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## NEW YORK HERALD'S FORECAST

**NATIONAL VOTE THIS YEAR WILL BE THE HEAVIEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNION—THE BONE AND SINUE OF THE NATION REALIZE THAT THEY MUST STAY THE HAND OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND NOT TAKE ON AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY AND QUALITY.**

National, State and County candidates and speakers throughout this broad land brought the campaign to a close Saturday night to await the rising of the sun Tuesday morning. Work will of course go on at the various headquarters throughout the country until the last vote is cast this Tuesday evening at sundown.

### The Electoral Vote

For more than forty years the New York Herald has made it a leading feature to forecast the Presidential vote on the eve of election, and in each and every instance, save one, their estimate has been absolutely correct. The forecast which was given out for publication last Sunday morning was taken with its customary care.

### Illinois the Real "Pivot"

From the straw vote, it might be inferred that, with a little added impetus, the drift, which has been steadily moving in the President's direction, might grow into what political writers have termed a "landslide."

On the other hand, a back drift at the eleventh hour might result in the election of Mr. Hughes by a small margin in the popular vote of important States, giving a preponderance of votes in the electoral college.

Admitting that Illinois is doubtful, the Herald's forecast is as follows:

Wilson.	Hughes.	Wilson.	Hughes.
Alabama	12	†Nevada	3
Arizona	3	New Hampshire	4
Arkansas	9	New Jersey	14
California	13	New Mexico	3
Colorado	6	New York	45
Connecticut	7	North Carolina	12
Delaware	3	North Dakota	5
Florida	6	Ohio	24
Georgia	14	Oklahoma	10
Idaho	4	Oregon	5
Illinois	29	Pennsylvania	38
Indiana	15	Rhode Island	5
Iowa	13	South Carolina	9
Kansas	10	South Dakota	5
Kentucky	13	Tennessee	12
Louisiana	10	Texas	20
Maine	6	Utah	4
Maryland	8	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	18	Virginia	12
Michigan	15	Washington	7
Minnesota	12	West Virginia	8
Mississippi	10	Wisconsin	13
Missouri	18	†Wyoming	3
Montana	4		
Nebraska	8	Totals	307

\*Vote in Connecticut includes ballots cast by persons not having legal residence. Personal canvass indicates Hughes.  
†Straw votes too small or not representative. Placed according to advice from correspondents in those States.

## ANGRY NEGROES

**GRAHAM WILKERSON CRACKS TOM HESTER'S SKULL**

**A Free-For-All Fight on George Harts' Farm East of Town Last Saturday Evening.**

Tom Hester lays at the point of death as a result of a fractured skull, the blow having been administered Saturday evening with an axe wielded by the strong arm of Graham Wilkerson on the farm of Mr. George Hart a couple of miles east of Oxford. In the fracas Tom was also slashed across the throat with a razor in the hands of his wife, and when he emerged from the battle also discovered that one of his thumbs was missing.

From what can be learned of the row, it would seem that Tom Hester was beating his wife and Graham Wilkerson interfered. Tom turned on Wilkerson and Wilkerson secured an ax and lambasted him on the head.

In the melee, Tom's wife used the razor on her husband with the result above stated. She, too, lays at the point of death with a broken back and otherwise badly bruised.

Doctors Watkins and Thomas were called and dressed the wounds. They entertain very little hopes of Tom's recovery, but they state that the condition of the woman is not necessarily dangerous.

Tom and his wife are at Mr. Hart's place and are unable to be moved. Graham Wilkerson languishes in the county jail. If Tom Hester dies from the wounds inflicted at his hands he will be tried for his life.

## THE RETURNS BY WIRE

**WILL BE RECEIVED IN ARMORY TUESDAY NIGHT**

Capt. Frank Spencer, manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has perfected arrangements whereby the people of Oxford and the surrounding territory can get the election returns hot from the wire Tuesday night. The Armory has been engaged for this purpose and the returns will begin to reach Oxford from all over the United States as soon as the sun goes down Tuesday evening and there will be no let up until one or two o'clock Wednesday morning.

