THE WEATHER.
Unsettled weather followed by showers and thunder storms by Sunday night. Monday showers moderate southerly winds and squalls.

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$14,000 VERDICT AGAINST POSTAL

Wayne County Young Man Recovers for Personal Injuries Sustained.

FEDERAL COURT AT RALEIGH

Other News of State Capital—Cruise of Elfrida—Financial History of State—Company in Wake—Charter Issued.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., June 4.—A verdict for $14,000 was awarded this afternoon by a Federal court jury to Frank Granthem, of Wayne county, who sued the Postal Telegraph Company for $50,000 on account of permanent injury sustained through a pole falling on him and dislocating and breaking his thigh. The trial has been in progress two days. The accident was near Charlotte in December, 1908. The failure of the company to provide a standard implement for handling poles was the alleged cause of the accident.

In view of the continued misrepresentation of the attitude of the State of North Carolina toward he re-construction bonds, repudiated by the State as fraudulent, the North Carolina Historical Commission will publish at an early date, a complete documentary history of all the transactions of the State of North Carolina relative to the issuance and sale of bonds.

This will be one of the most valuable public documents ever issued by the State. It will contain every bill introduced into the General Assembly, every law passed by the Assembly, every report of the committees of the Assembly, every message of the governors, and all the financial transactions of the Treasury Department, relating to bonds, and every other document that can be found that will throw light on the State's attitude toward her obligations. In short, the volume will be a complete history of the bond issues of the State as shown in original documents.

The struggle between the Wake county "insurgents" and the "regulars" in the campaign leading up to the primaries June 25th has gotten down to a hard work status, the candidates and other campaign workers having gotten right out amongst the people for a hand to hand effort to "pinch" votes, for their respective sides. And, frame the issues in whatever guise you please, when the campaign workers cut the frills right down in talking with the voters the issue of issues bobs up in a stand for and against State prohibition and a reopening of this question through a crusade for "local self government." When rings and ring rule are rung in it is asserted that one side is no more a ring than the other. In the matter of the salary basis for county officers the attitude of the factions arrayed against each other make this the veriest "dog fall." So the situation develops all along the line of the "issues."

An order issued today from the office of the Adjutant General announces the dates for cruises aboard the Elfrida for practice purposes by the divisions of the North Carolina Naval Militia as follows: Windsor division, July 1st to 8th; Oriental, July 11th to 17th; Plymouth, July 25th to 31st; Elizabeth City, August 1st to 7th; Newbern, August 8th to 14th.

A charter is issued for The Robeson Loan and Realty Co., Lumberton, capital $50,000 by Robert E. Lee, E. E. Page and others, the company to begin when $2,000 is paid in.

STATEMENT FROM LACY

Special Session of Legislature May be Averted Finally.

Asheville, N. C., June 4.—A statement was issued today by State Treasurer Lacy at Raleigh, showing tnat the actual number of bonds of the State falling due July 1st, is $3,427,000 and that the refunding bonds already sold reduce the amount to be provided for to $2,211,000, the amount still to be sold by June 10th, if the extra session of the State Legislature is to be averted.

With a view to making the revocation of the legislative call possible, the State Treasurer today sent into all parts of the country, calls for a third set of bids to be opened June 10, this effort to float the bonds to follow two days after a conference of an bankers of the State which was called by the governor for June 8. If tne State Council is successful in selling the bonds, the governor will promptly recall his proclamation for an extra session of the Legislature.

FEARFUL STORM AT BRISTOL.

Property Loss Will be Heavy—Wheat Crop Ruined.

Bristol, Tenn., June 4.—Thousands of dollars in property damage and the practical ruin of the wheat crop in this section resulted tonight from the worst hail and wind storm ever known in Bristol and the outlying district. The smokestacks of Bristol's large industries were blown down, windows smashed in all parts of the city and untold damage done vegetation and orchards.

