

## ELECTION FORECAST GIVEN OUT BY THE LEADER OF BOTH PARTIES

### Democratic Congressional Committee Claim a Majority of 51 in the House of Representatives.

### MR. M'KINLEY IS CONFIDENT OF MAJORITY FOR HIS SIDE

### A Fair Working Majority, He Says—Detailed Statement of Estimates as Made by the Democrats.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Statements regarding control of the next house of representatives were given out today by the democratic congressional committee and Chairman McKinley of the republican congressional committee.

Democratic committee believes its party will have a majority of 51 in the sixty-second congress, while Mr. McKinley says he is confident the republicans will retain control by a fair working majority. The democratic statement follows:

"We believe after a careful, conservative estimate that we will have a majority of 51 in the next house. We arrive at this conclusion by giving to each party the districts they are reasonably certain to carry and dividing the doubtful districts equally between them."

"While our gains will be most pronounced in the east, they will not be confined to any special part of the country, as we have every reason to believe we will make gains in every state which now has republican representation, with the possible exception of four, and we do not expect to lose more than two districts now represented by democrats."

"In the beginning of the campaign prospects for democratic victory looked so bright we feared they would be only temporary. We congratulate ourselves that the revolt against the Payne-Aldrich bill and republican mismanagement of government has grown each day since the campaign began, until now it has become so evident that a very overwhelming victory for the democracy Chairman McKinley says:

"From the best reports obtainable I am confident the republican party will control the sixty-second congress by a fair working majority. The size of this majority, in fact the outcome of the election, will be determined by the percentage of republican vote of the country coming to the polls on Tuesday. Voters have taken but slight interest in the pending political campaign as is evidenced by the small vote cast at the primaries for candidates on the several tickets. This forecasts an extraordinarily light vote at the polls, especially in rural districts."

**WAYNESVILLE NOTES.**  
Lake People Taking Up Options—Construction Work to Begin Early in the Spring, Etc.  
Special to The Gazette-News.  
Waynesville, Nov. 5.—Waynesville is soon to have another meat market which is to be open on Depot street. Dave Burse has opened a restaurant on Depot street, in the Limer building.

J. R. Love of Sylvia, the republican candidate of this senatorial district, was here this week in the interest of his candidacy. He thinks if Hayward does not give too large a majority against him he will be the next senator from the 38th Senatorial district. It is now believed that the next general assembly will be asked to pass an act prohibiting near-brokers from being sold outside of the corporate town.

The lake people are taking up their options and their deeds are being registered. Actual work will be begun early in the spring on the lake. I learn they have already 300 applications for lots.  
The republican county candidates will end their campaign here today.

**IOWA POPULATION DWINDLES.**  
Census Report Has 2,224,751 People, a Decrease of Three-Tenths of One Per Cent. Since 1900.  
Washington, Oct. 5.—The population of the State of Iowa is 2,224,751, according to the thirteenth census enumeration. This is a decrease of 3 per cent.

**Damage by Typhoon in Philippines.**  
Washington, Nov. 5.—Serious damage was wrought at the army posts in the Philippines by a typhoon which swept over the island on October 31, according to the war department's cable reports.

**Renewed Promise of Peace in Express Strike.**  
New York, Nov. 5.—There was renewed promise of peace in the express strike situation today. Mayor Gaynor was active promoting plans for bringing the strikers and companies' representatives together.

**Atlanta Races Called Off. Rain.**  
Atlanta, Nov. 5.—Today's automobile races were called off on account of rain. Racing will be held Monday.

## Betting Odds in New York on Dix, But the Betting Is not Very Lively

New York, Nov. 5.—It is not possible that Dix will have less than 100,000 plurality in the state," declared William S. Rodie, of the democratic state committee today.  
"We will carry the state for the ticket by over 100,000 and for Stimson by 90,000," said Chairman Trentice of the republican state committee in a statement issued from republican headquarters.

New York Herald Syndicate.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—In spite of the fact that there have been reports of large bets in favor of Dix at the odds of 1 to 3, the opinion is expressed among a number of men who act in the capacity of both principals and commissioners that these odds are not on a solid foundation. With real money to cover propositions on this basis these men have sought to place large amounts, have been in the main unsuccessful.