As in former years, Captain Spencer will handle the key and four alert messenger boys will hot-foot between the telegraph office and the armory. In order to meet the expense a charge of twenty-five cents will be collected at the door. A large number of tickets have already been sold. The armory will easily accommodate five hundred people and there will be plenty of room for out-of-town patriots if they desire to come.

## The Old Accuser Always at Work

**A FRIEND THAT IS AS OLD AS THE HUMAN RACE**

"Is it?"  
"Thous has said."  
The eternal question of the guilty conscience that needs no accuser; the inevitable answer that comes echoing back, not from without, but from within the heart of him who asks it. The human heart cannot deceive itself. It answers its own questions. Its films are so highly intensified that every motive is photographed within its deepest recesses. No part of the human heart can hide itself from the other. As the sun governs the glory of the day at noon, so the conscience is ever located at the meridian above the human heart, sending its searching rays into its innermost parts, here to reveal each part to the other.

"Is it?"  
That question is as old as the human race. Judas Iscariot wasn't the first person to ask it. It was a borrowed question, placed in his mouth by a quaking conscience that he had sold his Benefactor. It was a part of the catechism of men long before his time. Cain asked it in a different manner, when he said: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

"Is it?"  
How many of us today have to ask that question when we see the downfall of a friend and realize that we have played false to him,—sold him so to speak, to further our own interests? The price of a friend is not always thirty pieces of silver. It happened to be so in Judas' case. It may be a bit of power. It may be an idea which we promote as our own. "Is it?" we ask and, sifting out through the veil of our inner consciousness, invariably, comes the answer, "Thou hast said." And the answer burns itself into the quick of our being. Judas went off and hanged himself. Maybe we don't do that, but what is worse punishment than the consciousness of having played false to a friend?

## Wilson and Hughes Compared—Which One Will Be the Choice?

**SHALL WE EXCHANGE A MAN WHOSE STRENGTH AS PRESIDENT WE KNOW FOR A MAN WHOSE PURPOSES, POLICES, AND PROGRAM WE DON'T KNOW?**

### MR. WILSON

Born in Virginia in 1856, son of Presbyterian minister. British ancestry. Has degree from three institutions.

Member of college fraternity. Practised law one year. Professor of political economy and cognate subjects 25 years.

President of Princeton eight years. Governor of New Jersey two years. President of United States four years.

Honored by ten colleges and universities. Has been abroad on pleasure trips. Plays golf.

Has written Standard History of United States. Columbia University Library has 3,300 pages of his selected writings.

Does not drink. Smokes occasionally. Is devout Christian.

Made national reputation as author, historian, and college president before entering politics.

As Governor of New Jersey obtained much constructive legislation by uniting forward-looking men of opposite party with his own. Resigned as Governor when nominated for Presidency.

Since being Governor of New Jersey has grown in breadth of vision, in statesmanship, in courtesy to opponents and in patriotic fervor. But his greatest growth has been from a party Governor to President of all parties.

Believes that in serving his country first he has served his party best. His greatest asset to the nation at this juncture is his four years experience as President.

His record as President needs no comment as it stands for itself and is public knowledge.

### MR. HUGHES

Born in New York in 1862, son of Baptist minister, British ancestry. Has degrees from two institutions. Member of college fraternity.

Practiced law twenty years. Professor of Law eleven years. Governor of New York three years. Associate Justice of United States Supreme Court six years.

Honored by ten colleges and universities. Has been abroad on pleasure trips. Plays golf.

Has written little. Columbia University Library has 39 pages of his writings. Drinks and smokes occasionally. Is devout Christian.

Made national reputation as insurance investigator before entering politics.

As Governor of New York broke with his own party and obtained passage of only one important bill by "appeal to people." Resigned as Governor to go on Supreme Bench on appointment of President Taft, who feared him as rival Presidential candidate.

Since being Governor of New York has lost bigness of vision, initiative, resourcefulness, courtesy to opponents. His fall in statesmanship as revealed in his campaign tours has amazed even his warmest advocates.

Says he is "100 per cent the candidate of the Republican party."

