

EVE OF THE GREAT BATTLE

Republicans and Democrats Both Confident of Victory.

ESTIMATES AS TO THE RESULT DIFFER WIDELY.

Betting on the General Result Shows a Change, Odds Now Being in Harrison's Favor, While Two to One Are the Figures on Cleveland

Carrying New York—Reports From Various States the Night Before the Polls Open.

Special to the INDEPENDENT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Betting on the general result of the Presidential election at the Hoffman House to-night showed a change of odds in Harrison's favor. Two to one continued to be offered on the chances of Cleveland's victory in the State. The corridors and cafe of the hotel appeared to be overrun with Harrison men, and Harrison money on the general result went begging. Michael F. Dwyer's commissioner, Joe Verding, created a sensation by refusing even-money bets on the general result, and offering \$500 to \$1,000 Harrison money. On that basis his money was eagerly taken up in several quarters, but he kept on offering it in almost any amount.

At the Republican committee rooms late this evening Chairman Hackett was confident that New York State was all right. He said that Friday last he expressed the opinion that the Republicans would come down to Harlem with 50,000 majority. He was even more confident now. He didn't think the Democrats in New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond Counties would be able to get a greater majority than in 1888, and thought Harrison's majority in the State would be larger than that year.

At Democratic headquarters the announcement was made that there had been an increase in the registration in New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond Counties since the last election. He does not think the Republicans will meet this with more than 60,000 from the rural districts. Therefore, they expect 20,000 plurality for Cleveland in the State.

Chairman Hackett claims New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Connecticut, Wisconsin, six from Michigan, and a fair probability of Colorado, Illinois and Iowa.

Hon. J. S. Clarkson to-night said all doubts of Harrison's election were gone. Last week he classed New York, Connecticut, Indiana, Nevada, West Virginia and Delaware as doubtful States, but to-day took Indiana and Connecticut out of the doubtful column, which gives Harrison 232 electoral votes, and elects him without New York.

NEW YORK. Weather Prospect for To-day Not Very Assuring. Those who were not very alluring. According to the weather bureau a heavy storm is now in progress in the lake region, and this evening there is here a cold, drizzling rain, probably the advance guard of the same storm. A storm to-morrow would probably extend from Virginia northward over the Middle States and New England, and the weather bureau says it is not probable. All over the rest of the country it will be mild and clear, according to the present indications.

Arrangements are all completed for the election in this city to-morrow. On behalf of the anti-election stories of expected trouble will amount to as much as they did in former years—that is, much talk and very little trouble. Judge Barrett said to-day that from the opening to the closing of the polls to-morrow the judges of the Supreme Court will attend in turn, two or three at a time, in their Chambers at the County Court-house, as has been the custom in preceding years. This will greatly aid people who may be arrested illegally.

Information was received at the United States Marshal's office to-day that a body of 200 colonizers, headed by George C. Conroy, had been shipped from Pittsburg and other parts in Allegheny County, Pa., to the State of Nevada.

Chairman Hackett of the Republican State Committee was seen by an Associated Press reporter this afternoon in regard to a dispatch sent out by Lieutenant Governor Sheehan, alleging that the Republican State Committee had sent pasteur ballots up the State headed by William Steiner, a well-known Democrat, and followed by the names of the Republican Electors. Hackett said the statement was unqualifiedly false, but added that it was exactly what the Democrats had done. He had a sample pasteur from up the State which had been mailed by the Democrats to a Republican. It was headed by Henry W. Sage and Jesse Seligman, Republican Electors, and the names of thirty-four Democratic Electors followed. He understood the Democrats had been spreading these right and left among Republicans throughout the State.

BUFFALO (N. Y.), Nov. 7.—Lieutenant Governor Sheehan, when asked to-night what he thought of the situation in the closing hour, replied: "We will carry New York State. Of that I have not the slightest doubt."

INDICATION OF TROUBLE. BUFFALO, Nov. 7.—There is every indication of trouble to-morrow. The Republican managers have sworn in a small army of Deputy Marshals, and insist on having from two to five Marshals in each election district. The Sheriff has sworn in about 300 deputies, and the Democratic managers declare that every Democrat arrested to-morrow will be bailed out at once.

