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## The Commoner

# Results of the 1914 Elections

The control of the next (64th) congress was the big stake in the 1914 elections, and the democrats won it. Woodrow Wilson will enter into the second period of his presidential term with a democratic majority in both branches of congress.

A canvass of the election returns show that the democracy has greatly strengthened its position in the senate and has secured a good working majority in the house. Wilson was made the issue. The democrats not only held their own in every senatorial contest, but made a net gain of three seats—California, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

Republican gains in the house were made principally in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Illinois, in which are located the large industrial centers and which were more affected by the business depression brought about by the European war. In the middle west and on the Pacific coast, the democratic party strengthened its hold. An unofficial list of the representatives-elect, completed by the clerk of the house of representatives and sent to the public printer November 12, gives the democrats a majority of 29 votes. Of the 435 members the democrats will have 232; republicans, 194; progressives, 7; socialists, 1; independent, 1.

Six states voted on state-wide prohibition— Ohio, California, Colorado, Arizona, Oregon and Washington. Of these, Ohio and California voted against prohibition, and Colorado, Washington, Arizona and Washington voted for it.

Woman suffrage was submitted to the voters in Ohio, Nebraska, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North and South Dakota. Of these states, two —Montana and Nevada—voted in favor of equal suffrage.

### SUMMARY OF THE RETURNS

#### ALABAMA

Senator-Oscar W. Underwood, democrat, elected./

#### GEORGIA

Senators-Hoke Smith, democrat, elected for short term, and T. W. Hardwick, democrat, elected for the long term.

Governor-Nat. E. Harris, democrat, elected, with entire state ticket democratic.

#### IDAHO

United States Senator-James H. Brady, republican, re-elected.

Governor-M. A. Alexander, democrat, elected over John M. Haines, republican incumbent.

All parties are pledged to submit a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition.

#### ILLINOIS

United States Senator—Lawrence Y. Sherman, republican, re-élected over Roger C. Sullivan, democrat, and Raymond Robins, progressive. Sherman's plurality, 15,573.

#### INDIANA

United States Senator—Senator B. F. Shively, democrat, re-elected over Hugh T. Miller, republican, and Albert J. Beveridge, progressive. Democrats elect entire state ticket.

#### IOWA

United States Senator—Albert J. Cummins, republican, re-elected over Maurice J. Connelly, democrat.

Governor-George W. Clark, republican, reelected over John T. Hamilton, democrat.

Republicans elect entire state ticket.

Allen, progressive.

#### KANSAS

United States Senator—Charles Curtis, republican, elected over Congressman George A. Neeley, democrat, and Victor Murdock, progressive. Governor—Arthur Capper, republican, elected over George A. Hodges, democrat, and Henry J.

#### KENTUCKY

United States senators—J. C. W. Beckham and Johnson N. Camden, democrats, elected. Senator Camden was appointed by the governor to the seat made vacant by the death of W. O. Bradley, republican. He was a candidate for the remainder of Senator Bradley's term in the present senate, expiring March 3, 1915. Beckham was the candidate for the full term in the senAmendment granting woman suffrage defeated.

Proposal for state university removal and consolidation with agricultural college, defeated.

#### NEVADA

Senator-Francis G. Newlands, democrat, reelected.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator-Jacob H. Gallinger, republican, reelected.

Governor-R. H. Spaulding, republican, elected over Noone, democrat.

#### NEW JERSEY

Republicans will control the 1915 legislature.

#### NEW YORK

Senator-James M. Wadsworth, jr., republican, elected over James W. Gerard, democrat.

Governor-Charles S. Whitman, republican, elected over Martin H. Glynn, democrat and present incumbent.

Republicans elected entire state ticket, and control legislature.

Socialists elect congressman for first time in history of state, Meyer London defeating Henry M. Goldfogle in the Twelfth district.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Senator-Lee S. Overman, democrat, reelected.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Senator—A. J. Gronna, republican, re-electea. Governor—L. B. Hanna, republican, re-elected.

