

Democratic And Republican Claims.

The Republican campaign committee are entertaining rosy views in regard to the outcome of the Presidential election in November.

They base their hopes largely on five propositions as follows:

1. The Wilson 8 hour railroad legislation, which is said to have cost him the votes of the farmers.
2. The increasing power of Mr. Hughes' speeches.
3. A more complete amalgamation of Republicans and Progressives than was at first indicated.
4. The Main election, the moral effect of which has been noticeable in virtually every contested State.
5. The German-American vote will be cast almost solidly against Mr. Wilson, as these voters are very bitter against him, on account of his attitude toward Germany. So it is claimed that these five elements will more than insure the election of Mr. Hughes.

The Democratic Claim.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The Democrats claim that the working men of the country in general and the organized labor vote in particular will be overwhelmingly for Mr. Wilson. This with the regular party vote will insure the election of Mr. Wilson. They also state while they will lose a few German-American votes yet they make the claim that for each of such votes, they will gain double the number from the regular Republicans, those who are "American first" and Republicans afterwards. The Democrats are also giving out a little table in which they figure out a sweeping Democratic victory this fall, and yet strange to say they base their figures on the votes brought out in the Republican victory in Maine on September 11th.

The vote showed that the Republicans polled a vote equal to the Bull Moose and Republicans combined and the Democratic vote of 51,000 which Maine cast for Wilson in 1912 was increased to 68,500 this year, an increase of more than one third.

The Democratic leaders claim that on this basis, conceding to Mrs. Hughes a vote equal to that received by Roosevelt in 1912 which was 4,168,564 and Mr. Taft which was 3,439,529, Mr. Hughes will receive 7,608,000 votes; and increasing Mr. Wilson's vote 6,303,000 of 1912, by one-third, Wilson would receive 8,404,000 and carry the following states by the following votes:

State	Popular Votes		Electoral Votes
	Wilson	Hughes	
Colorado	152,060	130,000	6
Connecticut	112,000	102,000	7
Delaware	28,000	23,000	3
Indiana	375,000	313,000	15
Maryland	159,000	111,000	8
Nebraska	145,000	124,000	8
Nevada	10,000	9,000	3
New Jersey	238,000	234,000	11
New Mexico	27,000	26,000	3
New York	863,000	845,000	43
Ohio	561,000	506,000	24
West Va.	161,000	134,000	8

It will be seen from this table that these states would give President Wilson 144 electoral votes, which added to the 173 electoral votes of the sure Democratic states that Mr. Wilson will receive a total of at least 317 electoral votes when he only needs 266 to elect him.

By "sure Democratic votes," is meant that those states in which the Wilson vote of 1912 was greater than the Taft and Roosevelt vote combined.

TO WHIP CHILDREN FOR RUNNING ON STREETS.

Town of Norton Takes Drastic Steps in Quarantine Against Diphtheria and Fever.

Norton, Va., Oct. 6.—A revival of the whipping post, or what may amount to the same thing, may be seen in Norton under an ordinance passed by the town council in order to enforce a quarantine against scarlet fever and diphtheria here. At a special meeting of the town council an ordinance was passed causing all public schools, churches, moving picture shows or other public gatherings to be closed until October 18, unless other cases of scarlet fever or diphtheria than the ones here now develop. There are five cases of diphtheria and four cases of scarlet fever here.

When members of the town council learned that there was no danger of epidemics of either disease spreading if a strict quarantine were kept, a local law was passed to force every child under 15 years of age to stay at home and not leave the premises under penalty of a fine of \$10 or to receive a public whipping at the city hall.

This step was taken, it is said, because children in whose homes scarlet fever has existed have been on the streets. It is alleged the police have taken such children back to their homes, but they were back on the streets with other children again within a few minutes.

KILLED WALKING ON TRACK.

Frightful Morality From Trespassing on the Southern. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 6.—Death overtook 174 persons, while walking on tracks or swinging trains, or otherwise trespassing on the property of the Southern Railway during the year ended June 30th.

Despite all warnings of its danger, the practice of trespassing on Railroad property seems on the increase. For the three previous years the number of trespassers killed on the Southern was as follows: 1913, 155; 1914, 126; 1915, 146, making with 1616 a total of 601 live sacrificed to carelessness.

Statistics shows that the great majority of railroad trespassers killed are useful citizens. Wage earners, using the tracks while walking to and from their work, furnish a large proportion while fully a third are school boys, killed while "hopping" trains.

