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GASTONIA, N. C., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1903. **ELECTIONS TO-DAY.**

Centests in Eleven States-The Candidates to Be Chosen.

Riections will be held in eleven States Tuesday, November 3. Full State tickets are to be voted for in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Ohio, Ken-tucky, Iowa and Mississippi, while in New York, Pennsyl-vania, Nebraska and Colorado, a justice of the upper courts, regents of the State University, or minor State officials are to be chosen. Municipal officials are to be selected in Greater New York, San Francisco and Salt

ticket in all the States except

Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General will be filled. Ed-Warfield, the Democratic candidate, is fighting the issue with Stevenson A. Williams, the

The offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Treasurer will be selected in Rhode Island. Samuel P. Colt heads the Republican ticket and Lucius Garvin, the present executive, occupies the same position on the Democratic ticket. Last year Garvin upset the plans of the Republicans by securing an election, although every other successful candidate was a Republican.

State ticket. All the Republican candidates were renomina-ted. Bates, besides having been Governor this year, was pre-viously Lieutenant Governor for three years. Gaston the Demo-cratic candidate was last year's nominee for Governor.

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ernor, his opponent being Jere-miah B. Sullivan, who is dependpopulists having their own State

Governor Beckham is seeking

walkover in Mississippi, neither the Republicans nor any other opposition party having put a

The contest in Nebraska is for justice of the Supreme Court. The Republican candidate is John D. Barnes, the Demcrats and Populists fusing on John D. Sullivan. Two regents of the State University are also to

be chosem In Colorado the Democrats made a straight nomination for judge of the Supreme Court, the Populists putting up one of their own party.

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In his charge to the grand jury of Montgomery county, Ala.,last week Judge William H. Thomas spoke strongly of the increase in the number of homicides not only in the South, but throughout the country. According to the judge there is an average of 10,-465 homicides in the United States every year, or twice as many deaths from that cause as from appendicitis or smallpox. Every year homicidal mania claims more victims than scarlet fever. "If," observed Judge Thomas, "scarlet fever was near our homes we would hasten to remove our children from its contagion. Do we appreciate contagion. Do we appreciate and do our duty in frying to put down a disregard for human life that takes off annually a third-more of the citizenship of the United States than this dread scourge?" Then the judge add-

"It is no defense for Alabamians that other sections are equally guilty. The duty upon us is that we meet its responsibility promptly, fearlessly and honest-ly. What we most need is to condemn and punish that silly sentiment that avenges wounded honor or fancied insult with the life of its victim. To condone it is to place a premium on brutal courage and cheapen human life. The law of Alabama says the doctrine of retreat is no cowardly doctrine, and if this rule be learned and observed it must diminish the rate of homi-

The comments of our Southern contemporaries on the re-cent acquittal of ex-Lieutenant Governor Tillman by a South Carolina jury indicated that the people of that section were as-tonished and shocked at the verdict. From Virginia to Louis-iana the press condemned the action of the jury as discreditable not only to the members of that body, but to the Palmetto State. Upon the assumption that the Southern newspapers reflect the sentiment of their readers there

should be little difficulty in the future in creating an overwhelm-ing public opinion in the South against the settlement of private quarrels by murder. A few con-victions by the courts of promvictions by the courts of prominent persons who give way to homicidal mania would have a wholesome effect. There was a time when dueling was in voque in the South and the man who did not accept a challenge was regarded as lacking in personal courage. To-day the duello has fallen into "innocuous desuetude." In some Southern States no man who sends or accepts a no man who sends or accepts a challenge car hold office. The man who should kill another on "the field of honor" would not now be regarded as a hero. If in every case of homicide juries would return verdicts according to the law and the evidence human life would be much safer. "Let us do our duties fearlessly." advises the Alabama judge, "and not make examples alone of the not make examples alone of the poor, the ignorant, the unfortunate, and the unknown." If juries were always guided by this principle homicide would cease to be a crime of daily occurrence. Men would not be so "quick on the trigger" if they felt that the taking of human life would inevitably be followed by punishment commensurate

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The Croatan Indians in Robeson county are a distinct race of their own, and in the new jail which is to be built at Lumberton there will be different apartments for the three raceswhites, crostans and negroes, The new jail will be the largest county prison in the State, will be three stories high, heated by steam and modern in every respect. This will be the first time, says the Charlotte Ob-server, that the Croatans have been respected in their wish for separation from the negroes. Says our contemporary: "The Croatans like full-blooded Indians, consider themselves greatly above the coloredpeople. in Robeson county are practically all of the Croatan Indians, numbering several hundred. They live to themselves and

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A BATTLEFIELD REMEMBERED.

