

NEBRASKA TOWN ELECTIONS

Principal Contests Are Whether License Shall Prevail.

WETS WIN SEVERAL VICTORIES

Places Where Socialists Have Been in Office as Rule Turn Back to Regular Column—Ashland Days Win.

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twenty-five votes, which assures another dry year.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—J. C. Woodard, democrat, was elected mayor yesterday. He succeeds a republican.

Bloomington Is Wet.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Bloomington went wet by seven votes. D. F. Walrath, S. Y. Hart, F. H. Ludeke, were elected village trustees.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—There was but one ticket here. Mayor Fred H. Gorder, was re-elected. Other officers are: Clerk, W. H. Lyman; treasurer, Thomas Murty; school trustees, O. K. Cromwell and C. E. Day. License was not in issue. The town remains dry.

NORTH BEND, Neb., April 2.—The bitter fight over the liquor question which resulted from the killing of Mike Goresy during a Christmas day fight in Goresy's saloon resulted in a victory for the "wets," the license ordinance being carried by a majority of 51. Mr. James McLores, license candidate, defeated Alex Thom, "law and order," for mayor.

CLARKS, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarks, dry for several years, went wet yesterday by one vote. Following trustees were elected: William Douglas, G. R. Campbell and H. Leamon.

Woman Elected Treasurer.

ALMA, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—J. B. Billings, republican, was elected mayor by 28 majority. The wets won by 7 majority. Mrs. Jean McKee was elected as treasurer by 3 majority.

TEKAMAH, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)

The city election in Tekamah was devoid of interest and if there ever was a time in the history of this city when the "wet" side had an opportunity to win it was yesterday, for on the part of the temperance people there was absolutely no effort made to gather in votes. The majority for the dry side was forty in the First ward and thirty-two in the Second ward. There was no city nominating caucus this year and the names of suggested candidates had to be written in and voted that way. There was no opposition to the re-election of Mayor A. M. Anderson, City Clerk M. S. McGrew and Treasurer Ed Latta. For councilman in the First ward Charles Nesbit, was elected and in the Second ward, Arthur Jack.

HAGAN, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)

At the annual city election the question of saloons and pool halls was, as usual, defeated. The election was very quiet and not much interest shown.

Beatrice Wet After Fight.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Beatrice today voted on city councilmen for the first time and elected J. R. C. Field, J. R. Spicer and J. W. Mayor over Morris Freshman, M. W. Roby and A. Proctor.

For the last year the city administration has been headed by W. E. Griffin, a socialist. A warm fight was waged between the wets and drys, the former winning by a majority of 106. Last year the town was voted dry by 178. In the Fourth ward, the largest in the city, nearly 100 did not vote on the saloon question.

C. B. Dempster, head of the Dempster Mill, made a strong fight against J. R. C. Field, one of the successful candidates for commissioner and present water commissioner of the city.

The vote on other towns in this section of the saloon question is: Wynona, wet by 109; Odell, wet by 14; Dewitt, wet by 2.

Union Wet Two to One.

UTICA, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Utica went wet at the village election today by a vote of more than two to one. Oscar Craig and William Tremeyer were elected to the board of trustees.

School Fight at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Four democratic councilmen were elected here today, two of them defeating republicans, which makes the entire city administration democratic. Besides the fight on the school board, resulting from recent trouble in the schools, and the putting of the school board back in politics, there was a \$2000 bond proposition for a new school house in the Third ward. Two democrats were elected on the school board, one replacing W. A. McAllister, president of the board, who is a republican. L. F. Phillips, democratic member, succeeded himself. The bond proposition, in which the women took much interest, was carried by better than two to one. The liquor question did not enter into the election and the city is wet as usual.

Little Contest at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Only in one of the ward councilmanic elections was there involved anything like an issue. Councilman Knickrehm was opposed for reelection because he favored the granting of a saloon license in a section of the city hitherto not having saloons. Knickrehm won by 36 votes against his opponent's 14. Three other councilmen and three members of the Board of Education were elected without any contest of issue.

License at Burwell.