## DIX AND STIMSON ARE WINDING UP CAMPAIGN

### Both New York Candidates Spoke at Various Places Last Night—Both in Smash-ups.

Troy, N. Y., Nov. 5.—John A. Dix, addressing the democratic mass meeting in St. Joseph's hall last night appealed to the Trojans to "help to put an end to the infamous system of over-taxation, which has become a burden through the exactions of the Payne-Aldrich bill and to the extravagance of the national and state governments."

Mr. Dix devoted the greater part of his speech to a discussion of the tariff, and in conclusion pledged himself and his associates to do their utmost to give the people of the state an economical and efficient administration.  
"Under load of taxation imposed upon us by the recently revised tariff," said Mr. Dix, "we have reached a point where our opponents realize that conditions must be changed. They now suggest that there should be a new revision, thereby admitting the failure of the one so recently made by them and they ask that the opportunity of revising the tariff should be again entrusted to them."  
"I would remind you that in the last national campaign they were entrusted with power because of their expressed and explicit promise to give the people a downward revision of the tariff, and they have absolutely failed to make such revision."  
"They have squarely broken the promise upon which they retained power. The Payne-Aldrich bill represents neither a downward nor an honest revision of the tariff and it is a revision which is satisfactory only to the special interests of the country."  
"The democratic party in this country is the only party which can be entrusted to make an honest and downward revision of the tariff."

"Our opponents have had their opportunity and have missed it; they have been wanting in the balance and found wanting."  
No Strings to Stimson.  
New York, Nov. 5.—The republican candidate for governor, Henry L. Stimson, covered Westchester county in an automobile last night and spoke at the three principal centers of population—New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and Yonkers.

"My opponents continually assert," he said, "that I am a Roosevelt man. It is my opinion that I am an admirer of the integrity of Colonel Roosevelt. I am free to say that I am a Roosevelt man, but if they mean to insinuate that, in the event of my election, I should administer the office of governor under the dictation of Colonel Roosevelt or any other man, I say as forcibly as I can that not only am I not Colonel Roosevelt's man, but that I am not any man's man."  
Both Candidates in Automobile Accidents.  
Troy, N. Y., Nov. 5.—John A. Dix, democratic candidate for governor, while en route from Albany to this city last night, figured in an automobile accident when his machine ran into a street excavation at Watervliet, and was badly damaged. Mr. Dix and the members of his party escaped with a severe shaking up.

Like Mr. Dix, Mr. Stimson also figured in an automobile accident last night. In Tarrytown the taxicab in which he was riding broke down but he escaped with even less of a jar than did his opponent. A touring car was commandeered and the candidate whirled on to New Rochelle for his final speech of the evening.

**THE WEATHER.**  
For Asheville and vicinity—Rain tonight or Sunday; warmer tonight. For North Carolina—Unsettled with rain tonight or Sunday, warmer in the interior tonight.  
General Amnesty Proclaimed.  
Lisbon, Nov. 5.—Commemorating the establishment of the new republic of Portugal one month ago, a decree was published today granting amnesty to all political offenders.

**"Blind Gospel Singer" Is Dead.**  
Los Angeles, Nov. 5.—William Victor Baker, known throughout the English speaking world as the "blind Gospel singer," was found dead today in bed beside his wife. He was 70 years old. Baker traveled with both Mood and Chapman.

**Mysterious Black Hand Murders.**  
New York, Nov. 5.—Four Italians are dying as the result of mysterious black hand attacks this morning in three widely scattered parts of the city.

