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## LANDSLIDE FOR TAFT AND SHERMAN

### Republicans Sweep the Entire Nation Like An Avalanche

#### MR. BRYAN MEETS DEFEAT

Late Returns From Tuesday's Election Indicate That the Republican Candidate Has Carried the Country by a Large Majority, Although Bryan Ran Ahead of Parker's Vote Four Years Ago.

New York, Special.—General election returns from throughout the United States received up to an early hour Wednesday morning show the following results:

William H. Taft, of Ohio, has been elected President with 298 votes secure and 13 doubtful.

Practically no change is indicated in the complexion of the National House of Representatives.

The United States will retain its present Republican majority.

Governor Charles E. Hughes has been re-elected in New York State by about 76,000 plurality.

Indiana has gone for Taft by from 15,000 to 18,000 plurality.

Bryan apparently has carried Nebraska, although the Republicans still claim the State.

Ohio returns have been seriously delayed owing to the immense size of the ballot, but Taft has carried the State by a majority ranging from 50,000 to 75,000.

Taft carried New York City by about 11,000 plurality, this being the first time the city has given its vote to a Republican presidential candidate since 1896, when Mr. McKinley had a small plurality.

Mr. Taft received a greater plurality in New York State than President Roosevelt did four years ago, the indications pointing to 202,000 for Mr. Taft, as against 175,000 for Mr. Roosevelt.

Hazen, the Independence party candidate for President, received about 28,000 votes in Greater New York.

The indications are that Democratic governors have been elected in several of the Middle Western States that have given their presidential vote to Taft.

Mr. Taft has exceeded Mr. Roosevelt's plurality in New Jersey and in Massachusetts, as well as in New York.

The Republican pluralities fell off heavily in the Middle West in a manner thoroughly surprising to the Republican managers.

Speaker Cannon has been re-elected by his usual majority.

Representatives Payne, of New York, and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, have been re-elected and the House of Representatives probably will continue under its old regime. Mr. Payne will have charge of the new tariff bill in the extra session which Mr. Taft will call immediately after March 4th next.

Missouri has returned to the "solid South" on the Presidential ticket, and elected Cowherd as its governor.

The first returns received came from scattering districts in Massachusetts. The heavy pluralities indicated there for Mr. Taft seemed at once to dissipate any probability of a "landslide" for Mr. Bryan, as many Democrats had claimed and the Republican managers at once began to put out claims of victory.

Returns from the up-country districts of New York State, where voting machines are largely used, were the next to arrive. It had been predicted for days that Erie county including the heavy vote of Buffalo might be taken as an index to the drift throughout the country. This proved to be the case so far as the national ticket was concerned, Mr. Taft having a plurality of something more than 4,000 votes. Erie county surprisingly, however, gave Lieutenant Governor Chanler a plurality of more than 3,000. The opponents of Governor Hughes were quick to claim a sweeping victory, but returns from the other large counties and cities soon changed the complexion of the returns completely. The vote in

four years ago has been cut in two. Illinois which gave Roosevelt 305,000 in 1904 has gone for Taft by about 170,000. The highest claim of the Republicans for Indiana is 15,000 as against approximately 93,000. Iowa, which gave Mr. Roosevelt 158,000 plurality in 1904, has dropped down Greater New York for Mr. Chanler was deeply disappointing to his friends, while the heavy vote for Taft, especially in the borough of Brooklyn, completely eclipsed the most sanguine hopes of the Republicans. Governor Hughes was cut heavily up the State, but not so deeply as to imperil his election, once the drift in his favor "below the Bronx" had begun to make itself felt.

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Returns from Colorado and from Maryland are too meagre to form a definite conclusion as to their ultimate alignment.

The House Still in Doubt. Chicago, Ill., Special.—At 1:30 o'clock returns had been received from 316 congressional districts out of 31 in the country. Of these the Republicans had 177, the Democrats 139, 11 were doubtful and from 64 districts no accurate returns had been received. On this showing the Republican party at this hour lacks 19 votes of being able to control the House.

How Bryan Took Defeat. Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Special.—William J. Bryan received at his home, "Fairview," the returns which early told him that for the third time he had been defeated in the greatest ambition of his life. Confident of victory to the very last, he was not prepared to believe that his cause was lost until the pluralities of his Republican opponent piled up in such proportions as to leave no room for doubt. When the early returns came in, he made particular inquiries regarding the State of New York and found much encouragement in the gains he was making up-State over the Democratic vote of 1904, but as the figures continued to be received, he relied on Greater New York to offset the heavy Taft vote above

the Harlem river. Even in that he was bitterly disappointed and he soon realized that the State was hopelessly gone and with it his prospects of being elected.