IN THE NORTHWEST. Both Parties Confident of Meeting With Success.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The close of the campaign finds both political parties confident in the Northwest. The Democrats for the most part feel assured that they will elect their Governor in Illinois, and there are many who even expect the Electoral vote of the State to be cast for

Cleveland. The Republicans laugh at these pretensions, and the State Committee appears to be quite confident of a Republican victory all along the line in Illinois.

From the branch Democratic National headquarters here telegrams were sent to-day to local committees in the Northwest assuring them that a careful poll left no room for doubt of Cleveland's success in Illinois and Wisconsin. This afternoon the Chairman of the Western headquarters gave to a representative of the Associated Press the following statement of the situation in the Northwest: "In Illinois the Democratic organization has never been in better condition. From all parts of the State I have received letters showing the Democrats infused with the prospect. From a careful examination of the polls received from this State I believe the two parties will come to Chicago very nearly even, and that the majority here will be over 4,000, which will give the State to Cleveland and Aitfield by a handsome plurality."

It may be recalled in a dispatch from Chairman Campion of the Michigan Democratic committee, saying that the Democracy will have eight Electors, a large majority of Congressmen and a Democratic Legislature. A dispatch just received from the Chairman of the South Dakota Democratic State Committee gives an assurance that the Weaver Electors will have a plurality, carrying out the policy of the State Committee in Dakota, of supporting Weaver Electors. Chairman Campion also says that the State Committee telephones me that he has no reason to change his estimate made public last Saturday that the Democrats will have a majority of 15,000 outside of Milwaukee. In Iowa our friends have made a good fight, and predict that they will carry the State. I feel that the present Republican majority in Iowa is due to be counted as a doubtful State as much of a victory as I can claim for the party in a State always so overwhelmingly Republican.

Hon. William J. Campbell of Illinois, a member of the Republican National Committee, said to an Associated Press reporter that the latest report from Illinois would give a majority for the Harrison Electors larger than four years ago, and that Governor Fifer will be triumphantly re-elected by a plurality of not less than several thousand. He did not regard Iowa as any more in doubt than Ohio or Pennsylvania. Regarding other Western States, he said: "I know the members of the National Committee feel that the situation has steadily improved for a fortnight, and the Republican leaders are sanguine of success everywhere except in Nevada. The loss of a portion of the Electors in Minnesota is possible, but by no means probable. My advice leads me to believe that the chances are decidedly favorable to the Republicans."

The indications late to-night are that a Democratic majority in many portions of the Northwest, because to-day's storm. Dispatches from St. Cloud, Northfield, Redwood Falls and other places in Minnesota report a heavy gale, attended by snow and a rapidly falling temperature. In Wisconsin, Northern Iowa and Northern Michigan similar conditions prevail.

WISCONSIN. MILWAUKEE, Nov. 7.—The vote in Wisconsin to-morrow will be compared with that of 1888, when Harrison received 176,353 and Cleveland 155,252, a Republican plurality of 21,101. The vote will show an increase of about 25,000 voters in the State over 1888.

SOUTH DAKOTA. YANKTON (S. D.), Nov. 7.—Otto Peckham, Chairman of the South Dakota Democratic Central Committee, claims South Dakota's four electoral votes for Weaver by a plurality of 6,750 votes. He declines to explain the source of his report that the Democratic voters are being urged to vote for the Weaver Electors, and not for Cleveland. The Republicans, however, are confident of success.

NORTH DAKOTA. FARGO (N. D.), Nov. 7.—The Republican State Committee claims that the Harrison Electors will be chosen by from 2,000 to 3,000 majority, and that the State ticket will pull through with good majorities, and that the Legislature will be Republican. The Democratic State Committee claims both National and State tickets, the former by from 300 to 1,000, and the latter from 2,000 to 3,000.

Conservative politicians place the State in the doubtful column with the chances favoring the Weavers.

INDIANA. Result in Doubt, Both Parties Claiming a Triumph.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 7.—There is practically no change in the situation in Indiana. The result is still involved in doubt, and both sides are claiming the triumph of the Cleveland ticket and State officers by a good round plurality. The People's party Chairman places the Populist vote in the State at 49,500. The Populists claim fifteen members of the Legislature, and that they will hold the balance of the State, and that they will elect a successor to Senator Tarple. The Populists claim a vote of 18,000 in the State, which is probably correct, and that they will receive the Prohibition and People's party vote are quantities that give the situation an element of great uncertainty.

