

## Carolina Watchman.

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### The Elections Tuesday.

Nine States held elections Tuesday, and the telegraphic reports which came in yesterday morning were brilliant with Democratic victories. It is probable, however, that accurate and fuller reports may greatly modify these results. But there seems little room to doubt the defeat of Mahone in Virginia, which will be glory enough for one day. The majority against him and his party is claimed to be very large, even at his home, and in the county of his nativity.

Thursday morning's reports will be more reliable and less sensational, and from these we will make up the news of the week.

The election news this morning holds up Democratic beyond our expectation. Virginia, Ohio and Iowa have elected Democratic Governors. Mahone is badly beaten in Virginia, the majority of 20,000 being still claimed.

The New York Legislature is claimed to be Democratic on joint ballot.

A Democratic Legislature is claimed for Ohio.

Massachusetts has gone republican by a slightly reduced majority.

Iowa elects a republican legislature by a largely reduced majority.

The republicans gain strength in the legislature of Maryland.

New Jersey, democratic by a good working majority in the legislature.

Democrats made gains in Kansas and Nebraska.

### That Abomination.

That abomination, the Blair educational bill, is being talked about again by the State press. Maj. Finger has gone into print with a significant "what are you going to do about it?" after detailing the educational situation in North Carolina. The WATCHMAN has never for a moment thought of encouraging the demolisher of States' rights, the Blair bill; such a thing is not to be thought of. That very bill, if passed, would accomplish what Grant and Sherman failed to do with their bloody armies—to wrest from the people the right to control State and county affairs. The North, with its notions of higher Darwinian philosophy and negro equality in schools, and with its anti-democratic notions of a strong centralized government would hail the passage of this bill as paving the way to conquer the self-respect of the people of the South and place negroes on white folks' school benches.

Our people are carrying a heavy school tax now, which is equally divided with the negroes—we must increase this burden rather than encourage the Blair iniquity. Maj. Finger says we can't stand still—must move. Well, for us, we move steadily against the Blair bill, and we will see to the situation a little different before we can ask that a school tax be increased. If the white tax payer did not have to carry the "colored man and brother" in this matter, it would straighten the kinks out of this knotty question in less than a jiffy. As it is, his own race receives but about one-half of the benefit derived from the taxes paid. That is equivalent to paying double now. An increase would not arouse enthusiasm on the right side of the question just now. Some people think that this "free educational steed" will fly the track and play havoc one of these days, if the rider does not keep a very cool head and steady nerve.

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Gov. Arthur L. Thomas of Utah in his report to the Secretary of the Interior in speaking of the people in his territory says—"They have accepted the doctrine of polygamy and will probably adhere to it as long as they live and it is but a very poor tribute to their honesty to say they have abandoned it." He gives the relative strength of the two parties in Utah as follows: Mormons, 14,493; Gentiles, 7,000.

The Australian system of voting was tried in Massachusetts Tuesday, and it is said gave satisfaction.

An Ohio widow named Bowler, it is stated by northern papers, is about to marry John Jacob Astor's \$15,000,000. Of course John goes with his money.

A "feastment," with the usual accompaniment of pistols and razors, resulting in the wounding of two Africans, took place in Cabarrus county last Saturday.

Surveyors are at work locating and surveying the Aberdeen and Albemarle railroad from Candor to Troy, and our Montgomery county friends are to be congratulated.

John Means, of Cabarrus Co., a Confederate soldier, a member of General Rufus Barringer's cavalry, committed suicide Sunday morning by shooting himself in the head, aged about 60 years.

The annexation of Canada with the United States is rapidly gaining ground in that country. The chief organ of the government in Quebec in an editorial leans very strongly towards annexation.

North and South Dakota were last Saturday made States, the President signing the proclamation which admitted them into the sisterhood of the union. They have both adopted prohibition.

It is not very often that one half of the exhibitors at a fair or exhibition are satisfied but the Paris Exposition is an exception. Out of 55,000 exhibitors 33,000 were awarded premiums.

The Police Commissioner of London has refused the only Barnum the privilege of making a street parade in that city. It will be a wonder if Barnum does not try to buy him for exhibition purposes.

A boy at Asheville cleaning away saw dust and trash from under a circular saw in motion, raised up and struck his head against the saw. Though not instantly killed, it is thought he is fatally hurt.

A Philadelphia clothier who opened rooms in Charleston, S. C., recently, and solicited orders for suits to be made by measure in Wanamaker's house, received no orders, and after a five days trial, pulled up stakes and left.

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The Chilian government has paid \$62,000 to American railroad contractors for the purpose of paying the passages from Europe of the mechanics and artisans they wish to bring out. Why do American contractors send to Europe for artisans? We would like to know.

President Harrison, accompanied by his Cabinet, attended at the telegraph office in Washington, November 5th, and formally opened the Montgomery Ala. Exposition by touching a telegraphic button in connection with the system at the Exposition building and starting the machinery.

The Davie Times and other papers speak of the lynchers of Berrier as among the best citizens of Davidson county. After reading of the horrible and barbarous procedure of the crowd on that occasion, we are constrained to ask for deliverance from ever meeting one of our sister county's worst citizens.