Sketch of Wm. H. Taft. William Howard Taft was born in Ohio and educated in the common and high schools. He later attended college and studied law, making a fine record. Mr. Taft's official life has been one of wide experience. As federal judge he served with marked ability and his work in the Philippines was of great value to the country. He has served under President Roosevelt as Secretary of War and resigned that office to accept the nomination for the Presidency. He is 48 years of age.

Speaker Cannon Re-elected. Danville, Ill., Special.—Joseph G. Cannon has been re-elected to Congress by a majority of between 6,000 and 7,000. The returns are incomplete, but enough of them have been received to show that he will receive his normal vote throughout the district.

Georgia. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Bryan carried Georgia, but early returns indicate that the Democratic majority will be considerably reduced. Watson received majorities in three of the counties thus far reported and in two of the counties. Taft received a small majority. Taft carried two wards in the city of Atlanta.

Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The election in Florida resulted in the usual Democratic majorities of from 18,000 to 20,000. Owing to the slow count of the long ballot, however, actual figures cannot be given now.

Indiana. Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—If the present ratio is maintained Taft will have carried Indiana by 18,000.

Missouri. St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Missouri gave its electoral vote to William J. Bryan by a plurality estimated at 30,000 to 35,000. The governorship is in doubt, though William S. Cowherd, Democrat, is leading Hadley, Republican, on the early returns.

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## GOOD WORK SPREADING

Efforts Being Made to Secure Demonstration Work By Many Counties.

Greensboro, Special.—Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent for County demonstration work, who has his headquarters at the Iredell county State Experiment farm near Statesville, is busy just now establishing new county demonstration work. Monday he was in Greenville, Pitt county, consulting with leading farmers there about the introduction of the demonstration work there, and the selection of a man to superintend it. The department does this work only upon application, and only then when 100 farmers agree to engage in any one county to aid and follow the directions of the county demonstrator in the particular crops selected for the special demonstration of soil, seed, and cultivation.

There are now about twenty counties of the State having these demonstration farms. Mr. Hudson is getting now every day reports from these counties as to results of this year's work. Of course the actual results cannot yet be given since cotton and corn are not yet capable of accurate reports, but in every instance where reports have been made, the results have been wonderful. The grain crops planted and cultivated under the demonstrator's guidance, in every instance have showed at least double the yield of wheat and oats, as under the old system. Every report so far from corn and cotton crops in every county, indicates an increase of nearly seventy-five per cent in the corn crop and fifty per cent in cotton.

This demonstration farm work has so far been confined almost exclusively to the Piedmont counties. The progressive county of Guilford has not yet organized to get the benefit of this excellent and practical method of getting by actual test the benefit of modern scientific methods of farming without cost. Guilford county has a large number of splendid farmers and there is undoubtedly rapid improvement in farming methods here by reason of fine market and good roads conditions, and yet the county needs this demonstration work for the benefit of all farmers, as well as for those who are feeling their way along up the slope of improvement. Guilford county farmers are today making fifty and a hundred bushels of corn per acre on lands that made fifteen and twenty bushels five years ago, and for this very reason demonstration work would be of great benefit, because it would at once appeal to the encouragement and active support of this class of intelligent progressive farmers along other lines.

### The Rocky Mount Tobacco Market.

Rocky Mount, Special.—The receipts of leaf tobacco were full last week. The total being nearly 700,000 pounds for the week. The quality of the offerings has been about equally divided between good and bad. Much inferior stock has shown up, of an undesirable nature, and has not been attractive to buyers, on the other hand a great many fine bright wrappers have appeared and have sold at fancy prices, one load averaging about \$40 around, some lots selling as high as \$70 and \$80 per hundred.

