

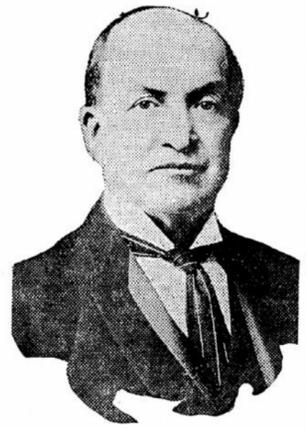
Striking Results of Recent Elections

Most Surprising Feature Is the Increase in the Socialist Vote.

Philadelphia Elects a Reform Mayor—Kentucky Again Democratic.

THE most striking results of the recent elections in the country generally were the Republican successes in the states of New York, New Jersey and Maryland, the Democratic victories in the Ohio municipal contests, the success of the "reformers" in Philadelphia and a notable increase in the Socialist vote in various parts of the country. In Ohio eight Socialist mayors were elected and in New York state one.

In New York state the people, who in 1910 gave the Democrats a victory unprecedented since 1891, elected an assembly which will have a Republican majority of fifty-two over the forty-eight Democrats and one Social-



GOVERNOR JAMES B. MCCREARY OF KENTUCKY.

ist. The Democrats lost control of the legislature, which will have a Democratic senate and Republican assembly.

In Greater New York Tammany got a jolt. The Democratic judiciary and county tickets were elected in New York county by small pluralities. The Republicans won the board of aldermen. In Kings county the Tammany candidates were overwhelmed by a fusion ticket of Republicans and Independence leaguers.

Philadelphia defeated the Republican machine by a close vote, George H. Earle, the organization candidate for mayor, being beaten by the reformer, Rudolph Blankenburg.

New Jersey elected a Republican legislature.

There is a recrudescence of Tom Johnsonism in Cleveland, O., where Johnson's spirit lives after him. His man, Newton D. Baker, was elected mayor by such a sweeping majority as to suggest that the city is ready to return to Johnson doctrines.

Brand Whitlock, the Socialist mayor of Toledo, O., was re-elected by his usual majority.

Foss Re-elected.

Governor Foss was re-elected in Massachusetts by a majority of 7,734. Last year he got 35,000. This year he was the only man elected on the Democratic ticket.

In Massachusetts the campaign was as bitter as has been seen in a decade. Governor Foss promises to have passed a law forbidding the employment of paid workers at the polls and compelling the pre-election publication of all campaign expenses.

Maryland went Republican, electing P. L. Goldsborough governor over Arthur P. Gorman, son of the late Senator Gorman.

It was the second time in more than thirty years that Maryland elected a Republican state ticket.

There was no fight to speak of in Rhode Island, and Governor Pothier, Republican, was re-elected.

With the election of Henry T. Hunt, Democrat, as mayor of Cincinnati, a city with a normal Republican major-

GRASS BANKS FOR CANAL.

Several Thousand Pounds of Seed Sent to Panama For the Experiment.

By the time the Panama canal is opened the ships may sail through terraced green lawns instead of the bare yellow earth slopes now in evidence, says Peru Today. The reason is not altogether an aesthetic one.

It is believed that seeding the sloping sides of the canal through the cuts with a strong grass may prevent the slides now so frequent and will reduce the wearing down by the tropical rains. H. Pittier, an expert botanist from the Smithsonian institution, has charge of an attempt to test this theory, for which purpose the agricultural department at Washington has sent down several thousand pounds of grass seed.

Even though it be impossible to prevent entirely the occasional big slides, it seems almost certain that this measure will result in a great saving by holding the ground from starting except under great pressure and by reducing the erosion which brings down a tremendous amount of earth in the course of the year.

ity of 6,000, there looms up larger than ever a boom for Governor Harmon as a presidential candidate. The newly elected mayor is a close personal friend of Governor Harmon.

The following states elected governors: Rhode Island, which went Republican; Massachusetts, Democratic; Maryland, Republican; Kentucky, Democratic; Mississippi, Democratic, and New Mexico.

Ollie M. James of Kentucky will succeed Senator Paynter in the senate. The legislature is Democratic in both branches. Ex-Senator James E. McCreary (Dem.) was elected governor.

Kentucky, for years considered in the balance between the Democrats and Republicans, has thus returned to the ranks of the former.

New Mexico held its first election as a state.

Socialist Gains.

The most surprising feature of the result is the increase in the Socialist vote. In New York state it swept Schenectady and put the Democrats in the third column in Chautauqua county.

In Schenectady the Socialists elected as mayor Dr. George R. Lunn, a clergyman and editor, by a majority amounting to two-thirds of the total vote cast. They carried the common council, which had been Republican for years, and they elected their whole ticket with the exception of one candidate. They also elected an assemblyman, the first to appear in the capitol at Albany as representing the Socialist party.

In Chautauqua county the Socialists polled a larger vote than the Democrats, the Republicans carrying the county.

In the western states the Socialist vote was also heavy. In Columbus, O., the Socialist candidate for mayor polled almost as many votes as Marshall, Republican.

The returns in some of the Ohio cities, in eight of which the Socialists elected mayors, give them a total thousands in advance of any previous showing and put them close in order numerically with the two old parties.



GOVERNOR EUGENE N. FOSS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In Ohio, as well, where actual Socialist candidates were not elected progressives of more or less radical views were returned by the Republicans.

