

Survey of the Battlefield of Elections Next Tuesday

Democrats Expect to Carry Maryland and Rhode Island—Signs in the Air Indicate the Success of Tammany in N. Y.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Special.—Washington, always the center of political interest, is watching eagerly the result of Tuesday's elections. No interest and national significance as well attaches to the result in several of the states. Especially is this true in New York and Maryland, where the contests have been fiercely waged.

is in the lead. One hears that in the streets, in the casual conversation, in the elevators and in the street cars. It is especially prevalent in the cafes and hotel lobbies. President Roosevelt granted a pardon this week under rather unusual circumstances. The prisoner committed murder more than forty years ago. He was a military prisoner and was imprisoned for life, but escaped and has since led a respectable life in Tennessee, has raised a family and is held in high esteem by the community wherein he resides, despite the fact that his past history seemed to be well known. The name of the man is withheld on account of his present good standing. The case is similar to the one presented to Governor Russell at the close of his administration. The applicant in that case is a sheriff in a western state, who is very anxious to return to his old home in North Carolina, but can not do so.

It so happens that Mrs. Overman has spent much time here and a great many of her admirers and friends have had a laugh over the incident. General Manager Ackert of the Southern Railway has announced the following promotions on that system: O. D. Killebrew, to be assistant superintendent, with office at Columbia, S. C.; W. A. Fort, to be resident engineer, succeeding Mr. Killebrew; C. P. King, to be trainmaster, Charlotte to Jacksonville, including Columbia terminals, vice W. L. Williamson, promoted. W. M. F. Carter of North Carolina has been promoted from a \$1,400 to a \$1,600 position in the office of the auditor of the treasury. State Chairman Rollins has recommended for appointment as postmaster at Seaboard, N. C., Mrs. Mary Gay. The former postmaster was a lady. She recently married, and this necessitated a re-appointment. While she failed of this she has not given up, and now charges that her probable successor is of Democratic proclivities. Police Sergeant Clements, who came here from Madison county, is under charges preferred by Senator McComas' private secretary. Officer Clements arrested the young man for speeding in an automobile and using profanity. Clements will have a hearing before a special board in a few days. Col. Paul B. Means, who has been here this week, remarked that North Carolina Democrats are entirely well of the sixteen-to-one fever. Many inside the party, he stated, have come around to look upon Grover Cleveland as about the strongest man the Democrats could nominate for the presidency. "I am one of these," Col. Means observed, "but I don't believe he will accept the nomination." William Boyd of North Carolina has been elected president of the first year medical class at Columbian University. Miss Willie Emily Ray, daughter of General James M. Ray of Asheville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tomlinson here. Marshall Mott, Jr., has applied for a position as page in the senate. He has the endorsement of several senators.

on the back of his head. Not caring to risk another shot, Mr. Snow proceeded to shell out the cash drawer belonging to the store, which fortunately was small. Not finding this amount sufficient to meet his demands, the stranger ordered Snow to bring out the post office cash, which was kept in the same building. Still not satisfied he forced Snow, at the muzzle of the gun, to get in the buggy with him and go to a neighbor's to borrow a sufficient amount to satisfy his demands. To this Snow quietly agreed, until reaching the neighbor's the neighbor refused to grant the loan, whereupon the stranger again brought the gun into play. This time it was drawn on the neighbor instead of Snow. This gave Snow his first opportunity. He sprang on the robber, and with the assistance of the neighbor they overpowered him, disarmed and robbed him in his own buggy, brought him to Robeson, the county seat, and landed him in jail to await the criminal court next month.

Graft Ridden Town Minneapolis, Oct. 31.—The Hennepin county grand jury has presented its report to the district court, and according to its report, graft permeates the city council. The report declares that there are aldermen who block legislation until they are paid their price. The grand jury report is the most scathing arraignment of municipal government ever drafted in Minneapolis.

PAINT IN THE WATER One Child Dead and Another Cannot Recover Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. As a result of drinking water which was poisoned by paint, the four year old daughter of Mr. Charles McMillan, an architect of this city, died this morning, and an infant son lies at the point of death. Rain water runnig off a freshly painted roof and emptying into a cistern which furnished the supply of drinking water for the family, was the cause of the trouble. The children drank the water and it caused inflammation of the stomach. Medical skill was powerless to relieve the intense suffering of the children. The boy can not recover.

