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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The Republican party favors local self-government. Do you?

If you want to keep abreast with the times, vote for Taft and Cox.

Vote for Taft for President. Republican policies and prosperity go hand in hand.

Vote for Hon. J. Elwood Cox for Governor and help to restore business confidence in this State.

If you want a business man at the head of the business affairs of the State, vote for J. Elwood Cox.

Next Tuesday is election day and the voters will roll up a handsome majority for Republican prosperity.

The farmers demonstrate at every railway crossing that they are for the candidate of Republican prosperity.

Some of the Democratic leaders in this State are just forty years behind the times. They are still discussing the issue of 1868.

Governor Hughes refers to Mr. Bryan's paramours as "vagrants theories." Probably because they have no visible means of support.

Mr. Bryan is posing as the Advance Agent of Prosperity. It is not customary, however, to have an advance agent follow the show.

When Governor Glenn gets on the lecture platform he might have as one of his subjects, "How to Destroy Business Interests in North Carolina."

Judge Taft will convince the South that, if it supports the Republican doctrine of protection, it should consistently support the Republican party.

Democrats have discovered a lot of things in this campaign except reasons why any man who voted for Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 should vote for Bryan in 1908.

A minister in this State asks: "What must the Christian voter do?" In our opinion, the Christian voter should vote as he thinks, instead of as some one else dictates.

There are, of course, honest Democrats in New York who are for Chandler; but it cannot escape notice that the crooks, regardless of party, are unanimously against Hughes.

An increase in wages of \$100,000,000 every year under Republican administration is one substantial reason why the railway employees of the country are overwhelming for Taft and Sherman.

When the Democratic politicians have been talking to you about the tariff, just ask them what was the result of the Wilson-Gorman tariff, which their own President said was an act of party perfidy and dishonesty.

The Democratic politicians claim that the Republicans are trying to buy the election. Even if the charges were true it would be more honorable to buy it than to steal it. The Democrats in this State did not buy the election in Halifax and other counties in 1900—they simply counted the votes wrong.

During the last Democratic National administration wages of the laboring man ranged from 40 cents to \$1.25 per day. During Roosevelt's administration the wages paid the laboring man have ranged from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per day. Unless the laboring man feels that he is too prosperous, he should vote for Taft for President next Tuesday, which will be a vote to continue high wages.

Glassblowing is one of Indiana's important industries. The glassblowers are an intelligent class of workers, and they mean to act on their own judgment in making a choice of candidates. They decline to follow Gompers into the camp of Bryan and "a tariff for revenue only" because they know by bitter experience what that would mean. Many of them voted for Cleveland, and got the Democratic Wilson-Gorman tariff as a result, bringing with it four years of a cut in wages, and they don't want that four years over again, with probably worse conditions under Bryan.

## LETTER FROM BILKINS.

**War Between Turkey and Austria.—The "Harem" in Turkey Probably Constituted the "Balkan Situation"—A Moral Lecture on Politics—Dishonesty in Elections a Curse to the South.**

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Oct. 20, 1908.

I see by the news dispatches that Turkey an' Austria air makin' faces at each other an' threatenin' ter go ter war. The war started about the "Balkan situation," whatever that iz, fer I don't know, an' I hev no idee that anybody in Turkey or Austria knows.

But I expect the "harems" they hev in Turkey air at the bottom of the difficulty. The "harems" they hev in Turkey air a part of their religion an' awl of their politics. The officials of that country think more about the "harems" than they do about running' the country, an' if Austria thinks she kin whip Turkey an' capture the "harems," she hev a big job on her hands. The average Turkish official thinks az much of hiz "harem" az an American dude does of a package of cigarettes, an' that means a fight ter death.

Turkey hev bin whipped. But when the war would end they would give the victors purty much everythin'—except the harems. In that country the harem iz az popular az the magna charter iz in the United States. I hev heard that they hev sum mity pretty curiosities in the harems.

Some of our American officials hev harems, it iz sed. But they don't call them that; in fact, they hardly ever mention them in campaign speeches or when they air goin' around shakin' hands with the brethren. They prefer ter pull the mote out of the eyes of the voters by takin' their dram erway from them, or sumthin' ov that sort, an' az the American people love ter be humbugged, they hold mass-meetin's an' bless the politicians for deliverin' them from evil. Then they sit down an' order four gallons an' three quarts from Virginia or Kentucky. If you don't believe hit, examine the freight an' express records. If the North Carolina politicians keep on gittin' religious they will soon require awl naturalized citizens ter spend half of their time in prayer. Great iz perlitical humbugbery. An' hit iz growin' worse instead ov better.