BURWELL, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—High license carried by a good vote. Pool halls carried by only five votes.

Geneva Changes.

GENEVA, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—At the village election held here today Geneva went dry by a majority of fifteen votes. W. H. Sikes was elected mayor on the citizens' ticket.

No Issue at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Ernest Buttrick, C. E. Eddy, O. C. Zinn and C. G. Ingraham were elected councilmen today. Zinn without competition. George E. Isaman, D. F. Jones and J. D. Reed were elected members of the Board of Education without opposition. No other offices were voted on. All candidates ran by petition and neither party nor local issues were factors in the election.

Orleans Goes Wet.

ORLEANS, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Orleans elected the citizens' ticket, J. C. Gay, mayor; B. R. Wabber, police judge; E. R. Pate, city clerk. The saloon question was submitted and carried by a majority of 2 for license. Orleans was dry last year.

Nebraska City Commissioners.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The first election of city commissioners was held today. A 1877 light vote was polled. The com-

missioners are J. D. Houston, J. A. Richardson and R. E. Hawley; Board of Education, Dr. Watson, John B. Ballard and Henry Fastenau.

Close at Upland.

UPLAND, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—At the election here today the vote was 25 to 24 in favor of the dry element. Hildreth went wet by a vote of 25 to 24.

Haller Mayor of Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—W. D. Haller, a standpat Taft republican, was elected mayor today with practically no opposition. Three other candidates had filed for election, two of which were withdrawn by business interests with which they were connected. The third, the present mayor, a La Follette progressive, stepped down of his own free choice.

Mr. Haller came to Blair over forty years ago, and this will make his twelfth term as mayor. Chris Schmitt was re-elected city treasurer, S. W. Chambers city clerk, Karl Peterson, councilman First ward, E. Costelloe Second ward, Guy Mead re-elected Third ward, Ove Anderson re-elected Fifth ward, Joe S. Cook re-elected as member of school board and N. T. Lund as the new member.

Havanna Wets Have Majority.

RAVENNA, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Ravenna went wet by thirty-four votes. Carl Linn and A. T. Shaltnberger, citizens' ticket, and Frank C. Moore, socialist, were elected members of the town board. Much surprise was expressed at the strength of the socialist and prohibitionists.

Socialists Out at Wynore.

WYNORE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The warmest election of years in Wynore resulted in the election of J. A. Reuling for mayor, with 25 votes, against 70 for M. L. Rawlings and 54 for D. H. Mordhorst. The town remains wet, the vote being 24 for and 24 against. The issue here was municipal operation of an electric light plant, for which bonds were voted when Rawlings was mayor in 1904, and which was built last year and was not being operated because of the king of engine bought. All city officials serving when Rawlings was mayor were candidates for election and all were defeated except W. H. Wellenmeyer, who was elected treasurer.

None of the present socialist administration was a candidate for reelection. All candidates were on the ticket by petition.

North Platte Votes for Saloons.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—North Platte's first election on the wet and dry question went wet by a vote of 281 to 21. There was a close and hot fight for water commissioner between W. M. Cunningham, who has been water superintendent for the old water works company, and Hersey Welch, a civil engineer. Welch won by a vote of 88 to 28.

Randolph Is Dry.

RANDOLPH, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Randolph went dry by thirty-three votes. The progressive ticket was elected as follows: L. F. Holtz, mayor; P. E. Ballard, police judge; M. S. Whitney, councilman.

Carroll, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Carroll elected three dry members of the village board for terms of two years by a large majority.

Papillion, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Papillion elected two trustees, W. M. Gehring, democrat, and N. J. Sieberg, republican. There was no special issue, the town remaining wet.

Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Beatrice went wet by a vote of 12 to 2.

Drys Win; Socialists Quit.

RED CLOUD, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—D. W. Turbine was elected mayor here today on a combined republican and citizens' ticket, there being only one ticket in the field. He succeeds S. W. Fox, socialist. The vote on license or no license resulted in the drys winning by twelve majority. This is the third consecutive year of the dry policy.

