

ASSOCIATED PRESS ELECTION SERVICE

Flash Verdict of 16,000,000 Voters Few Minutes After Last Ballot is Cast—How it is Accomplished.

New York, Oct. 28.—F-L-A-S-H!— is elected! On the night of Tuesday, November 7, the missing name in the foregoing sentence will be supplied by the Associated Press.

Like a Comet. This latter thrill has a recognized periodicity, like the passage of a comet, and the experience of it is again imminent.

Cooperative Effort. The gathering and distribution of returns this year will mark one of the greatest cooperative efforts that has been made on any similar occasion.

Form of Bulletins. The form of these bulletins is known to thousands who have seen them flashed on the election screens.

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This year it is possible that all records will be broken, for The Associated Press has for the coming election enlisted the cooperation of its members from coast to coast in a more concerted effort than ever before.

Two Years Ago. More than two years ago preparations were begun, under the direction of the general manager of The Associated Press, to "cover" the news which will be served to the public on the night of November 7.

In the collection of returns, the county is everywhere made the unit, and it is the purpose of the system to hear definitely from every election district of the more important States.

Competent Men. Having arranged for some competent man to take charge of each county upstate and for cooperative effort with the New York City News Association for the collection of the metropolitan returns, the New York head quarters of the Associated Press is made the center of tabulation.

For the special work in hand, twenty-five extra wires are strung into the Associated Press offices in New York, giving direct and exclusive connection with the principal cities.

In an adjoining room there have been assembled a staff of a hundred men to serve as tabulators. Previous to the election the Associated Press has arranged with some of the best banks in the city to furnish expert accountants for this work.

The Work Begins. Less than ten minutes after the closing of the polls, the work begins.

The first returns in New York are invariably from some of the upstate cities where voting machines are employed. There are, however, some localities on Cape Cod and down in Maine which for years have prided themselves in being first in with their vote.

It is only by dribbles that the first figures come in, but once the avalanche is started there is no let-up to the tick of the telegraph sounders and a swarm of the colored blanks is kept flying from the receiving operators to the tabulators.

So, district by district, these bulletins grow until it looks so certain to some of the experts that one paper or another will concede somebody's election. But the Associated Press concedes nothing. It must know.

In the year of the Odell-Coler fight for Governor in New York in 1909, its system had a severe test. Coler ran up a big vote in New York city, and the heavy vote of Odell upstate was overlooked by many of the newspapers which conceded Coler's election.

The accuracy of the Associated Press figures has seldom since been questioned. In connection with the recent New York State primary, in the fight between Calder and Bacon for the Republican nomination as candidate for a seat in the United States Senate, the majority given by the Associated Press was only 79 votes at variance with the official count.

The election machinery of the Associated Press is at work in all the States, but it is developed to its highest efficiency in the States having the largest electoral votes and the smallest average of consistency in Presidential years.

Given a definite line on New York State, on Massachusetts, which is invariably prompt, and a reflection of the vote in the Central and Western States, where a difference in time is a handicap to early returns, the result of the Presidential election may be pretty definitely announced at an early hour and often the full extent of the victory indicated, so accurately has the gauge of election figures been fixed by previous experience.

Knowing with a near certainty whether it is Wilson or Hughes will be sufficient for the throngs at the bulletin boards on election night, but the Associated Press goes on to a still bigger task than the mere announcement of the result. That would not go far to complete the morning paper. There are columns to fill with State tabulations, with lists of Governors elected, the detailed constitution of the next United States Senate and House of Representatives, and similar labels for each State, locally handled, on the constitution of the State Legislature. There are comprehensive "leads" to write in summary of the figures, and contests in particular States to be explained.

The Paul Revere. There is one human cog in the election night machine that is even more interesting than the general manager of the Associated Press. He is the Paul Revere of the backwoods district who gallops his horse or drives his motorcycle on election night to the nearest telegraph station. There are still some remote regions—a great many of them where the polling of a Presidential vote is almost a game of

solitaire, and from some of them couriers must ride twenty miles before they can release by wire to a waiting nation the fact that a plurality of one for—(it would be partisan to anticipate the name) had been cast at ranch 49.

New Jersey has been a thorn in the flesh of the election tabulators for many years. In the first place it refuses to close its polls until 7 o'clock, and its law requires that the counting of the entire ballot from top to bottom shall be completed before another ballot is taken up.

If the foregoing has not helped you to visualize the process by which the greatest news-gathering organization tries to satiate your election curiosity and furnish masses of figures to back up its announcement of the victory, picture to yourself this one fact: On election night the facilities for wire communications over practically the entire country are for the moment devoted almost exclusively to the collection and distribution of returns.

Consider also the human factor—thousands of operators at the key and telephone transmitters, newspaper reporters and editors at work on local situations, while the army of trained Associated Press men are assembling all their matter, and you arrive at the efforts that will be made on election night to supply the missing name in the first sentence of this article.

Surpassing it though it will public interest in the great war or in the multitudinous events that the world daily contributes to the excitement of the breakfast table, the news of a Presidential election will by no means attract all of the organs-eyes of an organization whose field is the world. So elastic is the system of this clearing house for news, that its correspondent in Peking may come in at the height of the excitement over the election with a new revolution in China, its representative in Panama with a disastrous slide in Culebra cut, its bureau in Petrograd with a stirring speech in Duma, or its men at the front with a great victory. The usual designated men are on deck to handle any emergency, in the election or out of it.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS OCTOBER 1916.

