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## PROWLERS LOOT SEVEN HOMES HERE

### Election Results Bring Bright Outlook To Industries Here

#### P. E. GOES ON FULL TIME

Railroad Company Returns to Six-Day Basis With Rush Ahead  
NEW PLANT IS RUNNING  
Woolbestos Factory Starts; Columbia Steel Executive Predicts Good Times

The new era of prosperity which observers agree was ushered in by the overwhelming victory of President Coolidge and Charles G. Dawes is reflected definitely in a general improvement of industrial activity in Torrance.

Industrial executives here confidently predict that return to capacity production is not far distant. Evidencing the return of confidence and revival of commerce, the Pacific Electric Railway shops here returned this week to a six-day working basis. For several months the shops have been running only five days a week. The plant is now working on 100 new cars which the company will put in operation in the Southland soon. This job, together with the usual run of repair work, which is expected to increase with an alleviation of the power situation and increased freight and passenger traffic, is expected to keep the Torrance shops busy on full time.

The news of the P. E.'s return to the six-day basis was hailed with delight by employees of the company and all who are concerned with the growth and prosperity of Torrance and the surrounding district.

W. L. Booth of the Columbia Steel Corporation today predicted a brisk revival in the building industry and a resultant impetus to production at the Torrance steel plant. During the recent depression, however, the Columbia mills have been running full blast.

"I look for a gradual improvement in all business and industry as a result of Tuesday's election," said Mr. Booth. "Our plant has been operating at capacity and is doing so now, but the general improvement in all lines naturally will make us even more busy."

With 16 men working now at the new \$100,000 factory of the Woolbestos Company which started operations recently, executives of the plant are confidently expecting to increase the payroll to meet an increased demand for their product, which they believe will be brought about by the general improvement in industrial and business conditions all over the country. When running to capacity the Woolbestos plant will give employment to about 35 men.

R. B. Kepner of the company declared today that prospects are unusually bright for the new Torrance industry and asserted the unqualified opinion that the country is on the eve of a tremendous trade and industrial revival.

Briney Is 3rd, In Contest For Superior Judge

Torrance Attorney Unable to Overcome Valentine's Lead in City

Will Try White at San Pedro Monday

Republicans Win With Keystoners

#### THE VOTE IN TORRANCE

PRESIDENT						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Coolidge	147	197	37	209	248	888
La Follette	42	49	39	69	71	270
Davis	3	15	8	17	18	61
CONGRESS						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Richardson (D)	91	124	62	145	165	587
Fredericks (R)	3	105	49	140	49	346
ASSEMBLY						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Carter (R)	106	158	74	179	200	717
Preston (D)	38	45	15	68	54	220
Anderson (S)	16	20	16	25	28	105
SUPERIOR COURT						
Unexpired Term of John W. Shenk						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Hollzer	53	57	25	76	76	287
Pendleton	79	102	54	127	126	488
SUPERIOR COURT						
Unexpired Term of Leslie R. Hewitt						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Briney	126	174	96	180	239	815
Hill	10	13	0	29	24	76
Lincoln	0	4	5	14	7	30
Valentine	18	16	5	33	16	88
O'Connor	5	8	3	8	8	31
STATE SENATOR						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Chamberlain (R)	121	160	78	199	233	791
Love (D)	27	70	22	65	52	216
SUPERIOR COURT						
Long Term						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Hardy	70	111	46	141	114	482
Jode	23	34	12	52	52	173
Keetch	64	80	49	113	104	410
Kendrick	109	151	59	168	192	677
Long	58	90	41	80	85	354
McCartney	100	125	54	143	165	587
Shaw	65	70	42	94	103	374
Thompson	120	163	69	172	209	733
Valentine	81	85	42	108	103	399
Archibald	51	54	30	50	59	274
Willis	57	79	45	109	103	393
Baird	57	60	37	71	75	300
Barrett	83	110	57	125	137	512
Burke	89	133	47	144	166	579
Collier	36	70	36	70	87	299
E. M. Crawford	91	109	57	133	144	534
H. Crawford	75	85	44	104	95	403
Fredericks	42	75	30	70	70	287
Guerin	82	138	57	159	174	610
Hanby	70	85	38	105	103	401