Dry Forces Take Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The election was a complete victory for the dry forces. Hugo A. Wiggenhorn was elected mayor over Dr. G. W. Meredith, by thirty-three votes. Oscar Hoffmann defeated Claude Chapman for councilman in the First ward by two. G. L. Scott won over Jacob Sanders in the Second by forty-one. T. F. Dalby, short term councilman in the First ward, defeated Alonso Whittaker by twenty-six and is the only wet councilman elected. There was no opposition to City Clerk L. A. Chapelle or Treasurer Ernest Wiggenhorn. Ashland went dry last year by five votes.

Dry Again in Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Tecumseh went dry again today by a majority of forty-six. The granting of billiard hall licenses was defeated by eighty-nine votes.

William Ernest defeated Dr. A. F. Fitzsimmons for reelection for mayor by ninety-two majority. In the Third ward, Roy Smith was re-elected a member of the city council over Dr. C. W. Graff by a majority of nineteen. Dr. Graff and A. O. Shaw were elected members of the school board, and there were no other contests.

The town of Cook in this county went wet by twelve majority.

Wet Victory at Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Humboldt went wet by a majority of sixty-seven votes. J. R. Davis on the citizens' ticket was elected mayor over L. E. Smith on the temperance ticket by eighty-seven votes. Carl Mann on the temperance ticket was elected councilman of the First ward by three votes over George Sanford on the citizens' ticket. W. S. Katak was re-elected on the citizens' ticket in the Second ward over J. C. Simmons on the temperance ticket by a majority of thirty-two votes. L. E. Hackett was re-elected city clerk and W. J. Davis was re-elected city engineer.

Referendum in Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The municipal election resulted as follows: W. H. Wada, mayor; Joe Lemmer, clerk; A. P. Wiese, treasurer; R. C. Beatty, engineer; R. Emerson, councilman First ward; W. Vorwelder, Second ward; Tom Maher, Third ward; James Byrnes and F. L. Tempie, school board. Saloon license carried by fifty-seven majority. Initiative and referendum carried by 122 majority.

Minden, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Minden, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—J. R. Caldwell, running on the citizens' ticket, was elected by a majority of thirty-five votes over E. E. Hotchkiss here today. The town voted dry.

Ogallala, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Ogallala, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Ogallala, with two saloons, voted wet again by twenty-two majority.

Oxford, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Oxford, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The only issue at the election today was license. One hundred and thirty-three votes were cast. The drys won out by a majority of sixteen. W. T. Pettigrove, H. E. Fuller and R. L. Lee were elected on the village board.

Crawford, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Crawford, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The entire citizens' ticket, headed by B. McKelvey, for mayor, was

elected here today over Justin E. Porter, present incumbent. No issues of importance were involved and very little interest was shown.

McCook Wet Three to One.

MCCOOK, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The entire republican ticket was elected, as follows: D. F. Hostett, mayor; L. C. Stoll, clerk; L. Thorgenson, treasurer; Orman Campbell, engineer; A. N. Lindberger, councilman. First ward; F. L. Schwab, councilman. Second ward; A. Barnett and E. D. Perkins, members of the school board. McCook went wet three to one.

Republicans Gain Councilman.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—License was not an issue today. Mayor J. P. Sattler, democrat, holds over, as the mayor was advised by the city attorney on an unofficial opinion from the attorney general that a city of less than 5,000 population need not elect a mayor. Republicans will gain one councilman. Those elected today are: E. Patterson, First ward; F. Buttry, Second ward; E. Heber, Third ward; C. A. Anderson, Fourth ward, and John Vandran, Fifth ward. John Lutz and Dr. C. A. Marshall were elected on the school board.

Pawnee, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Pawnee, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—D. E. Wherry, republican, was elected mayor on the citizens' ticket. There was a democratic mayor last year. Dubois, Neb., went wet.

York Votes Water Franchise.

YORK, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The city election held today was one of the most exciting and closest ever held in the city, the fight centering on the voting of the twenty-year franchise to the York Water company, with the privilege of buying the plant in two years or any five years thereafter for the sum of \$50,000. The franchise was carried by a majority of twenty-two; total vote cast, 1,118.

