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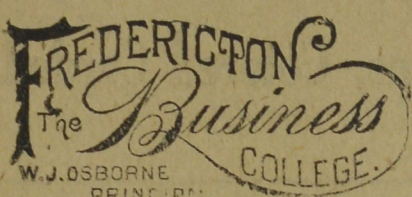
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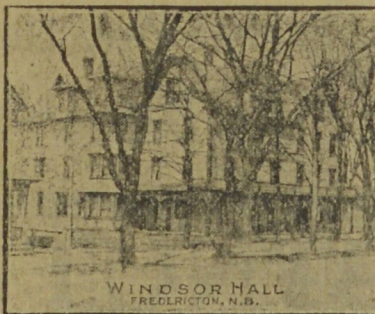
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UNITED STATES ELECTIONS
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New York, Nov. 2.—With the close of the last week before election, the last week of one of the most remarkable political campaigns the country has ever known, little is left to be done but to indulge in forecasts and wait for the returns. As the saying is, it's all over but the shouting. Nobody knows as yet who will do the shouting, but the minds of the people are made up, the campaign is at an end, and the election of Tuesday will only be to secure an official record of a decision already made.

Five national conventions have nominated candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. William Howard Taft of Ohio and James S. Sherman of New York were renominated for president and vice-president, respectively, by the Republicans at Chicago. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Thos. R. Marshall of Indiana were named by the Democratic convention at Baltimore. The new Progressive party, in convention at Chicago, nominated Theodore Roosevelt of New York for president and Hiram W. Johnson of California for vice-president. The Prohibitionists at their convention at Atlantic City put up Eugene W. Chafin of Illinois for president and Aaron S. Watkins of Ohio for vice-president. The Socialist party of Indianapolis brought out the names of Eugene Debs of Indiana for president and Emil Scidol of Wisconsin for vice-president.

This year of 1912 has seen such a smothering of political ties as does not often occur in America, but it is all traceable to so-called "pro-reservism," just as slavery was responsible for the diverse tickets in 1860 and the monetary question for the split-up of the Democratic party in 1906.

The Democrats this year present a more united front than for many years past. Though the campaign that preceded the Baltimore convention was an exceedingly spirited one, it apparently left no bitterness, for the restoration of harmony was almost instantaneous. Within a week after the delegates adjourned at Baltimore the several factions had come together with the single purpose of electing the national ticket. The unsuccessful opponents of Wilson at Baltimore took to the stump in his behalf and the Bryanites and anti-Bryanites of the olden days have repeatedly spoken from the same platform during the campaign that has just closed.

The Republican party, on the other hand found itself divided for the first time since the civil war. The "insurgents" who bolted the Republican national convention at Chicago after the renomination of President Taft met in the same city a few weeks later and formed the Progressive party. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who had fought vainly to secure the "regular" Republican nomination, was named for President and Governor Johnson of California was selected as his running-mate.

The situation on the Republican side then became complicated by the fact that the political affiliations of the electors in many of the States were in doubt, being claimed by both the Taft and Roosevelt factions. The electoral controversies were finally settled in a manner more or less satisfactory to both sides, though new and more serious perplexities may result from the same source in case the balloting is close next Tuesday.

A court decision has left Taft without representation on the electoral ticket in California where Roosevelt electors appear as Republicans. In Oklahoma the two Roosevelt electors appearing on the Republican ticket have agreed to vote for Taft if he carries the State. A similar agreement has been reached in Oregon. In South Dakota and Nebraska the Taft electors appear on the ballot by petition. In the other States where controversies existed the original Roosevelt electors have been replaced on the Republican ticket by Taft supporters.

The next electoral college will be composed of 531 members, and the successful candidates for president and vice president must secure a total of at least 265 to be elected. With three leading tickets in the field instead of two as in former presidential campaigns of late years, it is easily within the range of possibilities that none of the three might se-

ure a sufficient electoral vote? and that the election of the next president and vice president would devolve upon the national house of representatives.

Besides the presidential succession there will also be decided on Tuesday the question of the control of the house of representatives. There will be 435 representatives in the next Congress all of whom will be elected on Tuesday except the few in Maine and Vermont which States held early elections.

The terms of one-third of the members of the United States senate expire next March. In a few States their seats have already been filled, but in many others the complexion of the legislatures elected on Tuesday will decide.

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I was with my father at Washington in 1898, when Lord Herschell and the International Commissioners tried to make just such a trade arrangement as was offered us a year ago. At that time there was no talk of its being disloyal to the empire, and as one of the American commissioners told Sir Louis Davies and my father, the intense anxiety displayed by all the European embassies as to what was going on between England, Canada and the United States, was almost laughable and very significant. Europe did not in the least like the idea of a rapprochement between England and the states, to say nothing of Canada.

M. J. Cartwright.

A TIMELY CHANGE

To the Editor of The Mail.

Since it has been practically decided to install a new sanitary system in the High School building to take the place of the combined heating and sanitation system now in use there has been considerable comment and some knocking upon recent conditions as regards the matter of general hygiene.

From what can be learned the school trustees feel that it is a good thing that Inspector McKay has moved in the matter, inasmuch as the action of the proper civic official implies a public sanction for the proposed change, the cost of which will be no small item. Comparatively speaking when the advantages of the modern automatic flush tanks are considered and now that there is a universal system of sewage in Fredericton the York street plant is obsolete but when it was installed the School Board of that day had to reckon with factors which only such a system as this could overcome. The Smead-Dow system for the conditions which then prevailed was believed to be the best available. The air shafts which extend from the basement of the building where the closets and urinals are located, when the draughts furnaces are properly attended, are sufficient for their purpose; but fires kept in them have to be continuous.

Local conditions do not improve after over twenty years use; and with trunk sewers now in operation through the city there would be no good reason for continuing the present system. Besides, since under the city by-laws the rule is imperative that the closets in all buildings must have sewerage connection, there would be no warrant for its continuance.

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