

BALLOT ON SEQUOYAH

SECRETARY WEAVER OF JOINT STATEHOOD CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE GIVES HIS FIGURES.

COUNTY SEATS A FEATURE

Of Estimated 23,000 Votes Cast Many, He Says, Were Placed Because of a Quixotic Campaign.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Ada, I. T., Nov. 8.—Otis B. Weaver, secretary of the joint statehood campaign committee, gives the following as the official vote on Sequoyah statehood Constitution.

Full returns, can not be obtained for several days, but reports from the various joint statehood committeemen report the following vote in their respective districts:

- The committee has received no report from Miami recording district No. 1.
- Vinita recording district No. 2 cast 600 votes for the constitution. Voting strength of district 6,000, less than 10 per cent voting.
- Nowata recording, district No. 3—The total vote cast was 97; the voting strength of the district is 5,000.
- Claremore recording district No. 4—No returns.
- Troyer Creek recording district No. 5—

Total vote in district 2,000, large vote on account of hot county seat fight.

Antlers recording district No. 24—No returns.

Durant recording district No. 25—City of Durant cast 195 for Constitution and 12 against. Voting strength of precinct 1,500. Other towns in district, no report.

Marietta recording district No. 26—176 votes for and 54 against ratification. In Marietta precinct, voting strength 1,000. No interest in other towns in district.

Mr. Weaver makes the following statement:

"With scarcely an exception the vote polled shows an utter indifference to the separate statehood movement, save where contests have been worked up among secondary towns over the phantom Countyseat honors. The bulk of the Countyseat contests were so cunningly injected into the election, one had first to vote for the Sequoyah Constitution to be entitled to vote his choice for Countyseat. Under this political duress, many hundreds of voters, at heart in sympathy with single statehood, yielded to the communities' spirit of rivalry and participated in the election, thinking that perchance the Countyseat vote might in some way affect the prospects of their respective towns.

In this Quixotic campaign the leaders of the single statehood forces have almost unanimously exhorted the people to contemptuously refrain from voting; in rare instances, however, the single staters got their pugnacity so aroused that they jumped into the contest to show what they could do. A notable instance is found in the returns from the town of Checotah, located near the birth place of the Sequoyah movement, there the vote for the Constitution was 27 against 311."

Specific reports from the eight joint statehood executive committeemen of the eight districts of the Chickasaw Nation show a total vote of only 3,691; whereas it is conservatively estimated the voting strength of the Chickasaw Nation is 4,000. The foregoing, which the committee considers a very reliable report of the numerical strength of the vote on the

Total vote cast in district 760 for Constitution and 47 against.

Taplequah recording district No. 6—1,500 votes cast in district. Estimated voting strength 3,600

Wagoner recording district No. 7—Total vote in district 1,500

Sapulpa recording district No. 8—Total vote in five precincts, including Tulsa and Sapulpa, is 183.

Okmulgee recording district No. 9—Total vote in district is 650. Estimated voting strength of district is 5,000

Muskogee recording district No. 10—Muskogee precinct gives 1,668 votes. Total voting strength of precinct estimated at 6,500.

Checota in same recording district cast 27 votes for ratification of Constitution and 311 against Constitution.

Sallisaw recording district No. 11 polled total vote of 3,000, possibly 50 per cent voting.

Eufaula recording district No. 12—Total vote in district 850, Eufaula casting 42 votes. Many precincts did not vote.

Wewoka recording district No. 13—Holdenville and Welcetka, largest towns in district, no election. No other report.

Poteau recording district No. 14—Total vote in district 1,224.

South McAlester recording district No. 15—Total vote of four principal towns in district, 757 for and 104 against, ratification of Constitution.

Ada recording district No. 16—Out of twenty-four precincts in this district, including Ada, a town of 5,000 people, only three small towns held elections; total vote cast 635, almost entirely for Constitution. Voting strength estimated 7,000.

Pauls Valley recording district No. 17—Total vote in district 600. No election in several large towns.

Purcell recording district No. 18—No election held in district.

Chickasha recording district No. 19—No election held in district.

Ryan recording district No. 20—Total vote cast in district 25, at Duncan.

Ardmore recording district No. 21—No election in Ardmore, total vote in district 141.

Tishomingo recording district No. 22—

Sequoyah Constitution in Indian Territory, includes a report of every district in the Territory, except the Miami, Antlers and Claremore districts each of which is less than the average in population.

The total vote of twenty-three districts of the entire twenty-six aggregates only 17,369 votes. Adding to this amount the amount of three districts not reported and the probable report in a few precincts about which the district committeemen could not learn in the districts reported, under a liberal estimate there may have been a total of 23,000 votes polled, many of which were against the ratification of the Constitution. Not more than 15 per cent of the voting population of Indian Territory voted.