

## REPUBLICANS SWEEP FIELD

In Tuesday's election the Republicans swept practically the whole field. In Massachusetts the Republican candidate for governor won by a plurality of 125,000, the largest majority ever received by any candidate in that state. The entire Republican state ticket was elected by large majorities.

The old Democratic state of Kentucky was swept into the Republican column. Edwin P. Morrow, the Republican candidate was elected by a majority of 30,000. Republicans elected 53 of the 100 state representatives, while the Democrats elected 46.

In New York the Republicans elected their candidates for judges of the supreme court by good margins. And James O'Malley, Republican, defeated James A. Foley, Democrat, for surrogate in New York county.

In Virginia, where the rottenest election laws ever penned by the hand of man, are upon the statute books, the Republicans gained several members of the legislature.

In Philadelphia, the Republicans elected their candidate for mayor by a large majority. They also elected their full legislative ticket.

Republicans won a decided victory in Chicago, electing eighty-one members of the constitutional convention against twenty-one Democrats.

In Maryland the question of who was elected has not been determined. Both sides are claiming the election. It will take the official count to determine which side has the best of the Maryland election.

The latest news from Mississippi was to the effect that the Democrats would probably win, the Republicans not having any candidates in the running in that state.

In Massachusetts the slogan of the Republican candidates was: "Law and Order." In New Jersey the Democratic candidate for governor had for his slogan: "Make New Jersey as Wet as the Atlantic Ocean."

Goernor Coolidge, Republican, won in Massachusetts by the enormous majority of 125,000, and President Wilson sent him a telegram congratulating him on his great victory which he had won on a law enforcement platform.

In New Jersey the Democratic candidate for governor won on a liquor issue, and the President wired him congratulating him for having won such a great victory.

Just a few days ago the President vetoed the law enforcement act, the significance of which can now be plainly seen. Comment is unnecessary.

The result of Tuesday's election was, in short, proof conclusive of what would have happened to the Democrats had the election been a national one, and from the results it is easy to see what will happen in the election of 1920.

### LADIES AID SOCIETY HOLD MEETING

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church held their monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Immediately after business was concluded they went to the home of Mrs. Bessie Egerton, where they had been invited to celebrate the seventy-sixth birthday of her mother, Mrs. Annie L. Anderson. For eighteen years Mrs. Anderson has been president of the Aid Society, and will hold the office of honorary president.

When the guests had all assembled, Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell, president of the society, presented Mrs. Anderson with a handsome silver spoon as a token of affection and appreciation from the organization which she has so faithfully and satisfactorily served for many years. The gift came to Mrs. Anderson as a complete surprise, and she accepted it with great pleasure. Immediately afterward refreshments were served, and a pleasant social meeting followed.

### LARGE SWEET POTATO

Mrs. W. D. Justus of Flat Rock, Nov. 1, sent us this week a sweet potato that she grew this season. The potato is perfectly round, weighs four and a half pounds and is a "whopper" in size. It can be seen in our front

## THOMAS J. SHIPMAN

News of the death of Thomas Jefferson Shipman, who died suddenly last Friday, while at work in the Pink Beds, came as a severe shock to his many friends and relatives.

Mr. Shipman, who was a valued and trusted employe of the Carr Lumber Company at Pisgah Forest, and Brevard Tanning Company, was in the performance of the duties incident to his employment when the fatal summons came. He had gone to the telephone to speak with some one in the office of the company at Pisgah Forest. The man who answered the telephone call of Mr. Shipman, asked how he was feeling. Mr. Shipman replied that he was feeling fine. He then dropped dead of heart failure. Undertaker, Shepherd went to Pisgah Forest and brought the body to Hendersonville, and prepared it for burial.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in this city Saturday morning, and interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. Dr. E. E. Bomar, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. M. F. Moores, pastor of the Methodist church here, conducted the funeral services. A large number of the people of the community, among whom Mr. Shipman had resided for several years, were in attendance at the funeral.

The deceased was 52 years of age, and appeared to be in good health. He had been a resident of this city for a number of years and was a man who was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, having resided in the vicinity of that church prior to his removal to this city several years ago.

Mr. Shipman formerly conducted a mercantile business near the depot in this city, but for several years past had worked at the wood and timber business in Transylvania county.

The members of his family left surviving, and who reside in Hendersonville, are: The widow, and five children, Misses Jessie, Gertrude, Beulah, Mazie, and Grover L. Shipman.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: W. E. Shipman, Hendersonville, Mrs. M. F. Blythe, Etowah; Mrs. Lula Kilpatrick and Mrs. Patrick Henry of Brevard; Mrs. Emma Johnson of Greenville, and Mrs. A. F. Justus, of Hendersonville.