KANSAS. A Change Since Saturday in Favor of the Fusionists.

TOPEKA (Kan.), Nov. 7.—The situation in Kansas, as far as it has undergone a change since Saturday night, changed slightly more in favor of the Fusionists to-day. The Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District withdrawing in favor of the Populist candidate, Fusion is now accomplished in all the districts excepting the Sixth. The Chairman of the Republican State Committee claims everything. He says they will, without a doubt, have a majority of from 20,000 to 25,000 in the State and National tickets and will elect every Congressional candidate.

The People's party men and Fusionists have even more confidence than the Republicans. The Chairman of the Populist State Central Committee claims the election of Llewellyn, candidate for Governor, by a majority of at least 12,000, and says Weaver will run ahead of the State ticket by at least 10,000 votes. The fusion between Populists and Democrats has been arranged in nearly every Legislative and Senatorial District in the State, and indications are that the Legislature will be anti-Republican, although the Republicans claim they will have a majority and will elect Senator Perkins to the United States Senate. The Fusionists, on the other hand, claim that they will even have a larger majority than in the last Legislature, when they elected Peffer to succeed Ingalls.

In the Congressional campaign the Republicans have made a particularly

strong fight for Jerry Simpson's scalp, and the Populists have made an extraordinary defense to save it. The result is awaited with much anxiety.

COLORADO. Betting in the Poolrooms is in Favor of Weaver.

DENVER (Col.), Nov. 7.—The political outlook in Colorado is a difficult one to figure on, because of the six tickets in the field. Chairman Griffith of the Republican Committee expresses the opinion that the Harrison State and Congressional tickets will be elected by 10,000 plurality. This is stoutly contradicted by Chairman McKinley of the Clevelandists, who recently withdrew their Electors and adopted the People's party ticket. McKinley says that the Harrison Electors will have a plurality of from 8,000 to 10,000.

Chairman Arbutkole of the Weaver ticket, and an Ironside Democrat who fused with the People's party, thinks the entire ticket will be victorious, with the probable exception of Congressman from the First District. Chairman Stone of the People's party is confident of the election of Weaver and the balance of his ticket in the State.

Betting in the poolrooms on the result in the State is 2 to 1 in favor of Weaver.

CONNECTICUT. Republicans and Democrats Alike Confident.

NEW HAVEN (Conn.), Nov. 7.—The Chairman of both State committees were interviewed to-night, and Chairman Benton of the Republican Committee said he expected his party would secure a safe plurality for both Electoral and State tickets. He looked for the election of a Republican majority in both branches. Three out of four Republican candidates for Congress will be elected, and he will not be at all surprised if the Democrats make a clean sweep, insuring a full representation of Republicans in both Houses at Washington.

Chairman Davis of the Democratic Committee says he is absolutely certain the Democratic Electoral ticket in the State will have a plurality of not less than 2,000. He says the Democratic ticket will be thrown into the Legislature, which is in doubt as to political complexion on joint ballot, and one could forecast the result. The Democrats are sure of three Congressmen out of four.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Democrats Concede the State to Harrison.

CONCORD (N. H.), Nov. 7.—At Republican headquarters it is claimed that the State will go for Harrison by upwards of 2,500; that Smith will be elected Governor, that the Democrats will not be elected to Congress, and Republicans will have a good working majority in both branches of the Legislature.

At Democratic headquarters the State is conceded to Harrison by a small plurality, and it is claimed there will be no choice for Governor by the people; that the Democrats will elect both Members of Congress, and the Legislature will be very close.

WEST VIRGINIA. The State Acknowledged to be Extremely Doubtful.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), Nov. 7.—That West Virginia is an extremely doubtful State is acknowledged by the conservative element of all parties. There are four tickets in the field—Democratic, Republican, Prohibitionist and Populist. The last named party had a considerable foothold, but within the past three or four weeks it has been rapidly losing ground, and gone back to the old parties. The Prohibitionists got no figure of importance, a great fault on the part of the Democrats and Republicans. Each claim the State by 1,500 to 3,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA. No Doubt of the Democrats Carrying the State.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 7.—No interest to speak of is taken in the coming election. There is no doubt about the result in this State, so there is no excitement. The admitted vote will stand about this way: Cleveland, 70,000; Harrison, 20,000; Weaver, 1,000 to 2,000. The indications point to the election of the Alliance and two Democratic Congressmen.

