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THE POPULAR VOTE
 VOICE OF THE NATION NEVER MORE
 CLEARLY EXPRESSED.

Its Decisive Character Cannot Be Belittled by Suggestions of Apathy and Indifference—The Shrinkage in the South.

The tabulation of the popular vote for president shows that fewer ballots were cast for presidential electors in 1904 than were cast for presidential electors in 1900. For candidates on the six recognized national tickets the total vote this year was 13,507,249. For candidates on the same tickets in 1900 the total vote was 13,904,702, showing a deficit in the vote for 1904 of 457,453. Various explanations have been given of this "slump." In some quarters it has been assumed that President Roosevelt's extraordinary victory was due simply to popular listlessness. We are told that the Republican electoral ticket won by default—that it owed its success to the breakdown of the Democratic canvass and to the absenteeism from the polls of hundreds of thousands of Democratic voters. Such an explanation finds some support in the fact that the vote cast for Parker and Davis fell 1,280,975 below the vote cast for Bryan and Stevenson. This enormous defection, it is assumed, must have been caused as much by popular indifference to the questions at issue as by active disaffection on the part of Democrats.

Yet this explanation fails to take account of one of the most striking facts disclosed by a study of the election returns—that is, the shrinkage in the electorate which has been effected in the southern states. Assuming that the popular vote should bear a certain ratio to population—1 to 5, for instance—it is easy to prove that the vote of 1904 was a "low water mark" one. But such an assumption is altogether fallacious in view of the restrictions imposed on suffrage within the last six years in most of the former slave states. The presidential vote in those states bears no natural and normal ratio to population, and each year the ratio, minute as it now is, seems to undergo a shrinkage. In some of these states—Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi—the limit of suppression was reached by 1900, and in these four commonwealths the total vote of 1904 showed a slight net increase. In Georgia, where Thomas E. Watson made an active canvass, the total vote increased 7,152, rising to 129,867, a ratio to population not of 1 to 5, but of 1 to 20. In South Carolina there was a gain of 6,697 in the total vote, in Florida a loss of only 104 and in Mississippi a loss of only 120.

In nine other southern states there was, however, a marked decline in the popular vote. In Louisiana the shrinkage was 13,997, in Arkansas 11,445, in Kentucky 31,715, in Tennessee 31,030, in Maryland 40,367, in Alabama 50,728, in North Carolina 87,535, in Virginia 135,367 and in Texas 187,852. In these nine states there is a loss, due largely to restrictions on suffrage, of 590,246 votes. The Republican vote shrank proportionately more than the Democratic, but the loss was general and will be no doubt more or less permanent.

Taking into account these artificial abridgments of the suffrage in the south, the total vote of 1904 is really greater than that of 1900. Outside the south there was no extraordinary indulgence in absenteeism. The Bryan column of 1900 melted away, but the vote of the minor parties—Socialist, Prohibition, Socialist Labor and Populist—showed an increase of 423,267, and the Republican vote was 400,000 greater than in 1900. The south's elimination of 590,246 votes more than balances the apparent deficit for 1904 and proves that last year's contest was not won through absenteeism. The voice of the nation was never more clearly expressed. Looking beneath the surface, the vote of 1904 is seen to be a thoroughly representative one, and its decisive character cannot be belittled or explained away by any suggestion of popular apathy or indifference.—New York Tribune.

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Total	\$404,647 23
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Dividends unpaid	4 00
Deposits	283,079 35
Total	\$404,647 23

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10 20	12 55	4 23	5 30	10 25	7 03	Pennsdale	6 15	7 20	10 05	12 12	3 55	5 00	9 55		
10 30	1 05	4 32	5 40	10 34	8 09	Hughesville	6 00	7 20	9 55	12 00	3 45	4 50	9 45		
	1 13	4 39	5 48	10 41	8 09	Picture Rocks				9 45	11 00	3 44	8 29		
	1 19	4 43				Lyons Mills							8 29		
	1 26	4 45				Chamotini					10 53	3 28	8 24		
	1 34	4 52				Allen Mawr					10 46	3 22	8 17		
	1 40	5 00				Strawbridge					16 34	3 13	8 16		
	1 43	5 05				Beech Glen					10 33	3 09	8 03		
	1 50	5 07				Muncy Valley					10 30	3 07	8 00		
	1 54	5 13				Soles town					10 25	3 10	7 55		
	1 58	5 18				Nordmont					10 00		7 38		
	1 58	5 18				Laport					9 42		7 16		
	1 58	5 18				Ringville					9 22		6 59		
	1 58	5 18				Bertrice Road					9 10		6 50		
	1 58	5 18				Satterfield					9 05		6 25		
P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	A. M.			A. M.	A. M.		P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		
			8 45	9 49		Somestown				1 45					
			9 45	10 50		Eagles Mere				2 45					
			6 23	7 26		Dushore				7 56			6 28		
						Towanda				7 05			5 30		
						Wilkes Barre							3 05		
5 00	4 00	12 29	10 00	7 30	Williamsport		6 30	10 39	12 30	5 37	10 31				

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