### MAN STEPS FROM AUTO, FALLS, NECK IS BROKEN

Asheville, Nov. 4.—John L. Moore, aged 55 years, night watchman at Saint Genevieve's convent, was instantly killed this afternoon when he slipped as he stepped from the machine driven by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell at Arden and, falling on the concrete paving, broke his neck. The party had gone to Arden to look for a negro wanted for stealing a cow and as the machine turned to go up to the Arden station Mr. Moore stepped out of the car and fell. He was for many years chief engineer at the old Kenilworth Inn and was well known in the city. Surviving are a widow and three sons.

### SPARTANBURG FAIR IS OFF TO SPLENDID START

Spartanburg, Nov. 4.—The Spartanburg county fair opened here today with a good attendance for the opening day. There are good attractions, fair races, but exceptional exhibits of livestock, poultry and farm machinery. The fair will be somewhat interrupted by the arrival of Ringling Brother's circus in the city tomorrow, but the management says there is no doubt as to record-breaking attendance for Thursday and Friday.

### WEBB CONFIRMED

The nomination of Congressman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby for the federal judgeship in the western district of this state, has been confirmed by the Senate, and he is scheduled to hold his first court at Asheville next week.

## BARKER LAND TO BE SOLD

From Balfour to the outskirts of East Flat Rock and from the Southern passenger station eastward for miles stretched the truly magnificent estate of the late Major Theodore Barker, once so familiar a figure on Main street and a part of whose vast holdings are now on the market, to be sold at public auction by R. C. Clarke on Wednesday morning, November 12.

There were between two and three thousand acres of the estate, recalls W. A. Smith, a life-long friend and admirer of the eminent lawyer whose hunger for Henderson county land seemed never to be satisfied. The stretch of that estate appeals to the imagination strongly: beginning at Balfour to far-off East Flat Rock and running eastward for miles. A magnificent estate, truly.

And now it is being sub-divided—being cut up into small farms whose fertile soil means future competence to the worker. The tracts will be of varying sizes—from five to fifteen acres. Some of them are splendidly wooded—these will appeal to the city man desirous of suburban home. Others will consist of bottom lands, or uplands and these will speak to the farmer, the trucker, or again the city man who wants to fight the high living costs in the most effective way.

This property was the pride of a big man—a man who ranked high in his profession. He was the law partner of a man no less distinguished in the law—Barker and Simonton was the firm title. Judge Simonton was a noted jurist, at one time a federal judge, and the partnership endured many years. Although Major Barker's winter home was in Charleston, and although he owned great rice plantations in South Carolina, it was here in Hendersonville and on this beautiful estate now to be turned over to the ~~man~~ ~~of~~ ~~more~~ ~~modest~~ means that he found his relaxation and greatest joy in life.

P. F. Patton and Brownlow Jackson, who announce this important sale of an historic estate, have had good roads and streets built there and have so platted the 225 acres to be offered that almost any man may find his needs satisfied. The fertility of the soil of the estate is common knowledge. So fertile is it, indeed, that Smith, Jackson & Morris, the real estate brokers handling the transaction for the interested parties, believe the development of these 225 acres as small farms will mean a very considerable addition to the county's agricultural wealth. Major Barker took pride in the estate—pride in its beauty, in its wonder appeal, and pride in its farms' productivity.

And so, an estate which once equalled in area many a little old country kingdom, which ran from Balfour to the confines of East Flat Rock, will soon pass into many different hands. It is a matter of congratulation, however, that the building of roads and streets through its depths has but revealed new beauties there, new charms and, perhaps best of all, new opportunities for those who find joy in the country on the edge of a town, and who will there work out a wise plan in which new health and more wealth will play equal parts.

### CHURCH OFFICERS MEET

The new stewards of the Methodist church met Monday night at the church and transacted such business as was necessary at the beginning of the conference year. W. S. Miller was made chairman of the board of stewards; F. H. Kincaid, treasurer; C. F. Bland, secretary.

- Finance Committee**  
F. S. Wetmur, chairman; J. D. Pullin, J. F. Byers, Chas. Rozelle, F. V. Hunter, F. E. Durfee.
- House Upkeep Committee**  
A. L. Gurley, P. J. Gilreath, J. F. Byers, A. J. Henderson.
- Music Committee**  
Mrs. A. W. Honeycutt, C. F. Bland, S. T. Hodges.
- Welcome Committee**  
C. E. Brooks.
- Collectors**  
J. F. Byers, F. V. Hunter, A. F. Justus.
- Ushers**  
H. F. Stewart, W. F. Edwards, Jr., A. C. Glassner, M. C. Letson.
- The pastor's salary, last year, \$1,800 was fixed at \$2,000 for the in-

## AGRICULTURAL COURSE STARTED

The course in livestock and dairying at the Hendersonville high school was started Saturday, November 1st. There was a large number of boys present, and much interest was displayed in the course as outlined by Mr. Garvin.

