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happy on an empty stomach as on a full one. He has the faculty of adapting himself to circumstances, and can pick up a fair living where other birds would starve. You will never forget his name as he repeats it every few minutes, whether there is anyone around to hear it or not. On very cold days he seems to sort of shiver it out, breaking the last part into two or three syllables, as in Chick-a-dee-dee.

He loves well timbered districts, but is just about as much at home in town, picking a few bites from old Towser's plate. In the spring he frequents the swamps where the red-bud trees grow, the soft, easily worked wood of this tree offers a favorite location for his dugout nest. But if by chance, he should stumble on the deserted hole of some woodpecker, that comes up to specifications in other ways, he and his mate will be just as happy there. If he fails to find a ready-made dugout, a crevice in a stump, or the hollow in a rotten rail will do just as well. At this season his clear-cut whistle gives way to a subdued conversational call that is plaintively sweet. The nest is a dainty little affair, fully in keeping with his size and is constructed with the greatest care of all sorts of soft, baby-like material, such as feathers, fur, wool and hair. It is a veritable little feather bed, and no young birds begin life in more luxurious quarters, than do the fuzzy little Chick-a-dee babies.

If the Chick-a-dee mother can only find a fur lined rabbit burrow in the briar patch, with its wealth of fluffy padding, she is as happy as the man who discovers a gold mine, and before she stops will have transferred most of it to her own nest. Though the Chick-a-dee is hardy and does not seem to care how cold the weather is, he certainly wants things comfortable at home for the children. As small as he is, the Chick-a-dee is one of the greatest insect destroyers of our native birds. He never lets up, but in season and out of season, he is conducting a still hunt for the canker-worm moth and her eggs. In an article on "Birds as Protectors of Orchards," it is stated that one chick-a-dee would eat 5,500 eggs of the canker-worm moth in a day. Birds that habitually feed on the eggs of insects are of more value to the agricultural interests than birds that eat insects themselves, as the egg eater naturally destroys the greatest number. So you have apple trees around your home, encourage the Chick-a-dee, and his family to stay, by hanging a piece of suet where they can find it. He is about an inch taller than the English parrot; the top of his head and his throat are black, and he wears a suit of rusty gray the year round; his white collar is badly in need of soap and water, and the same may be added of his dingy vest.—C. A. David in Greenville News.

WILSON HAD SUPPORT OF WOMAN AND MOOSE VOTE

Western Progressives Turned To Him Almost En Masse But Not Those of East

PEACE WAS POWERFUL ISSUE WITH THE WOMEN

MOOSE AFRAID OF HUGHES—HYPHEN SHOT TO PIECES. LABOR VOTE DIVIDED.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WILSON'S

Leads New England State by 63 Votes.—Gains in California with 17 Precincts Missing.—Hughes Drops in Minnesota, but Still Maintains Safe Lead.—Wilson is a majority President.

New York.—On the returns up to date President Wilson has received 8,508,085 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,090,951. Mr. Wilson's popular plurality is therefore 417,134. He is a majority president, which he was not when he went into office. In 1912 he received 6,293,419 votes.

It has been said that Mr. Hughes received the votes of the most populous states of the Union and Mr. Wilson that of the less populous. There is not so much difference as might be expected. The states which voted for Mr. Hughes had, according to the last census, 45,901,739 inhabitants. Those which voted for Mr. Wilson had 45,737,643. The difference in Mr. Hughes' favor is 164,096.

The latest returns from the close states show the following results:

In California Wilson is leading by 3,431 votes, with a few scattering precincts missing; in Minnesota, where some of the millmen's votes have been counted, Hughes is still ahead by 236 votes with 27 districts missing; in North Dakota, with 14 districts missing, Wilson leads by 963 votes; New Hampshire, where the count has been completed, gives Wilson a plurality of 63 votes.

From the reports of leading correspondents in the different states on the influences which brought about Mr. Wilson's election it is possible to get a clear idea of the part played by the different group "votes" of which so much was said before election, and of the reasons which moved great bodies of voters to the decision they reached.

Progressives and the Women. Two classes of voters, and two only, accomplished the result. They were not the German-Americans, the labor vote, or any of the groups standing for special interests. They were the Progressives and the women.

The split made in the Republican party in 1910, which became a break in 1912, was not mended at Chicago. The dispatches now in the hands of the papers indicate no probability of its being mended until the cause for it is taken away. From the Hudson River to the Mississippi, the bolters of 1912 were largely satisfied with Hughes, but to the East and West of those boundaries, especially to the West, they were not. And it was the West that decided the election.