The following councilmen were elected: First ward, W. L. White, republican; Second ward, E. W. Burnham, republican; Third ward, C. A. Keese, democrat; Fourth ward, C. A. Walker, democrat. The new council will be six republicans and two democrats, while last year it was seven republicans and one democrat.

Mrs. E. A. Myers and Mrs. E. Bradwell, republicans, were elected members of the school board.

Broken Bow, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Broken Bow, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—At today's municipal election Andrew Snyder, running for mayor on the citizens' ticket, won over John G. Painter, socialist, by a majority of about 183 votes. The entire citizens' ticket was elected, both parties put up a bitter fight. The liquor question was not an issue this year and the town remains dry.

Rushville, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Rushville, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The city election today ended in a victory for the wet ticket by a majority of thirty-nine out of a total vote of 106, the largest ever cast in a village election here. The new members of the board are J. F. McFarland, Fred Graeber and George Curtis.

Wets Capture Alliance.

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The election today was the most orderly in the city's history. The question of license was the direct issue and was the only issue of general interest, there being no decided preference for any of the candidates. Seven hundred and three votes were polled, the largest in the history of the city. A feature of interest is the large socialist vote, a total of 127 being polled.

The following were elected: Mayor, W. O. Barrow; city clerk, J. D. Emerick; treasurer, Percy Oggsell; city engineer, Reuben Knight; councilmen, George Mullring and K. S. Stern; wet, 20; dry, 26, indicating an increase in the dry vote of over eighty as compared with a year ago.

Holdrege Stays Dry.

HOLDREGE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Voting today directly on the question of license or no license under the initiative and referendum, Holdrege remained in the dry column by ninety-one majority. The majority under the first direct vote two years ago was 124. C. W. McConaughy, mayor for the last four years and temperance candidate for reelection, was defeated by C. Engstrom of the united party by eighteen votes. All the rest of the temperance candidates won out.

Mayor Dredia Re-elected.

CRETE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—In the city election at Crete today Mayor Dredia was re-elected over Norton by a majority of 110. The democrat, being dissatisfied with the present administration, put up a separate ticket, but was defeated all the way, with the exception of one councilman. The vote was one of the heaviest in years at a city election, there being considerable dissatisfaction over the citizens' party caucus and things that have happened recently in the town.

Banks Engage in Battle.

SUTTON, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The municipal election resulted in the re-election of the present incumbent, Jacob Bender, on the citizens' high license ticket, being no change from last year. The main fight was between the First National and Sutton National banks for city treasurer, resulting in the election of Homer Gray by twenty-three majority in favor of the First National. Excitement ran high and in an altercation one partisan got his hands badly cut.

Big Majority for Wets.

AUBURN, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Incomplete returns show that the town went wet by about seventy, while Higgins, the minority candidate for mayor, was elected by about fifty, and Long, the minority candidate for alderman, wins over his opponent Bell. A very large vote was polled and the wets won by the largest majority in the history of the city.

Kimball, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Kimball, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Kimball yesterday elected P. E. Reader and B. A. Lathrop as trustees. Reader will be the next mayor and will be elected at a meeting of the board on May 1. Interest centered on saloon or no saloon and the drys won. F. H. Cunningham was mayor last year.

Loup City, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)

Loup City, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—At the city election here yesterday H. W. Pedler, republican, was re-elected mayor. License carried by a majority of sixty-two. No change from former conditions.

Motion to Dismiss Mercy Suit is Denied

CHICAGO, April 2.—Moving that Esther Mercy's \$1000 slander suit against Marion Talbot, dean of women at the University of Chicago, be taken from the jury, Attorney Walker for the defense charged that Miss Mercy "had continually flirted with the jurors during the trial" and that the suit was an insulting attack on a great university.

Testimony in the case was ended today after rebuttal witnesses had testified that Miss Mercy and her fiancé bore good reputations for truthfulness.

Later this afternoon Judge Fumero decided a motion by the defense to take the Mercy case from the jury.

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