PRESENTMENTS MADE Indictment of Biltmore Officials Expected at Next Court Asheville, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. It was ascertained today that the grand jury, which this week investigated rumors of irregularities by former employees of Biltmore estate, did make presentments before it was discharged yesterday and that it is morally certain that bills of indictment against Geo. Tennant and D. C. Champlain, charging them with misappropriation of funds, will be presented by the solicitor to the next grand jury, together with the testimony given by E. J. Hardin and F. A. Hull when summoned before the grand jury Thursday. It was rumored today that Champlain had left the state. A gentleman here from Black Mountain this morning, when asked concerning this rumor, said that Champlain left there on the early morning train about two weeks ago, ostensibly for New York; and that so far as he knew had not returned.

DURHAM LINING UP FOR THE ELECTION The General Impression is That Prohibition Will Win by a Safe Majority Durham, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special.—As the local option election draws near, which will be held Tuesday, both sides are warming up in the fight and campaign. During last night and this morning the anti-prohibition side, in fact, a large number of circulars in favor of the saloon side. Today there were all kinds of rumors and reports in the streets and there were frequent arguments, all showing that the campaign is to close with more heat and interest than was expected a short while ago. Tomorrow afternoon the anti-saloon side will hold a mass meeting at the Academy of Music. This meeting will be addressed by Rev. R. C. Beaman, president of the anti-saloon league. The meeting has been well advertised and it is expected that there will be a large number of people in attendance. Monday night both sides will hold a rally—at least that is the program at this time. The anti-saloon side will hold a rally in the Academy and this meeting will be addressed by Mr. N. E. Broughton of Raleigh. The other side say that they will also hold a mass meeting that will be addressed by well known business men and citizens of the town. On the eve of the election it looks like the anti-saloon ticket will win by a good majority. The majority, however, will not be as large as some have been expecting. There are over sixteen hundred people registered, but the vote will not be heavy. Many think that twelve hundred votes on the outside will be the number cast. If the vote is not over eleven or twelve hundred

Abundant Reasons Why We Should Give Thanks

President Appoints Thanksgiving Day and Exhorts the People to Rest From Labor and Join in Devout Observance Washington, Oct. 31.—The annual thanksgiving proclamation of the president was made public today as follows: "By the president of the United States of America—A proclamation. The season is at hand, and, according to the custom of our people, it falls upon the president to appoint a day of praise and thanksgiving to God. "During the last year the Lord has dealt bountifully with us, giving us peace at home and abroad and the chance for our citizens to work for their welfare unhindered by war, famine or plague. It behoves us not only to rejoice greatly because of what has been given us, but to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility, realizing that under heaven it rests with ourselves to show that we are worthy to use aright what has been entrusted to our care. In no other place and at no other time has the experiment of government of the people, by the people, for the people, been tried on so vast a scale as here in our own country in the opening years of the twentieth century. Failure would not only be a dreadful thing for us, but a dreadful thing for all mankind, because it would mean loss of hope for all who believe in the power and the righteousness of liberty. Therefore, in thanking God for the mercies extended to us in the past, we beseech him that he may not withhold them in the future, and that our hearts may be roused to war steadfastly for good and against all the forces of evil, public and private. We pray for strength and light, so that in the coming years we may, with cleanliness, fearlessness and wisdom, do our allotted work on the earth in such manner as to show that we are not altogether unworthy of the blessings we have received. "Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving Thursday the 26th of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their wonted occupations, and in their several homes and places of worship return thanks unto Almighty God for his manifold mercies. "In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE It Was Only a Question of Which Loved the More

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army, last evening, standing beside the bier of his wife at the Old Princess Rink, before what was probably the greatest throng of people that ever sat under that roof, said: "The only thing that my wife and I ever disagreed upon was which loved the other most. Our life was a perpetual courtship. A man in an audience once asked me if I would love God if my wife should be killed in a railway wreck, as his had been. If that man were here, I would say to him, 'Though he slay me yet will I trust him.'"

