

municipal ownership man, is an opponent of the D. U. R. proposition, and who will not sign an ordinance that does not provide for at least three cent fares with universal transfers, and which in addition has been approved by the people, is elected by a close vote. His majority would have been considerable had not religious prejudices been aroused in some quarters because he is a Roman Catholic, and, it is said, will be the first mayor of Detroit holding that religious faith.

Frederick F. Ingram was defeated for Congress. He had an adverse majority of over 8,000 to overcome, and this he more than cut in two. Two years hence he will be a strong man for the nomination, and can then be easily elected. This is Mr. Ingram's first experience in politics, and hereafter he will be able to handle a campaign in a businesslike way, with a minimum of expense and a maximum of results.

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THE REFERENDUM IN MICHIGAN.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 7.—The total vote in the city of Grand Rapids (p. 751) on Governor was 12,944. This was the largest vote cast on any office.

Last April the Council passed an ordinance closing theaters on Sunday, and by the use of the optional referendum this was brought up for a vote of the people yesterday. There was a total of 13,176 votes on this proposition; 6,281 for sustaining the ordinance closing theaters, and 6,895 against the ordinance.

The proposed charter amendment, submitted under the advisory initiative, to secure non-partisan municipal elections (p. 751), was carried by the following vote: total 12,215; for the amendment, 8,865; against the amendment, 3,350.

The total vote on the theater ordinance was more than the total vote on Governor, and the vote on the charter amendment was nearly equal to that on Governor. The theater ordinance was very hotly contested on both sides, and helped greatly in bringing out a large vote. The highest vote yet polled in the City of Grand Rapids is about 22,000, at the Presidential election of 1896. At the city election last spring there was a vote of something over 17,000. This fall there was practically no contest on offices either in the State or local election, everything being conceded to the Republicans. In fact there were no Democratic nominees for county offices, with one exception, and no Democratic nomination for Congress. So there was little to attract the attention of voters except these propositions.

The non-partisan amendment received a majority in every precinct of the city. Before it becomes effective, it must be passed by the legislature. It will be sent to the legislature with the official request of the city of Grand Rapids that it be made part of the charter. The two State senators from Grand Rapids are pledged in writing to do all in their power to put this amendment through early in the session so that the non-partisan method can be used at the city election next April. Of the three representatives from Grand Rapids, one is pledged in writing to do as the majority of the people desire; another is pledged orally to vote for the amendment if carried; and the third dodged the issue and merely said he would represent

all the people. I think, however, with the overwhelming vote in favor of the amendment, it will certainly be enacted in the legislature.

Although there was no organized opposition to the amendment, it was quietly opposed by the politicians and their friends, and probably also by most of the Socialists, who polled nearly 1,000 votes in the city, and seem to have the mistaken notion that the amendment would injure their party. The committee in charge of the amendment did little except to thoroughly distribute copies and also a brief circular setting forth the merits of the proposition. It had the support of one of the three daily papers, and rather passive opposition from the others.

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NEWS NARRATIVE

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Week ending Wednesday, November 14.

The Recent Elections.

The New York election, while it resulted as heretofore reported (p. 750), in the choice of Mr. Hughes, the Republican candidate for Governor, resulted also in the defeat of all the rest of the Republican ticket. The plurality of Mr. Hughes over Mr. Hearst is about 55,000; the plurality for Mr. Hearst's associates on the Democratic and the Independence League tickets ranges from about 3,500 for Mr. Chanler for Lieutenant-Governor to about 8,000 for Mr. Skene for State Engineer. Steps are being taken by the Republican organization to have the ballot boxes opened and a recount made in the interest of the defeated Republican candidates, the same proceedings that were attempted by Mr. Hearst with reference to the mayoralty election of last year. The Democratic State committee, by a vote of 30 to 13 on the 9th, adopted a resolution for the investigation of alleged treachery to the party ticket by Patrick H. McCarran, the party leader in Brooklyn. On the 13th the executive committee of the Independence League ordered a reorganization of the league throughout the State "so that there may be a permanent body for the dissemination of the doctrines of Mr. Hearst and so that at the next election the plain people may have further opportunity to voice their independent sentiment and elect to office competent men of integrity."

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The reports of last week on the election in North Dakota (p. 750) were erroneous. From private trustworthy advices we learn that the Republican ticket, instead of carrying the State, was defeated. The Democratic candidate for Governor, John Burke, was elected by about 8,000 majority, as was the Democratic candidate for Supreme Court judge. This re-