Besides Schenectady and Columbus, Cleveland and Dayton were the most favorable cities for the Socialist party.

At Bridgeport, Conn., the Socialist vote showed a gain of 600 per cent over two years ago. The Socialists elected one alderman, their first in the history of the city.

In the Second Kansas congressional district, where a successor to the late Congressman Mitchell was elected, Joseph A. Taggart, Democrat, was elected.

The election in Mississippi was a mere ratification of the nominations made in the Democratic primary. Earl Brewer was elected governor.

NATIONAL FLOWER UP AGAIN.

Clubwomen Will Ask Congress to Select the Mountain Laurel.

The National Federation of Women's Clubs has decided that the United States has gone too long without a national flower, and clubwomen of the country have been asked to sign a petition asking congress to select the mountain laurel.

When the movement has been indorsed by the clubs the federation will appoint a committee to present the petition to congress and work for the passage of an act.

The mountain laurel is a small flower containing the red and white colors of the United States flag and unfolding in almost a perfect star.

To Rebuild Historic Church.

Christ church, Boston, from the steeple of which were hung the lights which sent Paul Revere on his ride through Middlesex, is to be closed to the public for a year while the edifice is being rebuilt and made fireproof. The danger of the old church's being destroyed by fire has been present for years.

MASCOTS TABOO ON BATTLESHIPS

Heavy Gun Firing Proved Fatal to Pets and Caused Change.

ONLY A FEW ARE LEFT NOW.

The Louisiana Has a Goat and the Vermont a Boston Terrier and a Cat, While the Ohio Has a Big Black Bear.

Mascots in the United States navy are on the decline. Of the 102 warships that participated in the grand review at New York not half of them possessed mascots. There was a time when many United States battleships resembled Noah's ark. There was not one mascot to a ship, but seemingly a mascot to every member of the crew. The fo'c'sle was like the menagerie tent of a circus. Trained pigs, goats, dogs of various breeds, cats of various color, bears, roosters and other specimens of the animal kingdom delighted the hearts of the jolly tars. But there has come a change.

In some cases the commanders of the ships are opposed to mascots on the ground that they are a nuisance. On other ships the surgeon objects, claiming that dogs and cats are breeders and carriers of disease. But the chief reason for the passing of the sailors' pets is that the terrific concussion aboard the big boats during target practice is fatal to mascots.

But there are mascots still. Often down between decks, in a quiet corner seldom visited by officers, the men have secreted a cat or a dog.

The Connecticut, flagship of Rear Admiral Osterhaus, is minus a mascot.

On the Michigan the men have two mascots in the shape of a Boston bull and an English bull. Between the two dogs and Seaman J. G. Faulhaber, the end man of the ship's minstrel troupe, the men of the Michigan are amply supplied with mascots. Seaman W. J. Hagmayer, the champion buck and wing dancer of the Atlantic fleet, is also one of the cherished treasures of this big ship.

Aboard the North Dakota the mention of the word mascot brings pain. For Zip, the white dog mascot of the ship, is no more. He was lost at Norfolk a short time ago, and the men have not had the heart to replace him with another.

The Louisiana's mascot is an able bodied goat, kept between decks in the bos'n's locker, a workroom about four feet square. Billy Butts is the goat's name, and Billy Butts is the pet of every man jack aboard the Louisiana. Cockswain N. T. Nightingale is the official goat keeper.

Aboard the Vermont are two mascots. One is a Boston terrier and the other a cat. There is nothing extraordinary about either beyond the fact that they are sincerely revered by all the enlisted men aboard the huge warship. Chief Bos'n's Mate Payne declares that they are the most wonderful animals in all the world, and he will lay great stress on the fact that they sleep together and never scratch, bite, spit or growl at each other.

Aboard the Ohio is the biggest mascot in the fleet. The beast of good omen is none other than a huge black bear, with shaggy coat and cold tipped nose, who likes nothing better than to playfully paw a sailorman or give a backhander that sends his human admirer scrambling in the scuppers. The bear has half a dozen names. Some call him Teddy, others call him Sam.

The Wisconsin has for her mascot a kangaroo. This kangaroo is said to be the greatest mascot that the American navy has ever possessed. It will don boxing gloves and make the ship's champion slugger look like a babe in arms in the presence of Jack Johnson.

CENSOR POSTCARDS.

Ban on Those Depicting Men and Women Kissing.

A crusade against objectionable postcards has been started by Postmaster D. A. Campbell of Chicago, who appointed censors at all substations. The three chief kinds of pictures ordered barred from distribution are: Men and women kissing. Women in abbreviated costume. Animal pictures.

"Not one postal card in a hundred bearing the picture of an animal is fit to be exhibited in public," said the postmaster.

"For each objectionable card which is delivered," said Mr. Campbell, "the superintendent of the substitution will receive ten demerits, or one point. When he has received forty-one points off his rating his salary will be reduced. When his rating falls below thirty points he will be discharged."

Co-eds Work as Servants.

Twenty-five co-eds are paying their way through a four year course at the University of Missouri working as servants. Miss Chapman, head of the Y. W. C. A. employment bureau, says. One girl, the strong, rugged daughter of a farmer, goes out doing washing. Fourteen have an easier way. They earn 15 cents an hour each amusing children with games and stories so as to free the mothers of care and enable them to go out.

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