In New York and Illinois the breach was apparently healed; there is no sign of anything to the contrary, and the same thing seems true of the states that generally follow the leadership of these two. That, however, was as far as Colonel Roosevelt was able to bring about a reunion.

The Progressives of Kansas, Washington, California and the other Western States have again defeated a Re-cause the other wing of the party was in control and made the nomination, Minnesota and Wisconsin voted for Hughes, but both have show that they are as progressive as ever. Minnesota by accepting him so narrowly and Wisconsin by LaFollette's victory.

The woman vote and the Progressive vote telescope each other, for in the critical states the women who turned the election were largely Progressives. But the women voted as women, too. The reports from the states where women vote show that the dream of solidifying women as a sex and swinging her vote this way and that at the order of female political leaders is shattered forever. But the women did make up their minds as women in many Western States, and voted without regard either to how the women politicians bade them or to how their own men folks voted.

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Hereditarily is a curious thing. Lots of people have sunny natures in spite of shady ancestors.

One half of the world is probably just as well pleased that the other half doesn't know how it lives.

The honeymoon sometimes demonstrates that marriage is a failure almost as early in the season as the peach crop.—Philadelphia Record.

A Great Good Man Gone.

Died.—At his home in Westport, West St. Louis, Oct. 12, 1916, of pneumonia, Rev. Irl R. Hicks, aged nearly 72 years.

The above little paragraph tells the story that will cause deep sorrow in the hearts of thousands, both in this and foreign countries. Many such reports have gone out before, but they were always false—now we can only say that it is but too true.

The old office chair stands empty before the editor's desk, the office seems gloomy and has a lonesome air, and the hearts of the office and printing room force are filled with sorrow. Out at Skyview, the beautiful home of the great weather forecaster, his wife and sons and daughters mourn the passing away of one of God's noblemen, one of the great men of his generation.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks was born in Bristol, Tennessee, December 18, 1844, and would therefore have been 72 his next birthday. His boyhood was spent on his father's plantation, growing up among the slave children there, in company with his brothers and sisters. Although he was but a mere youth when the civil war broke out, he was soon found among gray-clad troops of his native State, doing service for the South. At the battle of Chickamauga he was taken prisoner and sent to Johnson's Island in Lake Erie where he was detained until the end of the war. He returned to Tennessee and worked his way through Andrew College at Trenton. He was ordained a Methodist Elder, and served as pastor in the South for a time. About 1871 he was sent by the Bishop to St. Louis, and later spent a pastorate at the frontier town of Leadville, Colo.

Early in his ministry, Prof. Hicks began his study of meteorology, publishing a storm chart showing his discovery of the periodicity of storm development, often telling his parishioners from the pulpit what to expect in the way of near future weather. His first thought however was not to foretell weather conditions, but to seek for the source of the incalculable power manifested everywhere in nature, and he firmly believed to his last day that this would sometime be found utilized by the race.

Soon after the projection of Word and Works, he gave up his work in the ministry, and devoted all his time and energy to study, and the publication of Word and Works and his Almanac. In 1894 his first Almanac came out, and in it he outlined his theories in an article entitled, "Foundation Facts."

It had been planned that Irl R. Hicks, Junior, would attend college, but at the request of his father, after finishing high school, he connected

himself with the business, and been under the careful instruction of his renowned father several years. He assisted in the writing of the two or three Almanacs, and is a fact to go forward with the work of his father has laid down. He will be the assistance of others who have been closely associated with the work for many years. These are the questions so often asked, "Who will carry on the work of Rev. Hicks?" is answered, and the public may be assured that it will forward to continued success, if confidence of the public is assured. The 1917 Almanac will be distributed on time, as it is now in the hands of the binders. Word and Works will arrive regularly, bringing to its readers the best that can be obtained. Fuller announcement as to the business will be given next month.

He remained in the harness to the last, having been at his desk Monday, October 2nd. It may be truly said of Rev. Irl R. Hicks, as it was said of great orators at the grave of a brother some time ago—"There was, there is, truer, nobler, manlier man."

Few would say that the world is better for his life and work. The sands who never saw his kindly face except in pictures, will be filled with sadness at his departure. May a large fold of his mantle fall upon those who continue the work he laid down.—The Assistant Editor of Word and Works.

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