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THE ELECTION LAST TUESDAY

The election Tuesday was a big landslide for the republicans. Unusually large majorities were rolled up for Harding and Coolidge all over the country except in the South. Up to the time of going to press Harding had 46 electoral votes.

Champ Clark, floor leader on the democratic side in Congress has been defeated for reelection. The republicans have made gains in both houses of Congress.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 3.—Senator Harding's lead in Oklahoma tonight was increased to 7,824 over Gov. Cox. The vote from 1,759 precincts out of 2,685 gave: Harding, 150,833; Cox 143,169.

In the next congress the republicans will have a majority of ten in the Senate and around one hundred in the House.

One republican was elected to Congress from San Antonio Texas.

Neither the prohibition nor socialist parties will have members in the next Congress. It will be straight democratic and republican with large majorities on the republican side. This means that the republicans will have to accept full responsibility for all acts passed during the next two years.

The women all over the country voted in large numbers. The defeat of Champ Clark will more than likely, make Claude Kitchen floor leader for the democrats.

Among the surprises in the voting Tuesday were the following: Harding carried 13 precincts in New Orleans, republican elected to congress from Texas, the defeat of Champ Clark in Missouri, Orlando, Florida going republican, two counties in Alabama gave republican majorities.

The democrats have made a clean sweep in Polk county, all candidates being elected by majorities averaging about 80.

North Carolina rolled up the biggest democratic vote ever cast in the state. The majority for Cox will be around 80,000.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 3.—Returns from 93 out of 95 counties complied by the Journal and Tribune at midnight give Harding a plurality of 10,801 in Tennessee, while Alf Taylor, republican leads Roberts for governor by 39,477.

Other election returns will be found in another page of this issue.

ELECTORAL VOTE	
FOR HARDING AND COOLIDGE	
California	13
Connecticut	4
Colorado	6
Delaware	3
Illinois	29
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	18
Michigan	15
Minnesota	12
Nebraska	8
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	14
New York	45
Ohio	24
Oregon	5
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	5
Utah	4
Vermont	5
Washington	7
West Virginia	8
Wisconsin	13
Wyoming	3
Total	329
Missouri	18
Maryland	8
Nevada	4
Arizona	3
South Dakota	5
Total	374
FOR COX AND ROOSEVELT	
Alabama	12
Arkansas	9
Florida	6
Georgia	14
Louisiana	10
Mississippi	10
North Carolina	12
South Carolina	9
Texas	20
Virginia	12
Total	114
Doubtful	
Kentucky	13
Tennessee	12
Oklahoma	10
Total	149
DOUBTFUL	
Incomplete Returns	
North Dakota	5

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Lachesis spins a zone of destiny
To gird the loins of our great progeny;
Strong stalwart sons, who, in the prime of youth
Shall slay injustice with the sword of truth.

Then shall the daughters of mankind arise
And bind upon their brows the laurel prize;
And, hymning clear in paeans sweet of praise
Sing the ripe promise of the coming days
When Liberty's fair sun shall dawn in grace
On women—standing in the voting place!

Ye gods! Can sons their mothers still deride
Who plead for justice and are yet denied?
Shall Alien Lepers, forced through to roam
Be worthier deemed than they who rule the home?
Men, redolent of crime, with low bred leer
Who prate to us forsooth of "woman's sphere"?

O halting Justice, blind indeed and lame!
Well mayst thou hide thine eyes for very shame,
To know that worthy women lack the right
To voice their wrongs or cry a sorry plight!

The sphere of woman! Who dares to draw the line
Or set a limit to the immortal mind
Proclaims himself a foe of truth indeed;
The friend of error and the tool of greed.
Who draws no virtue from his mother's breast
May scarce rise higher than the brute, at best;
Since they who bear us still remain the slaves
Of ignorant despots—moldering in their graves.

Not so! But free as the mountain air that blows
In tonic breezes from the Sierra snows,
Shall we declare them! Equals then indeed!
Grant them in fullest trust their every need!
Then shall sweet Liberty in templed groves
Sing all the measure of our perfect loves,
In strains that rise throughout the happy years
To reach in grateful anthems—God's own ears.

