

VOTING IN THE RAIN

Bad Weather Prevailing in the North Today.

W. J. BRYAN'S PREDICTION

Says Hanna Will Go Down in Defeat—McKinley Voted Early—Low Got Rattled and Lost his Umbrella—George Loses Votes.

New York, November 2—Despite the warm drizzling rain a heavy vote was cast early this morning. The indications are that it will clear late this afternoon and become colder. It is nearly ninety per cent. humidity in the atmosphere. The early vote indicates nothing significant because all parties were out early hustling. It rained all night.

Henry George, Seth Low and Robert Van Wyck, the leading majority candidates, all voted early. Low was a bit nervous and left his umbrella at the booth. All refused interviews.

New York, Nov. 2—Voting on Staten Island and other outlying districts is going on with a rush. Election returns in this city will be gathered quicker than ever before by the elaborate police system.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 2—The rain prevailed generally throughout the state today. The country vote will be interfered with. The voting in cities is heavy.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 2—Such a disagreeable rainy election day not been experienced in many years.

TRENTON, Nov. 2—Rain throughout the state will cause a light vote. Only minor officers are chosen.

BOSTON, November 2—There is rain in many parts of the state. Unusual interest is displayed. The vote will be pretty full.

RICHMOND, Nov. 2—The weather is cloudy all over the state with rain on the coast. The vote in one half of the state exceeds the expectations, the other half is light. The negroes are not voting. In Jackson ward the negro stronghold number registered, but none are voting. Col James Cockrane, republican candidate for the senate in the ninth district died at Staunton this morning suddenly after a vigorous campaign.

CINCINNATI, November 2—It is raining with no prospect of clearing. Less than a full vote is being polled.

CASTON, Ohio, November 2—President McKinley voted at ten this morning. He walked five blocks and remained at the booth one minute and twenty seconds.

BALTIMORE, November 2—A heavy rain prevails. A large vote is expected. Both sides are confident.

PHILADELPHIA, November 2—There was rain throughout the greater part of the state. There is an average "off year" vote.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2—W J Bryan makes the following summary: "Mark Hanna will be beaten. The silver forces will gain in Iowa. Nebraska will cast her vote for silver."

DES MOINES, Nov. 2—The day is perfect. A heavy vote is expected. Both sides are confident.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 2—Bright clear weather prevails in Kansas.

LINCOLN, Nov. 2—Crisp cool weather prevails. Both republicans and silverites were astir early.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2—In order to make voters for young George legal his name had to be pasted on an old ticket over his father's name. It is now reported that many of these pasters were omitted by design and will cost him many ballots.

Next to the Presidency. The man who is today elected mayor of Greater New York will be the chief magistrate of a city of 3,500,000 people, with an assessed property valuation of nearly \$3,000,000,000—exceeding the total assessed valuation of any State of the Union, excepting the Empire State, which includes it.

His veto power will extend over appropriations aggregating about \$80,000,000 each year.

The public patronage at his disposal will be far more valuable than that of any other American executive officer, the Presidential one excepted. The total average number of employees in the pay of the consolidated city all the year round will be 35,000—one-third as many as the total number in the civil service of the nation, and more than the total number of enlisted men in its military and naval services.

The total footing of salaries paid to the mayor's direct appointees is

nearly \$300,000 a year. Most of these appointees hold their offices for six-year terms. The salaried offices which these chief officers will in their turn have at their direct disposal are numbered by thousands.

The consolidated city's disbursements for salaries and wages to be drawn, directly or indirectly, by the appointees of the mayor, or by the appointees of his appointees, will reach a yearly sum total of not less than \$40,000,000.

The majority of New York is probably the most important and powerful executive office in the United States next to the Presidency.

AMOS J. CUMMINGS DEAD.

The well known Congressman and Tammanyite Dropped Dead This Evening.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Nov. 2.—Amos J. Cummings, congressman and a well known newspaper man dropped dead this afternoon, while making a speech. He was chairman of the democratic campaign committee and was making an impromptu speech for Tammany Hall.

SPAIN IS FRIENDLY

Her Note to the United States a Very Tame Affair.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Madrid, November 2—A semi-official note has been circulated giving more exact indication of the contents of the Spanish note in reply to the communications of the United States on the subject of Cuba. It is friendly in tone, makes protest against filibustering, and expresses the hope that the United States will try and prevent further violation of international law.