ALABAMA. Threatened Conflict Between State and Federal Officers Averted.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), Nov. 7.—The State law of Alabama permits no one within thirty feet of the polls except officers of election. The threatened conflict between State and Federal officers was averted by a mutual agreement signed by the Marshals and Sheriffs to-night, that neither would permit their deputies to transgress the State laws by going over the limit.

UTAH. Three Tickets in the Field for Delegation to Congress.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 7.—The only general ticket in the territory is for a delegation to Congress. Three candidates are in the field—Clarence E. Allen (Liberal-Republican), J. L. Rawlins (Democrat) and Frank J. Cannon (Mormon-Republican). The Church party has hitherto been the People's party. This year there was a split, and numbers called themselves Democrats or Republicans, as the case may be. Both pledge Statehood for Utah. The Liberals oppose Statehood, and have made their canvass to that position. They expect to get 7,000 votes, and on that vote to say that Utah is not yet properly prepared to enter the Union. For a time the tariff was the main debating issue between the church, Republicans and Democrats, but for the past fortnight the chief effort has been directed to showing the Mormon rank and file that their leaders favored Democracy or Republicanism in their lifetime. The past few days of this campaign for church influence has been embittered by personalities, the result of all being to cement the claim of the church Republicans that they will elect their candidate, who is George G. Cannon. The Liberals claim the situation to be an indication of the contention that the church ranks absolutely in Utah, and therefore it is not yet ready to enter the Union. The campaign closed here to-night with a joint debate between Cannon and Rawlins, and by a grand rally by the Liberals.

NEVADA. The State Will Probably Elect Weaver Electors.

VIRGINIA (Nev.), Nov. 7.—Weaver will probably carry the State, Newlands, third party Representative, will also probably get a majority slightly less than Weaver's. Stewart has an even chance of losing four counties in his Senatorial contest—Storey, Washoe, Ormsby and Douglas—in which case he will be beaten by the opposition hold-over Republican Senators.

RENO (Nev.), Nov. 7.—The silver committee claims the Electoral vote of Nevada by a majority of 2,000. There are two Democratic State Committees, one for fusion and the other straight, but the latter, however, concedes the State to the Populists.

WASHINGTON. The State Claimed by Both Central Committees.

TACOMA (Wash.), Nov. 7.—Within

twenty-four hours both Democratic and Republican State Committees have received reports from all counties in the State.

The Republicans estimate that Harrison will carry the State by 8,000 plurality, and that the Plurality for Governor is placed at 4,000 to 5,000.

The Democratic Committee claims the State for Cleveland by 1,000 plurality and the election of Sully for Governor by 2,500. Both parties claim the Legislature.

OREGON. The Democrats Will Support the Weaver Electors.

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—The situation in this State has changed somewhat in the past twenty-four hours. The edict has gone forth from the Democratic State Central Committee that the Democrats who desire the election of Cleveland to vote for Weaver. There was mourning in hot haste by the Democratic leaders early this morning when it was definitely agreed upon by them to ignore their party ticket and to support that of the third party. Word was sent from both the County and State committees of the proposed action. Two special trains were chartered and started through the State carrying the Democrats to support Weaver. One on the Southern Pacific goes to Ashland and the messengers aboard were D. G. Murphy, Chairman of the State Central Committee, and L. S. Sperry. The one on the Union Pacific goes to LaGrande and conveys John Barrett and T. J. O'Day. There the messengers have wired word to the effect that the action is meeting the approval of the leading Democrats, who recognize the only way of defeating the Harrison Electors is to vote for Weaver. Judge C. B. Bellinger, of the County Campaign Committee, issued an address this afternoon, calling upon the Democrats to support Weaver. The Democratic State Central Committee to-day announced that they have advised from fifteen out of the thirty-one counties in the State that the Democrats in those counties will ignore their party ticket and vote for the People's party Electors.