#### HOW LOMITA VOTED

PRESIDENT						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Coolidge	213	206	167	141	140	867
La Follette	98	117	140	140	140	535
Davis	13	25	22	22	22	104
CONGRESS						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Richardson	151	185	186	186	186	835
Fredericks	136	109	95	109	109	558
STATE SENATOR						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Chamberlain	178	182	154	154	154	722
Love	85	87	94	94	94	454
ASSEMBLY						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Carter	168	160	136	144	164	772
Preston	78	73	81	81	81	394
Anderson	42	45	57	57	57	258
SUPERIOR COURT						
Long Term						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Hardy	142	120	143	143	143	611
Jode	52	33	41	41	41	217
Keetch	117	100	120	120	120	517
Kendrick	152	164	138	144	144	642
Long	90	65	99	99	99	452
McCartney	133	169	142	144	144	632
Shaw	105	73	83	83	83	427
Thompson	156	183	170	170	170	759
Valentine	108	78	94	94	94	468
Archibald	76	78	90	90	90	424
Willis	79	87	81	81	81	409
Baird	93	115	84	84	84	460
Barrett	117	139	122	122	122	582
Burke	82	75	79	79	79	395
Collier	110	133	97	97	97	534
E. M. Crawford	126	129	121	121	121	600
H. Crawford	97	72	65	65	65	404
Fredericks	145	147	124	124	124	600
Guerin	111	108	130	130	130	509
Hanby	72	57	75	75	75	359
SUPERIOR COURT						
Term of John W. Shenk						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Hollzer	72	57	75	75	75	354
Pendleton	95	102	95	95	95	482
SUPERIOR COURT						
Term of Leslie R. Hewitt						
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Briney	145	165	167	167	167	711
Hill	13	15	16	16	16	66
Lincoln	11	5	11	11	11	50
Valentine	15	8	7	7	7	54
O'Connor	36	21	18	18	18	110

#### Will Try White at San Pedro Monday

Stanley White, asserted bootlegger to a Torrance high school boy, will be tried next Monday in San Pedro. Acting Chief William Phillips will be a material witness in the case. Since the arrest of White and the publicity of the fact that high school students have been buying liquor numerous rumors regarding drunkenness of pupils have been making the rounds. The rumors are without foundation, according to school authorities.

#### Republicans Win With Keystoners

Keystone voted Republican Tuesday. Coolidge carried the Keystone precinct with 230 votes. La Follette polled 113 and Davis 80. Fredericks ran behind Coolidge but was favorite of Richardson by a vote of 175 to 129. Briney carried Keystone by a substantial majority. The vote on the \$5,000,000 bond issue for elimination of grade crossings failed here to receive a two-thirds approval. The vote stood: Yes, 136; No, 110.

#### TAKE CASH IN BED ROOMS

Thieves Enter Through Unlocked Doors in Northwest Torrance  
TAKE REEVE'S TROUSERS  
Mrs. Reeve Awakened By Thief in Sleeping Room; Hurum Gives Chase

Night prowlers ransacked seven homes in Torrance last night. They entered all the dwellings through unlocked doors and, stealing into bedrooms where occupants of the homes were sleeping, went through trousers pockets in search of cash.

The homes and the following persons were entered:

Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeve, 1504 Post avenue, where they took Mr. Reeve's trousers and 21 cents.

Clayton Severns, 1307 Amapola avenue, where they took a pocketbook containing \$13 and a 17-jewel Waltham watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Myers, 1222 Amapola avenue, where they took \$35 out of Mr. Myers' pocket.

Robert Parke, 1318 Amapola avenue, where they stole \$2 and a pocketbook.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson, 1313 Cota avenue, where they ransacked the house.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hall, 1916 Gramercy, where the thieves ransacked bedrooms, turned pockets inside out, and left a watch and rings on the table.

The thieves apparently were after cash only, for other valuables in all the houses were passed by.

**Barefoot Tracks**  
Police assert that they have been able to trail the path of the marauders throughout the northwestern part of the city by the tracks of a barefooted man. From these tracks it is deduced that the thieves made a "census" of the district, trying all doors and entering only those houses on which the doors were not secured.

In an early morning combing of the neighborhood in which the burglaries were committed police found two pairs of trousers on vacant lots. In each pair was a watch, which the thieves had not taken with them.

The most exciting event in the night's program of looting occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve on Post avenue.

Mrs. Reeve was awakened about 3:30 by a sound in the room. Looking up, she saw in the darkness the dim outline of a human figure.

"There's someone in the room," she screamed, and Mr. Reeve, awakened by her shouts, sat upright in bed. Immediately beside him was a chair. Over the chair Mr. Reeve had thrown his trousers when he retired. And leaping from a position beside the chair was the thief, with the trousers in his hand. Mr. Reeve leaped from the bed in his nocturnal apparel. The thief rushed for the door and headed down the stairs, with Mr. Reeve's trousers waving like a flag behind him.

"I chased him down the stairs," says Mr. Reeve, "keeping after him, but plenty far enough behind him. He rushed through the living room, into the dining room, and out through the kitchen door."