This was a vision and prophecy written by John A. Avrette in 1895, at Goler Gold diggings, California.

Permanant Pastures Once More

Some parts of the country understand pretty well, the importance of good permanant pastures but it is extremely hard for farmers in a country that has no pastures to understand the value and need of them.

Now the very best way for a farmer to see what a good pasture is and on what kind of land it can be made, and how to make it; is to visit some farm and see the grasses and clovers growing on the land; to examine the land and discuss with the farmer who built up the pasture just how he did it. And to convince farmers in a country where they are doubtful about being able to make pastures; it is best to visit a farmer right in their own country who has accomplished such a thing. To this end I invite farmers of Polk county who desire to make permanent summer and winter pastures, to meet me at W. B. McSwains farm at Hickory Grove church and school house on Saturday Nov. 13, from 1 till 4 o'clock p. m. in order that we may go over all of Mr. McSwains pastures and hear him tell how he did it. I have invited James M. Gray our efficient district agent who was raised in Macon county where boys sometimes get lost(?) in the grass when they go for the cows. Now this will be a rare opportunity for Polk County farmers to see what any farmer can accomplish right here in his own country. Not only are the men invited, but women also. Come in your autos, buggies or on horseback, and don't forget the time. Remember Nov. 13, from 1 to 4 p. m. Of course you all can bring a lunch and eat together in the grove if you so desire. There is plenty of room in Polk county to park all the cars. This feast is not for Polk county alone, farmers from Rutherford county and Spartanburg county, and especially from Landrum are invited to come. After this time Mr. McSwain will turn cattle on his winter pasture and a visit

would not be so profitable as before.

The next thing just now is what we mean to do about our next wheat crop. As I already pointed out there is a few things about growing wheat that should be observed or don't sow it. 1st. Select good suitable land for this crop. 2nd. Give it thorough preparation. 3rd. Plant nothing but good seed. 4th. Treat seed to prevent smut. 5th. Plant properly, with drill if possible. 6th. If land will produce rank straw; use acid phosphate liberally, if not use complete fertilizer. 7th. Sow at once. Positively it will not pay to try to grow wheat in Polk county in a slipshod slovenly manner.

If there are any farmers who have failed to sow oats and vetch for hay next spring, don't neglect it any longer. But instead of oats; better use rye or wheat or rye, wheat and vetch mixed, which may be sown successively up to December 1, don't delay; but do it now and prevent that big hay bill next spring.

The next and perhaps the most important thing is the corn crop for next year. Talk about cotton being king, well if cotton is king, corn is queen which means much more because we can live longer without clothes than without bread and meat and corn means both bread and meat. When corn is plentiful in any country, times for farmers and business men will be prosperous but when there is no corn in the cribs, all the people in that country will be hard pressed to live. So let's begin now to thinking and planning for the best corn crop next year ever grown in Polk county. Now is the time to begin and seed corn is the first thing to be considered. To this end we will have a seed corn show at Columbus on the 1, Monday in January 1921 which will be January 3rd. At this time I have no prizes to offer for the best seed corn exhibit; put hope that some enterprising citizens

OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk county Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

What about the wheat crop in Polk county for next year? This is a question in the minds of Polk county farmers that must be answered right away. Some farmers have said to me that fertilizers are so high and their last spring cotton fertilizer bill was so large that they do not feel able to sow wheat this fall. The question of sowing wheat in Polk county is not so much a question of whether it pays to sow wheat here or not, it is more a question whether or not Polk county children will eat biscuits. I think as far as practical, every farmer should sow more or less wheat, not so much for the money value of that crop, but to have wheat bread for the family use. But unless the land is good and adapted to growing wheat, and the land well prepared and the wheat planted within the reasonable seeding time, and properly fertilized; then don't plant it the slovenly way some farmers try to grow wheat is nothing short of a failure when the crop is planted. 1st—the seed bed should be well prepared if the land has been in corn this year and the corn ripe enough to be removed at once, or better if cut and shocked a month ago. The land can be put in good condition for wheat by double disking unless crab grass and weeds have grown too rank—Where peas or soy beans have been planted, if not too rank double disking such land will put it in good condition, then the seed should be of good quality and treated with Blue stone or Formaldehyde to prevent smut. Then by all means if possible drill the seed instead of broadcasting—This puts the seed down in the ground and makes heaving in the winter less liable. If the land is packed with a land roller or cultipacker it will insure a better stand and also be an insurance against freezing out in winter—In case of alternate freezing and thawing through winter; wheat should be rolled early in the spring, if something like this kind of management is followed there is no reason why every farmer in Polk county should not grow his own wheat for family consumption. But as above stated unless the land gets at least reasonable preparation and good suitable land for growing wheat, and good seed used, sowed at the proper time and properly planted and fertilized; better not waste the time and seed in trying to do a thing in a half way style.