University of Virginia.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 6.—Registration at the University of Virginia is now close to 1,000, the last classified students showing a total of 982 distributed as follows: College, 505; Graduate, 48; Law, 213; Medicine, 103; and Engineering, 103. In December of last year the summary by departments of the 1,041 students then in attendance was as follows: College, 523; Graduate, 47; Law, 242; Medicine, 114; Engineering, 115. With the total of 982 this early in the session, it seems probable that last year's figures will be generally exceeded.

Campaign For Armenian Relief.

Greatest Effort Undertaken Since Belgian Commission Was Organized.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The greatest American relief campaign to be undertaken since organization of the Belgian Relief Commission was launched to-day by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. An exhaustive summary of the whole Armenian and Syrian situation was made public, and will be sent to ministers of 120,000 churches all over the country and to many leading citizens and relief organizations. A fund of \$5,000,000 is called for to relieve 1,000,000 destitute, exile and starving Armenians and Syrians, scattered broadcast over Turkey, Persia, Syria and Palestine. The appeal declares that of nearly 2,000,000 Armenians originally in their native country, three-quarters of a million have been massacred or have died of wounds, disease or exhaustion since the war began.

The State Department, through urgent negotiations, recently secured Turkey's consent to extension of American relief, provided it is distributed jointly by the American Red Cross and the Turkish Red Crescent. To day it was announced that the allied blockade had been lifted to allow passage of the supplies. October 21 and 22 have been set aside by proclamation by President Wilson as relief days, and the appeal being sent broadcast by the committee calls for sermons in every pulpit of the country and articles in every newspaper.

Some of the Armenians cannot be reached, since Turkey's consent has not been extended to Armenia proper. Many thousands would be found in Persia, however, and the sections recently conquered by the Russians, as well as in Syria. In this latter section, the appeal declares, the situation has been made even more terrible by restrictions of the allied blockade and the scarcity of Turkish railroads, by the exportation of supplies for the Turkish armies and by the destruction of other supplies by a virulent locust scourge.

"People were found eating grass, herbs and locusts" says the committee in describing its investigation of conditions there, "and in desperate cases dead animals and human bodies are reported to have been eaten. In some cases men were liced up so that several could be shot with one bullet, in order not to waste ammunition. A mother said that not a girl above twelve (and some younger) in the village of — escaped violation. The people kill and eat the street dogs. A short time ago they killed and ate a dying man."

"Of 450 from one village, only one woman lives. She saw her husband and three sons tied together and shot with one bullet to save ammunition. She saw her daughters outraged and then killed. She was carried away by a Kurd, but escaped by night, naked, and, after terrible suffering, fell in with some refugees."

"In the literal sense of the word, about 120,000 Armenians arrived at Etchmiadzin stripped even of their outer garments.

There 11,000 people died and 40,000 more in the country.

"In Aleppo relief funds are so inadequate that many exiles in the destitute places have only grass to eat, and they are dying of starvation by the hundreds. Erzurum seems to have been dealt with most savagely. Less than 200 Armenians out of 20,000 have escaped death or deportation."

"Of the first caravan of 600 people sent from Deir Zor to Ana, the Arabs killed 500 on the way. In a native letter from Haleb last week the number of orphans at that place was estimated at 25,000. Some of the villages lost more than one-third of their population."

Associated Charities.

The Associated Charities held their annual meeting in the sample room of the Monte Vista Hotel last Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were several present and the meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs. C. C. Cochran.

As this was the date for the election of officers for the year, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. C. Cochran; Vice President, Mrs. H. A. W. Skeon; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Robt. Alcover; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. E. E. Goodloe; Secretary, Mrs. M. R. McCorkle; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Hodge.

Mrs. M. R. McCorkle, Secretary.

Given One Year In Penitentiary.

Freeling, Va., Oct. 6.—Ben Vanover was found guilty in Judge Burns' court at Clintwood upon the charge of assaulting Emmet Fleming with a deadly weapon, and given one year in the penitentiary. This offense was committed about two months since, immediately after which Vanover fled to West Virginia, where he was captured by the Baldwin detectives and delivered to the authorities of Dickenson county.

To the Electoral Boards of the Ninth District.

Gentlemen:—As you know, the last Legislature passed a special act, allowing absent voters to vote by mail. This act is long and somewhat complicated, so for fear that you gentlemen would not have an opportunity to properly prepare the necessary blanks in order to take care of the coming election, our District Committee authorizes me to have the law interpreted and the blanks prepared, sufficient in number to take care of all the voters in the district. We have sent a supply of these to each of our County Chairmen, with the request that they turn same over to your Board or Registrar direct. If you approve of this plan and if the quantity should not be sufficient to take care of all the voters, both Democrats and Republicans, we would suggest that you have duplicates printed and place in the hands of the Registrars at once.