While on the Supreme Court bench and one of the highest officers of the government neither wrote nor spoke a single word of advice or encouragement to the Chief Magistrate who was trying to solve the greatest problems that confronted the nation in a half century.

## COMMENDS OUR STREETS

**They Are Smooth and Nice, Says Bud Biggs**

(Chase City Progress)

"Mr. Editor, in my extensive travels I stopped over in Oxford, North Carolina, the other day," said Bud Biggs as he sauntered into our gold lined sanctum casting furtive glances in the direction of the blonde stenographer, "and I want to say here and now that the streets in said town are some streets. I didn't find out how much money they spent on them, Mr. Editor, but they are so smooth and nice that riding in my little Saxon felt just like riding in Cadillac, or words to that effect. They didn't stop at the main street in the town, but from what I could see, they have miles of asphalt in that town. That is, provided they call it asphalt there; they call it Warrenite, et cetera, in some places. But what I set out to say, Mr. Editor, is that in view of the fact that we are about to build some streets in this here town, the Hon. Council and the Hon. Mayor ought to see those streets in Oxford before the trick is done. Now, that will be an easy matter, if they're all willing, for two automobiles will take the business over there and back in one afternoon, and there are two automobiles on the council. I don't mean to try to tell the Hon. Council how to run this town, but I know a good thing when I see it. There may be a mayor or something of the kind over there, Mr. Editor, who would welcome them with open arms."

## LECTURE TO BIBLE CLASSES

**Hon. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson Will Lecture on Late John W. Hays**

A rare treat is in store for those who attend the Sunday school hour at the Methodist church on next Sunday morning. Hon. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, will be present at that hour and deliver a lecture on the life and work of the late John W. Hays, who was one of the foremost Sunday-school and church workers in this section of the State.

By special invitation the Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday school will attend in a body. First the class will meet at its room at the usual hour where the opening ceremonies will be observed and then will proceed to the Methodist church in a body. Every member is urged to be present.

## Week of Prayer

This week is being observed as Week of Prayer by the women of the Methodist church. Every woman interested in Missions will receive a cordial welcome at any of these services which are held every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## HOG JUDGING CONTEST

**Floy Daniels, of Stem, Won the First Prize**

We learn from Mr. P. W. Knott, secretary of the Granville County Fair, that the hog judging contest resulted as follows:

First Prize—Floy Daniel, of Stem Route 3, making grade of 99 per cent. Awarded \$12.00.

Second Prize—James A. Morris, Jr., of Oxford Route 2, making grade of 90 per cent. Awarded \$10.00.

Third Prize—Miss Harrie Thomason, of Stem, making grade of 86 per cent. Awarded \$8.00.

Fourth Prize—Miss Millard Brummitt, of Oxford Route 3, making 83 per cent. Awarded \$6.00.

Fifth Prize—David Adcock, of Oxford Route 3, making 77 per cent. Awarded \$4.00.

The papers in this contest were graded by Mr. B. Y. Falk, agent in animal husbandry, North Carolina Pig Club.

## NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

**The First Freedman to Sell Tobacco Lived in Granville**

According to the files of the Richmond Dispatch, George Kittrell, of Granville County, was the first freedman to consign tobacco to the Richmond market. In its issue of November 1, 1866, the Dispatch published the following item, which they reproduced last Wednesday under the headline entitled "News Fifty Years Ago":

"The first consignment of tobacco from a freedman reached a Richmond commission merchant this week and was sold on the exchange yesterday. It came from an old colored man of Granville County, N. C., named George Kittrell. It weighed 200 pounds, and netted the colored farmer \$231.30."

On inquiry we learn that George lived to a ripe old age and was regarded as being strictly honest. He died several years ago.

## DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS

Owing to the high cost of news print paper the Public Ledger is compelled to discontinue the paper to those in arrears. The publishers all over the country are up against a tough proposition and the most rigid economy is enjoined in the press room, the exchange list and counting room. We regret to be compelled to take this step, but it is imperative and will be put into effect on and after this date.

Mr. Glaude Allen was in Oxford a few hours Monday.

