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THREE IMPORTANT FEATURES CONTRACTOR IN THE 1912 CAMPAIGN CONTRACTOR

in the number of women voters, the of voters that will take part in the number of negro voters and the November election is misleading. It number of voters in general. A puts the new male voters at 3,650,statement issued in Washington 000, making a total of 24,335,000 shows that there are six states, Cali- male voters in the United States. fornia, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wash- To this it adds 1,347,000 female ington and Wyoming in which women have the right to vote in all elections. The whole number of women in these six states taken together who were of voting age in 1910 was 1,346,925, of whom 654,-784, or 48.6 per cent were native whites of native parentage; 333,-925, or 24.7 per cent, native whites of foreign or mixed parentage; 410; 1896, 13,923,102; 1900, 13,-327,682, or 24.3 per cent, foreignborn whites; 13,488, or 1 per cent, 14,888,442. The population of the negroes; and 17,046, or 1.3 per cent, United States, including 'he terri-"all other," that is, Indians, Chinese, tories, according to the census, was Japanese and other Asiatics.

Students of politics are interested, of the census bureau of the number voters in six western states where women have the suffrage.

> In the last twenty years the increase in the number of actual voters in presidential elections has been number of registered voters always much less rapid than the growth in neglect to cast their ballot. population. The figures of the total years run as follows: 1892, 12,059,-961,566; 1904, 13,528,979; 1908, 62,947,714 in 1890, 75,994,714 in the light of past records. 1900 and 91,972,266 in 1910.

The Number of Voters

While the total population be-New York World: The estimate tween 1900 and 1910 increased 15,-



of actual voters from 1900 to 1908 than with it. increased only 1,359,463, or less Mr. Bryan had an opportunity to than 10 per cent in eight years. In test his theory at Baltimore. De-1890 more than one person voted feated in the first stages of the confor president to every five of popu- vention for the temporary chairmanlation; in 1908 less than one per- ship, he seemed to be at a discount. son voted for every six of popula- But he rallied the country to his aid tion, although the total vote was and swept the decks of the bosses in 900,000 larger than in any previous the later struggles. presidential election.

The census bureau apparently has counted all persons of voting age, without regard to other considera- day following his defeat by Parker. tions. Allowance must first be made for aliens and then others who are disqualified from voting for various reasons. Of the remainder a considerable proportion will fail to convictions. register, and in November a large

Even with the admission of the vote in the last five presidential two new states of Arizona and New Mexico, the appearance of women for the first time as voters in California and Washington, and the advent of an army of first voters, a total vote of 16,000,000 for president in 1912 would be very large in

Strength of Negro Vote

Washington Correspondent New York Times: The race issue, as raised by Colonel Roosevelt, has directed the attention of politicians here to its importance in the coming campaign. Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the navy department, has tabulated the negro vote in the states in which the race is not disfranchised, and finds that it numbers 710,103. In 12 of these states the negro vote exceeds the margin separating the republican and democratic votes either in 1908 or in the subsequent state campaigns. Eleven of these states are no part of the solid south.

It comes as a surprise to learn that Pennsylvania had a negro vote big enough in 1910 to turn over the state. The vote there was 55,400, while the republican plurality was only 33,484. In New York the negro vote of 48,820 was two thirds of Governor Dix' plurality of 67,401. In Ohio, the negro vote of 37,521 was more than half of the president's

977,691, or 21 per cent, the number embarrassments of a nomination

The success of Mr. Bryan at Baltimore sprang from those telegrams which he and others received on the The telegrams were the evidence of Mr. Bryan's present widespread influence. They were sent to him as to one who had the courage of his

This power which Mr. Bryan now wields has come to him largely since he declared he would not again be a candidate for president. The people took him at his word, and almost immediately set him-on a pedestal of non-partisan guardianship of the principles of pure politics.

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plurality four years ago, and about a third of Governor Harmon's democratic margin two years later. Even in Illinois the negro vote was more than half of the republican margin of 60,438 in 1910.

The following is a table of 15 states without disfranchising laws in which the negro vote in the past four years has either exceeded or approached the margin between the two great parties. The first column of figures gives the pluralities in 1908, and the next column those of the state elections in 1910 and 1911. The letters "D" or "R" before the figures indicate the democrats or republicans as victors. The last column gives Mr. Tyler's count of the negro vote:

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