

MERCER RESULTS SURPRISE LEADERS

Overseas Veterans Nose Out Regulars in State and County Contests

FIRTH WINS SHRIEVALTY

Trenton, Sept. 30. — Complete returns from all districts of Mercer county, which were not available until late yesterday because of the delay in summarizing the heavy vote caused by the balloting of women, revealed several surprises in the state and county elections. Probably the greatest upset which the post-election hope received was in the defeat of William A. Moore, a young lawyer and overseas veteran, who was nosed out of the Republican Assembly race by Dr. Clinton H.

Read, whose plurality was 404. William H. Blackwell was the high man on the ticket in the county, polling 16,054 votes, and George W. Guthrie, who also served in the House last year, finished second with a total of 12,178. Doctor Read's vote was 11,680, while Moore, who was fourth, mustered 11,285. The Rev. James E. Diverly was a poor fifth with 4500.

Several causes have been ascribed by political wisecracks for the defeat of Moore, who at the last election was the high man on the G. O. P. ticket. One of these is that he was beaten because of his "wet" stand, which took from him hundreds of women's votes. Another reason seen is his failure to repeat the energetic campaign which had much to do with his success last year.

Despite the spectacular campaign waged by his rival, Captain Walter Firth won handily over Harry Harold, who is reputed to have spent a large sum of money in his effort to win the Republican nomination for sheriff. Firth, whose financial expenditures were extremely modest, gained a plurality of more than 2000 in the city and more than held his own in the rural districts. His total vote throughout the county was 9830, while Harold, who has had a large fleet of automobiles at his disposal since the start of the cam-

paign, got only 7112 votes. Frank K. Grove was third with 3122.

Soldier Wins Nomination

Another surprise was disclosed in the Republican freeholder contest when Sergeant James Haring, an overseas veteran who was wounded several times in France, landed as high man with a total vote of 8,506. Haring developed strength rapidly within the last few days and one of his campaign stunts was publication of an advertisement in which prominent party leaders were quoted as favoring him for the berth. One of those quoted was Newton A. K. Bugbee, state comptroller, who in a statement yesterday said the use of his name was unauthorized as he did not know Haring and moreover had not voted for him. Charles Y. Barlow, another Republican worker, also stated he had given Haring no endorsement. Elmer Margerum, regarded as the organization's candidate, nosed out William M. Pett for the county board nomination. Margerum's total vote was 7,173 and Pett's 7,029. Francis A. Crawford, seeking to succeed himself, mustered but 5,796 votes. Clayton Kents and Edward B. Van Note also ran.

Aside from the congressional fight between Terence Hughes and Mayor Charles Browne, of Princeton, there was little interest developed by the Democratic primaries. Organization candidates generally were nominated, but the tremendous vote polled by the Republican candidates, who it is estimated gathered two-thirds of the total woman's vote cast, makes their chances for success at the general election extremely doubtful.

Farley Is Easy Winner

Democratic interest centered chiefly in the shrievalty fight which was won easily by Andrew W. Farley, who had the backing of the county machine. His vote was 4247, while his opponent, Edward M. Reading, gained only 1900.

Dr. John A. Connelly, former service man, was high man on the Assembly ticket, polling 5381 votes. There was no contest for the House nomination and the other two candidates are Edward J. Hayden and F. Wilbert Komover.

William R. Moore are the Republican nominees for coroner, and Bray, who was high man, polled the extraordinarily high vote of 11,521. The Democratic nominees are John A. Hartman, Edward J. Foley and James J. A. Tallon, who had no opposition.

FROST DID LITTLE DAMAGE

Weather Bureau Says State Crops Are Maturing Well

The Weather Bureau has issued the following synopsis of weather and crop conditions in Pennsylvania for the week ending September 28, 1920:

"The week was very favorable for maturing crops throughout the state. Frosts occurred locally at the close of last week and killed tender plants in some of the more exposed regions of the state, particularly in valleys in the more elevated sections, but the damage was not extensive. As compared with the ordinary season, it cannot be said to have been unusual. Corn is quite generally well enough matured to be beyond danger of injury by frost, although it is fully two weeks later than usual in its developments this year.

Silos are being filled and some corn has been cut and put in shocks. Preparation for fall seeding has been under way for some time and the sowing of wheat is now in full progress. Potato digging is being rapidly pushed. The yield is generally good. The State College correspondent reports that potatoes are selling locally at seventy-five cents a bushel. The excessive rainfall of a few weeks ago caused many potatoes to rot in the grounds, especially in the central part of the state."

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