We are satisfied that you gentlemen will appreciate our efforts in this connection, and especially should the Republicans be grateful to us for taking care of the situation so impartially.

Very truly yours,
F. B. CALDWELL,
Campaign Secretary,
Bristol, Va.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollar Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Premiums

Awarded at the Wise County Fair Last Week.

LIVE STOCK.
Judges—Dr. J. M. Stout and John Kincaid.

Best saddle horse, J. A. Bunn, of Norton; second, John L. Litz, Coeburn.

Best saddle mare, R. C. Smith, Dante; second, W. N. Hamilton, of Wise.

Best saddle stallion, R. C. Smith, Dante, who also took first prize for best saddle colt, while second prize for saddle colts went to Duke Osborne, of Wise.

Best draft stallion, C. R. Blumer, Norton; second, Stacy Light, Appalachia.

Best single draft horse, Mrs. S. F. Porter, of Wise, who also won second prize for single draft horses.

Best draft yearling, John Rutherford, Pound; second, B. F. McLenore, Wise.

Best draft colt, G. P. Robinson; second, J. F. Robinett.

Best jack, Sam Bays, Pound; second, E. B. Bagley, Big Stone Gap.

Best jennet, J. W. Green, Wise. No competition.

Best pair of mules, A. H. Elkins, Herald; second, Henry Orr, Wise.

Best mule, Booker Osborne; second, Jack Beverly, Wise.

Best mule colt, W. R. Beverly; second, J. P. Dutton, Wise.

HORTICULTURAL.

Judge—Prof. A. A. Ingham, Va. Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Judge T. M. Alderson took first prize on the following apples, viz: Albemarle Pippin, Honey Sweet, Northern Spy, N. Y. Greening, Grimes' Golden, Red Huckle, Seek-no-further, and second on Grimes' Golden, Stayman's Winesap, Baldwin, Green Winter Pippin, N. Y. Greening, also first prize on best plate of apples all around, and best display of ten varieties.

Haab & Roberts were awarded first prize for best all round display and on Stayman's Winesap, W. Rambo, Paragon Winesap, Baldwin, Red Ben Davis, York Imperial, Senator, and first on peaches; they also took second prize on Fallwater, Paragon Winesap, York Imperial, Senator, Winesap, Paradise W. Sweet, Delicious, Rambo, W. Rambo, Rome Beauty; best all round plate.

Taylor Nash got first prize for best Black Ben Davis, and second on Northern Spy.

Ed Vickers got first prize for the best Paradise W. Sweet, Virginia Beauty, Pippin, Horse Apple, Rome Beauty, Fallwater, and second on Raleigh and Albemarle Pippin.

A. M. Miller took first on Delicious and Champion, and second on Red Ben Davis.

J. M. Blair won first prize for best Arkansas Black, and second on Champion.

Mrs. N. B. Smith first for Wolf River, J. N. Stallard got second on Black Ben Davis and Seek-no-further.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Judge—Prof. Ingham.

Ninety eight entries were made in this department and prizes awarded as follows:

W. J. McLenore, 1st on tomatoes; M. B. Hoback, 2nd.

Mrs. J. E. Lipps, 1st and 2nd on beets. J. R. Upchurch, 1st on 10 ears of white corn, and 1st on one ear; W. C. Elkins, second on both.

C. R. Bloomer 1st on 10 ears of yellow corn, also best ear of same; M. B. Hoback, second on same.

Winfield Wells, 1st on 10 ears of popcorn; J. P. Scott, second.

Ira Jesse, 1st on bundle of wheat. No competition.

C. M. Freeman, 1st on bundle of millet hay and bundle of oats. No competition.

S. F. Porter, 1st on bundle of Sudan grass. No competition.

A. H. Elkins, 1st on bale of alfalfa hay. No competition.

A. M. Miller, 1st on peck of potatoes; 1st on peck of oats. No competition on oats; W. A. Hash, 2nd on potatoes.

Mrs. W. D. McNeil, 1st on one pumpkin; J. N. Moore, second.

Mrs. Margaret Fraley, 1st on peck of sweet potatoes; J. M. Hopkins, second.

C. M. Sulfridge, 1st on sunflower; Shado Gilliam, second.

Tom Hall, 1st on onions; J. B. Hamilton, second.

RACES.

First Day.