## SERVICE ON ELECTION NIGHT BY BULLETIN AND "EXTRA"

**F**OLLOWING its custom The Gazette-News has arranged for immediate receipt and publication of the election returns Tuesday night, and results in the county, district, state and nation will be displayed by stereopticon bulletin as fast as the ballots are counted out. An electric stereopticon will be used to project the bulletins on an immense screen in front of The Gazette-News office, plainly visible to anyone who can see at all. In addition to this, bulletins will be read out by megaphone. This double service is an innovation, in the nature of an experiment. The Gazette-News wishing to give as complete and elaborate election night service as possible.  
Facilities inside the office will also be duplicated in every detail, including telegraph service, coming into The Gazette-News office over its private wire, which will be further augmented by the Southern Bell long distance telephone. The Western Union Telegraph company furnishes an election night bulletin service which has in the past been found to be very complete and satisfactory; and to minimize any possibility of delay, this has been secured by The Gazette-News to supplement The Associated Press service, which, needless to say, is the most complete and efficient of news gathering organizations, and on occasions like a general election serves all its subscribers, both morning and afternoon papers, continuously.  
But it is not only its city and suburban neighbors who may find it convenient to come to the stereopticon show who get the benefit of these preparations to receive the election news; a "midnight extra" edition, which will be kept open as late as necessary to get all the available returns, will go to all subscribers, by carrier and by mail, on Wednesday morning. Old subscribers will recall that Gazette-News election night extras have carried the complete, comprehensive and satisfactory story of the results, except as to those remote sections where the returns are delayed.

"Charlie" Mahoney said that these odds originated in Wall street, but in spite of the most careful search two of his commissioners failed to turn up any Dix money. Mahoney stated that he was not going to take any bets at these odds unless the lowest figure was well above the thousand mark. He said that the best he could get was 2 1/2 to 1, and that only for small amounts up to \$1000.  
Another man who figures prominently in the betting up town said that he had registered several bets of \$1000 at the odds of 2 and 2 1/2 to 1, but that the betting this year was running far behind previous years both in amounts and activity. One bet of less than a thousand dollars was made that Dix would carry every election district in New York city at the odds of 1 to 3, while another bet of \$1000 to \$250 that the democrats rose the state ticket with the exception of Dix was made. Two thousand to \$1800 that Dix would win by a plurality of more than 50,000 was made. Another freak bet is among the few which have been recorded this election. It is \$100 to \$250 that Dix wins by a majority of 125,000.  
What Wall street thinks the effect of Mr. Dix's election will be was shown when a bet of \$20,000 even was reported that steel will sell at par by January 10, assuming he is elected. The bet was made by members of the exchange, and the only difference of opinion between them was the extent of steel's rise. The highest price at which steel has ever sold was 91 7/8. On the general result about \$75,000 was placed on the election at odds of three to one. At these figures one Broad street house placed \$18,000 against \$9,000, and there were many bets of \$2,000 to \$1,000. One Dix man was fortunate enough to get \$25,000 against his \$5,000, which seemed to exhaust all the republican money at these odds. On the curb a few small bets were made at 4 to 1, but the total was not large.  
Even money was offered that Dix's plurality would be 100,000. At these figures one bet of \$2500 was made by a well known commissioner, another of \$20,000 even was placed, and there were several of \$500 and \$1000. There was another bet of \$2000 even that it will be at least 75,000.

President of United Wireless Fighting Hard to Escape Term of Imprisonment for Contempt.  
Washington, Nov. 5.—An appeal from the decision of the New York federal courts, holding President Christopher C. Wilson guilty of contempt of court for not producing certain books of the United Wireless Telegraph company for examination by the grand jury, was filed in the Supreme court of the United States today.

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It is expected by attaches of the criminal court that the October grand jury, which is still in session, will make the investigation under direction of Mr. Payne. Subpoenas have already been issued for several witnesses. Mr. Wayne says he wants the inquiry taken up immediately because he believes the charges should be looked into by a legal body before disbarment proceedings are taken up by the Bar association.

Immediately following this appointment of former Judge Payne, Judge Kavanaugh issued an order directing Attorney Fogel of the Bar association to turn over to the grand jury the affidavits making charges of bribery against Mr. Wayne, which Erbsstein had fled with the association. Judge Kavanaugh also entered an order directing a certain witness to tell the grand jury the name of the juror alleged by Erbsstein to have been bribed.  
"Within two hours after Judge Kavanaugh had issued his orders in connection with the special inquiry, the grand jury returned indictments against Erbsstein, McBride and others charging conspiracy to do an illegal act. Three unidentified men were also specified in John Doe indictments returned by the grand jury in connection with the Erbsstein case and the alleged conspiracy to injure Mr. Wayne."

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Legislature Will Be Safely Democratic on Joint Ballot—Thinks the Whole Ticket Will Win.  
Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—Chairman Nichols of the democratic legislative committee has issued the following statement:  
"The legislative committee of the democratic party of Ohio claims the re-election of Judson Harmon as governor, by the largest majority ever given a democratic candidate for a state office since the formation of the republican party. His majority will be so heavy that there can be no reasonable doubt of the election of the whole democratic state ticket.  
"The legislature will be safely democratic on joint ballot.  
"The election of 14 democratic congressmen seems assured."

