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Governor, over present Governor J. M. Cox, Demo-Robert Crosser was re-elected to Congress from Cleveland. Pennsylvania re-elected Boies Penrose Senator, over Gifford Pinchot, Progressive, and Mitchell Palmer, Democrat. Brumbaugh, Republican, was elected Governor over Vance McCormick, Democrat. Pinchot's vote slightly exceeded Palmer's. Both combined exceeded Penrose's. In the Nineteenth Congressional district Warren Worth Bailey, Democrat and Singletaxer, was re-elected to Congress by 668 plurality. South Dakota elected Ed Johnson, Democrat, Senator to succeed Crawford, Republican. The Republicans elected all State officials. Wisconsin elected Paul Husting, Democrat, Senator, over Governor Francis McGovern, Republican. Emanual Philipp, Republican, defeated John C. Karel, Democrat, for the governorship. Wyoming elected a Democratic-Progressive fusion State ticket consisting of candidates for Governor, State Treasurer and Secretary of State.

## Taxation Amendments.

Amendments on taxation were voted on in several states on November 3. California's Home Rule in Taxation Amendment is still in doubt. It is known to have carried Los Angeles, San Diego and Imperial counties, and to have lost in San Francisco and Alameda. Amendments were carried abolishing the poll tax and exempting shipping from taxation. An amendment disfranchising non-property owners at bond elections was defeated.

Ohio defeated, by a majority estimated at over 200,000, the proposition of the State Board of Commerce for which it was claimed that "it would make the singletax impossible." It limited the rate of local taxation to one per cent except where a popular vote authorized an increase to no higher rate than one and one-half per cent. It further authorized classification of property for taxation at different rates but forbade separation of land from improvements in classifying. In Missouri the socalled anti-singletax amendment was overwhelmingly defeated. Nebraska adopted by a large majority the amendment recommended by the Nebraska Press Association allowing the legislature to enact such tax legislation as it sees fit. This had been opposed on the ground that it had been proposed by singletax advocates, the chairman of the . Press Association's taxation committee having been State Senator-elect Laurie J. Quinby. In Oregon the amendment was defeated to exempt from taxation \$1,500 of improvements and personal property. North Dakota adopted an amendment for classification of property for taxation. [See vol. xvi, page 254; current volume, pages 394, 439, 589, 727, 845, 854, 869, 880, 896, 974, 992, 1037, 1040.]

# Woman Suffrage Election Results.

Seven States voted on woman suffrage on November 3. The proposition carried in Montana and Nevada, increasing to eleven the total number of States where women have equal suffrage rights with men. The measure was defeated in Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. [See current volume, pages 613, 706, 713 and 1046.]

# Liquor Election Results.

Six states voted on November 3 on statewide Prohibition amendments. These carried in four: Arizona, North Dakota, Colorado and Washington. They were overwhelmingly defeated in California and Ohio. In California an amendment was adopted inhibiting resubmission of the question for eight years. Ohio, besides defeating Prohibition, adopted an amendment repealing the present county option law and making the township and residence districts of cities the units for local option. In counties which have voted to abolish saloons under county option, the adoption of this amendment repeals the prohibition in all those parts where the popular majority favored saloons. The legislature is also denied the right to enact statewide prohibitory legislation. [See current volume, page 712.]

#### Miscellaneous Referendums.

Louisiana adopted on November 3 a constitutional amendment for the recall of all State officials except Judges. North Dakota seems to have adopted Initiative and Referendum amendments, while Texas and Wisconsin have rejected amendments submitted there. Arizona defeated abolition of capital punishment. California adopted prohibition of prize fighting, the red light abatement act and Torrens land title act. It defeated the eight-hour law. A number of other measures are still in doubt. Buffalo, New York, adopted a new charter, including the commission form of government, by a vote of 36,436 to 20,621.

#### Socialist Legislators Elected.

Besides electing a Congressman in New York the Socialists have elected members of the Legislature in various places. They elected four Assemblymen in California from Los Angeles, eight Assemblymen and one State Senator in Wisconsin, one Assemblyman and two State Senators in Oklahoma, one Assemblyman each in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Kansas, and three in Illinois.

## Governor-Elect Whitman's Position.

Letters to all candidates for Governor were

