

ST. LOUIS SOCIALIST VOTE BY WARDS AND PRECINCTS

Precinct Vote of November 10, 1911, Compared with Our Vote of April 4, 1911, and November 1910.

Comment

On Election Results and Future Organization Work

Herewith we publish a tabulation of the vote (official count) by precincts and wards for the last three elections, so as to permit of an analysis and comparison.

The official count gives us 44 additional votes, making a total of 16,050, being a gain over the vote for Worman for Council last spring of 4316. In the tabulation of the vote the first three columns give the vote of November 10; the next, or fourth column, gives our vote for Worman on April 4, 1911; the fifth column gives our Circuit Court vote of November 1910. In the table of votes by wards there is a sixth column that gives our gain on November 10 over the vote of April 4.

The tabulation gives an excellent opportunity for comparison, and makes it possible to draw some lessons from the results. Each branch should cut out the table applying to their ward and keep it for future reference.

The first, indisputable and paramount fact that stares us in the face is that The People's Voice holds a premier position as a method of propaganda. The wards that have faithfully distributed The People's Voice are the ones that made the best gains, thus the Eleventh Ward used 5,000 copies weekly and gained 100 more votes than any other ward in the city. The Eighth Ward used very few copies and made the smallest gain of any ward in the city, though it is a strictly working-class ward. In some wards certain precincts were covered and made splendid gains, while other precincts were neglected and our vote suffered as a consequence.

Over and above all other means of propaganda stands the distribution of literature like The People's Voice. Not a single meeting was held during the entire campaign, a fact that emphasizes the value of The People's Voice to our movement. It is the club we hold over the daily press. It is the lance that pierced the shield of the Bridge Bond cabal and routed a solid opposition of nine daily papers on that issue. If we had been able to cover all the wards in the city with The People's Voice Comrade Brandt would have been elected on November 10 without the least doubt.

Precinct 2 of Ward 27 still remains the banner Socialist precinct, though Precinct 13 of Ward 12 is an enthusiastic second and, in proportion of the total vote, ranks first. The cemetery boys are hard to beat. In not a single precinct in the city did we fail to receive at least one vote, for the first time in the history of our organization.

The showing in the Seventh Ward is rather short of expectations, but this may be due to the steady influx of foreign-speaking voters, who are not reached by our literature. It appears that Republican Committeeman Gus Frey votes the Croats solidly for anything he desires. Seventh Ward comrades ought to consider this matter carefully and remedy it before the next election.

The column of gains by wards is most interesting and furnishes a barometer by which to gauge the amount of work done. Ward 2 holds second place in point of gains, with Ward 3 close up in third place. Next come Wards 12, 13 and 21, in the order named. It may not be amiss to note that Ward 28 gained 50 per cent in Socialist votes. Evidently our motto from now on must be, "Nothing Impossible!"

Every branch should study the tables as they apply to their respective wards and find out where the weak spots are. From now on every effort must be made to close up the ranks and get in fighting trim for 1912. A thorough canvass for new members must be undertaken at once. Some wards have already begun a membership campaign. Fall in line, comrades! We should have 1,500 members by June, 1912.

Here is a goal for you: A watcher in every precinct and every precinct covered with literature!

VOTE BY WARDS. For City Council, 1911. November 10, April 4, 1910, 1910. Soc. gain April 4 to Nov. 10, 1911.

VOTE BY PRINCINCTS

Table of precinct votes for Wards 1 through 28, including columns for November 10, April 4, 1910, and Soc. gain.

Table of ward totals for Wards 1 through 28, including columns for November 10, April 4, 1910, and Soc. gain.

Table of precinct votes for Wards 22 through 28, including columns for November 10, April 4, 1910, and Soc. gain.

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