- Entire republican state ticket successful.

Woman suffrage defeated.

#### OHIO

United States senator—Warren C. Harding, republican, elected over Timothy S. Hogan, democrat, and Arthur L. Garford, progressive.

Governor—Congressman Frank B. Willis, republican, elected over the present incumbent, James M. Cox, democrat, and James R. Garfield, progressive.

Republicans carry thirteen out of the twentytwo congressional districts.

Republicans elect the entire state ticket.

Amendments asking for statewide prohibition defeated.

Amendment asking for woman suffrage defeated.

Amendment asking for special tax section de-

Governor — Charles Henderson, democrat, elected, and entire state ticket democratic.

#### ARIZONA

Governor-G. W. P. Hunt, democrat, reelected.

Voted in favor of state-wide prohibition and also to retain the death penalty.

#### ARKANSAS

Senator-M. A. Smith, democrat, re-elected.

#### CALIFORNIA

Senator—James D. Phelan, democrat, elected over J. R. Knowland, republican, and Francis J. Heney, progressive.

Governor-Hiram W. Johnson, re-elected.

Prohibition amendment defeated; an amendment prohibiting another vote on liquor question within eight years was rejected.

#### COLORADO

United States Senator—Charles S. Thomas, democrat, re-elected over Hubert Work, republican.

Governor — George A. Carlson, republican, elected over Thomas M. Patterson, democrat.

Amendment for state-wide prohibition carried.

#### CONNECTICUT

Senator-Frank B. Brandegee, republican, reelected.

Governor-Marcus H. Holcomb, republican, elected governor.

Legislature republican.

#### DELAWARE

Republicans elected state ticket.

#### FLORIDA

Senator-Duncan U. Fletcher, democrat, reelected. Entire state ticket democratic. ate. He will be a team mate of Oilie James.

#### MARYLAND

Senator-John Walter Smith, democrat, -reelected.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Governor—David I. Walsh, democrat, re-elected over McCall, republican. Republicans elected entire state ticket except governor, and have legislative majority.

#### MICHIGAN

Governor-Woodbridge N. Ferris, democrat, re-elected over Chase S. Osborn, republican.

#### MINNESOTA

Governor-W. S. Hammond, democrat, elected over W. E. Lee, republican.

#### MISSOURI

· United States Senator-William J. Stone, democrat, re-elected.

Democrats elect entire state ticket.

Woman suffrage and the county unit proposition, like all other amendments, were dedefeated.

#### NEBRASKA

Governor—John H. Morehead, democrat, reelected over R. B. Howell, republican, and H. E. Sackett, progressive.

Democrats have majority in both branches of legislature.

For the first time in years, the democrats succeeded in electing officers on the state ticket below the office of governor, electing their candidates for lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney-general, and one state university regent. reated.

Amendment asking for home rule, a recognized "wet", roposition, adopted.

#### OKLAHOMA

Senator-Thomas P. Gore, democrat, reelected.

Governor-Robert L. Williams, democrat elected over John Fields, republican.

#### OREGON

United States Senator-George E. Chamberlain, democrat, re-elected.

Governor-Dr. James Whitcombe, republican, elected over Governor Oswald West, democrat.

The state legislature remains republican.

Prohibition amendment adopted by a large majority.

Capital punishment abolished.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Senator—Boies Penrose, republican, re-elected over A. Mitchel Palmer, democrat, and Gifford Pinchot, progressive.

Governor-Martin O. Brumbaugh, republican, elected over Vance McCormick, democrat.

All republican state candidates successful. Republicans elected four congressmen at large.

#### RHODE ISLAND

Governor-R. L. Beeckman, republican, elected, with entire republican state licket.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Senator—E. D. Smith, democrat, re-elected. Governor—Richard T. Manning, democrat, un opposed.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

United States Senator-Ed. S. Johnson, demo-