SLEEPING SICKNESS Congo Negroes Furnish Material for Experiments by Doctors

Paris, Oct. 31.—Three Congo negroes who were brought to Paris are undergoing treatment for the mysterious sleeping sickness. One, who is in the first stage, does not present any symptoms. He eats well and does not suffer. If anything he sleeps too well. The second, who is in an advanced stage, is wide awake at one moment and then in a few minutes relapses into a stupor from which he can not be awakened. He does nothing but eat and sleep. The third, a boy of 13 or 14, of a cannibal tribe, has shown the peculiar result that the disease neutralizes the effects of cocaine. The boy had a tumor on the back of his neck. After an injection of more than twice the ordinary amount of cocaine necessary for a patient, the flesh was still so sensitive that three assistants were required to hold him while the tumor was being removed. Dr. Wurtz, who superintended the experiments with carbolic acid and arsenic, hopes later on to obtain a special serum. He does not think that the sleeping sickness is caused by a microbe but by a tripanosome belonging

to the same group of parasites which attack cattle. Dr. Brampt, who brought the negroes to Paris, says he has inoculated a monkey which, after exhibiting all the symptoms observed in the human being, died. A quantity of parasites were discovered in the blood with which he is experimenting on dogs and other animals with a view of obtaining a serum.

Killed in a Mine

Farmington, Ill., Oct. 31.—Three men were killed and four injured, one of them severely in an accident today in the New Sam coal mine. The men had been lowered in the cage to the bottom of the shaft, and entering a mule car, started to ride to their work. In making a turn near a switch the car jumped the track, ran into the side of the entry, knocking down the prop. This loosened a mass of slate which dropped on the men.

FARMS FOR GERMANS Migration to Be Started From Michigan to Louisiana

New Orleans, Oct. 31.—The Southern Pacific railway has purchased the Justice & Kramer sugar plantations, in St. Mary's parish, the sugar bowl of Louisiana, and will put it up into fifty and one hundred acre farms for a colony of Germans who will move from Michigan to Louisiana this winter. The first colony will consist of one thousand Germans. Most of them have been settled in this country several years and they believe they can do better in the south than in the north. They will displace two hundred negroes. The land agent of the Southern Pacific is also in negotiation and will probably make other purchases and they will be divided up into small farms for white settlers.

WANTED TOO MUCH Robber Who Wanted More Got More Than He Bargained For

Mount Airy, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special.—News has just reached here of an attempted double robbery in the western part of this county. Mr. T. Snow, a farmer and merchant and also postmaster at Zephyr, was in his store day before yesterday in the "broad open day time," when a stranger drove up in a buggy with a double barrel shotgun. He went in the store, drew the gun on Mr. Snow and demanded his money. At first Mr. Snow refused. Seeing that words did not avail the stranger fired on Mr. Snow, but was at so close range that the charge only burned Mr. Snow's hair

then it is estimated by many who have watched the campaign closely, that the majority for the anti-saloon ticket will be in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty. Still there at many who claim that the anti-prohibition side will win when the votes are counted. Tomorrow a prohibition, or temperance, sermon will be preached from every pulpit in the city. Some of these sermons will be preached in the morning and others at night.

LICENSE TAX IS HELD VALID

Judge Brown Renders a Decision Against the Armour Packing Co. Washington, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. Judge Brown today in the superior court rendered an opinion in the case of the state of North Carolina and New Hanover county against the Armour Packing Company. The plaintiffs brought suit to enforce payment of \$50 license tax to the county and a similar amount to the state for each of the years of 1901 and 1902. The ruling was made under section 91 of the revenue bill, the defendant being a corporation of New Jersey, having one million dollars capital stock. A jury trial was waived by both sides and it was agreed for Judge Brown to find the facts, which are stated. The court holds that the revenue act, including section 91 of the laws of 1901, was enacted with a substantial compliance with the constitution and is valid and in force. Plaintiffs are given \$1,000 judgment, together with the costs. Hon. John D. Bellamy, counsel for the defendant, appealed to the supreme court. Judge Brown's judgment, by agreement, will constitute the case on appeal. A similar case against Swift & Company will also be determined in the same way. A third suit against the Standard Oil Company is continued.