Congressman Webb Will Ask for a National Memorial for Kings Mountain.

Charlotte Observer, 28th Congressman E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, who is in the city at-tending the Mecklenburg Pair in discussing the approaching term of Congress with an Observer reporter yesterday said that among the smaller matters that would come before Congress would be a bill providing for the proper care of the battleground at Kings Mountain by the national government. "It is a burning shame," said Mr. Webb, "that this battleground has been so neglected. Here was fought one of the most important, though not one of the largest battles of the Revolution. The American patriots had become disheartened, gloom had settled over the country as a pail. The victory here made possible the later victory at Yorktown, for it broke the British forces in the South by cutting the forces of Perguson off from Cornwallin who was waiting in Charlotte for his re-enforcements.' The only interest ever taken

in regard to this battleground was by the King's Mountain Battleground Association, which purchased 50 acres of land on the summit of the mountain and erected a small monument. The greater part of the ground is grown up into a jungle. It is proposed to turn over to the na-tional government the ground already acquired and ask for an appropriation for its proper care and decoration.

The Telephone Barred. Charlotte Chronicle, 24th.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE SAYS: "In ordering the telephones removed from its office and premises in Gastonia, the Southern Railway deals harshly with those of its local patrons who are telephone subscribers— which designation just about includes the entire business, industrial, and traveling commu-aity. The Southern virtually says to its patrons, '(1 you want now anything get out and walk to our office and inquire At other points the Southern uses the local telephone service,

and there appears to an unin-stiated public no good reason

why it should not keep itself in communication with its local patrons at Gastonia."

The railroad officials in this instance appear to have about the same idea of the 'phone as that harbored by Col. Al Pair-brothers, editor of Everything, who will not allow one of the things on his premises. It is, however, cause for surprise that and least of all a railroad, should rule out so necessary an adjunct as the telephone. The cause of the discontinuance of may be found in the fact that the repeated use of the phone annoyed the railroad people. If that is the case they probably fail to realize that it is part of their business to give information to the public. Beuseless questions are asked by some is no excuse for inconveniencing a whole com-munity. If the facts are all stated in the above extract the Southern or some of its representatives has acted very shabbily indeed. It is such things as these that cause people to bave it in for" railroads on all

The Portion of the Watte Law That is Considered Illegal. Washington Dispatch

Saloon men in Raleigh and other cities in the State that have voted for dispensaries have retained able attorneys with the view of testing in the courts the constitutionality of the Watts law. One of the attorneys was here to-day. He said that it had not been fully decided to bring an action testing the Watts law, but that some decision would be reached in a few days by the attorneys who have been engaged to make an investigation of the matter. The salooumen base their hopes for the annullment of the Watts law on the provision which makes eligible for dispensary commissioner only those persons who have voted for the dispensary. The actor-

ney here to-day said:
"This section is undoubte lly n violation of the constitution, but whether it will destroy the whole act is a question. This is the point which we are investigating. If it is the opinion of the attorney retained that this section destroys the act the suit will be instituted at once. We will be instituted at once. hope to have a conference to determine whether to test the act in a few days."

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Baltimore Sun The Prohibitionists have a

Colorado, the Socialists in all except Nebraska and Colorado, the Populists in two States—Iowa and Colorado; and the Socialists Labor party in three—New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. Pusion was effected in only one State - Nebraska, though the Republicans of New York endorsed the Democratic nominee for judge of the Court of Ap-

The most interesting contests in the East are the State electious in Maryland and Rhode Island, and the municipal and county contests in New York

city.
In Maryland the offices Republican nominee.

Massachusetta wi'l chose a full

Pennsylvania will elect an Auditor General, Treasurer and two judges of the Supreme

In the West the liveliest contest is in Obio where Myron T. Herrick and Tom L. Johnson, both of Cleveland, are the leadocratic ticket, and Marcus A. Hanna and John H. Clark are struggling for members of the Legislature which will elect a United States Senator.

In Iowa Albert B. Cummins is ing on the Democratic vote, the ticket in the field

re-election in Kentucky, the Republican candidate being Morris B. Belknap, who is making a very active canvass.

The Democrats will have a ticket in the field.



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