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THE NEWS FROM OKLAHOMA

Got some word from Oklahoma on the Wednesday morning wire;
Just some facts about election and they filled us full of fire.
Just some good election figures, and we just leaned back and laughed
At the way young Oklahoma handed limes to William Taft.
Clear from Enid down to Guthrie, and from there to Chickasha
Everything is democratic and we're feeling blythe and gay.
Got some word from Oklahoma and it filled us full of glee—
But there's gobs of gloom now headed straight for Washington, D. C.

Got some word from Oklahoma, and we've swept the platter clean;
Licked the grasping corporations and the carpet-bag machine.
Forty thousand for the ticket—speed the news upon the way
Till it bumps against the wharfing fronting on Manila Bay.
From Kingfisher to Okmulgee, clear down to the Texas line,
Everything is democratic and we're feeling mighty fine.
Bully news from Oklahoma—democratic to the core—
And when Taft gets word about it he will feel almighty sore.

Three times three for Oklahoma! Forty thousand! Hully gee!
Please excuse us if we holler, for our souls are filled with glee.
Bucked the whole administration and the g. o. p. machine,
And we whipped 'em, boofs and breeches—licked the bloomin' platter clean.
Yes, we heard from Oklahoma, and we swing our hats on high,
And our cheers crossed the Pacific to Manila Bay, P. I.
There's a new star on the banner and it's shining mighty bright,
And she's safely democratic—Oklahoma, you're all right. —W. M. M.

WHO WILL HAUL IT DOWN

By a vote so decisive that there can be no mistaking it, Oklahoma has run up the flag of statehood, which is simply the flag of this glorious republic. Now that Oklahoma has run up the flag who will haul it down?



"What are the Wild Waves Saying?"

THE OKLAHOMA VICTORY

It is not necessary to say that the result in Oklahoma is a great victory for democrats. The victory speaks for itself.

It is not necessary to say that the faithful democrats of Oklahoma and Indian Territory are entitled to the highest praise for the good work they have accomplished. From every section of the country come words of congratulation to the democrats of the new state that is prepared to enter the union under particularly fortunate conditions.

Particularly fortunate, we say, because Oklahoma's brief history is inseparably associated with the idea of popular government. When it came to the selection of men who were to write the constitution for the new state it was urged by many that Oklahomans, regardless of political prejudice, ought to entrust that duty to the party just then dominant in the federal government. But in the campaign for the constitutional convention the promise of democrats seemed to accord with the purpose of the Oklahomans to obtain a charter that would make it plain to all men that government of the people, by the people, for the people was to be the shibboleth for the new state.

The result was the democrats won by a large majority in the constitutional convention.

It is not an idle statement to say that the proceedings of Oklahoma's constitutional convention were marked with a determination on the part of its members to prepare a constitution that would insure to the people of the new state practical control, for all time, over their public affairs and their public servants.

It is no idle statement to say that never in the history of deliberative assemblies has

any body of men been accorded more general recognition for patriotic effort than was given by men of all parties to Oklahoma's constitutional convention.

In all the proceedings of that great gathering there was no breath of scandal. No one complained that the members of the convention were looking out for special interests. No one suggested that their work left loop holes for corporations. It was said that the constitution was too long but some who made that complaint meant that it was too explicit in its efforts to safeguard the public interests. When the attorney general for the United States pointed out what he conceived to be certain defects the constitutional convention made correction accordingly.

It is not strange, then, that it was with some degree of confidence that the men who wrote this constitution submitted their work for the approval of their fellow citizens. With significant emphasis the people of the new state have approved that work and they did it in the face of the implied threat that approval of the constitution and a democratic victory meant rejection of the constitution by a president elected as a republican.

The strong personality of Mr. Roosevelt figured conspicuously in the Oklahoma campaign. Every federal officeholder in the two territories was fighting hard for republican victory; and not only was the great prestige of a national administration employed at every point, but the administration was represented in a particularly clear way by the personal participation of the heir apparent to Mr. Roosevelt's party robe. And when Mr. Taft bluntly