What to do right now. It is not worth while to say "Pick cotton as fast as possible" for all the men, women and children, are after the cotton all right.

Many are enlarging their permanent pastures; but not enough yet. The boll weevil is coming and live stock must take the place of cotton—So listen to me before the weevil gets you and then you will wish you had.

Now here is one thing you just must do and that is make a tool shed. I have kept pecking away on you, but so many farmers pay no attention to my preachments. It is simply a reflection on a farmer's intelligence to see his valuable farm tools scattered all over the farm eaten by rain, wind and rust. Now every farmer who reads this just think, well he is hitting at me, and so it is, you are the very fellow I am trying to hit and I am your best

friend if I can possibly say something that will make you take better care of your farm tools.

Of course it is getting a little late to sow oats and vetch for hay next spring but wheat, vetch and rye, can be sown as late as December and do very well, much better than no cover crop.

That poultry house might be built this fall. Lumber has come way down, so has nails roofing etc. So there is less excuse for not providing a good warm place for the hens to roost. If I were a hen you would not catch me laying good eggs for the fellow who would let me roost in a tree and freeze my toe nails off while holding to the limb on some zero winter night. I don't believe in strikers; but under such treatment I would not blame all the hens to inaugurate a general strike. So build some good poultry houses and avert the strike this winter.

Now how are the farmers going to spend the long winter nights this winter? No better way than to read good books and papers. If you don't take but one paper let it be your County paper and read everything in it. There are hundreds of good papers and magazines which should be in the homes and carefully read.

Then what about that power and lightning plant for the home? It makes everything look mighty good to go into a farm house and find the family all sitting around a table reading by a brilliant gas light, way back in the country. Believe me there are lots of them now in Polk county and they are putting in more every day. Every farmer who is at all able should install a plant in his home to take the hard work away from the mother and to give cheer and comfort to the family. A good way to keep your boys on the farm. Try it.

Car service is now better and farmers needing lime this fall will put in their orders in Nov. can procure lime at the state lime plant for \$2.00 per ton in bulk. Applications should be made to J. L. Burgess, Raleigh, N. C.

House those expensive tools. Select your seed corn in the field and if you do not have the best get the best you can from any source you can.

Cow Had Novel Ride.
Motorists of Williamsport, Pa., waiting at a railroad crossing for a train to pass, found out the reason why the pilot of a locomotive is called a cowcatcher. On that part of the engine a middle-aged cow sat, taking in the view, if not enjoying the ride. When the motorists signaled the engineer the train stopped and the cow was assisted from her perch, none the worse for her experience. Where and how she was picked up, the train men did not know.

Worked for One.
In a little settlement upstate a number of the property owners had been talking about incorporating and making a town. So they called a mass meeting for the people to voice their opinions. Only one man opposed it. He said: "Gentlemen, I am not in for making a corporation of this place. My reason is this: I worked for one of them corporations once."—Indianapolis News.

Don't Be a Quitter.
It's the way a man sticks to a thing that marks him as a success or failure. Many a fellow has won out at the eleventh hour just because he would not let go. Don't be a quitter.—Farrington.

Romans Had Barbers' Shops De Luxe.
When shaving first came into vogue among the ancient Romans, the barbers' shops became places of great resort, oftentimes music, on different instruments, being played for the entertainment of visiting customers.

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