The subject of mediation it expresses hope that the United States will act loyally, correctly helping Spain to down the insurrection. The general feeling is more hopeful of a peaceful termination.

FAIR AND COOLER.

The Weather Man Promises Fair and Cooler Weather.

The weather bulletin today says: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler.

The storm has moved northward and is now central over Pennsylvania. Heavy rains have fallen over the state from Virginia northward. The largest amount occurred at New York, 2.24 inches, where it is still raining heavily. Smaller amounts occurred in the south.

The clear, colder weather from the west is advancing into the lower Mississippi valley.

Frost occurred at Vicksburg, Miss., Palestine and Abilene, Tex.

ARSENIC PILLS.

Prof. Withers Goes to Tarboro with Proof that Fred Keel was Murdered.

Prof. W A Withers, the professor of chemistry in the A. and M. College, left for Tarboro today, where he goes to give scientific evidence in the murder case of Ben Fields and Alford, who, it is alleged, caused the death of Frederick Keel.

Prof. Withers examined the stomach of the dead man and found unmistakable traces of arsenic in sufficient quantity to produce death.

Prof. Withers carried with him to Tarboro the arsenic which he discovered in the stomach and it will be produced in court.

The Press-Visitor was the first paper to publish the facts of the murder of Fred Keel, which occurred last May. It is one of the most remarkable criminal cases on record in the State.

Keel was very fond of drink and while intoxicated in a saloon in Tarboro, Ben Fields, colored, approached him and joined him in several drinks. When Field had gotten his white friend good and drunk he produced a pill which he told Keel would have the effect of sobering him and make him feel bright and fresh. Without much persuasion, Keel took the pill and in a short while he died in great agony.

Suspicion was placed on the negro Field and he was at once arrested. The darkey said that a white man, name Alford gave him two pills with instructions to get Keel drunk and give him one of the pills. Fields said he was to take the other. The negro stated that Alford promised him \$25, if he got Keel to take the pill.

On Fields statement Alford was arrested. The case comes to trial tomorrow.

DEAVER IS EXPOSED

Judge Ewart After the Asheville Newspapers.

THEIR FREE PASSES.

He Wants to Know How They Happen to Ride Free—Deaver Held Until the Next Term of Court.

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Asheville says: "Intense excitement prevailed in the court house today as disclosure after disclosure of official rottenness was made. Deaver, already convicted of a felony, plead guilty in three other cases of criminal misdemeanor and begged for mercy. Judge Ewart demanded his immediate resignation which was at once handed to the clerk. The evidence disclosed a system of blackmailing, extortion and embezzling of public fund of the most appalling character. Several officials and alleged detectives are involved with Deaver. Judge Ewart openly stated from the bench that a bold and vicious effort had been made to intimidate him from pressing the trial of the defendant, but that it had failed. The prayer for judgment in all the cases was continued until the December term. Deaver was put under a \$1,000 bond. He is completely crushed and really an object of pity.

Saturday Ewart said to the solicitor that he wished him to draw bills against the Southern Railway company, for the next term of court, upon the charge of having violated the inter-state commerce law which forbids issuing passes to persons other than employees of the company. Ewart said the object was to ascertain whether the railway had the right to issue passes to newspapers. The solicitor was instructed to endorse upon the bills the names of F. E. Robinson and J. P. Kerr of the Citizen as witnesses. In the course of his address Ewart said: "It strikes me that the newspapers which make these charges (that officials of the court have violated the law in accepting passes), certainly cannot ride on free passes unless they accept as law that a newspaper man or man associated with a newspaper is an exception to the law. But my information is that some of them do, and in order to raise the question and let the supreme court of North Carolina pass upon that question. I am going to give them a test case. If it is law it ought to be enforced; if it is not law it ought not to be.

The question has also been raised whether or not a man who is not an actual employee of a railroad company can ride on a railway pass. I want you to make a test case of that. I want that to go to the Supreme Court. I am not expressing my opinion that these parties are indictable. I will express that when they come before me, but in view of the public interest taken by the people of the State in the matter, and in view of wanton and reckless charges made by certain newspapers, I am going to give those gentlemen an opportunity to make out a case."

COLORED CONVENTION.

The Meeting to be Held Here Tomorrow to Take Action About Patronage.