### Fatal Shooting of Negro in Rockingham.

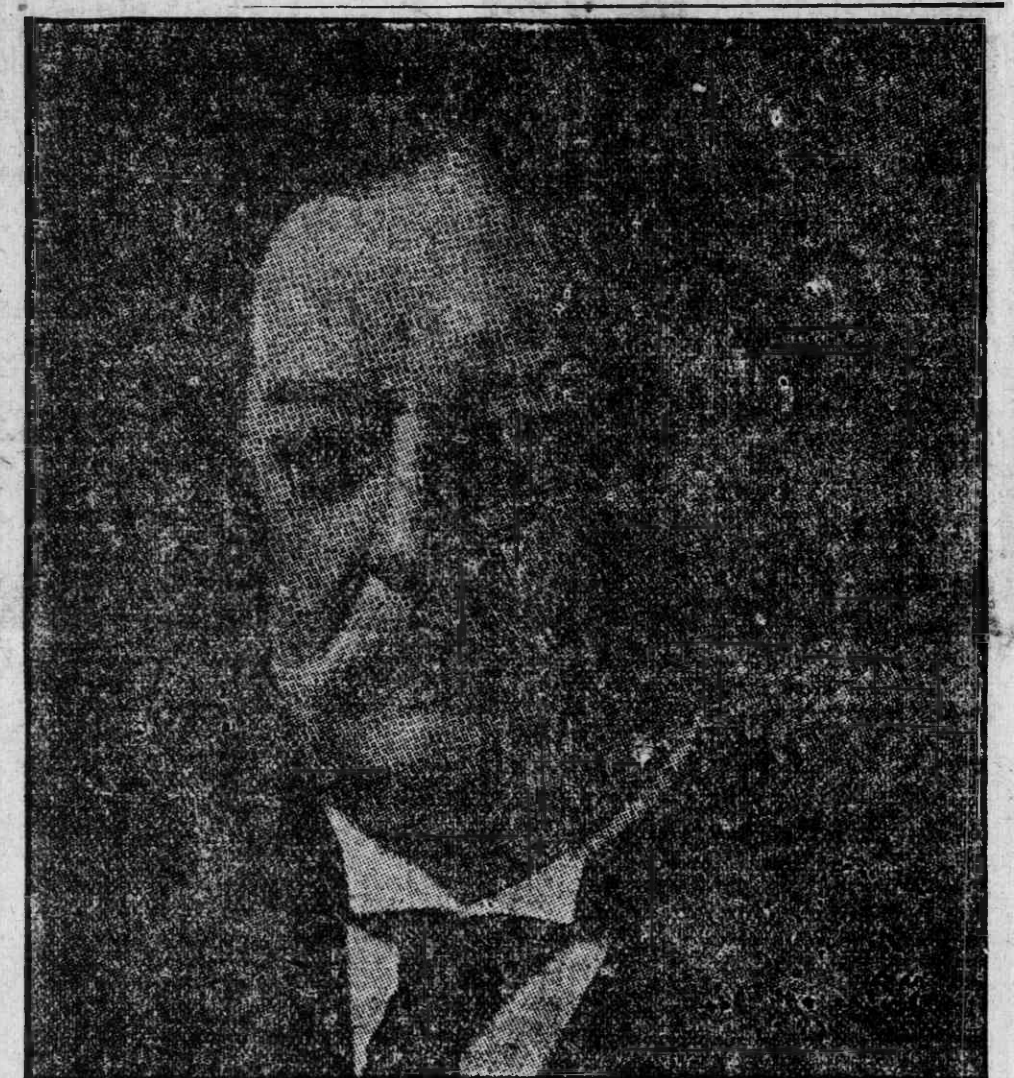
Hamlet, Special.—Will McNeal shot and instantly killed Mose Leak here last week. Both are negroes. The shooting was over a woman that McNeal claims is his wife. McNeal says that he did not intend to shoot Mose Leak but thought he was another negro by the name of Tom McCall. Leak was a young negro about 21 years old and was generally liked by the white people, as well as negroes. McNeal was immediately placed under arrest and will be taken to Rockingham jail to await trial.

### An 'Unloaded' Gun Fatality.

Newbern, Special.—Kinley Cox, a colored boy 13 years old, living near the city water and light plant, was playing with an "unloaded" 22-calibre rifle Thursday and in some manner the gun was fired, the ball striking him in the abdomen. He was taken to the Stewart Sanatorium but died from internal hemorrhage before anything could be done for him.

### Killed by N. & W. Train.

Winston-Salem, Special.—James Barker, white, 70 years old and a respected farmer, was run over and killed by a Norfolk & Western train at Walnut Cove, Stokes county. The old man was driving and did not see the train as it rounded a curve and death was instantaneous. The horse was not injured, but the buggy was shattered. Mr. Barker is survived by five grown children.



HON. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, OF OHIO



JAMES S. SHERMAN.