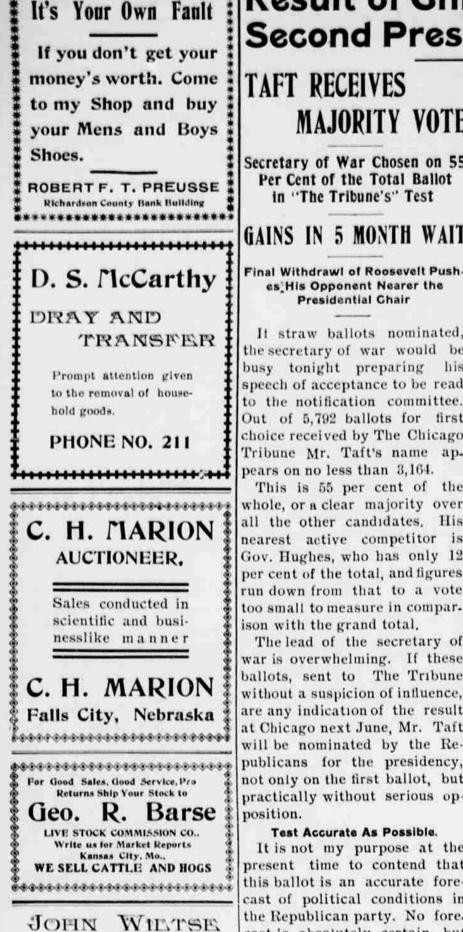
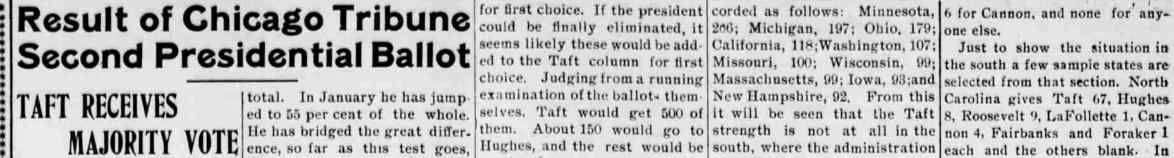
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Per Cent of the Total Ballot in "The Tribune's" Test

Final Withdrawl of Roosevelt Pushes His Opponent Nearer the

to the notification committee. Out of 5,792 ballots for first choice received by The Chicago

Tribune Mr. Taft's name appears on no less than 3,164.

This is 55 per cent of the whole, or a clear majority over all the other candidates. His nearest active competitor is Gov. Hughes, who has only 12 per cent of the total, and figures run down from that to a vote too small to measure in compar-The lead of the secretary of war is overwhelming. If these ballots, sent to The Tribune without a suspicion of influence, are any indication of the result at Chicago next June, Mr. Taft will be nominated by the Republicans for the presidency, not only on the first ballot, but practically without serious op-

Test Accurate As Possible.

It is not my purpose at the present time to contend that this ballot is an accurate forecast of political conditions in the Republican party. No fore. cast is absolutely certain, but this one conducted by The Tribune is about as reliable as anything that could possibly be

which exists between a man scattered, Secretary of War Chosen on 55 who has a little less than a majority and the man who has a comfortable margin over half of the total vote. The difference is one which is appreciated by every practical politician.

forecast, accurate though it be in itself, represents either the general public opinion or the It straw ballots nominated, probable action of the delegates the secretary of war would be at Chicago. The voting was busy tonight preparing his done by active political workspeech of acceptance to be read ers, however, and it is fair to assume that these men are in a position to estimate the public ly for second choice. sentiment correctly.

Practical Workers Give Views.

that such indiscriminate tests this test, as I have verified by are practically valueless. No ballots were sent to labor unions. lots now in my possession. or boards of trade, or stock exchanges, or any similar classes favorite son states the Taft lead of people. The ballots received is pronounced. He alone of any gets 125 votes, Taft 85, Roosedo not pretend to reflect public of the candidates has succeeded velt 45, Hughes 23, LaFollette 9, opinion except in representative in getting a larger vote outside Knox 1, Fairbanks 2, Root and and coal business and residence fashion. The people who have his state than in it. There is Cortelyou each 1, Foraker and for sale. 2 tf sent in their votes, however, a nationalism in the votes for Cummins, none. The same story extent it may be said that in other candidates whose repre-August Secretary Taft was just sentation is invariably small exshort of the nomination, but that in the succeeding five months he has gained enough to first ballot.