## COMES HOME TO VOTE

**Mr. R. W. Lassiter Arrives From Washington**

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, private secretary of Col. Osborn, is in Oxford, the guest of his son.

We learn that Secretary of the Navy Daniels wound up his work of the campaign in Winston-Salem Monday night and hastened to Raleigh to vote. Col. Osborn will vote in Greensboro, as will his assistant, Mr. S. H. Boyd, of the income tax division of the Treasury Department. Among the others to return to the State to cast their vote are: Peter Wilson, Chief Clerk of the Senate, to Raleigh; G. D. Ellsworth, Superintendent of Salaries and Allowances in the Postoffice Department, to Henderson; and D. L. Carlton, Assistant Attorney in the Postoffice Department, to Marion.

## October Excessive

By reference to the announcement of Landis & Easton elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that they broke the sales record during the month of October. The fact is, the firm bought at the right time, which enabled them to maintain old prices on a rising market, and in testimony whereof they reproduce a letter from a St. Louis shoe firm. Landis & Easton handle only the best quality of goods—the goods most effected by the rising market—and to maintain old prices under similar circumstances is very remarkable and shows a high regard for the long and honorable record of Granville's "Biggest, Busiest and Best" store.

## ELECTION RETURNS

The Public Ledger has believed, and still believes, that the one overshadowing question to be decided, the one which most concerns the future welfare of our country, affecting more than any other the great hosts of American citizens and the entire business world, is that of perpetuating the principles of the Wilson administration.

The Public Ledger would also warn the general public in reference to the early returns from the National election. The great news gathering agencies of the North are controlled by the money interests, and unless a landslide for Wilson occurs the result will not be definitely known for some days. As regards our State and County, our readers know the result already. The vote is being polled as we go to press this Tuesday morning. We hope to be able to tell our readers next Friday morning that Wilson succeeds himself.

## Will Be Big Crowd Here

A correspondent of the Public Ledger states that a big crowd from Stem community will attend the Sparks shows in Oxford next Thursday.

## BRICK AND STONE BUILDING

**At the Corner of Hillsboro and College Streets**

Mr. J. G. Hall, acting for the Hall estate, has let the contract for a two-story brick building to mark the site of the burned building on the corner of College and Hillsboro streets, recently occupied by Dames & Contos, the Greeks.

Mr. Leo E. Byrum, the contractor, will erect the building and from him we learn that it will be a handsome structure when completed. Mr. Byrum will this week begin the work of clearing the ground and getting the materials in readiness. A good solid red brick, reinforced with iron girders, will be used.

The low building now occupied by the Oxford Jewelry Company adjoining the National Bank of Granville and the proposed new building will be razed next January preparatory to erecting a handsome three story brick and stone building.

There is some talk of two other handsome business buildings being erected in Oxford at an early date, but the plans have not as yet been made public.

## Money Saving Sale

Cohn & Son's money saving sale strikes a livelier pace this week with many new wonderful bargains. This is without a doubt the biggest and best sale they ever had. Wonderful values greet you on every side the moment you come in the door. Their too the assortments are large and the good up-to-date in style. You will be glad to hear that Cohn & Son's money saving sale continues. It means more bargains and greater bargains than ever. New lots of fall and winter goods have come to light all over the stores, and that will help to make the continuance of this sale a welcome occasion. You can save money now by buying at Cohn & Son's Sale. They have earned the reputation and for years have widely been known as the economy stores for all the people. Cohn & Son's only sell reliable and dependable goods and correct in style. Read their ad on the last page of this paper, then attend their money saving sale. ad.

## SPEAKING AT CREEDMOOR

**General Royster and Hon. D. G. Brummitt Closes Campaign.**

The good Democrats in and around Creedmoor called lustily for General Royster to come to their rescue for the second time during the campaign. He responded last Saturday night and with him was Hon. D. C. Brummitt. A good crowd was present and the applause was loud and long.

If ever there was a small cloud gathering over the capitol of Dutchville it was scattered by these two speakers Saturday night, and we believe the returns will show that the sun has been shining over there all the time.