Get an E. M. F. "30." **

Statue of Gen. Custer Unveiled Yesterday

Monroe, Mich., June 4.—President Taft today joined with the people of Michigan in paying tribute to the memory of Major General George Armstrong Custer. He stood beside Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, the widow of the Civil War soldier, and martyr of the Little Big Horn, as she tugged at the long streamer of cavalry yellow ribbon which released the flags and unveiled the splendid bronze equestrian statue of Custer, which has been erected in this city amid the scenes of his youth. Afterward the President made a brief address in which he gave Custer high credit for his valor and deeds in war. The orator of the occasion was Senator William Alden Smith. Monroe for several days has been the gathering point for veterans of the Custer brigade, who were given a position of honor today in the parade which President Taft reviewed. Prior to the Custer ceremonies the President visited St. Mary's College and Academy, where he made a little talk to the girl students.

PRIMARIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Resulted in Spirited contests Throughout That State Yesterday—Nominations Made for Full Delegation—The Early Reports.

Philadelphia, June 4.—The primary elections held throughout Pennsylvania today and tonight by all political parties furnished some spirited contests and results in the close districts may not be known until tomorrow or Monday. Nominations were made for a full delegation of 32 members in Congress, 25 members of the State Senate and a complete new House of Representativs of 207 members.

In the eighth Congressional district Irving Wagner, Republican, was opposed for re-nomination by William G. Huey, who was placed on the Republican ballot as an anti-Cannon man. Reports from the district indicate that Wagner was renominated by a substantial majority.

In four of the six Congressional districts in Philadelphia, independent Republicans under the party of "William Penn" opposed the organization Republican candidates, all of whom are present members of Congress, but the entire six incumbents were renominated.

Reports indicate that the following have been renominated for Congress: Republicans—First district, Henry J. Bingham; second, *Joel Cook; third, *J. Hampton Moore; fourth, *Reuben O. Moon; fifth, *W. W. Folkrode; sixth, *G. D. McCreary; seventh, *Thomas S. Butler; eighth, *I. P. Wagner; ninth, *W. W. Griest; tenth, *Jhon R. Farr; thirteenth, John K. Hahn; fourteenth, *C. C. Pratt; seventeenth, *B. K. Focht; eighteenth, *M. E. Olmstead; twentieth, *Daniel F. LaFean; twenty-sixth, Robert Brown.

Democrats—First, Micheal J. Geraghty; thirtieth, William A. Hayes; fourth, William C. Mitchell; fifth, Michael Donohue; sixth, W. A. Carr; seventh, E. C. Bonniwell; eighth, Robert Difenderfer; ninth, James G. McSparran; thirteenth, *John H. Rothermel; fourteenth, G. W. Kipp; fifteenth, *W. B. Wilson; sixteenth, *J. G. McHenry; seventeenth, J. Murray Africa; eighteenth, W. Jonathan Kiefer; ninteenth, Isiiah Scheeline; twenty-first, W. C. Heinle.

* Present members.

TRIAL AT NEWBERN.

Cutting Affray on Recent Excursion—Boy Injured in Street.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, N. C., June 4.—The trial of E. D. Buck, of Morehead City, who stabbed Thomas Styron of the same place in this city last Thursday will be held Monday afternoon. A number of witnesses have been summoned from Morehead City and it is more than probable a hard fought legal battle will be engaged in by the attorneys on each side.

While crossing Middle street this afternoon, Earl, the 3-year-old son of Mr. Chas. P. Bartling, was struck by a heavy wagon which is used by Bowe & Page for hauling sand, and in consequence was knocked down and severely bruised. When picked up the little fellow was in a semi-conscious condition and some time elapsed before he was able to walk around the room.

B. & O. EXPRESS DERAILED

Passenger Train Ran Into Open Switch Near Wilmington, Del—Seven Were Injured—Engineer Pinned Under His Train.

Wilmington, Del., June 4.—A Royal Blue express on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Washington to New York was derailed from an unknown cause three miles from here tonight, resulting in the injuring of several of the train crew. No passengers were injured.

The express went through a switch and overturned. The baggage car partially overturned.