Running Race—Miss Catawba, 1st; Cowden, 2nd; Eva M., 3rd.

Pacing Race—Sam D., 1st; Ike Fraley, 2nd; Oakland Boy, 3rd.

Mule Race—Kate, owned by C. L. Kilgore, of Wise, Va., 1st.

Second Day.

Running Race—Tom B., 1st; Eva M., 2nd; Miss Catawba, 3rd.

Pacing Race—Sam D., 1st; Oakland Boy, 2nd; Ike Fraley, 3rd.

Mule Race—Bill, owned by S. W. R. Cluett, of Big Stone Gap, Va., 1st.

Third Day.

Running Race—Miss Catawba, 1st; Eva M., 2nd; Cowden, 3rd.

Slow Race—Clipper, 1st; J. H. Gilliam, Wise, owner; Nell, 2nd; R. Beverly, of Gate City, Va., owner; Dixie, 3rd; J. H. Gilliam, owner.

Pacing Race—Sam D., 1st; Ike Fraley, 2nd; Oakland Boy, 3rd.

Mule Race—Kate, 1st; C. L. Kilgore, owner.

Motocycle Race—S. G. Thomas, of Appalachia, 1st; E. C. Willis, of Appalachia, 2nd; Hugh Williams, of Bluefield, W. Va., 3rd; racers receiving \$10, \$25 and \$10 respectively, Thomas leading by more than one mile in a ten mile run.

The Owners—Miss Catawba, Cowden and Oakland Boy are the property of Mr. J. Morlock, of Bristol, Tenn.; Eva M., is owned by G. Y. Booker, of Abingdon, Va.; Sam D. and Ike Fraley are the property of Mr. O. L. Cross, of Bristol, Va.; Tom B. is owned by Mr. I. J. Beverly, of Wise.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. N. Walton, of Little Rock, Ark., will hold services in Christ Episcopal Church Sunday October, 15th at 11 a. m. Mr. Walton was formerly Archdeacon of Arkansas and also Archdeacon of Georgia. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to come and hear him.

There will be special services at the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings following the regular service on October 15th. These services will begin at 7:30 o'clock and it is hoped that a large congregation will be present.

Home Mission Work.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. C. S. Carter for the October meeting and was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer, led by Mrs. Pattit. After roll call, responded to by 19 members, the minutes of last month were read and approved. Several officers were absent and did not make the quarterly report. Mrs. Mouser reported the child's box sent to orphanage, the valuation being \$14.95. A note of thanks for it was also read. It was decided to order books for our mission study class and "The Child in the Midst" is the book decided upon. It was also voted to have the grates in the parsonage removed and new ones put in, and shades for the parlor bought and hung. After all business were finished Mrs. Skeen led the devotional exercises as follows: Scripture Lesson from Luke 18, 18 30. Song, "My Jesus I Love Thee". Lanflet by Mrs. Mouser, entitled "Social Life in Cuba," and one by Mrs. Baker, "From Cuba to Florida". Prayer by Mrs. Martin. Meeting closed by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Mrs. Carter served delicious light refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Miss Rogan from Bristol was a visitor at the meeting.

Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, Supt. Publicity.

Surprise Party.

A number of young boys and girls last Friday night gave a delightful surprise party to Lloyd Mahaffey in honor of his birthday.

Numerous games were played until a late hour, when the delicious refreshments, which the guests brought, were served, followed by delicious punch, served by Mrs. Mahaffey.

Those present were: Misses Nita Goodloe, Henrietta Skeen, Dorothy Chandler, Fanny Ray, Ruth Barron, Ruth and Jean Marrs, Ruby Jenkins and Lorraine Taylor. The boys were: William Chandler, William Goodloe, Robert Mahaffey, George Goodloe, Gale Barron, Dan and Jimmie Pierson and Jannis Taylor. The following teachers were invited to chaperone the young folks: Misses Mary Lou White, Roberta Buck and Janet Bailey.

Co-Operative Education Association.

The association in which every mother and father should be interested is the Co-Operative Education Association of Virginia. Here in our little town we have a branch of it newly organized in the Parent-Teachers' Association.

Because our work in this organization is so important in its results on our children, the state association is giving us the privilege of hearing their president, Mrs. Munford. She is accomplishing a wonderful educational work in Virginia and the fact that her interest is centered in our children should be an incentive for every parent to hear her in the School Auditorium on the night of October 26th. There will be no admission fee and every one is urged to take advantage of this opportunity of hearing one of Virginia's foremost women educators. Her message is of special importance because it deals with the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of tomorrow.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.