The difference between these two things every practical politician understands. So long as Tatt had even such a proportion as 48 per cent of the total there was a possibility of successful combination against him. On the other hand, if he exceeds half of the vote by the imagined. All the safeguards minutest fraction his nominatof the Australian ballot were ion on the first ballot is assured,

would be triumphantly elected.

Gainer By Roosevelt Withdrawal

It was the Taft managers more

than any one else who wanted

Result of Chicago Tribune for first choice. If the president corded as follows: Minnesota, 6 for Cannon, and none for any-

seems likely these would be add- California, 118; Washington, 107; Just to show the situation in choice, Judging from a running Massachusetts, 99; Iowa, 93;and selected from that section. North total. In January he has jump. examination of the ballot- them- New Hampshire, 92. From this Carolina gives Taft 67, Hughes ed to 55 per cent of the whole. selves. Taft would get 500 of it will be seen that the Taft 8, Roosevelt 9, LaFollette 1, Can-He has bridged the great differ. them. About 150 would go to strength is not at all in the non 4, Fairbanks and Foraker 1 ence, so far as this test goes. Hughes, and the rest would be south, where the administration each and the others blank. In

Want Taft-Hughes Ticket

define Taft's leadership still of the north. more certainly, while at the same There is another feature in Cummins each blank. time it accentutes Hughes as the Taft movement as recorded

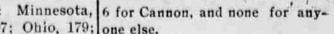
which Taft would be indicated strength which no other candi- Cummins blank. overwhelming for first choice date develops away from home. and Hughes also overwhelming-

personal inspection of the bal-Everywhere except in the

cept in their own state.

Minnesota Leads the Column

Taking the head of the Taft more significant, there being 144 Drawings of patent models made. give him the nomination on the column out of a total of 3,164 it votes for LaFollette, 99 for Taft, -36. U. S. Nat'l. Bank Building, is found that the first ten are re- 21 for Hughes, 13 for Roosevelt, Omaha, Neb.



controls the political organiza- Alabama the figures are Taft 40, tion, but is mostly rampant in Hughes 6. Roosevelt 8, Cannon 4, If this be true the result is to the strongly republican states Fairbanks 3, Foraker 2, LaFollette, Knox, Root, Cortelyou and

As sample of the northwest the second choice. The New York in the test ballot which will be combined vote of North and No one pretends that this governor now has 41 per cent of a source of delight to his friends. South Dakota may be taken. the second choice total. With That is the facility with which These two states are given tothe Roosevelt ballots readjust- he has gained votes in the states gether, Taft 228, Hughes 19, ed he probably would have over which have favorite sons. In Roosevelt 128, LaFollette 48, half of all the second choices. each case he follows the local Cannon 5, Knox 1, Fairbanks 2, This would produce a result by candidate sharply and has Foraker 1, Root 4, Cortelyou and

Most interest at the outset of For instance, New York gives the convention will center in the Hughes 171, Taft 58, Roosevelt attitude of New England for ob-The inevitable inference would 19, Cannon 6, Fairbanks 3, For- vious reasons. It may be interbe the result of embodying Taft jaker 5. Root 2 and LaFollette esting to note that Vermont gives The ballot was intentionally any Hughes on one ticket, and and Cortelyou none. Pennsyl- Taft 90, Hughes 68, Roosevelt 22, kept free from the general pub- this is clearly what was in the vania gives Knox 209, Taft 83, Foraker 1, Cortelyou 1, and others lic, because every one knows minds of a great many voters in Roosevelt 37, Hughes 23, Cannon nothing. In Massachusetts the 2, LaFollette 2, Foraker 3, Root vote was Taft 99, Hughes 32, 2 and Fairbanks, Cortelyou and Roosevelt 16, Cannon, Knox and Fairbanks one each, Foraker 3, Root 1, and others blank .- From The Chicago Tribune, Feb. 1 '08.