Table with 2 columns: Record type and Value. Mean Maximum: 75.0, Mean Minimum: 51.8, Mean: 63.4, Maximum 37: date: 8, Minimum 37: date: 22, Greatest daily ranger: 36, Precipitations: Total: 1.75 inches, Greatest in 24 hours, 79, date 19th, Number of days with .01 or more precipitation 6, Clear 14, Fair 10; cloudy 7, There has been a few light frosts but no killing frosts, Total rainfall 10 months, 37.50 inches.

W. G. Peterson. V. O.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Selling of Diseased Chickens Should Be Stopped.

To the editor of the State: A dangerous practice was called to the attention of the writer yesterday afternoon that should be stamped out in the most vigorous manner if there is any way to reach offenders of this kind. A negro farmer was selling chickens to housewives on Sumter street, and was in all probability doing a thriving business. As he was about he sell a lady a number of chickens, she was told by a passerby, after looking in the coop, that the fowls were suffering with the sore head. If it is not without the jurisdiction of the board of health to inspect all kinds of fowls offered for sale on the streets of Columbia the matter should be looked into at once, as the habit of selling diseased chickens is a dangerous one and should be stopped. Columbian.

BARBER POLES FOR DANGER SIGNALS

Have Been Painted on Southern Railway Crossing Gates.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 26.—"Barber Pole" signs have been painted on all Southern Railway crossings gates in a further effort to attract the attention of reckless automobile drivers and so prevent accidents at crossings.

The new device painted on crossing gates is in accordance with the standard recommended by the American Railway association and consists of alternate black and white stripes eight inches wide, running at an angle of forty-five degrees, which gives the familiar "barber pole" effect.

It is hoped that by making this device the standard for all crossing gates it will become recognized as a danger sign, so as to command the respect of even the most heedless driver of a motor.

A WHITEWASH THAT WON'T RUB OFF

Clemson College, Oct. 26.—Whitewash is so common used around the farm that it is advisable to know just how to make it properly. The following receipt for a cement whitewash is made use of by owners of cold-storage warehouses who desire a snowy white wash that dries quickly, adheres strongly to cement, brick or wood, and does not rub off on the clothes.

Slake one-half bushel of lime with boiling water, adding the water slowly and stirring constantly until a thin paste results. A 5-foot piece of 3-4 inch iron pipe makes a good rod for stirring. The lime will be lumpy if the water is added freely and the mass is not properly stirred. Add one-half peck of salt to the lime paste; stir thoroughly; add water to bring the whitewash to the proper consistency. Throw a good handful of Portland cement in each pail of whitewash, and a teaspoonful of ultramarine blue. Add the cement and the blue powder just before the wash is to be used and stir well; otherwise the whitewash will be streaked. The cement makes the whitewash adhere strongly to any surface, and the bluing counteracts the grayish color of the cement and results in a white appearance.

NEW JOBS TO BE OPEN

Chance for Bright Young Man in Seventh.

Washington, Nov. 3.—In the event the Democrats are successful at the polls next Wednesday and continue to hold the house, electing the speaker and the other officials, the larger part of the federal patronage of that body now going to the representatives from the different districts will remain with them.

While it is quite likely that the same men who now carry on the work of the house will be continued, there is always more or less patronage to be distributed here and there as the result of a new congress beginning its work.

In this connection Representative Lever will probably remain chairman of the house committee on agriculture. He has four clerks under him—and two of these places will be vacant this winter.

W. D. Aiken is Mr. Lever's secretary and his salary is \$1,500 a year. The clerk to the committee is D. S. Murph, and he draws the usual compensation for such service, ranging \$2,000 or \$2,500 a year.

Morris Lumpkin, who was assistant clerk to the committee, was paid \$1,800 a year, and as he is now a member of the South Carolina legislature, it is assumed that some one else will be named for his position in Washington.

Clarence Wertz recently messenger to the committee at a salary of something like \$1,000 a year in the Columbia postoffice, having gone there last spring. He, too, it is assumed, will give up his Washington position with the beginning of the coming session of congress. This will permit Mr. Lever to award two places to young men in the Seventh district, worth together about \$3,000 a year. It is not yet known what changes will take place among the other members of the South Carolina delegation when they return to Washington next month.

P. H. McGowan.

Soon as a man begins to like the sound of his own voice, he wants to enter into a joint debate with somebody.

Whenever we see a beautiful young girl kissing a dog we think she ought to tell her beau to get the license or get out.

It is reported that a German scientist has found a means of making crow edible. Probable, though, this has no special significance.

The Boll Weevil Is Coming. If it isn't here next year the chances are that it will be here the year after and it is just good business, it is just common prudence on the part of every farmer to raise his own food stuffs for man and beast at home. The farmer who has his wheat and oats, corn, hogs, and molasses cane at home will not be hurt so much by the boll weevil. The man who has these things to buy and pay for them out of a crop of cotton will be in trouble when the boll weevil strikes him. Now is the time to sow wheat and oats, if you really want to make grain, if you are in earnest about it, fertilize it when you sow and use the Anderson Fish and Blood goods. That takes the "if" out of making grain. Now is the time. Anderson Phosphate and Oil Company, W. F. FARMER, Secretary. See Gresham & Speer, Greenwood, S. C.

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