PHYSICAL LABORATORY Additional Equipment in the Facilities of the University

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. Among the recent improvements at the University that go far toward increasing the facilities of the institution is the additional equipment to the physical laboratory, for which a special appropriation was made by the last general Assembly. During the summer, four rooms on the basement floor of Alumni Hall were fitted up to accommodate the increase in the equipment of the physical laboratory. Six typical Westinghouse and General Electric direct and alternating current generators and motors are being installed; also a rotary converter, a high potential testing transformer, a storage battery, with the various accessories, such as a testing set, transformer, voltmeters, ammeters, watt meters, electro-dynamometers, a tachometer, etc. Orders for several desirable pieces of apparatus have been placed, some of which are being imported. Among the latter are a telescope, a spectroscope, an earth inductor and a tangent galvanometer. An electric furnace room is yet to be put in order for the two furnaces already received. A motor driven lathe and various tools and material added to the usefulness of the work shop. With its improved equipment, the department of physics is prepared to offer courses for which students have heretofore had to go to institutions in other states.

Change of Editors

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. Asheville A. Banks has accepted the position of editor of the Gazette-News, the present editor of the paper, Mr. W. A. Hildebrand, having arranged to remain in Washington during the session of congress as representative of this paper and of the Charlotte Observer. Asheville is Mr. Banks' home, and it seems peculiarly fitting that he should link his fortunes with an Asheville paper. The auditorium committee is raising funds, the six thousand dollar mark having been passed. This practically insures the erection of a new edifice.

Tied Up and Robbed

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. A white man, giving his name as Turner and his place of residence Staley, was held up by three negroes in Buchanan street, near the depot, last night and robbed of a new overcoat and his purse containing \$25. His screams brought a crowd to his assistance. He was found tied to a fence and his assailants had fled. He said he had been drinking and wanted to go to the depot, offering to pay a negro named Charles Simmons to show him the way, but turned him over to two other negroes who proceeded to do him up. The police were unable to find Simmons last night or today.

Russian Naval Expenditure

Berlin, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Lokal Anzeiger says Russia has decided to assign 14,000,000 roubles in addition to the regular naval budget, for an increase of the fleet and 3,000,000 roubles for the fortifications at Port Arthur.

Foot Ball Players Killed in Collision

A Passenger Train Ran Into Coal Cars—Fourteen Students Were Instantly Killed and Many More Received Injuries

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31.—In a head-on collision between a Big Four special bearing 954 passengers and the team from Lafayette for the Purdue-Indiana foot ball game, scheduled to take place here this afternoon, and a cut of coal cars pushed by a switch engine, near the old gravel pit opposite the west end of Eighteenth street, on the Chicago division tracks, fourteen persons were killed outright and about twenty were seriously injured. Fully fifty other persons received minor injuries. The trains came together with a great crash which wrecked three of the passenger cars, in addition to the engine and tender of the special and two or three of the coal cars. A scene of indescribable confusion and horror followed. The first coach on the special was reduced to kindling wood. The second coach was thrown down a fifteen-foot embankment into the gravel pit, and the third coach was thrown from the track to the west side and badly wrecked. The coal cars ploughed their way into the engine and demolished it. The coal tender was tossed to one side and turned over. The shrieks and groans of the injured were frightful. A wild effort on the part of the imprisoned passengers to escape from the wrecked car followed. The shouts and cries for help were mingled with the agonizing groans of those who could not help themselves. Immediately following the wreck the students and others turned their attention to the work of rescuing the injured, and by the time the first ambulances arrived many of the dead and suffering young men had been carried out and laid on the grass on both sides of the track. The dead