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may unquestionably assume to Taft and Hughes which is not is told in Indiana. There the represent the party, and to that fully expressed in the case of vice president is credited with 108

votes, but Taft gets 30, Roose- veys, estimates, reports by Westvelt 4, Hughes 2, Cannon 1, For- ern Engineering Co., mapping, aker 2, and the rest nothing at all. draughting, designs of steel, In Wisconsin things are still masonry and re-enforced concrete,

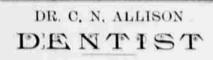
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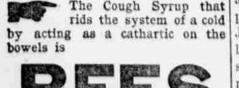
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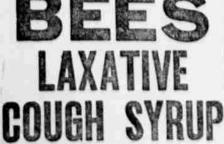
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thrown around it. The returning board was absolutely unbiased, The yoters were not do. When the Taft boom was first solicited, intimidated or cajoled. inaugurated, and particularly Office Phone 260 Residence Phone 271 They were not even obliged to when it was being pushed most

send in a ballot at all. The result simply speaks for vigorously early in the fall, his

the active workers reached by many persons who were other-The Tribune, Mr. Taft had more friends for first choice than all belief that President Roosevelt the other candidates put to- could be forced to accept the gether, including more than 700 renomination, and that be who persisted in recording themselves for Roosevelt, in spite of his recent letter of declination.

Moreover, the secretary of an expression of opinion from war has 1.217 out of 4,381 votes the president, so they could get United States. out in the open and do the work. for second choice, or 27 per

cent. Then he is mentioned Then, toward the begining of the 525 times as third choice, or 16 new year, the president gave first of all from the Roosevelt in principle, and reiterating his section, and then they spread positive decision not to seek or over the ballots by those who accept the renomination. The influence of this is reflecthave other candidates for first

choice, Five Months"Gain, 652.

ed in the test vote in the Taft column. Between August and Whatever may be thought as January Hughes has been prac-

to the value of such torecasts on tically stationary so far as these the action of the national con- voters are concerned. The revention, there can be no doubt sult show a fractional decline, as to the accuracy of the com- but approximately he has stood parison between August and still. So, too, has Roosevelt. January. The ballots, as I The enthusiasts have voted for have said, were sent to the him for first choice in about the same men. Five hundred more same proportion in both tests. responded in January than in On a percentage basis LaFollete, August, but otherwise it may Cannon and Knox have not be assumed with entire safety changed their relative position that the voting was done by the in the five months which have same persons in the two inst- elapsed between the first and ances. Taft jumped from 2,512 second tests, and Fairbanks has in August, 1907, to 3,164 in Jan- lost half of his relative followuary, 1908. This is a gain of ing. Taft alone shows a heavy 652 votes. The increase in the gain, and this is the significance total of the two ballots was 560. of the two tests.

Thus it will be seen that the According to figures presented secretary of war gained as Taft is mentioned 1,167 times for much as the total increase and second choice, or 27 per cent of ninety-two votes besides. the total. A personal examina-

Taking the results on a per- tion of the ballot shows that a centage basis, it will be found good many of these second that Secretary Taft had in the choices come from voters who

assuming that the delegates of the shallow-water district of the Panhandle, which is now offering unparalleled inducements think as voters in the test ballot to the homebuilders, and is attracting more attention than any country in Texas.

The county seat is the liveliest little city in the southwest and is growing faster than any town in the Panhandle. It has three banks, fine schools and churches; all kinds of mercantile business is represented, carrying large stocks; a large flouring mill, cotton gin, ice plant, cement stone plant, bottling works, etc.

The soil is a rich chocolate loam, easily worked, and does not bake; it is from three to ten itself. It shows that, among managers found that a great feet deep; no gumbo or hard pan; a fine sub-soil, nearly level, but with sufficient drainage (not enough to wash), and exceedingly productive. It is especially adapted to the growth of cereals wise for Taft were solid in the and is the best truck-farming section in the state.

The average rainfall is about 24 inches, coming mostly in the crop season. A crop failure has never been known in this country, according to the oldest settlers, and the water supply is inexhaustable-pure, cool and clear, it is obtained from 15 to 60 feet. Many homes have fish ponds, supplied from the wells.

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Wheat is a great success, making as high as 40 bushels to the acre. Alfalfa makes three to five crops and yields from 1 to 11 tons to the acre per cutting. Corn runs from 20 to 60 bushels, according to the kind of farming. Oats, rye, barley, maize, kaffir corn and sorghum make heavy per cent of the total. These out a new statement declaring yields. Cotton makes from one-half to one bale to the acre, and no ball weavil or green bugs to second and third choices are himself against a third term bother it. There is no new country that can excel this for all kinds of fruit. The big red apple, peaches, plums, and all kinds of berries common to the temperate zone do well and worms in apples are unknown in this locality.

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