"I ran to the phone and Central answered at once. She gave me the police station and in almost less time than it takes to tell it four officers were at the house."

Mrs. Reeve asserts that it was a woman who entered the room.

It is a coincidence that the hardware merchant's trousers were found this morning on a vacant lot and were returned to him at 6 a. m.

It is a coincidence that the houses of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve and Mr. and Mrs. Ott, which were entered last night, were burglarized only ten years ago, what may they not do within the next five decades?

Most who read this will live to see a woman in the United States Senate, and probably will even witness the day when a

**Observations**  
What the People Voted For When They Cast Their Ballots For Coolidge—"Ma" Ferguson and Joe Cannon  
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT is a difficult matter to stampede the United States. In evidence of which we offer the results of Tuesday's election. Here was La Follette, slashing, attacking, berating—running for the Presidency on a ticket of discontent, seeking to amalgamate a vote of protest against conditions as they are. He failed. Here was Davis, selected in a convention marked with religious dissension, winning the nomination by default and going before the people with a plea for "honesty," in itself an intimation that the President himself is not honest. He failed. Here was Coolidge, quietly tending to his business, making a few addresses, sane, solid, careful and dependable, promising no panaceas, apologizing not at all, repeating his determination to economize, standing before the people as no more than an earnest and a capable executive with the best interests of the country, as he sees them, at heart. He won.

All three of the candidates are estimable men. La Follette, firebrand of the Senate, is a reformer of the first magnitude. He is fearless, honest, and unshaken in his belief that the hope of the nation lies along the path of progressive reform. Such is his penchant for immediate change that he has become a personification of political impatience. Many of the reforms that he has suggested in the past have been adopted by the very elements of his party that he labels retroactive, and he fights on—and on. But in the inner conscience of the body politic, if one can deduce anything at all from Tuesday's vote, is the conviction that sudden reforms can be too sudden. This is a progressive country, but its progressivism is tempered by patience and the knowledge that great reforms cannot be accomplished in a trice.

Davis is a personable individual with an excellent record as a public servant. His escutcheon is clean. The defeat he suffered is not so much a defeat for him personally as it is for his party, which misguided the ship of its own destiny against the jagged rocks of internal dissension and religious controversy. No man nominated at New York could have won the election.

In electing Coolidge the people of the United States have reaffirmed their belief in careful, sensible, economical administration of our national affairs.

In electing Coolidge they have endorsed his policy of vetoing measures in accordance with the principles of governmental economy, and not in accordance with the dictates of political expediency.

Coolidge vetoed the soldiers' bill for adjusted compensation. He vetoed the bill for increasing the pay of postal employees. He vetoed the Spanish-American veterans' pension bill. He might have signed all of these, had his only purpose been political. Instead he took what at the time seemed the unpopular course. How unpopular it really was is indicated by the tremendous vote he received Tuesday.

In electing Coolidge the people plainly declared that the President is not responsible for those undesirable policies and personalities he inherited from Mr. Harding's administration.

The voters apparently registered a belief that when Coolidge becomes President "on his own" he will sever by his own executive authority many of the shackles that obviously hatched his predecessor to various elements and forces not entirely dedicated to the best interests of the most people.

As President for only a few months, Coolidge has displayed an unusual length of character and courage of conviction.

By the great vote he received, it must be concluded that the country has confidence in this strength and this courage, realizes that Henry Ford is right when he says that Coolidge is not "owned by Wall Street," and is convinced that commercial and industrial prosperity will return under an administration by the man from Massachusetts.

#### Observations

WE are not among those who believe that anyone who suggests changes in the American constitution is a Bolshevik or a traitor. If the United States advances as a nation changes in our basic law must be made, gradually as the desirability of changes becomes apparent, and then only after careful thought and due deliberation.

We believe that presidential nominees should be named directly by the people and that the electoral college should be eliminated.

And we believe that these reforms are coming as surely as the successive dawns of days.

As a minority leader in the Senate La Follette will do much to bring about these reforms, probably more than he could accomplish as President. As captain of the reform group in the upper branch of Congress the senior senator from Wisconsin is an able and worthy executive.

Like all fiery reformers, he has his distinct place in the Congressional scheme of things. Without constant hammering by small but determined minorities progressive legislation never would be realized. It is a strange but certain fact, and has been all through history, that progressive movements always originate with minorities, later to be taken up and accepted by the majority.

It is well that we have such legislators as La Follette, and equally fortunate that we do not elect them Presidents.

