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## TWO OCTOBER ELECTIONS

### Georgia and Florida Choose Democratic Governors.

## EXCITING STATE CAMPAIGNS.

In Georgia a Fusion of Populists and Republicans defeated Governor and Legislature Democratic in Both Branches—Election Day Violence—The Result in Florida.

ATLANTA, Ga., October 8.—The liveliest State campaign Georgia has known in many a year came to an end when the polls closed throughout the various counties at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. The result gives the control of the State's affairs in the hands of the Democratic party after two years, but after a harder fight than it has ever had since the war.

The indications on election night were that the Democratic majority would not be less than 30,000. A. S. Clay, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, said: "Our majority in the State will be at least 35,000 and probably 40,000. We have gained 12,000 or 15,000 over our majority in 1894, and the Populists have lost a number of counties



GOVERNOR WILLIAM Y. ATKINSON.

they carried then. They haven't carried over twenty counties of the 137 in the State." Governor W. Y. Atkinson's majority two years ago was 24,000.

Reports indicate that the Democrats have carried the 24th Congressional District, which is the stronghold of Populist in Georgia. Thomas E. Watson, Populist candidate for Vice-President, lives at Thomaston, in the district.

The fight has been a square one between the Democratic ticket, headed by William Yates Atkinson, present Governor, and the Populist ticket with Southern Wright at its front. The Populist vote was cast for the Populist candidate, that party having incorporated an anti-barroom plank in its platform. The Republicans did not have a ticket in the field. Republican State Chairman Buck issued a circular a few days ago calling on the voters of the party to support the Populist State ticket.

The fact that the only two tickets in the field were Democratic and Populist necessarily eliminated the financial question as an issue of the campaign, both sides being agreed thereon. The fight has been limited, therefore, to State issues, and about them it has raged with a bitterness which increased up to the very close of election day. The Legislature is Democratic. This will insure the election of ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp to the United States Senate to succeed General John B. Gordon.

At the opening of the polls at Monte, Emanuel County, William Durden and a colored hand walked up to vote, when a Democratic ticket was snatched out of his hand by C. W. Williams, a colored man. Several Democrats rushed for him, and Williams pulled his pistol and killed S. Middleton. He made an effort to escape, but was overhauled and shot to death.

At an election row at Elberton, Will Mafield shot and killed Bud Sanders and wounded Tom Wall shot and seriously wounded E. C. Swift. All are white.

William Yates Atkinson, re-elected Governor of Georgia, is forty-two years of age and a native of this State, where he has always lived. He had a university education, and became a lawyer soon becoming a member of his circuit. He then went to the Legislature, where he served eight years, and rose to be Speaker. He served as State Chairman of his party. In 1894 he was chosen Governor. He is an advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

## THE FLORIDA ELECTION.

W. D. Bloxham, the Democratic Candidate, Chosen Governor.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., October 8.—Returns from the State election held on Tuesday were slow in coming in, due to a defect in the Australian ballot law, now used for the first time, in not providing a sufficient number of inspectors to count the vote, but it is assumed that the Democrats elected their Governor, William D. Bloxham, over Edward R. Gunby, the Republican, but the Republicans and Fusionists, the latter headed by William A. Weeks, polled a heavier vote than was expected.

The small precincts, first heard from, showed a heavy vote and Democratic gains over four years ago, when there was no Republican opposition. The Populists ran a ticket then.

Chairman Bawls, of the Democratic Executive Committee, declares that Bloxham will have 18,000 plurality. The Republican Chairman concedes Bloxham 12,000 more votes than were cast for Gunby.

Returns from thirty-five of forty-five counties give estimated Democratic majorities of from 150 to 800 in each.

The Legislature fight is complicated. United States Senator Call, who is a candidate for re-election, made his fight outside of party lines, putting up a Call man whenever the regular Democratic nominee was anti-Call. It is believed he will capture only about thirty-five out of the one hundred members of the Legislature. There will probably be six Populists and four Republicans in the Legislature. The Constitutional Amendment, abolishing October elections, has been carried.

Ohio's Small Wheat Crop.

The monthly crop report of the State Board of Agriculture estimates the acreage of wheat sown in Ohio for the harvest of 1896 at 2,011,708 acres, and the total product at 17,265,848 bushels, average per acre, 8 1/2 bushels. The Ohio wheat yield is the poorest since 1876.

Washington's Tree Wrecked.

The late storm partially wrecked a magnificent magnolia tree at Mount Vernon that was planted by George Washington in the year of his death. An effort will be made to revive the tree.