The convention called in the interest of the colored race meets here tomorrow. The promoters say there will be a good attendance. The convention will meet at night.

The circular calling the convention says: "The policy of the present regime seems to make negroes menials and spittoon washers, while white men hold the offices. We think a negro has as much right to hold an office as a white man, provided he is as competent, and if the time hasn't come in the minds of the present party leaders for us to hold office then it is our duty to vote for men who put such a low estimate on our intelligence. If we are incompetent to hold offices ourselves, we are also incompetent to pick out suitable persons to hold them for us; and if we can not share the benefits of the ballot our voting is in vain."

It is said that the Governor and Jim Young will be denounced.

Shot Herself.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Nov. 2.—A refined unknown young woman who registered at the hotel Manhattan last night was found dead this morning having shot herself. Identity unknown.

RECORDER NOT PLEASED

It Doesn't Think the State Fair was a Success.

BLOODY RIOT TODAY

Four Persons Fatally Wounded at Frankfort, Ky.

ALL ABOUT POLITICS.

Political Factious Met on the Streets of Frankfort and When the Tillsade was Over Four Were Fatally Injured.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. FRANKFORT, Nov. 2.—A riot in which Frank Egbert, of the Frankfort fire department was riddled with bullets, and deputy sheriff "Tos" Deakins, John Smith and Walter Coins were fatally wounded, occurred early this morning as a result of an attempt on the life of "Ben" Marshall and other political workers about midnight. Marshall and the others heading the light started to the country with a load of negroes. Egbert loaded up with liquor and started in pursuit. As Marshall and Smith were returning from the country Egbert fired on them wounding Smith. Marshall's friends and friends of Smith aimed themselves and started to hunt for Egbert. Egbert and Walter Coins came down the street brandishing revolvers and firing recklessly, meeting the opposing force and some deputy marshals with the above result.

THIRTEEN FIREMEN INJURED. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. PHILADELPHIA, November 2—During the progress of the fire at Fornot's dyeing and scouring establishment today a large can of benzine exploded. Thirteen firemen were seriously injured that they were taken to the hospital. It is feared some will lose their sight.

TODAY'S FEVER RECORD.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2—Twelve new cases and six deaths were reported today.

MONTGOMERY, Nov. 2—There were no deaths today. Six new cases were reported.

"Let Him Batter Away."

The Biblical Recorder does not take kindly to Dr Thompson's recently expressed views. It says today: "No one can be surprised that Dr Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State, whose notoriety has been mostly derived by his advocacy of the doctrine that 'the Church has always been on the side of human slavery,' is opposed bitterly to Dr Kilgo's campaign for Christian Education. Desiring to destroy the Church, the most feasible plan is to destroy Christian Education. Let him batter away."

An All-Day Missionary Rally.

The next big meeting looked for Raleigh is "A Woman's All-Day Missionary Rally" to be held in the First Baptist church, Nov. 11. The Woman's Missionary Societies of the First and Tabernacle Baptist churches of this city have invited the ladies of some fifty neighboring societies to be their guests on this occasion and are busy making abundant preparations for the large number they are expecting.

The Festive Quail.

The hunting season opened yesterday, and though rain fell freely throughout the day, the festive quail on toast was served in all the restaurants last evening.

Sportsmen were out today, but the ground was too wet for much success. Numerous hunting parties have been planned during the week.

The County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners is in monthly session.

Dr. R. B. Ellis, is elected as superintendent of health for Wake county to succeed Dr Hines who has held this office for the past four years.

License was granted to J J Harris & Co., of Raleigh, to sell liquor.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movements in New York and Liverpool Markets.

CHANGE AT THE PARK.

Mr. Hildans, of California, Becomes Manager.

Mr. R. V. Hildans has associated himself with the management of the Park Hotel and will become manager of it. Mr. Hildans is a born hotel man and has had much experience in the business. He is a Californian and has been manager of the "Orion" and the "Cosmopolitan" hotels of San Francisco, both of which he made successful and popular. He has that up-to-date energy and push which are sure to make a success of anything he takes hold of, and those who have met him feel sure that he will popularize the Park and make it one of the most attractive hotels in the State. With Mr. Hildans' associated with Mr. Brown, the present experienced and efficient proprietor, the public will feel confident that the hotel will be conducted in the best of manner. Mr. Brown since he has had charge of the hotel has made friends of all who have been guests of the hotel and who have come in contact with him and has kept the standard of the Park fully up to its excellent record since it has been an