THE progressive elements which supported La Follette assert that they will begin immediately with the formation of a regular progressive party. That is well. Since 1912 the two old parties have been without great success. Tuesday's vote constitutes the obituary of the Democrats. Four years hence the two major contenders for national honors will be the present Republican party, attracting adherents from the conservative ranks of the G. O. P. and the Democrats, and the new Progressive party, composed of progressive voters who formerly were Republicans and Democrats. The next "third party" will be ultra-radical, too red for the Progressives, just as in England they have Conservatives, Liberals and Laborites. With conservatives aligned against progressives, a return to old-time party elections is destined to take place.

THE peculiar fact about the vote on the amendments is that the amendments which were defeated in the city were defeated in every precinct of the city, except in two cases. Precincts 1 and 2 voted for the poll tax by majorities of 11 and 10, respectively.

**Oilers Will Play Gardena on Sunday**  
The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil ball team will hook up with the Gardena entrant in the Double-A Winter League at the Oilers' new park Sunday afternoon. The Petroloccrats have won every game they have played since the start of the schedule and are tied for first place in the circuit.

Mrs. W. F. Walker and daughter, Miss Margaret Walker, attended the Orphan in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon.

**Inglewood Shrine Social Is Tonight**  
Local Shriners and their wives, sisters and daughters are invited to attend the first social meeting of El Wright Shrine Club, to be held tonight at the Inglewood Country Club, Inglewood.

A buffet supper will be held; there will be dancing and entertainment. "It will be a big evening," says George Taylor, vice-president of the Inglewood Shrine and Harbor City district, "so come on over—wear your fez, and a smile."

#### Coolidge Wins, But Fredericks Loses In Split Balloting

President Leads All Candidates and Piles Up 888 Votes in a Total Local Poll of 1265

SEVEN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE DISAPPROVED  
Briney Wins Home Town by Overwhelming Majority; Electors Here Favor \$5,000,000 Grade Crossing Bond Issue

Several noticeable facts stand out in the results of the vote in Torrance Tuesday.

1—The largest vote ever polled here was cast, the total being 1265 out of a total registration of 1660.

2—Citizens here split their tickets, giving Coolidge 888 votes, but voting against Congressman Fredericks, ardent Coolidge supporter.

3—On the amendments a decided uniformity of opinion was registered at every precinct. The seven amendments that failed of approval here were voted down generally in all precincts (except in two cases), indicating that the electors here studied the proposed changes carefully and arrived at the same conclusion. The power amendment received the largest negative vote, the result being Yes, 189; No, 809.

4—Perry G. Briney, candidate for judge of the Superior Court, carried his home town overwhelmingly. He received 815 against 88 for Valentine, his nearest opponent.

**Favor Bond Issue**  
Torrance voted 544 to 396 in favor of the \$5,000,000 county bond issue to pay the county's share in the cost of eliminating grade crossings.

A resume of the vote on the amendments follows:

No. 1, Taxing Transportation Companies—Yes, 328; No, 532.

No. 2, Pay of Members of Legislature—Yes, 575; No, 404.

No. 3, Deposit of Public Money by State—Yes, 510; No, 298.

No. 4, Increasing Jurisdiction of Lower Courts—Yes, 512; No, 268.

No. 5, Transfer of School Money—Yes, 201; No, 683.

No. 6, Personal Property Taxes—Yes, 456; No, 353.

No. 7, Twelve-Round Boxing Contest—Yes, 627; No, 384.

No. 8, Pay of State, County and City Officials—Yes, 465; No, 354.

No. 9, Tax on Foreign Securities—Yes, 422; No, 366.

No. 10, Steam and Street Railway Taxes—Yes, 267; No, 491.

No. 11, Klamath River Fish and Game District—Yes, 604; No, 287.

No. 12, Establishment of Municipal Courts in Larger Cities—Yes, 537; No, 208.

No. 13, Poll Tax on Males Not Paying Other Taxes—Yes, 468; No, 517.

No. 14, Exemption of Public Utility District Bonds from Taxation—Yes, 279; No, 586.

No. 15, Exemption of Aviation Fields from Taxation—Yes, 296; No, 580.

No. 16, Water and Power Amendment—Yes, 189; No, 809.

No. 17, Clarifying Eminent Domain Proceedings—Yes, 416; No, 366.

No. 18, Absent Voting Law—Yes, 688; No, 187.

Scores of voters marked their ballots only for presidential electors and Perry G. Briney, falling to vote for other offices or on the proposed amendments. Many voted for all national, state and county officials and judges but did not vote on the amendments.

Had not a careful explanation of the purposes and probable effects of the amendments been published at length by The Herald, even fewer persons would have voted on them, observers believe.

One of the election boards here worked until 2 o'clock counting the vote, one more was busy until 10 o'clock Wednesday, while the other three worked until early Wednesday morning.

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