Well, hit iz not more than two weeks till the election. What air you goin' ter do about hit? Go in' ter vote like your daddy voted, or air you goin' ter be an American citizen an' vote the way you think iz best? This iz a question that you order decide now. Give hit your attentun ter erway. Be a man. If you air twenty-one years ov age, an' air legally qualified, otherwise you hev a rite ter vote in this election an' no man nor woman hev a rite ter say how you shall vote. You air the man ter decide that question. You should vote your sentiments. If they iz any man who should be deprived of the rite ter vote hit iz the poor weakling who iz de dap ter the polls an' persuaded ter vote contrary ter what he believes for the sake of bein' popular, or ov bein' on the "big side." Be a man. Vote for the man ov the party of your choice, no matte if you air the only man in the State who votes for that party or that man. In some matters a man may be unable ter cope with other men. He may be inferior in brains, physically or in some other respect. But when he goes ter the polls ter vote he iz the equal ov any man. The law guarantees certain rights an' privileges an' hit iz only contemptible cowards who fall ter vote their sentiments. You may live in a neighborhood whar nearly everybody iz goin' ter vote contrary ter the way you air inclined ter vote. Perhaps an' oily-tongued worker ter the other side—"the big side"—may approach you an' urge you ter vote hiz way for the sake of bein' "popular," or sumthin' just az silly. If you give in an' vote that way just ter please the poll-worker, he will lose confidence in you an' the chances air that he will hardly speak ter you the next time he meets you. A rascal admires an' respects an' honest, fearless man, but despises the weakling who will yield ter hiz persuasions. Vote your sentiments if you would vote wisely. If you air worthy ov the name ov citizen. If I wuz not man enuff ter vote az I please, I'd get sum cloth an' ask Betsy ter make me some knee pants an' I'd be a little boy ergin. I repeat, that the most contemptible coward in awl the world iz the American citizen who will be dragged up ter the polls an' vote contrary ter the way he thinks best for the country. I wouldn't allow my dog ter bark at sich a man. If my mule Bob, which I value at \$2,000, wuz ter kick sich a man I'd sell him fer \$10 ter the first horse jockey I'd meet up with.

I see that the dykmakrat county candydates in Davidson County hev announced through the papers "that we will buy no votes this year." I guess that goes ter show that they hev been buyin' them in years gone by. An' hit iz a shame that the candydates ov either party, in any county, should buy votes in any election. But no doubt a grade deal ov sich work hev bin done. In the gude old days, before the prohibibshun plague fell on the land, the plan wuz

ter steal the election, or, rather, ter count the votes so as ter git a gude majority. I don't know why nor how that became unpoplar, that iz, if hit iz unpoplar; but hit must hev become so. But the announcement of this sudden reform in Davidson County probably meant that they air goin' ter try the stealing game ergin, believin' hit ter be the cheapest plan. At any rate, it does not mean that those politicians hev gotten religion, fer hit iz not on record that any politician ever got anythin' ov that sort, at least not while he wuz humbuggin' the public. Look out fer ballot-box stuffin' an' other crimes in Davidson County this year. Look out fer the same in other close counties, awso, fer hit iz in the atmosphere. An' hit will never stop until the United States Government iz run by men who are not willing ter tolerate dishonest elections, no matter in what section they are held. The South will never get over the disgrace of dishonest elections, fer hit hev bin common for forty years, an' the so-called "best people" in the South hev bin responsible fer most of the dirty work. When I git out side of the State that iz the only thing that keeps me from bein' proud that I am a North Carolinian, fer hit iz a State that iz worthy ov pride, except fer the character of his politicians. The atmosphere ov hell can not be worse than the political atmosphere of the Southern States, notwithstandin' the excellence of these States in everythin' except politics. Hit iz sad, but true.

Az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

## SOUTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION.

Organization Completed at Charlotte Saturday Night—Mr. Tompkins Reads Interesting Letter.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 24.—An organization which promises to prove a most important factor in the up-building of the textile industry in the Southern States for formally launched this evening under auspicious circumstances. Overseer, superintendents, mill engineers and others interested in the practical operations of the cotton-mill completed the organization of the "Southern Textile Association" this evening, after two days spent in hearing addresses.