To show the type of young men who are interested in taking this course, it might be well to say that most of them are boys who are at present living on farms. One lives on a 100-acre farm near Hillgert. On this farm they have a good number of beef cattle and this boy is interested in the further study of beef cattle. He wants to know how to feed them more economically so that he will make a greater profit therefrom. So as his project in connection with the course of study he will feed several head of cattle through the winter, keeping accurate account of all expenses. Then when they are sold in the spring he will be able to figure out his exact profit or loss on same.

There are several others like this boy and all of them are in dead earnest about the course.

Then there are several registered for the course who at present live in town. Some of them have at one time lived on farms. Others never have but think that they want to make farming their life work. This type of boy will find that he has much to learn which is new to him, but he will also find that there will be much of great interest to him in the learning. Unless this boy has some land or livestock of his own, he must use some belonging to someone else in order that he may gain the practical experience which will be necessary for him. If he chances to be interested in dairy cattle he may get a pure bred calf and raise it, keeping account of all expenses for a year. This is something which would be very much worth while.

Until the high school moves into their new quarters the class will begin every morning at 8:30. All who are in any way interested should consult either Superintendent Honeycutt or Mr. Garvin. This course is open to all boys in the county who are over 14 years of age.

### BOY GROUND TO DEATH IN SHAFT AT COTTON GIN

Salisbury, Nov. 4.—Paul Castor, 12-year-old son of Berl Castor, met a horrible death today at the cotton gin near Faith where the elder Castor is employed.

The boy, while handling a bag, got it caught in the shafting and was dragged into the rapidly moving shaft. His legs were torn off and his head badly battered, death being almost instantaneous.

### ASHEVILLE SANATORIUM IS COMPLETELY OUT OF SUGAR

Asheville, Nov. 4.—Asheville's sugar shortage has reached such a stage that one large sanatorium reported today that every ounce of sugar had been exhausted and they had been unable to get more. The hospital is filled with patients and the situation is serious.

### CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED AT KINSTON AGAINST MOSQUITO

Kinston, Nov. 4.—Representatives of the United States public health service and the local health bureau tonight put in motion a movement for mosquito eradication here. The city council is expected to make an appropriation, to be augmented by government funds, to combat malaria next year. Low ground south and west of city have been breeding places of considerable numbers of pests in years past, while even the northern part of the city, on the highest ground in eastern Carolina, has had an epidemic of mosquitoes the past three weeks. Oil will be extensively used in the campaign.

### EAST HENDERSONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. S. Blackburn who is serving both Fairview and East Hendersonville will fill his regular services at the East Baptist church next Sunday at both services and again on the fourth Sunday, as he is giving this church the second and fourth Sundays of each month for the present.

All are cordially invited to these services.

## GREAT WASTE PUBLIC FUNDS

The congressional sub-committee which has been investigating the \$27,000,000 munition contract involving the Standard Steel Car Company of Hammond, Ind., will ask that at least a dozen army officers and civilians be prosecuted criminally. And if the report of the committee is true, the whole outfit of them ought to be put in prison stripes.

Among those who will be scored most severely by the report of the investigating sub-committee, which is scheduled to be read on the floor of the House of Representatives, are certain ordinance officers of the army central department, members and attaches of the Chicago district ordinance claims board, and officers of the car company, of Hammond, Ind., which held a \$50,000,000 contract to manufacture howitzer carriages, according to a declaration of William J. Graham, chairman of the House sub-committee.

Among the principal charges which will be brought to the attention of the House of Representatives, are: The government spent \$27,127,628 on the contract and received 200 gun carriages, which were to have cost \$40,000 apiece, or \$8,000,000.

No carriage was finished before the end of the war. No guns were mounted on these carriages until after the armistice was signed.

Settlement of the claim of the company which had the contract to make the carriages, was rushed through at break-neck speed and under unusual conditions, despite the fact that the Chicago Tribune months before had published an expose of its doubtful ramifications.

Lost \$3,000,000 in 3 Days

A final award of \$3,000,000, as a last portion of the \$27,000,000 total, was made to the corporation, the claim settled and the check paid within three days—another record breaking procedure as regards war contracts.