## SEWALL'S ACCEPTANCE.

### Formal Letter From the Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate.

The letter of acceptance of Arthur Sewall, Democratic nominee for Vice-President of the United States, was given out from his home in Bath, Me. It is in part as follows:

BATH, Me., October 6.  
The Hon. Stephen H. White, Chairman, and Members of the Notification Committee, Gentlemen—I have the honor to accept in writing, as I have already done verbally, the nomination tendered by you on behalf of the Democratic party as its candidate for Vice-President of the United States. And in doing so I am glad, first, to express my satisfaction that the platform of our party which has commanded my life long allegiance, is honestly and fully declared of all its privileges, and especially of the absorbing financial issue upon which, as you say, I took my stand "when the hours of triumph seemed remote, and when arrogant money changers throughout the world boasted that the conquest of the American masses was complete."

We are told that the country has prospered under the present monetary standard, that its wealth has enormously increased. Granted. But in whose hands? In the hands of the toilers, the producers, the farmers, the miners, the fabricators in the factories, the creators of the Nation's wealth in peace, its defenders in war? Have they the prosperity which was theirs so late as even twenty years ago? I deny it. They deny it. None affirm it, save those whose interest it is to do so, whose profits would diminish as prosperity returns to those on whose distress they thrive.

The free and unlimited coinage of silver is the sole remedy with which to check the wrongs of to-day, to undo the ruin of the past, and for our inspiration we have the justice of our cause and those cherished principles of Jefferson and Jackson, which shall be our guide on our return to power. "Equal and exact justice to all men; absolute acquiescence in decisions of the majority, the vital principles of republics; the honest payment of our debts and sacred preservation of the public faith."

There was no prospect of the high honor of the nomination you tender, I am truly yours,  
ARTHUR SEWALL.

## BANK RAID ON WHEELS.

### Masked Bandits, Riding Mercedes, Kill Two Men and Escape.

The Bank of Sherburne, Minn., was robbed and George Thorburn, assistant cashier, and Mr. Oester, a traveling collector for the Walter A. Wood Harvesting Company, were shot dead. The robbers escaped through a back window, mounted bicycles and rode out of town.

The evidence in the bank indicates that when they entered they covered Thorburn and Oester with revolvers. Thorburn kept a revolver in a drawer besides him and, as the drawer was found partly open, the theory is that, instead of putting up his hands, he reached for his weapon. He was then shot, the bullet passing through his head. Oester tried to get out of the bank, and was shot through the head while running toward the door.

There was \$5000 in the vault. Of this \$2000 in gold was overlooked. The remaining \$3000 was taken, but in jumping from the rear window the thief dropped a package containing \$3000.

## BANCROFT CAN'T ENTER.

### Our War Vessel May Not Pass the Dardanelles.

The Turkish Government has decided not to admit the United States gunboat Bancroft through the Dardanelles. As a consequence, the Americans will have no gunship in the Bosphorus.

It will not be possible, therefore, to provide men to guard the Legation in case of emergency. Similar action has been taken by the Porte respecting the war vessels of Holland and Greece.

In a general way this is in accordance with the Berlin treaty. The treaty does not admit of the passage of the vessels of any Nation that is not a party to it.

## CONNECTICUT TOWN ELECTIONS.

### Losses for the Democrats in Many Local Contests.

Town elections were held in all the 169 towns in Connecticut, with the exceptions of Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Ansonia, Derby and Naugatuck.

The returns show that the Republicans have made large gains over a year ago, when it was supposed high water mark had been reached, the Republicans having nearly doubled their number of towns from 1895. Complete returns show that the Republicans have gained at least fifteen towns.

Women to the number of 1200 turned out to vote in a school election in Windham, an extraordinary scene at the polls resulted.

## CORN POPPED BY THE SUN.

### Five-Acre Crop Ruined, According to an Indiana Narrative.

Theodore Roberts planted five acres in pop corn on his farm, four miles from St. Croix, Ind., last spring. A few days ago he noticed that the sheaves were abnormally swollen and that the ear seemed to be larger than when it began to ripen, a thing contrary to what is known in the corn raising business.

Mr. Roberts found that seven-eighths of the grain had popped open and was capped with the white pulp, as if through it had been in the fire. Some of the corn tastes as sweet as when newly popped, but the greater part of it is dry and tasteless. The phenomenon is attributed to the hot weather that prevailed two or three weeks ago. The crop is ruined.