J. A. Dean, overseer of the Nantuxet mills, Spray, N. C., was elected president; C. F. McCall, Greenville, S. C., first vice-president; N. T. Brown, Raleigh, second vice-president; E. E. Bowen, Spray, N. C., secretary, and David Clark, of this city, treasurer. The first annual meeting will be held December 26, in Charlotte. The organization will have a board of governors perfecting the function of an executive committee, with Mr. E. E. Smith, of Chester, S. C., chairman.

A constitution and by-laws were also adopted after the reading of the report of the committees appointed Friday to draw up the same. Half a dozen papers of practical nature were presented to the gathering by men well posted on their subjects.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins read a paper of considerable interest pointing out the need of co-operation between the mill man, the men at the heads of the various departments of the cotton mill at work, and the farmers who produce the raw material. He said that ten years ago cotton brought thirty dollars per bale, and a year ago it was worth twice that until the present depression came on. This state was caused largely by the emigration of less prosperous farmers to the mills. Education was urged as a factor in raising wages of operatives.

## FIERCE FUED IN CUMBERLAND.

Negroes and "Croats" Create Trouble Over School Question—"Croats" Fired Upon.

Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 24.—A fierce fued has sprung up in Cumberland county between negroes and several families calling themselves "Croats," over the subject of separate schools, as a result of which the family of Robt. Brewington has fled to Fayetteville for protection after their house had been fired into and their lives threatened by anonymous letters.

Some time ago certain residents of Carver's Creek township, chief of which were Brewingtons and Maynors, claiming to be Croats, petitioned the county commissioners for separate schools for the negroes of that section while the latter asked that no such action be taken, declaring that the petitioners were not Croats but mulattoes. The dispute between several nights ago when Brewington's house was fired upon by a party of negroes. Brewington, Maynor and several others of this section have since received threatening anonymous letters with the result that Brewington as above stated fled to this city.

## Read This.

The *Caucasian* will be sent from now until January 1st, 1909, for only 15 cents each subscription, in clubs of five or more, or 20 cents for single subscriptions. If you are not a subscriber do not miss this opportunity of getting this paper at such a low price. If you are a subscriber then ask your friends to take the paper.

## QUIZZES BRYAN

Hisgen Hands the Nebraskan Some Hard Nuts to Crack.

REFERS TO THAT \$300,000

Says Proof Pointed to Standard Oil Company—The Independence Candidate for President Asks How to Discover When Chairman Mack Tells the Truth—He Gives Former Treasurer Some Hard Raps—Says Bryan is Unfortunate in His Friends.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 25.—The following open letter to William Jennings Bryan was issued in Toledo Thursday night by Thomas L. Hisgen, the Independence party nominee for President:

"Sir:—You are touring through Ohio and I am touring through Ohio. You are addressing some questions to the President of the United States and I am addressing questions to you. If you are important enough for the President to answer, then I am important enough for you to answer.

"The President was not the originator of the charge that you had received \$300,000 from the Standard Oil Company. The Chairman of your National Committee and your personal friend, Mr. Mack, first stated publicly and proudly that he had found \$300,000 left over from the last campaign. The people laughed at this unbelievable assertion, and then Mr. Mack admitted that he had received that contribution this year. Then the people wondered who had contributed so large an amount and why.

"Pointed to Standard Oil." "Proof pointed to the Standard Oil Company, and rather than explain this situation to the people, Mr. Mack finally stated to the newspaper men that he had made a deliberate mis-statement about the \$300,000, and that he really did not have it.

"Now, Mr. Bryan, how is the President to know when your friend and campaign manager is telling the truth, and when he is telling a falsehood? Either Mr. Mack's statement that he had the money is a falsehood or the statement that he did not have the money is a falsehood. Which is the falsehood? How is the President to know? How is the public to know?"

"You say that you made a false statement and you apologize for it.

"That is right. But must the President apologize because your friend Mr. Mack makes a false statement? The President is not responsible for Mr. Mack nor for Mr. Mack's falsehoods. You are responsible for Mr. Mack, Mr. Bryan. You are singularly unfortunate in your friends, Mr. Bryan. Here is Mr. Mack, your intimate friend, slated as a member of your cabinet in the clouds, who publicly admits that he is a falsifier. The only question, therefore, is not whether Mr. Mack lied, but when he lied. Then here is Mr. Haskell, another slated member of your cabinet in the clouds, your platform maker, your treasurer. Mr. Hearst laid down documentary evidence and court records and sworn affidavits to expose Mr. Haskell and compel his resignation.