The tickets have all been printed by the County Clerks containing the names of the three Democratic Electors, and it is reasonably certain that many Democrats will vote for the People's party ticket. The Weaver Electors will have from 12,000 to 15,000 plurality. The People's party managers estimate the Harrison Electors will receive 27,000, the Democratic 27,000 and the People's 25,000. They claim that if the Weaver Electors receive 10,000 Democratic votes their election is assured.

This estimate is probably an exaggeration, as in the last June election the People cast only 15,500 votes.

The Republicans say they are not disturbed in the least by the fusion of Democrats and People, and that Harrison will carry the State by 10,000 plurality.

CALIFORNIA. The Three State Committees Claiming a Victory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The campaign in California closes with the three principal State committees claiming victory to-morrow, though the Democratic claims are made with certain qualifications. Max Popper, Chairman of the Democratic Committee, says if 20,000 votes are polled for Weaver the State will go for Cleveland, and from information in his possession he is inclined to believe that the Populist vote will be large enough to secure a Democratic victory.

The Populists' Committee claims that Weaver will carry the State by 30,000, and carry the State by a small plurality.

Chairman Meyers of the Republican State Committee will not venture any estimate as to the result, but says that the committee has the greatest confidence that the State will go for Harrison.

OVATION TO CAMINETTI. LONG, Nov. 7.—Congressman Caminetti retired to his home in Italy to-day. He was met at the train by a large delegation of citizens, who gave him an enthusiastic reception that amounted to an ovation.

Arrangements for Furnishing News to the President. WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The usual arrangements have been made for supplying early information of election results to-morrow to the President. After the closing of the polls in the afternoon, the returns begin to come in. The President will have the company of Secretary John W. Foster and Attorney-General Miller, and possibly one or two personal friends, and together they will read the returns until it is time to retire, or until some late hour of the night. People who say the President to-day say if he feels any anxiety he does not show it. He is cool and collected and betrays no sign of uneasiness.

Attorney-General Miller is confident that no trouble will arise whatever at the polls because of Federal officers in the performance of a legitimate public duty. He authorized the statement that United States Deputy Marshals will not wait for the election to begin, but will go to the polls and will only go beyond the limit prescribed by the State law in order to make arrests or preserve peace.

May Be More Indian Troubles. KANSAS CITY, Nov. 7.—General Miles passed through here to-day, having completed his annual inspection of the Indian reservations. General Miles, in an interview, said that the condition of affairs was satisfactory everywhere, excepting among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes.

French Victories. PARIS, Nov. 7.—The Governor of Porto Novo telegraphs that Colonel Dodds attacked the fortress at Muaco November 21 and captured it after a desperate fight. The Dahomeans attacked the French column on November 21, but after four hours' hard fighting were defeated, the French having one officer and six men killed and four officers and sixty men wounded.

Dr. and Mrs. Talmage. BIRMINGHAM (Conn.), Nov. 7.—Dr. and Mrs. T. Dewitt Talmage spent Sunday here. Dr. Talmage spent most of the day answering telegrams concerning his so-called disappearance. He was much annoyed at the stories concerning his wife's mental condition.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The Esquimaux baby born here a few days ago died this morning of sore throat.

SITUATION AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Strike Has a Demoralizing Effect on Business.

ALL THE UNIONS BUT EXCEPT THE COTTON LABORERS.

Not a Car Running—Little Work Being Done, and the Only Sign of Activity is in the Wholesale Groceries District, Against Which the Strike is Chiefly Directed—Cotton Planters Offer to Assist the Merchants in a Prolonged War Against Unions.

Special to the INDEPENDENT.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 7.—The effects of the strike are more apparent this morning. There are a few drays on the streets and small spring wagons for general use. No street cars are running. The city is remarkably quiet and very little business is being done. At 7 o'clock A. M. all the printers struck and the outlook for morning papers is not very bright, though they will try to get out editions to-morrow. The *Daily States*, being a non-union office, is not affected and will publish as usual this afternoon.