A. J. Rubezsch, of Baltimore, was pinned beneath the engine for more than two hours. He bravely directed his rescuers how to get him out and did not lose consciousness. He was removed to the Delaware Hospital here. The doctors believe he will recover, but he is in a serious condition.

Charles Smith, aged 55, the engineer, of Baltimore, sustained a broken rib and severe lacerations to the face.

George Rittenberg, of Washington, express messenger, and J. R. Grayson, of Philadelphia, baggage master, were locked in the baggage car when the accident occurred. They cut their way out with an axe and were not injured.

The passengers continued their way north after a delay of three and a half hours.

ENGINE MEN WIN.

Increase Granted by Federal Arbitration Board.

Chicago, June 4.—The Federal Arbitration Board which has been taking testimony in the wage controversy between 27,000 enginemen and 49 railroads west of Chicago, late this afternoon handed down a decision in favor of the engine men. The arbitration board granted employes 60 per cent. of their demand for a 21 1-2 per cent. increase.

The men involved in the wage controversy are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Under the ruling the wages vary with the different classes of service.

The hearing before the arbitration board has been on for three weeks. Scores of witnesses testified regarding the high cost of living. The railroads opposed the increase on the ground that they could not afford to meet it.

TWO KILLED; 40 HURT.

Result of Collision Between Interurban Cars.

Steubenville, Ohio, June 4.—Two motormen were killed and 40 passengers were more or less seriously hurt by the collision of two interurban cars on the Steubenville and East Liverpool Traction Lines tonight. The cars were running at high speed and no cause for the collision has yet been assigned.

None of the injured will die although fourteen were taken to a hospital.

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POLITICAL EYES TURNED TO IOWA

Immediate Centre of Nation's Interest in Republican Politics Just Now.

PRIMARIES ON TUESDAY

Fight to Fnish Between "Standpatters" and Progressives—Senator Cummins Involved—Administration is Issue.

Des Moines, Ia., June 4.—This State, rising to the requirements of its position as the immediate centre of the Nation's interest in Republican politics, refused to close the primary campaign with tonight's meetings throughout the commonwealth.

Not until the last "standpatter" and the last progressive have returned to their homes on Monday night will the candidates be content to enter the primary battle of next Tuesday.

State officers and representatives in Congress will be nominated. Broadly speaking, the issue in the Republican ranks is the present Republican administration. The general feeling is that Tuesday's primaries will test thoroughly the position of Iowa Republicans on the insurgent and standpat question.

To a degree the prestige of Senator Cummins is involved in the fight between Governor B. F. Carroll and Warren Garst for the gubernatorial nomination. Cummins is said to have been forced to support Garst by the "stand pat" maneuver of placing the present Governor under the banner of the National administration. The formation of a "Taft" club in support of Carroll was the principal play in this development. Thus the re-nomination of the Governor will be hailed, if it takes place, by the so-called reactionaries as a slap at Cummins. The Governor has said that he does not propose to be dictated to by Cummins and Dolliver.

On Congressional nominations the contests exciting greatest interest are in the first, seventh and ninth districts—in the last named greatest of all.

In the first district, Congressman Charles A. Kennedy, of Montrose, is being subjected to the assaults of those who do not approve of his so-called "stand pat" record. The "progressive" candidate is Smith W. Brookheart.

Judge S. F. Prouty, for the fourth time, is seeking to wrest the nomination from Representative John A. T. Hull, in the seventh district. At the primaries two years ago Hull won over Prouty by only 40 votes, although Des Moines, the largest city in the State is in the district.

In the ninth Congressman Walter I. Smith is being tried on his record as a staunch wheelhorse of the regular organization at Washington. Smith was a member of the old Cannon rules committee. His opponent is H. Byrs, the present attorney general of the State.

In the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth and eleventh districts there are no contests among the Republicans.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL PASSED.

Measure Goes Through House—Carries $110,000,000 Appropriation.

Washington, June 4.—After serving as a vehicle for political debate in the House of Representatives for nearly a month, the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying proposed appropriations aggregating $110,000,000 was passed today.