## Haskell and His Suit.

"Mr. Haskell served a complaint upon Mr. Hearst in a sensational way, but have you read the complaint of your friend, Mr. Haskell, Mr. Bryan? Mr. Haskell does not sue on the charge that he was the Haskell who tried to bribe Mr. Monnett, so he evidently does not consider that charge a libel. He practically admits that to be true.

"Mr. Haskell does not sue on the charge that he interfered with the proper action of his Attorney-General against an illegal trust, so he evidently does not consider that charge a libel. He practically admits that to be true.

"Mr. Haskell does not sue on the charge that he promoted crooked railroad deals and was a defaulter on a judgment of \$42,000, so he practically admits those charges to be true.

"He does not sue on the charges that he reduced the men's wages on his railroads and that he formed a citizen's alliance and that he imported strike-breakers, and so he practically admits these charges to be true. He merely sues on the charge that he was the man who personally collected the \$300,000 from the Standard Oil Company.

"And when Mr. Hearst says, 'All right, I will accept the suit and we will try it and see who did collect that \$300,000,' Mr. Haskell suddenly discovers that his summons was not correctly drawn and that it was not legally served and that he is very sorry, but he cannot sue on that charge, either.

## "Unfortunate in Friends."

"My goodness, but you are unfortunate in your friends, Mr. Bryan. "Just to think that you wrote to Mr. Roosevelt personally expressing your approval and indorsement of Mr. Haskell while Mr. Hoskell will

not even approve or indorse or defend himself.

"Just to think that you are now addressing the President regarding your second friend, Mr. Mack, another bad egg out of the same bad basket.

"Are you prepared also to defend Senator Bailey, of the Standard Oil, and Senator McLaurin, of the Standard Oil, and your present particular friend, Roger Sullivan, of Illinois, whom you once called a train robber, and your other particular friend, Tom Taggart, of Indiana, and the defender of his gambling house, Mr. Kern, with whom you once offered to share the White House? Those nineteen slot machines, six roulette tables, two Klondike tables, one faro table, two poker tables, one book-maker's table, etc., seized by the State of Indiana in the gambling establishment of your friends, Taggart and Kern, would look strange in the west wing of the White House, wouldn't they, Mr. Bryan?"

"Please answer, Mr. Bryan. No one has ever accused you of not being able to talk or willing to talk. Here is an opportunity for you to talk to some purpose. Please answer, Mr. Bryan.

"(Signed)

"THOMAS L. HISGEN"

## A CARGO OF WEIRD ANIMALS.

A Gift of the Argentine Republic to This Country.

Boston, Oct. 24.—With a cargo of as weird animals aboard as have ever been in this country, the steamship *Hermus* came into port and sent the menagerie ashore. It is a gift from the Government of the Argentine Republic to the United States, and is to be placed in the national zoological gardens at Washington.

The weirdest things in the menagerie are two Andes blood-drinking eagles. The drink half a bucket of blood a day, and the ship carried along a herd of sheep, one of which was killed daily to furnish the drinks. Also there were six vicuñas. They are camels about the size of goats, but without a hump. They eat uncurd tobacco as a regular diet, and several bales of tobacco were aboard, and the purser showed it was proof. They are said to be the first vicuñas ever imported into America. There also was a flock of Andes turkeys. They have claws on the ends of their wings and none on the ends of their toes. The native in charge say they hang by their wings instead of perching at night.

The animals are sent as a return gift for several specimens sent to Argentina by the United States two years ago. Over a year was spent in collecting it.

## PRESIDENT'S FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY.

He Was Surrounded on Every Hand by Evidence of Good Will—Many Flowers Sent—Scores of Telegrams and Letters Poured into the White House.

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt was to-day surrounded on every hand by evidences of good-will on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his birth, and scores of telegrams and letters poured into the White House. There were also a few presents from intimate friends.

One of the prettiest reminders of the significance of the day was found by the President in his private office. His desk was covered by a profusion of the most beautiful flowers to be found on the Executive grounds.

Official and diplomatic circles paid special visits to the White House to congratulate the President and to wish him many returns of the day.

## ANOTHER PAPER OUT FOR TAFT.

An Illinois German Paper Declares for Former Secretary of War—Need a Conservative President.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 27.—The Illinois Staats Zeitung yesterday declared in an editorial for the election of Taft.