## COURT INVESTIGATES CHARGES OF BRIBERY

### Indictments Returned of Erbsstein, McBride and Others in Connection With Browne Trial.

## SWEEPING DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN OHIO FORECAST BY NICHOLS

## APPEAL IS MADE TO MGR. COOPMAN

### The Retail Merchants Telegraph, Asking for a Convenient Schedule on Murphy Line.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants' association held last night in the association rooms definite action was taken relative to schedules on the Murphy division between Waynesville and Asheville when the new trains Nos. 7 and 8 are re-instated, November 13. It was decided by the association to send a message to General Manager E. H. Coopman of the Southern railway requesting that convenient shopping schedules be inaugurated, with the suggestion that the train leave Waynesville at 7:30 a. m. and returning leave Asheville at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. A telegram was sent Mr. Coopman by the association requesting a schedule along these lines. In the message to Mr. Coopman it was stated that men, women and children on the Murphy division have signed the petition.  
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## A SOLID DELEGATION MR. CRAIG'S PREDICTION

### Believes Democrats Will Elect all Their Candidates to Congress Next Week.

Hon. Locke Craig returned to the city today after an absence of nearly three weeks, during which time he has made speeches in a number of eastern counties. Yesterday he spoke to a large crowd at Old Fort and tonight he goes to Canton, where he will make the concluding speech of the campaign. Mr. Craig was very optimistic today and believed that a great democratic gain would be recorded throughout the state when the result of the election on next Tuesday night became known. According to the reports, everywhere he has spoken he has met with splendid crowds and has received great ovations.

Mr. Craig says that from what he can learn, North Carolina will send a solid democratic delegation to congress this year. In the Third district a hard fight is being waged between George E. Butler, the republican nominee, and Dr. Faison, the democratic candidate, but he believes that Dr. Faison will be elected by a good majority. In the Fifth, now represented by Congressman Morehead, he says that Major Stedman will defeat Mr. Blair, the republican candidate, while in the Eighth the impression prevails that R. L. Doughton of Alleghany will be able to carry the mountain counties which will insure his election. The election of Congressman Webb over S. S. McNichols now seems assured while he believes that J. M. Gudger, Jr. will defeat John G. Grant.

## JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD SPEAKER FOR TOMORROW

### Under Y.M.C.A. Auspices, at the Palace Theater—"Why a Young Man Should Be a Christian."

Judge J. C. Pritchard will be the second attraction in a series of addresses that is being delivered at the Palace theater under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He speaks at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and the men of Asheville are invited to hear him. His subject will be: "Why a Young Man Should Be a Christian." This topic, discussed by one so eminent, should be attractive to every thinking man in Asheville. Fathers can listen with profit, to have fresh and helpful thoughts to present to their sons, and young men should be vitally and personally interested. No boys under 15 years old are expected to be present. All strangers in the city are cordially invited.

Judge Pritchard has spoken at these men's meetings on other occasions and always brings a message worth while hearing. He fills the hall with men and no one leaves disappointed. The doors will be open at 3:30 o'clock and the meeting begins promptly at 4 o'clock.

**CARLISLE INDIANS VS. VIRGINIA**  
Hard Fought Gridiron Battle Expected in Washington—Virginia Backed by Army of Rooters.  
Washington, Nov. 5.—A hard fought football game was expected between the Carlisle Indians and the University of Virginia here today. The Indians were confident of victory. Virginia, backed by army of rooters, was optimistic. Good football weather prevails.

## FIRE DESTROYED PINEY WOODS INN LAST NIGHT

### Famous Hostelry at Southern Pines Goes Up in Smoke—No Guests in the Hotel.

Charlotte, Nov. 5.—Fire of an unknown origin late last night destroyed Piney Woods inn, the famous hostelry at Southern Pines. There were no guests in the hotel, but the management and several helpers were on the ground preparatory to opening the resort for the winter on December 1. The loss was complete, reaching \$139,000 and the insurance only partially covers it. The Philadelphia National league team has made this hostelry headquarters for a number of seasons and had already contracted for accommodations next spring.