

DAVIE IS CHOSEN OAKLAND MAYOR OVER BILGER

JOHN L. DAVIE, who was elected Mayor of Oakland yesterday, defeating Frank W. Bilger.

W. H. Edwards and Dr. F. F. Jackson Are Elected City Commissioners.



JITNEYS NOT FAVORED

Free Speech and "Dry" Zone Amendments Approved at the Polls.

OAKLAND, May 12. — Practically complete returns tabulated at midnight show that John L. Davie has been elected Mayor of Oakland over Frank W. Bilger by a majority of 10,000 votes.

Davie will carry into office with him W. H. Edwards as Commissioner No. 1 and Dr. F. F. Jackson as Commissioner No. 2, thus giving him control of the City Commission.

The campaign was one of the liveliest in Oakland's history. Davie had a majority over all candidates at the primaries and despite a very aggressive fight Bilger was unable to overcome this lead.

On the other hand William R. Geary and Edwin Meese, who were defeated for Commissioners, had big leads at the primaries and during the campaign made every effort to increase their following.

Edwards and Jackson, who defeated them, were indorsed by Davie, who declared that if a commission was elected that opposed him his hands would be tied and it would be impossible for him to carry out his policies. It is believed that this argument was one of the chief factors in the voters reversing their preferences as expressed at the primaries.

VOTES AGAINST JITNEYS.

Oakland also went on record yesterday as not being favorably inclined toward the jitney busses, voting against an amendment favored by the jitney drivers and approving by a vote of nearly two to one an amendment prepared by the Oakland Traction Company which will practically make it impossible to operate the jitneys at a profit. The amendment favored by the jitney drivers was to reduce their annual license from \$60 to \$10.

The amendment fostered by the traction company carries these provisions:

- (1) The license or permit of an owner or driver of an automobile for hire is revoked if he violates any of the provisions of the ordinance regulating such business.
- (2) The carrying of passengers on the running board and the crowding of the automobile for hire are made unlawful.
- (3) The owner of the automobile for hire is made responsible in damage to the passengers in the automobile and pedestrians of the public streets who made be injured through the negligence or careless operation of such automobile.

"DRY" ZONES FAVORED.

The Hart liquor ordinance was also amended so as to provide three "wet" zones in the city and making all residential districts "dry" at the option of the residents.

An amendment permitting public meetings and speaking on certain streets during prescribed hours was also approved.

Complete returns from 160 precincts out of 170 give the following results of the Oakland municipal election:

MAYOR.	
Bilger	15,393
Davie	26,003
AUDITOR.	
Clay	18,071
Rice	14,397
COMMISSIONER NO. 1.	
Edwards	20,743
Geary	14,208
COMMISSIONER NO. 2.	
Jackson	18,071
Meese	16,121
SCHOOL DIRECTOR NO. 1.	
Johnson	16,347
Kelly	18,012
SCHOOL DIRECTOR NO. 2.	
Aber	17,639
Orr	15,250
SCHOOL DIRECTOR NO. 3.	
Boyle	16,890
Crushy	15,911
AMENDMENTS.	
No. 1—Hart ordinance creating dry zones—	
For	16,112
Against	12,741
No. 2—Free speech on streets—	
For	17,181
Against	11,049
No. 3—Jitney license reduction—	
For	14,847
Against	15,257
No. 4—Jitney restrictions—	
For	19,371
Against	10,368