The decision of the printers to join the strike braced up the other wavering organizations and the result is all the unions which signed the call for a general strike are now out except the cotton laborers. These have been allowed to remain at work, notwithstanding they are an important factor in the situation, in order not to arouse the opposition of the powerful Cotton Exchange. It is understood, however, the men are ready to quit whenever the world is given.

Not a street car is running, no work is being done, and the only sign of activity is in the wholesale groceries district, against which the strike is chiefly directed. The new men there are willing to do night work, but the violence becomes so general as to make it unsafe. The grocers say if necessary they will close for thirty to ninety days.

All the other unions, however, by the strike except the *Daily States*, which is heavily guarded against reported attempts to prevent it from coming out.

The proposition made through the Governor last night to arbitrate the question of hours and wages, but let the question of unionism alone, has not been replied to by the unions, and it is hardly thought it will be accepted, as the cry of unionism is made the rallying point for labor bodies. The merchants say they will not resume work until the unions are ready to come out at short notice. There is very little violence so far, and nothing to warrant the sending of troops to the streets.

The Mayor this afternoon issued a proclamation warning all citizens of his intention to enforce the law, and declaring that he would have received the militia in readiness to be followed by arrest and imprisonment.

MILITIA IN READINESS. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 7.—Governor Foster has the militia in readiness for immediate use, but he has not received word that no steps will be taken until to-morrow, as any serious trouble before would not only complicate the election here, but also in other parts of the State, such a large body of negroes and the desperation ensuing upon the loss of earnings is feared, and the Democracy will have a hard time to maintain its position in consequence, as the crowds of strikers and the absence of street cars will serve to keep many of the better element away from their homes.

In the meantime the Governor is using every means to bring about an amicable settlement. Having procured concessions from the strikers, he has now referred the matter to the unions, and they took the matter under consideration and promised to give an answer by noon to-morrow. The Governor, however, nothing had been heard from them.

The merchants carried on business to-day as well as they could, and determined to stand by their word. They have received promises of support from other organizations, and it said the Executive Committee received a letter from Governor Ferguson, Republican leader in the State and a large sugar planter, saying the planters desired the merchants to stand firm, as victory for the unions would mean the ruin of the negroes throughout the State. The supremacy of the blacks is a constant menace to business, and the conversion of producing plantations into sugar plantations would mean the ruin of the negroes.

Some of the largest planters in the State were in the city to-day, and said the strike meant so much to them that they were willing to answer the first call for men or money sent out by the merchants. As soon as the election is over the real battle will begin, and it is believed the strikers will be driven out of the city of the lethargy charged against them. Governor Foster has received an opinion from legal authorities. He can step in to prevent the peace without being called on by the municipal authorities. Besides this, the merchants will determine upon strong measures on their own account.

The merchants say a number of men are willing to return to work, but do not propose to be made targets for the union force. Some of the more vigorous dealers, and so they decided to take them back for the present.

The strike fails to affect the newspapers to the extent expected, and the only paper which so far has been called on is the *Item*, official organ of the strikers, although that is expected to appear to-morrow.

The most serious feature of the situation is the suspension of the lighting systems—gas and electricity—and some alarm was felt when the officers of the two electric light companies called upon the Mayor and said they thought they could furnish light if granted protection for men engaged to take the place of strikers. This was readily promised.

During the afternoon the President of the Sugar and Rice Exchange asked the Mayor that provision be furnished those interests. Nearly 40,000 barrels of sugar, molasses and other products lay on the levee at the mercy of the public tumult, and if the Mayor could furnish the force required, the Exchange, he said, would tender men to be sworn in as special officers. The Mayor agreed to commission all such men.

The Board of Trade has also urged the Mayor to do his utmost to bring about a resumption of street car travel, continue the supply of gas, electricity and water and other actual necessities.

PROGRESSIVE VALLEJO.

Her Citizens Gain a Great Victory at the Polls.

BONDS TO CREATE CITY WATER WORKS CARRIED.

San Francisco Visited by Two Destructive Fires—Raisin-Growers Agree Upon a Schedule of Prices for This Year's Crop.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

VALLEJO, Nov. 7.—The third election on the question of bonding the city in the sum of \$250,000 to create new Water Works, to be owned by the city, was held to-day and resulted in a great victory for the city. The question was stubbornly fought by both sides, the water company fought by the supply, but with great employing many men to defeat the proposition, but the friends of the city met them at every turn. A large vote was polled.