## Expert Burglars in Nebraska.

At Clayton, Neb., the vault of the Clay-ton Depository was broken open and about \$1500 was stolen. William S. Slinger, President of the bank, went to Lincoln, and while he was reporting the robbery to the Lincoln police, Albert F. Anderson arrived to report that the Bank of Shelby, Nebraska, had been robbed of \$2100. The safe was blown open with dynamite. The postoffice at Giesville, Neb., had its safe blown open and \$230, besides stamps, were taken. All the work is that of experts.

## Enormous Peach Crop.

Owing to the enormous crop, peaches in Michigan have been so cheap that in some cases the growers found themselves in debt to the commission merchant after the latter had sold a consignment of peaches.

## Cows With Tuberculosis.

Nearly fifty per cent. of San Francisco's dairy cows will have to be slaughtered to stamp out tuberculosis.

## Highest Horse in the World.

William Williams, a wealthy banker of Hardis County, Ohio, claims to have the largest horse in the world. It is seven years old, weighs 2920 pounds and is twenty-four hands high. The largest horse made is No. 6, and this animal requires one-fourth more than that size. It takes sixty-three feet of material to blanket him.

## Ripe Strawberries in Washington.

Ripe strawberries are again on the market at Yakima, Wash. They are of the "ever-bearing" variety. The vines bear and flower the year around until stopped by the frost, and the product is delicious.

## BRYAN TO THE THIRD PARTY.

### He Formally Accepts the Presidential Nomination of the Populists.

William J. Bryan gave out at St. Louis, Mo., his letter accepting the Populist nomination for the Presidency. It is in part as follows:

"LINCOLN, Neb., October 8, 1896.  
"Hon. William V. Allen, Chairman, and other members of the Notification Committee of the People's party:  
"Gentlemen—The nomination of the United States for the Presidency of the United States had been tendered me in such a generous spirit and upon such honorable terms that I am able to accept the same without departing from the control of the Populists, who have debauched and plundered a great and once prosperous republic."

"I fully appreciate the breadth of the patriotism which has actuated the members of the People's party, who, in order to consolidate the sentiment in favor of bimetallism, have been willing to go outside of party lines and support as their candidate one already nominated by the Democratic party and also by the silver party."

"He refers to the good done the cause of free silver through the agitation kept up by the People's party and welcomes to his support the members of any organization who favor bimetallism."

"In conclusion he says: 'The American people have proven equal to every emergency which has arisen in the past, and I am confident that in the present emergency there will be no antagonism between the various regiments of the one great army which is marching to repel an invasion more dangerous to our welfare than an army with banners. Acknowledging with gratitude your expressions of confidence and good will, I am, very truly yours,  
W. J. BRYAN.'

## SUICIDE IN A RAILROAD WRECK.

### Six Others Killed by a Locomotive Exploding in Kansas.

An east bound passenger train on the Santa Fe road was wrecked two miles north of Osage City, Kan., by the explosion of the locomotive. Six persons were killed in the crash, and one of the passengers, William Becker, committed suicide by shooting.

The victims are William Becker, Harry Hollister, fireman; William McAdams, a tramp; Engineer Strump, three tramps, names unknown.

The locomotive was completely shattered. The express, baggage and passenger coaches came crashing upon the wrecked engine, and the coaches that were ahead were piled up in one heap of wreckage.

When the crash first impressed of nearly all was that the train had been attacked by robbers. William Becker, who had been drinking, seemed to lose his reason entirely. He drew a pistol from his pocket and, in the presence of a car full of terrified passengers, shot himself dead.

## THE LABOR WORLD.

The South has 475 cotton mills.

London has 60,000 cisterns.

There are 28,700 union cigarmakers.

Boston sailmakers demand nine hours.

Buffalo, N. Y., has a hucksters' union.

America has 7147 union cigar factories.

The world employs 105,000 locomotives.

Duluth, Minn., is to have a labor temple.

Viena, Austria, has an embroidery school.

Agents for New York crayon houses have organized.

Washington has a Workingmen's Library Association.

Uncle Sam pays his sailmakers \$3 for eight hours.

Plasterers now pay \$100 to the family of a dead man.

A Chicago cigar dealer was fined \$100 for counterfeiting the union label.

There are now 4300 buildings in process of construction in the city of New York.

Only one Fall River (Mass.) textile mill is idle. One firm is running till p. m.

A Minneapolis barber shop was deprived of the union label for polishing shoes free of cost.

Lepshem (Hick) miners have been cut to an average of \$1.75 per day; laborers, \$1.25.

The Victorian Government has decided that convict labor must not compete with free labor.

New Haven (Conn.) women employees of a local rubber factory struck against a cut to \$1.30 a day.

New Orleans street car workers want ten hours to construct a day's work, at eighteen cents an hour.