Three boys, aged eleven, nine and four years respectively, have been arrested at South Orange N. J., and imprisoned for incendiarism. The evidence is very strong to the effect that they have set fire to a number of business houses in that place during the last two months causing an enormous amount of loss.

It is said that the letter published in the northern papers last week to the effect that Blaine was a little "off his nut" when he wrote the letter declining to allow his name to be used before the Republican convention in 1888, is merely the preliminary before beginning a canvass for the presidential nomination in 1892.

L. P. Prince, the Governor of New Mexico, makes a strong showing in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, in favor of the admission of that Territory as a state. It is expected that the democrats in Congress will make a determined fight during the coming session for the admission of New Mexico and Idaho.

Wm. Bowen, of Kentucky, was married last Thursday at Flemingsburg, Ky., to Miss Maggie Kyne. Bowen was known as the barefooted color bearer of the Confederate forces and never had a shoe on his foot until he had killed a Yankee in the late war with his color staff, and appropriated his shoes to his own use.

Ten cases of typhoid fever have occurred in Yale College since the 20th of September and the students are almost at the point of leaving, although it is claimed by the professors that the sanitary condition is good and that all of the cases thus far were contracted by the students before they came there, and that it is only now showing itself.

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"Big Tom Wilson was in Asheville one day last week with a bear following him at his heels. Tom is a noted character and is known by nearly every one who visits the Black Mountains. He is now sixty-six years old with handsome brown eyes and thick curly white hair; has never used tobacco or whisky and is one of the most noted hunters and guides in Buncombe and Yancey counties.

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It seems very much as if either one or both of the Hatfield and McCoy factions, in West Virginia, would be exterminated. In a fight between them last Thursday night, six of the Hatfields were killed or desperately wounded, and two of the McCoys were killed and four others wounded so badly that they were captured and the next morning at sunrise were tied to trees and hot.

A call has been made for a convention of "Afro-Americans" to be held at Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday, January 15th, 1890, for the purpose of organizing an Afro-American party. The call states that the object is to successfully combat the denial of our constitutional and inherent rights so generally denied or abridged throughout the republic in other words they want office or boodle and will get—left everything.

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### Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 1889.

Civil Service Commissioner Thompson's friends indignantly deny the statement charging him with having assisted in collecting campaign contributions for the Democratic National Committee in 1888 from the clerks in the Treasury department while he was Assistant Secretary of that Department. Mr. Yauman who was chief clerk of the Treasury at the time, makes the following statement which is corroborated by a number of other officials, some of them republicans.

"During the incumbency of Mr. Thompson as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, I was the Chief Clerk and Superintendent of the Treasury building and charged with the enforcement of all orders. I remember distinctly during the campaign of my '88 one of my subordinates, without knowledge, had collected or received from the employees some seventy-five dollars and informed me of it, and wished to turn the money over to me to be forwarded to the democratic committee. I declined to receive it, and at once reported the fact to Assistant Secretary Thompson, who distinctly and emphatically told me that such act was illegal and must not be permitted in the department, and directed me to send for this subordinate and order him to return the money to the persons from whom he had received it, upon pain of dismissal (which I did and the money was returned), and further to stop all of that kind of work in the Treasury department."

This silly charge was brought against Mr. Thompson by republicans because he has taken steps to prosecute members of the Virginia republican club of this city for collecting money from Government employees for the Mahone campaign fund.

Ex-Secretary Bayard will be married in this city next Thursday, to Miss Clymer. This marriage has been reported as about to take place at least a half dozen times during the last year. This announcement is official, as your correspondent has one of the few cards issued.

Mr. Harrison is understood to have sat down somewhat heavily on Secretary Noble in regard to the dismissal of those employees of the Pension office whose pensions were rerated by the late Commissioner, Tanner. The Secretary wanted to dismiss them all, but the President has given him orders that none are dismissed unless it can be fully shown that they are guilty of having violated the law. The only one of them dismissed so far is a democrat, and it is only fair to Mr. Harrison to say that he was removed before the matter was brought to the President's attention.

The Postmaster General has backed down from the dictatorial postmaster position he assumed towards the telegraph companies some months ago, and has set the rates to be paid by the Government for official telegraph much higher than the price he then named. The rates are about the same as those charged everyone by the B. & O. telegraph company when it was swallowed by the Western Union monopoly. Jay Gould is a "bigger" man than Wanamaker.

The Savannah (Ga.) people are making a move against the buying and selling of parlor matches in that city. The movement is prompted by the careless use of matches there, which has caused heavy losses of cotton and other property. Matches dropped on the wharves and platforms are ignited and set on fire cotton bales, which soon burst out into a fearful conflagration.

**Resolutions of Love and Respect.**

At a meeting of King's Daughters held at the home of Miss Josephine Baker, Monday, Nov. 5th, the following resolutions of love and respect were adopted for the loss of our lovely member, Minnie Krieger McCubbin, whom an all-wise God, in his providence has removed from the work on earth to the work above:

"Resolved, that