It is the intention of the city now to bring water in from the well-known Green Valley Falls, fourteen miles distant, and the preliminary work is mostly done. The bonds are to be issued as serials, to run for a term of twenty years, at six per cent interest. It is estimated that the supply will be great enough for a population of 100,000 people. It is expected to accomplish the work in one year's time.

DESTRUCTIVE FLAMES.

Atlas Iron Works Burned—Loss Seventy Thousand Dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The machine and pattern shop of the Atlas Iron Works at the Potrero was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will reach \$70,000, a good portion of which is covered by insurance.

The works had just finished a number of valuable patterns for a large dredger, which, when completed, was to be taken to Rio Vista to commence dredging. These were all destroyed. The destruction of the works causes a number of men to be thrown out of employment.

There is supposed to have started in the pattern-room of the works, and by spontaneous combustion. The watchman, as soon as he discovered the fire, sounded an alarm, but by the time the nearest engine arrived the works were a good headway and the firemen turned their attention to saving the adjoining property, on one side the Pacific A. S. L. Co. and on the other the Hughes hotel. The falling in of the roof was the salvation of the property mentioned. All that remains of the machine and patterns are the remains of the works at the time, as had there been, the destruction would have been greater.

A SECOND FIRE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Fire was discovered in the factory-room of Alexander Jansen's furniture factory this afternoon. It was caused by the overheating of the electric engine used in cleaning the ends of the walls, and building up the stock, but that amount will not cover one-half of the loss. The building was owned by George Haymond, and was insured for \$10,000.

PRICES OF RAISINS.

Schedule for the Various Grades Agreed Upon by Grocers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The *Post* to-day says that the raisin-growers and packers of the State have, with the exception of one firm, signed the schedule of prices for California raisins. The raisin men of Fresno signed the schedule on Thursday, and now a letter has been received from Riverside stating that the growers in that vicinity have signed.

The prices agreed upon are as follows, being minimum and 1. c. b. at the point of shipment: Raisins, 100 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 50 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 25 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 12 1/2 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 6 1/4 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 3 1/4 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 1 1/4 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 3/4 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 1/2 lbs. boxes, 25 cents; 1/4 lbs. boxes, 25 cents.

A Jail-Breaker Found Guilty.

SANTA ANA, Nov. 7.—J. F. Robinson, the jail-breaker, was tried and found guilty to-day. He was first convicted and sentenced for horse-stealing, and served out his sentence. Then a second conviction was secured, and while serving out this second sentence he cut his way out of the jail through a brick wall. He will be sentenced on the 14th inst.

Steamer San Juan.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 7.—The Pacific Mail steamer San Juan, from San Francisco for Panama, Captain W. G. Pitts, arrived at 8:30 o'clock and proceeded south at 2 P. M. She reports touching on Sand Spit, four miles north of Point San, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, where in a dense fog she struck off immediately and no damage was done.

Pitcher Harper Loses a Son.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 7.—George, the three-year-old son of Pitcher Harper, was found dead in the wash-house. The little fellow, in playing, had upset a can of gasoline and was asphyxiated. The mother became uneasy and searched until she found him about 12 o'clock. Harper was telegraphed for.

Struck a Rock.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov. 7.—The steamer Alexander Duncan, which left here Saturday for San Pedro and way ports, put back here to-day with her bow badly smashed. She struck a rock in Monterey Bay and was so badly damaged that she could get no further.

A Chief of Police Removed.

PORTLAND (Or.), Nov. 7.—The Police Commissioners to-night removed Chief of Police Spencer and elected C. H. Hunt as his successor. The charges which resulted in Spencer's removal grew out of a quarrel he had with a reporter at the City Jail a week ago.

Our Dick Stripped to Texas.

SANTA ANA, Nov. 7.—Our Dick, who was selected in the pacing race last Saturday by Silkewood, has been shipped to Texas, where he is entered in five different races.

Black Mesasles.

MARSHFIELD (Or.), Nov. 7.—It is reported that the affliction at Coquille City, supposed to be smallpox, is nothing but black mesasles. All the patients at Coquille are recovering.

Elections in Italy.</