During this time there were a great many speeches inserted in the Record without delivery and will be scattered over the country, under the license of government franks, to figure for what they are worth in the Fall campaigns.

There have been heard in the discussions of this bill predictions of success for both of the great parties, attacks upon the sugar trust and the Philippine land sales, assaults upon the administration of soldiers' homes and speeches on other subjects not germaine to the bill.

OUTLINES.

President Taft declared socialism to be the great problem that confronts the American people in a speech yesterday at Jackson, Mich. It is believed that this will be an issue in the coming campaign——William Pittham, an American, has been captured by the Madriz troops in Nicaragua and is held a prisoner awaiting trial by court martial. The State Department will see that he is given justice——The Royal Blue express on the Baltimore & Ohio was derailed last night near Wilmington, Del., and seven persons injured——The sundry civil appropriations bill, carrying appropriations of $110,000,000 was passed by the House yesterday——A hail and wind storm at Bristol, Tenn., yesterday caused thousands of dollars in property damage and the ruin of the wheat crop in that section——Primary elections were held throughout Pennsylvania yesterday——New York markets: Money on call nominal; spot cotton quiet, middling uplands 14.90, middling gulf 15.15; wheat steady No. 2 red 1.04 nominal, No. 1 northern 1.10 5-8 nominal f. o. b.; corn spot easy, No. 2, 65 3-4 nominal elevator domestic basis; oats spot dull, mixed nominal; turpentine quiet.

SAYS SOCIALISM IS THE PROBLEM

President Taft Spoke With Great Earnestness in Michigan Yesterday.

ISSUE IN NEXT CAMPAIGN

Spoke at Unveiling of Tablet Commemorating Organization of the Party—Again Upholds Republican Doctrine.

Jackson, Mich., June 4.—President Taft today proclaimed socialism as the great problem that confronts the American people and the issue that is sure to come and that must be skilfully met. By its history, he declared, the Republican party had shown itself capable of dealing with the great question effectively and wisely and he predicted that the American people must soon determine whether it shall trust the same party with the solution "of that problem than which we have had no greater in the history of the country."

Mr. Taft spoke with great earnestness and his remarks seemed deeply to impress his hearers. By many his words were taken as framing an issue for the coming campaign.

The President disclaimed any purpose of making a partisan address, but the occasion of his visit here was the unveiling of a bronze tablet commemorating the organization of the Republican party "under the oaks" in 1854, and he could not altogether refrain from a comparison of the party with its opponents which was not altogether favorable to the opponents. He also declared that popular government must be a government of parties and in this connection there was just a passing hint at insurgency. The President declared that unless individuals are willing to sink minor considerations to the will of the majority in a party, there would come a rule by groups. "In that event he added "the Lord only knows where your government would be and what it would accomplish."

The President left here tonight at 8:40 o'clock for Washington. The President's reference to socialism came at the conclusion of a brief history of what the Republican party has done.

He said: "The issue that is being framed as it seems to me, is the issue with respect to the institution of private property. There are those who charge to that institution the corporate abuses, the greed and the corruption that grew out of those abuses, the unequal distribution of property, the poverty of some and the undue wealth of others, and therefore say, 'We will have none of it and we must have a new rule of distribution that for want of a better name we shall call socialism.'

"On the other hand it is contended that it is not the institution of private property that shall be abolished, but only that the time has come in which it is necessary to day down certain rules restricting and regulating the use of that private property which shall not deprive the world of individual effort but which shall still keep the law and the opportunity to use private property under such control that these abuses may be wiped out and the boon of individual effort still be left to us.

"Now, my friends, that presents a great and difficult problem that I am quite willing to admit we have not yet solved, and the question which the country will have to determine after all is, which party it is which has heretofore shown sufficient skill and effectiveness in dealing with great issues, which party can be trusted to solve that problem than which we have had no greater in the history of the country."

Mr. Taft spoke at Keeley Park to a grand stand filled with a throng which gave him a demonstrative welcome.

After stating that the Republican party was born or a moral issue, the President declared that one of the characteristics of that party is its ability to do things and then proceeded to enumerate the issues which, he said, had been met successfully and effectively.