Many items in the claim, which were accepted by the claims board, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, were never audited by the government, it is charged. The government was overcharged on sub-contracts, and the officials of the company, together with army officers, received automobiles and other presents from the sub-contracting companies, according to the committee's findings.

In a statement made by Representative Graham concerning the matter, he said credit for the expose belonged to government accountants, mainly to L. J. Blakely, stationed at the car company's plant. Mr. Graham's statement is in part as follows:

"The sub-committee is satisfied that the government is the victim of a gigantic fraud on this contract. We shall make our report to that effect, and we shall see that it is read before the House. Of all the munition scandals I have encountered, this is the worst. While the boys were losing their lives in France and the army was borrowing French artillery to fight the Germans, production was dallied with here and not a gun carriage was put out until after the close of hostilities."

Other members of the sub-committee, which investigated the matter which brings forth their report, were Representatives Albert W. Jefferies and Finis J. Garrett, both of whom assented to the spirit of Mr. Graham's statement quoted above.

**More Wild Waste**

According to official reports now before Congress, the committee on public information, headed by George Creel, cost the government approximately \$6,600,000 on the face of what is characterized as its chaotic records. The reports filed with Congress declare the Creel committee's affairs cannot be wound up for six months so great is the confusion.

Chairman Creel and other members of his committee are charged with gross negligence in handling the government's funds, in a report by E. K. Ellsworth of the council of national defense, appointed to liquidate the Creel committee's affairs.

Creel's committee issued hundreds of checks for individual expenses far in excess of the \$1000 maximum limit fixed by Congress, the report of Ellsworth says. These checks ranged, it adds, from \$100 to \$500,000, and were issued to between 400 and 500 persons who advanced parts to other persons.

Mr. Ellsworth said he was refusing to pay accounts approved by Chairman Creel. In this he is undoubtedly correct. When it is recalled how the men and women of this country, poor as well as rich, contributed of their means to carry on and win the war, few will be found who will say that all the scoundrels who wasted, squandered and stole their money should not be dealt with criminally and each punished in accordance with his degree of guilt.

Mr. Ellsworth said he found a balance of about \$1,500,000 left out of the \$55,650,000 from President Wilson's special war fund, and \$1,250,000 provided by Congress, included in the committee's assets. Unpaid bills aggregating several hundred thousand dollars for "service," were still in the Creel committee's files, some of them many months unacted upon. There were also checks and money orders payable to the Creel committee aggregating \$76,000, dated last spring, upon which collection had not been attempted. Ellsworth said he also found "several thousands worth of checks" \* \* \* thrown in file cases "without any effort having been made to realize on them.

**Other Papers Found**

Other negotiable papers were found "in desk trays" \* \* \* and on the floor," in the office of E. H. Hobbs, former disbursing officer and business manager of the Creel committee, and additional funds were found in New York and Washington banks and in Russian banks captured by the Bolsheviks, the Ellsworth report said. One item of \$10,000, in the hands of a New York auctioneer, was listed, "several thousand dollars with an army officer in Roumania," and other funds as having been left with consuls in Russia and France.

The Ellsworth investigating committee said, "from the facts in hand, the committee (senate committee on appropriations) can readily see the manner in which the financial affairs of the committee (on public affairs of which Mr. Creel was chairman) were handled before being transferred to the council of national defense."

A New York moving picture film company, Mr. Ellsworth's report said, claimed two accounts of \$8,000 and \$27,000.

"Upon my refusal to pay same without proper investigation," he said, "they referred their case to the White House. After a careful investigation I did not feel warranted in approving it as it did not appear to be a just one, and was forwarded to the auditor for the state and other departments with the reasons why I did not approve it, even though approved by Mr. Creel and also the chief of the division of films."

This paper stated a short time ago that before the election in 1920 the people would be told about how their money was spent by the present administration during the war period. It has been, and is going to continue to perform its share of the task of letting the people know just how their money was spent. It believes it is its duty to do so, in order to assist its readers in the matter of determining how they should cast their ballots in the election of next year. It believes that the men who are proven to be criminally negligent in the matter of the expenditure of the people's money during the war period, should be punished more severely than any other class of criminals, in order to deter others from like violations in the event that it again becomes necessary for this country to go to war. It is too bad for the people to work hard and deny themselves of many of the necessities of life in order that they may be able to contribute money to help defray the expenses of a war in which their country finds it necessary to engage, and then have millions of that money squandered and wasted.

### "MILLS DID IT"

Mills did what? Painted that big sign on Rose's Drug Store, corner Fourth and Main. When? This week. What kind of a job did he do? The sign is a "beaut" if you don't believe it. Take a look at the side of the drug store when passing.