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Last Week's Election.

The independent voter got in his work all over the United States last week. Party lines, as a rule, were cast aside and organization methods in many cases were buried under an avalanche of independent ballots. Probably the greatest victory for the people was the election of Radolph Blankenbury as mayor of Philadelphia, the control of the city being wrested from the Penrose Republican machine after years of endeavor. In New York, the voters repudiated Gov. Dix and machine Democracy by returning the Republicans to power in the state legislature. The Democrats practically retain control of New York city, but by a bare majority.

In New Jersey a Republican legislature was elected, thanks to the efforts of the machine Democrats who were turned out of office by Gov. Wilson. Ohio went Democratic, the Cox machine being buried in Cincinnati despite the endorsement of President Taft. In addition eight of the smaller cities in the state elected Socialist mayors. The greatest Socialist victory was in Schenectady, N. Y., where the entire city and county ticket, with the exception of a Republican judge, was placed in office by enormous majorities.

In Kentucky the Democrats carried everything before them, while Maryland, where every office was closely contested, showed fairly good Republican gains. In Massachusetts Gov. Foss was re-elected, as was the entire Democratic ticket, but by a reduced majority. California reports Democratic gains, while New Mexico celebrated its entrance into the Union as a state by rolling up substantial Democratic majorities.

In Rhode Island Gov. A. J. Pothier was re-elected with the entire ticket. Mississippi elected a Democratic governor, but the Socialists made big gains all through the South. Cleveland O., elected Newton Baker, the disciple of the late Tom Johnson, mayor and with him the entire Democratic ticket. The Democrats carried off a majority of the offices in Chicago, while their gains were also large in the state of Kansas. In San Francisco Ralph was elected mayor, and the government forces defeated the labor unions in the fight for control of the board of supervisors.—Grit.

How It Is With Mr. Caldwell.

For a long time past, Mr. J. P. Caldwell has been struggling for his daily breath. Since his recent decline, this struggle has become the more acute. He has periods of comparative relief, but these periods are followed at intervals by sinking spells, from which he rallies still weaker in bodily vitality and the less able to renew the struggle. It is beyond human possibility for him to regain any of his lost strength. His life is flickering like a candle in the socket. With him it may be a matter of a few days, possibly of weeks, but not at all likely of months. This statement will explain to Mr. Caldwell's friends the varying reports of improvement one day and of retrogression the next. And he would have us say what we have said. The patient sufferer is waiting knowingly and unafraid.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Atlanta ministers have been scoring the women of that city for their indecent mode of dressing, and we are glad every time these latter-day dress-sets get a check. We don't see them often in our quiet little town we are happy to say and we have never thought women who were modest or had good taste, follow very extreme styles.

Will Not Tolerate Abuse Oxford Public Lodgers.

Governor Kitchen is dear to the hearts of every Democrat in this district. At a time when we were banging our heads in the shambles we saw the cunning Scythe trailing our banner in the dust while we stood by helpless and disgusted. W. W. Kitchen came to the front and depressed the great Goliath and redeemed the district and during his twelve years that he had stood in the halls of Congress he was a representative of the people in every sense of the word, and as Governor he has been an honor to the State.

No man can fail to reverence the name of Judge Walter Clark, who stands as a towering strength on our judicial bench and who is one of the deepest thinkers of the nation. North Carolina is honored by his being her son, and not only is he honored by his being her son, but not only is he honored at home, but even among the great men of the United States his worth and greatness is recognized. He is worthy of any honor within the gift of the people.

As for Charles B. Aycock, our penitentiaries in trying to express our esteem for this great man. He is a man whom any man could love. Great big hearted, big brained, he has been a blessing to every boy and girl in this land, and long after he shall have crossed over to the great beyond and has laid aside his life's work his name shall be honored and blessed for what he has done for our State.

With these four great men standing before our party asking for honor, could we countenance abuse and bitterness against either? Not so long as we hold the helm of this ship nothing but words of praise and honor shall appear upon these pages in connection with their names.

Personally, the editor is for Governor Kitchen for Senator, but we shall not attempt to dictate to others and shall see that each of the four candidates get square deals. Our columns shall be open at all times for expressions from friends of any candidates, on the condition that no abuse of another candidate shall be permitted. In other words, The Ledger is a Democratic organ. We are all Democrats, the candidates are all Democrats and a free discussion of their merits will enable us to select the strongest man.

Two new buckwheat flour mills were unloaded from the cars at the station here yesterday, shipped to Mr. Jacob Miller and the firm of Miller & Johnson, both of Allegheny county. The mills are a new make for this section and required four teams to haul them across the Blue Ridge. One is to be erected and run by water on Cranberry creek, at Laurel Springs, and that of Miller & Johnson, this side of Laurel Springs, to be run by steam. These mills will supply a demand, as most of the other flour mill owners refuse to grind buckwheat at any time and those who have been raising buckwheat have depended upon the ordinary corn burr mills. A young man told us that he raised 75 bushels on three acres this year and could get better profit from this crop than any other product he could raise.—Wicksboro Hustler, 3d.

There will be 53 Sundays in this year of 1911, which is unusual. This will not occur again until 2020 which is 109 years hence, 1911 came in on Sunday and will go out on Sunday.

Synod in annual session in Charlotte last week, agreed to raise \$50,000 for improvements at Barium Springs Orphanage, and subscribed \$13,000 of it at once.

Two-thirds of the city of Han Kow, China, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000,000 and \$100,000 people are reported destitute.

Site of Claywell Home, Where Methodists First Preached.

In the sketch of local Methodism, copied from the North Carolina Christian Advocate in Tuesday's issue of The Landmark, was mentioned the preaching at the Claywell home in Snow Creek community. The Claywell home, where pioneer Methodists preached and where quarterly conferences were held was located about two miles from Snow Creek church and near Athens school house, on land now owned by Mrs. Mary Cowan. A marker of some sort should be erected to mark the historic spot.

The property referred to above was the home of the great grandfather of Mrs. R. C. Rivers, and it has been a pet idea of some of her relatives for years, that they would again come into possession of the historic old place.—Ed.]

There are only two kinds of people in the world—those who live in the shadow and gloom and those who live on the sunny side of the street. These shadowed ones are some time called pessimists; sometimes people of melancholy temperament; so in some times they are called disagreeable people but, wherever they go, their characteristic is this: their shadow always travels on before them. These people never bear their own burden, but expose all their wounds to others. They are all so busy looking down for pitfalls and sharp stones and thorns on which to step that they do not even know that there are any stars in the sky. These folks live on the wrong side of the street. Yet it is only twenty feet across to the other sidewalk, where sunshine always lies.—(Newell Dwight Hillis)

On last Thursday, W. S. Beam, an inmate of the Soldiers Home of Raleigh, passed to his reward. He was from Fredell Co, and held a certificate from the the School of Dr. Beantey York.

Col. H. C. Dockery editor of The Rockingham Post, died on the 6th at his home at Rockingham after a short illness. Heart failure caused his death and he was 61 years of age.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina which met last week in Charlotte, will meet next year in Raleigh.

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