"Far be it from us to minimize Mr. Bryan's ability and his many excellent qualities, but we are of the opinion that the country needs a more conservative President than he would be, a man of experience with a formidable administrative program.

"Such a man is Mr. Taft. He has more opportunity to acquaint himself thoroughly with the various branches of our most intricate government machinery than any other American; and even the most enviously inclined opponent will admit that he proved himself worthy of every position entrusted to him either by President Roosevelt or the people."

## Frank Brown of Margarettsville Killed at Suffolk.

Suffolk, Va., Oct. 24.—Frank Brown, a passenger on the Seaboard Air Line express, due to arrive at Suffolk, Va., at 9:35 in the evening, fell from the moving train as it pulled out of Suffolk station last night, rolling under the trucks, where his body was horribly mangled. The man died almost instantly from the effects of his injuries. The body was viewed by Coroner Duberry this morning, a verdict of accidental death being rendered.

Brown was a native of Margarettsville, N. C., to which place the remains were sent this afternoon.

## NEW YORK HERALD ELECTS TAFT.

He Seems Reasonably Sure of 280 Electoral Votes—Figures Show 80,000 Plurality for Him in New York—Neck and Neck Between Hughes and Chandler for the Governorship—The House Apparently Will be Largely Republican.

New York Herald of Sunday.]

That Taft's star is now in the ascendant, that the country is inclining toward the Republican party and that New York, the battleground, the great pivotal State in the Presidential canvass, is half won by the Republicans, being almost certain for Taft and tending toward Hughes.

These statements epitomize The Herald's forecast.

The summary by States of the electoral college appears to make Mr. Taft reasonably sure of 280 electoral votes. He needs 242. The reports on which the forecast is based give the Republican candidate the electors of all New England, of all the Eastern States except Maryland, of West Virginia, of all the Middle West except Indiana, which is doubtful; of all the Northwest, of Kansas, Idaho and Utah in the Rocky Mountain section, and of the entire Pacific coast. Mr. Bryan is apparently sure of 156 electoral votes, including Maryland and the entire South.

Kentucky is undecided and Nebraska is doubtful.

States that according to The Herald reports are uncertain are Colorado, Indiana, Montana and Wyoming, with 26 electoral votes, Kentucky and Nebraska, with 21 electoral votes, with Democratic leanings.

## Fight for the House.

The House of Representatives will apparently be carried by the Republicans, despite the sensational fight which has been made against Speaker Cannon and all his friends. The reelection of Speaker Cannon appears to be assured, although he has been assailed with more ferocity than any candidate on any other ticket in this canvass.

New York has been canvassed with care. The indicated plurality for Mr. Taft in the State is about 80,000. It may be more than that, it may be less. A table is printed giving the estimates of Democratic and Republican managers in each county, together with a non-partisan estimate made with conservatism. It shows a strong Republican vote for Taft up the State, and no such landslide in New York City as would be necessary to give Mr. Bryan the thirty-nine electors.

The contest for the Governorship is close and perhaps the most remarkable which has ever taken place in the Empire State.

## Not a Prediction.

The Herald's forecast is in no sense a prediction. It has not been the custom of this paper to predict elections. It merely records what the best efforts of organized investigation can produce so its readers may weigh the figures and form their own conclusions.

## Herald Poll at a Glance.

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| Total votes electoral college          | 483            |
| Reasonably sure for Taft               | 280            |
| Reasonably sure for Bryan              | 156            |
| Doubtful                               | 47             |
| Taft's indicated plurality in New York | 80,500         |
| Governorship of New York               | Neck-and-neck. |
| House of Representatives               | Republican.    |

## CHARGED WITH MURDERING A FELLOW-MINISTER.

Rev. Ernest Lyons Placed in Suffolk Jail—Motive Said to Have Been That He Might Assume the Other's Clerical Robes.

Suffolk, Va., Oct. 26.—The Rev. Ernest Lyons was arrested near here to-day charged with the murder in August of the Rev. John L. Smith. Smith disappeared very mysteriously and his body was not found until a week ago, when it was taken out of the Nansemond River by fishermen. It was at first thought that the minister was drowned, but the coroner's inquest developed the fact that the preacher had suffered a blow on the temple, which caused his death. The detectives assert that the body was buried, that it remained in the ground about a month and that it was then unearthed and thrown overboard.