were removed last. Several spring wagons belonging to teamsters living in the neighborhood were pressed into service and the dead were carried away as fast as they could be taken from the wreck. The following were taken from the debris dead: W. H. Grube, substitute player, Butler, Ind.; Walter Furr, member of the team, Texas; E. C. Robertson, assistant coach, Walter Roush, Pittsburgh, substitute; R. J. Powell, Corpus Christi, Tex.; W. D. Hamilton, center rush, Lafayette; Walter Robertson; Gabriel S. Drollinger (beheaded), Sam Squibb, Lafayette; Jay Hamilton, substitute player, Huntington, Ind.; N. R. Howard, Lafayette; Patrick McClair, Chicago, assistant coach; Samuel Truitt, Noblesville, player; G. L. Shaw, Lafayette. Many of the bodies, were so mangled that they could be identified only by letters and other papers on their persons. The cause of the accident has not been explained. The engineers of both trains say they had the right of way, and were proceeding without knowledge that another train was on the track. There is a sharp curve where the wreck occurred, and many freight cars were standing on the side tracks, this further obscuring the view. Down town three miles away 1,200 cheering students had arrived on a special train from Bloomington, Ind., with the sturdy boys of the Indiana University eleven eager for the contest on the gridiron. They poured out of the train with bands playing and colors flying, to be met with the news of the tragedy of their rivals from Purdue. Instantly bands ceased, colors were lowered and hidden beneath coats. Tears followed laughter and college yells faded into mournful expressions of sincere and heartfelt sympathy. The incoming Bloomington crowd broke into sad and silent groups and gathered at street corners. The proposed game has been indefinitely postponed.

The Luck of a Kick Gave Kentucky the Game

Carolina Made a Plucky Contest Against Odds and Came out With Everything Except Winning Side of the Score

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. Carolina and Kentucky played one of the hardest games of the season at Cone Athletic Park this afternoon before an audience of twelve hundred of the half. Carolina scored in the first half in about ten minutes by continuously battering Kentucky's line. The try for goal failed, leaving the score five to nothing in Carolina's favor. This ended the scoring in the first half. Kentucky scored in the last half and kicked an easy goal. This ended the scoring, both sides having possession of the ball off and on during the remainder of the half. Carolina is neither ashamed of nor disheartened by the score, as it was only by Kentucky's luck in kicking goal that turned a virtual victory into defeat. Kentucky came with the reputation of being professionals in every sense of the word and certainly sustained it well. Kentucky's play during the entire game was characterized by slugging, kicking and wrangling at every point. The line up of the two teams is as follows: Carolina—Stewart, C.; Perry, L. G.; Albright, R. G.; Jones (Capt.), R. T.; Donnelly, L. T.; Cox, R. E.; Foust, L. E.; Berkeley and Mann, L. H. B.; Roberson, R. H.; Hester, F. B.; Engle, Q. B.; Kentucky—Miller, C.; Kelly, L. G.; Nikel, R. G.; Wallace, R. T.; Woodwith (Capt.), L. T.; Thompson, R. E.; Simpson, L. E.; Cantrell, R. H. B.; H. Yancy, L. H. B.; Weir, F. B.; W. Yancy, Q. B. Officials—MacRae, umpire; Joel Whitaker, referee; Johnson, time keeper. Carolina's stars were Foust, Berkeley, Roberson, Donnelly and Jones. The Yancy brothers and Thompson played brilliant play for Kentucky. Coach Olcott expressed himself as being well satisfied with Carolina's playing, notwithstanding the fact that the game went to Kentucky.

Other Foot Ball Games

At Hamilton, N. Y.—Colgate 23, Rochester 5. At Lancaster, Pa.—Franklin and Marshall 6, Swarthmore 17. At Carlisle—Lehigh 17, Dickinson 12. At Schenectady, N. Y.—Union 6, Rensselaer 11. At Worcester, Mass.—Holy Cross 36, Amherst 6. At Hanover, N. H.—Dartmouth 34, Wesleyan 6. At Minneapolis—Minnesota 6, Michigan 6. At New Brunswick, N. J.—Rutgers 35, Stevens 6. At Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin 6, Chicago 15. At Champaign, Ill.—Illinois 11, Northwestern 12. At Oberlin—Oberlin 5, Case 16. At Iowa City—Iowa 6, Nebraska 17. At Syracuse, N. Y.—Syracuse 47, Niagara 6. At Cincinnati—University of Cincinnati 6, Kenyon 13.