One hundred and twenty firemen are required to feed the furnaces of a first-class Atlantic steamer.

Des Moines (Iowa) Council will inaugurate public works for the unemployed and change the force every two weeks.

St. Louis cigarmakers have decided to inaugurate a local out-of-work benefit fund for those unemployed by winter.

At San Francisco the Board of Health has refused to employ any but union labor in whitening and painting schoolhouses.

Bluffton (Ind.) Domestic Union is thriving. They want four nights out a week and possession of the territory Sunday nights.

Owing to the terrific depression in the coal and iron trades, no less than 10,000 men are idle in the Rhonda Valley, in Wales.

The Brotherhood Carpenters' minimum initiation fee has been raised to \$5 and the minimum monthly dues raised to seventy-five cents for members of lodges.

When Paris recently dedicated the Ecole Etienne as a training school for printers, naming it after the great French printer of the early sixteenth century, Henri and Robert Etienne, there were present, besides the mayor Henri Etienne, thirteenth in lineal descent from Robert. He is a printing printer like all his ancestors.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The widow of Charles R. Darwin, the famous naturalist, died in England.

Toledo, like Mr. Gladstone, enjoys himself in his leisure moments by felling trees.

Homer S. Cummings, nominated by the Connecticut Democrats for Secretary of State, is twenty-six years of age.

Queen Victoria purchases almost every new book of note published, and her expenditure on literature of all sorts is said to reach over \$60,000 per annum.

The confirmation of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has been definitely fixed for October 24, and it is understood that the announcement of her betrothal will immediately follow.

It is reported that the marriage festivities of the Prince of Naples and Princess Helene of Montenegro are to be on a scale unparalleled in Italy. Judged by the scale of his preparations, King Humbert will spend out of his private purse over \$50,000.

A committee of nobilities from all parts of Holland has been appointed to consider a National gift to the Queen Begeet in 1898, in recognition of the manner in which she has carried on the government of the State during the minority of Queen Wilhelmina.

William Blacklock, the United States Vice-Consul-General at Apia, Samoa, who for some time acted as Consul-General during the Samoan trouble with the Germans in 1888 and 1889, has been succeeded by Lloyd Osborne, a stepson of the late Robert Louis Stevenson.

Prince Victor Napoleon inherited \$2000 a year from his father. His aunt, the Princess Mathilde Bonaparte, gives him an income of \$4000, and the ex-Empress the sum of \$6000 yearly. But, as both these royal ladies like to live in France part of the year, they give their names and the condition that the Prince does not use any of it for political agitation.

## News From Washington.

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Hon. Oliver H. Dockery, nominee of the People's party for Lieutenant Governor, will speak at the following points: Randleman, Wednesday, Oct. 7. Lexington, Thursday, Oct. 8. Newton, Friday, Oct. 9. Asheville, Saturday, Oct. 10. Lenoir, Monday, Oct. 12. Wilkesboro, Wednesday, Oct. 14. Elkin, Thursday, 15. Mt. Airy, Friday, Oct. 16. Winston, Saturday, Oct. 17.

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### A New England company, it is said, is examining sites near Moncure for a \$1,000,000 cotton mill.

### S. E. Buckner succeeds the late C. S. Hauser as mayor of Salem.

### Great Powers Agree.

It is announced in Paris, France, that France, Russia and Great Britain have arrived at an entente in regard to Turkey and it is expected that these powers will immediately dispatch to the Porte a vigorous note demanding the adoption of reforms which will secure the safety of the Armenians in the Turkish empire.

### Met in St. Louis, Mo.

Last Saturday there assembled in the city of St. Louis, Mo., the National Association of Democratic Clubs—numbering about 2,800 delegates—and the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 15,000 people, was packed and jammed until fully 18,000 people were inside of its walls. The permanent officers of the convention elected, are as follows: Chairman, H. D. Money, of Mississippi; secretary, John Baker White, of West Virginia; assistant secretary, J. M. Kase, of Indiana. A good many prominent men addressed the convention, but among them the most prominent was W. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President. They adopted a set of resolutions declaring the Chicago platform as their choice.

### Bryan Welcomed in Indiana.

The reception accorded William Jennings Bryan on his arrival in Indianapolis, Ind., last Tuesday was nearly as large as any he has received during his entire trip. He made five speeches here, two in the afternoon and three at night, and at each meeting he addressed immense audiences, one of which was nearly as large as that addressed by him on Boston Common, the largest of the evening. Before reaching Indianapolis from Louisville, Ky., he made several stops, and at each place he addressed vast throngs of people.

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