Jealousy is known to have existed between Lyons and Smith, and this and the further fact that the two were seen together the day before Smith's disappearance led to the arrest. It is believed that Lyons killed Smith in order that he might assume his clerical robes, which he has done in his absence. Detectives who traced the crime to Lyons were employed by Smith's congregation.

Lyons broke down after the arrest, wept copiously, but declared his innocence of the crime. A preliminary hearing will be given the minister tomorrow. No friend has called at the jail to extend sympathy. The ministers belong to the Sanctified or Free Love sect.

Lyons claims to have come from North Carolina.

## BURTON CONFESSES

A "Night Rider" Tells a Remarkable Story.

PROMINENT MEN IMPLICATED

Ted Burton Gives Names of the Leaders of the Band and Tells of the Part He Has Played in Depredations That Culminated in the Death of Captain Rankin—Governor on the Scene and Country is Under Martial Law.

Tiptonville, Tenn., Oct. 27.—"Ted" Burton, self-confessed night-rider, told a remarkable story to-day of night-rider depredations near Reelfoot Lake, confessing to the part he played in the outrages which reached a culmination in the putting to death of Captain Rankin, an attorney of Trenton, Tenn., on the banks of Lake Reelfoot a week ago, and implicating men prominent in this part of the State.

Of the persons who he declares had a part in the killing of Captain Rankin more, than half are now in custody at Camp Nemo, the military base, near Samburg. The confession was made at the Tiptonville jail to Sheriff Haines, Judge Harris, owner of a large tract of land in the Reelfoot Lake region, who has suffered much at the hands of the raiders, and Mayor Cleveland Donelson, of Tiptonville.

The confession was made freely and voluntarily and apparently without a quail of conscience he glibly unfolded his story.

While Burton denies that he was present when Captain Rankin was put to death, he admits that it was through information given by him that the band congregated and took the attorney while he was staying at the hotel at Walnut Log.

According to Burton's confession, Tom and Garrett Johnson, under arrest, and William Watson, under bond in connection with another raid, were the leaders of the band.

In his confession Burton gave the names of no fewer than forty alleged members of the night-riders.

Carpenter is under arrest, as are also most of those whom Burton implicates; but as to their identity, Sheriff Haines would not say, fearing that to do so would cause additional violence and provoke an outbreak on the part of their friends. Posses will start from Camp Nemo at once to gather in those not now under guard. All of the suspects under arrest have emphatically denied connection with night-riders' organizations.

Burton was arrested at Samburg on Tuesday, the day the first troops arrived from Nashville. He was immediately brought to jail. While en route, Burton admitted to the deputies that he was a member of the night-rider band, but when asked the following day to repeat his confession he denied that he had confessed or that he knew anything of the killing of Captain Rankin. After a few days in jail, however, his mood changed, and it was at his request that Haines and others to whom he confessed went to the jail to-day.

Burton will not be permitted bond, but it is probable that he will be removed to Nashville for safe-keeping.

## HITCHCOCK SURE OF TAFT.

Will Get Practically Same Electoral Vote as President Roosevelt—Admits Majorities Will Fall.

Chicago Special, 24th, to New York Herald.]

Chairman Hitchcock returned to headquarters to-day with reports indicating beyond a doubt the election of William H. Taft.

"Mr. Taft will be elected," said practically the same electoral vote as did President Roosevelt four years ago. We will carry New York State by a substantial majority. We would be able to win without New York, but we are going to win with it.

"Mr. Taft will carry Ohio and Indiana. We have been concentrating our forces in Ohio in the last few days, and in a conference just before I started West, State Auditor Gilbert, C. P. Taft and Senator Dick said that a comfortable majority was assured to the ticket.

"The West will go for Taft by about the same electoral vote as it gave Roosevelt, although none claims the majorities will be so large as they were four years ago. There is grave doubt of carrying Missouri, although we feel we have a chance. Kentucky is also doubtful, but there seems to be more prospect of carrying Kentucky than Missouri. In Maryland the contest will be closer than in Indiana or Ohio, but the chances are that the electoral vote of that State will go to Mr. Taft. West Virginia is now safe."

## Postmaster at Rose Arrested on a Serious Charge.

New Bern, N. C., Oct. 24.—Levi Wharton, Postmaster at Rose, a small office in Pamlico County, was arrested to-day by Postoffice Inspector Buck on the charge of opening letters and taking checks and money. He was brought to New Bern to-day and placed in jail in default of \$250 bond.