Continuing, he said: "But it only shows that the running of a government is the meeting of great and sometimes unexpected issues and what you need in command is an organized force, that has shown itself in the past able to meet those issues and to have the effectiveness and the skill and the energy to meet them with credit to the people of the country and that is what the Republican party has done down to this day."

Mr. Taft dined tonight with Representative Charles E. Townsend. Senators Burrows and Smith were also there. Mr. Townsend is an announced candidate for Senator Burrows' seat.

The President divided his day between Monroe and Jackson. At Monroe he spoke at the unveiling of a statue of General George Armstrong Custer.

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AMERICAN HELD PRISONER OF WAR

Pittman Awaits a Court Martial at Hands of Madriz.

STATE DEPARTMENT ACTS

Will See That He is Acccorded Treatment Humane and Regular—Estrada's Victory in Nicaragua is Complete.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, June 4.—William P. Pitman, the American, who laid the mines at Bluefields for the insurgents, was captured by the government troops and will be tried by court martial.

This was made known today following the receipt by the government of the details of the capture of Bluefields Bluff by the forces of President Madriz.

The troops passed to the assault over five mines, only one of which was exploded. Pittman was wounded and captured, it is said, as he was engaged in operating the mechanism through which the hidden engines of destruction were released. Pittman hails from Boston.

Washington, June 4.—The State Department has acted promptly in the case of William P. Pittman, an American engineer, who is said to have been captured by the Madriz forces while operating with the Estrada army.

The following is a paraphrase of telegrams sent by the State Department today to the American consulate at Managua and Bluefields and to Commander Gilmer, of the Paducah:

"There is a newspaper report from San Juan Del Sur to the effect that William P. Pittham, an American citizen, so is alleged, to have laid mines while operating with the Estrada forces, has been made prisoner by the Madriz forces and is about to be tried by court martial. It is unnecessary to point out that this government will jealously scrutinize the treatment accorded him which must be humane and regular. You will immediately make inquiry and report to the Department.'

If any further evidence were needed to confirm the officials here in their belief that Madriz is following closely the case of Pittman. It is said Pittman possibly may suffer a fate similar to that which befell Grooce and Cannon last November. The intimation was clearly given the Madriz government that some one would suffer if any summary or irregular action should be taken against him.

What action this government will take will depend largely upon the reports from the United States consuls at Managua and Bluefields and from Commander Gilmer.

Washington, June 4.—The complete route of the Madriz forces is shown by belated telegrams received at the State Department. These telegrams confirm the reports of the total defeat of the troops which have been operating in the neighborhood of Rama, Nicaragua.

A dispatch received today from Consul Moffat at Bluefields, dated last Thursday morning, says that the whole of the Madriz forces operating in the vicinity of Rama had abandoned their position after several hours of severe fighting and were in full retreat, having left many dead and wounded on the field, and that General Mena, in command of the Estrada Army at Rama was in hot pursuit.

All dispatches received during the last several days from the East coast of Nicaragua indicate that the Madriz armies at Bluefields and at Rama practically have been destroyed and that the end of fighting on the East coast, at least, seems to be in sight.

So far as known at the State Department the only force which Madriz now has on the East Coast, except the few scattered bands now being pursued by the revolutionary armies, is on Bluefields Bluff and it is problematical whether they will not be taken prisoners.

Seeks Taft's Aid.

Cambridge, Mass., June 4.—William P. Pittman is the son of Mrs. Rachael Pittman, of 178 Spring street, this city. Tonight Edwin Pittman, a brother of William Pittman, in behalf of his aged mother sent the following message to President Taft: "As a mother, grief stricken over the news of the danger of my boy, William P. Pittman, who the newspapers state may be shot for his part in the Nicaraguan revolution, I seek your interference in his behalf. He had been for four years in the United States government service in Panama. I only ask what is my right as a mother, but if there is anything you can do I implore you to do it.

"MRS. RACHAEL PITTMAN."

BALLINGER SHOWS AUTHORITY.