institution of the city. Mr. Hildans, during the short time he has been here, has made a most favorable impression upon our people. He has been assistant in W J Edwards' bank, of Sanford, for the past six months. He is a brother of W J Hildans, who has been traveling in Europe for the past five months. W J Hildans being in the investment banking business in Cleveland, Ohio (Hildans & Dunn), but at present connected in some very large deals with W J Edwards, banker, Sanford, N. C. B S Jernan, cashier Commercial and Farmers Bank of the city, also J D Houshall of this city. Mr R. V. Hildans is well connected and the many friends which he has made during his stay in North Carolina is only a starting point as to what he will do with the traveling public. The table at the Park will be unsurpassed by any in the State. The large office and reading room have been rearranged and improved. The rooms of the Park are fine, large and well furnished, and will at all times be found in attractive keeping with the balance of the house.

Asphyxiated by Gas. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 2—Minnie Medonsky aged twenty three, Isaac and Morris Mathenson age forty years were overcome by gas at seven o'clock this morning. The latter has died and the others were taken to the hospital in a precarious condition. Mathenson is a tenor singer of note.

A private letter received here this evening states that a son was born to Senator Marion Butler last evening. Mrs Butler is at Elliott City. This is Senator Butler's third child. Pocahontas is five years of age and Marion, Jr., three years of age.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Ex Judge Bennett is in the city. Mr E W POU arrived in the city today.

Ex Congressman James H Lochhart is here.

Messrs E A and P C Humphrey, of Goldsboro, are here.

Messrs E K Bryan and Frank McNeil, of Wilmington, N. C., are in the city.

Mr J H Gore Jr., a prominent young attorney of Wilmington, N. C. is in the city attending the Supreme Court.

Mrs Emma E Swindell left for Greensboro Monday to be present at the crystal wedding of Rev Mr and Mrs L Grissom.

Messrs. George Bountree, E S Martin, Thomas W Strange, John D Bellamy, A G Read, of Wilmington, are here attending the supreme court.

The capacity of the sulphuric acid works at the Caraligh Phosphate Works is being doubled.

Senator POU calls on Senator Butler to hand out his pocketful of passes.

The supreme court took up the appeal docket from the fifth district today.

Mr. W. J. Ellington has gone to Philadelphia to purchase a tram engine for the lumber mills at Troy.

We were favored with a visit from Dr R. B. Ellis today. It is a pleasure to his many friends to see him restored to health.

Mr. A. M. Powell, who was so badly injured yesterday, was able to be at his place of business this afternoon for a short while.

The filling of cases in the two new rooms at the state museum is now in progress. They will contain over eight thousand specimens of ores and minerals.

The prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church will be conducted by Mr W S Primrose in the interest of the West-monster League.

The Board of Education was in session today. J J Edwards and C F Church were elected to fill vacancies on the school committee in Cedar Fork Township.

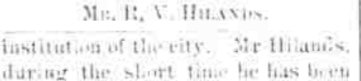
Miss Katie Barclay left this afternoon for Aberdeen to visit Mrs Easter Roberson at Mr A F Page's. We regret to know that Mrs Roberson, who has reached a good old age, is in declining health, but her many friends and kindred throughout the State hope that she may be spared to them for years yet to come.

The Mocksville and Mooresville Road. The Salisbury Sun says: "Mr A H Price went to Statesville Saturday afternoon to finish the work of registering the deeds giving the new road from Mocksville to Mooresville the right of way in freedom. Twenty-six deeds and five releases were registered in freedom, and 40 deeds will probably be completed this week. There will be about 57 registered for Rowan.

Mr Rice, county commissioner, tells us a squad of about 35 hands have pitched their tents near Wood-leaf and have begun grading for the road bed.

Seaton Gales Lodge, I. O. O. F. Regular meeting of Seaton Gales Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F., Friday-night at 7:30 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member be present. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend. J J ROGERS N. 7. LODGE Sec.

Left a Fund for Her Parrot. Boston, Oct. 29—Miss Mary Bradford, of South Boston, made no public bequests in her will, but she established a trust of a somewhat novel nature. She left a fund of \$4,000, income of which should be paid to some trustworthy person who should see to it that her parrot had proper care and nourishment during the course of its natural life.



MR. R. V. HILDANS.