Taft hopelessly out of it, at this time, have an adequate conception of the circumstances.

"Superficially, as a mere matter of political mathematics, it would seem and does seem that WILSON IS MOST LIKELY TO BE ELECTED."

SUMMARY OF THE HERALD'S VOTE

	Will Vote in 1912			How They Voted in 1908			Net Rep. Loss from 1908	Net Dem. Gain over 1908	Net Soc. Gain over 1908	
	Taft	Roosevelt	Wilson	Taft	Bryan	Debs				
New York State	583	1,011	1,147	132	1,390	635	73	807	512	59
Connecticut	85	127	96	50	186	45	27	101	51	23
Delaware	266	381	927	96	527	474	51	261	453	45
New Jersey	245	300	477	102	508	257	47	263	220	55
Pennsylvania	543	573	567	34	1,103	580	22	560	-13	12
Maryland	48	126	193	10	158	106	6	110	87	4
Ohio	942	818	1,914	492	2,057	1,386	492	1,115	528	0
Indiana	891	1,711	2,100	620	2,341	1,935	620	1,450	165	0
Kentucky	773	1,452	2,764	115	1,573	2,665	117	800	99	-2
West Virginia	232	530	775	115	566	701	115	334	74	0
Wyoming	176	118	204	34	372	126	34	196	78	0
Grand Total	4,784	7,147	11,164	1,800	10,781	8,910	1,604	5,997	2,254	196

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When you are through with this magazine will you kindly hand or send it to some friend or neighbor who you think is or ought to be interested.

There is no indispensable man. The government will not collapse and go to pieces if any one of the gentlemen who are seeking to be entrusted with its guidance should be left at home. We are as important as the cause we represent, and in order to be important must really represent a cause.—Woodrow Wilson.

Eighty per cent. of the entire country believe in the historic DEMOCRACY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.—Thomas R. Marshall.