Man Who Testified Against Him is Suspended.

Portland, Ore., June 4.—While his resignation from the position of special agent for the general land office was in the mails en route to Washington, Horace L. Jones today was "indefinitely suspended" from service at the order of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

Jones was a witness against Ballinger and in support of the charges made by Louis R. Glavis.

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EARLY AGREEMENT ON RAILROAD BILL

Indications Were Pointing that Way in Washington Yesterday.

AN EARLY ADJOURNMENT

This Would be the Effect on Congress. House to Accept the Senate Measure—Bosses Get Together on Question.

Washington, June 4.—Although it came as a surprise to many, there were numerous indications today that the Senate and House might reach a prompt agreement on the railroad bill through practical acceptance by the House of the Senate bill.

While there was no certainty that such would be the case there were many straws pointing that way. This would have the effect of hastening the adjournment of Congress and members prophesied that with the railroad bill agreed upon, adjournment would come within three weeks.

Early today Senators Aldrich, Crane and Elkins were on the House side engaged in conferences with Speaker Cannon and Representative Mann, of Illinois, who has charge of the House bill. Mr. Mann said that as far as he was concerned, personally, he would agree to the Senate bill. He said there were many things in the House measure which were not in the one adopted by the Senate upon which he would insist. Also there were some things in the Senate bill to which he objected. There was, however, said Mr. Mann, a strong movement among some of the "insurgent" Republicans as well as "regulars" who voted together to amend the bill when it was in the House to accept the Senate bill as being a near approach to what they desired. It was learned also that the Democrats were practically prepared, or at least those who have led the fight on the railroad bill on that side were prepared, to accept the Senate bill rather than take chances on what a conference between the two houses would evolve.

The subject will be called up in the House next Tuesday when Mr. Mann will move non-concurrence and appointment of conferees.

If conferees are named, no one is willing to predict how long it might take to secure a mutually satisfactory outcome nor what the ultimate agreement would be.

The principal difficulties which would cause trouble in conference are the sections in the House bill providing for physical valuation and the regulation of the issue of stocks and bonds which are not in the Senate bill, and the long and short haul and telegraph and telephone clauses, which widely differ in the two bills.

CONGRESSMEN HAD TILT.

Rainey and McKinlay on Floor of the House.

Washington, June 4.—A lively tilt between Representative Rainey, of Illinois, and Representative McKinlay, of California, occurred in the House late today over an accusation by the former that the latter had inserted in the Congressional Record a speech not delivered on the floor and prepared by Attorney General Wickersham.

In his speech a defense was made of the Attorney General and Henry W. Taft, brother of the President, against charges of being attorneys for the sugar trust, as made by Mr. Rainey on April 14th, this charge that Mr. Wickersham had written his speech was indignantly denied by Mr. McKinlay, who said he had gathered the facts and prepared the document himself.

"I charge here," said Mr. Rainey, "that the Attorney General has not denied that he received a part of the immense fee paid the firm of Strong &Cadwalader for services for the sugar trust. That fee, according to the statement in the record, was $27,500 and he states that he and six other persons received their proportionate interest in it as members of the firm."

In reply to Mr. Rainey, Mr. McKinlay said he had inserted his speech in the Record because the Illinois member had attempted to show that the President was favoring the sugar trust and was not acting in good faith in the prosecutions of the trust.

NI-BEER PLACES CLOSED.

Thousand Dollar Tax Too Much for Asheville Dealers.

Asheville, N. C., June 4.—Panic-stricken by the action of the local Board of Aldermen which last night placed the annual tax for "near beer" licenses at $1,000, 32 "soft drink" emporiums closed their doors today in the hope that the city fathers will relent and restore the former tax of $250.

The action of the board was the outcome of strenuous agitation against the "near beer" saloons, in which the W. C. T. U. and Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit court, took a prominent part. It was argued that the low license tax of $250 had resulted in an alarming growth of undesirable "near beer" establishments.

Many of the "soft drink" men declare that the profit on near beer is so small that the payment of the $1,000 tax would be practically impossible.