

THERE still stands close to the River Ver, in England, an old, octagonal shaped house, built during the reign of King Offa, of Mercia, about the year 795.

The wife of an English clergyman has made a collection of all the buttons placed in the offertory bags during the last two or three years, and has fastened them to cardboard in various cunning shapes of animals, birds and flowers.

EVERY continent on the globe, with the exception of Australia, produces wild roses. There can be little doubt that the rose is one of the oldest flowers in the world and perhaps grown from the wind-blown seeds in paradise.

A LARGE paper house with 16 rooms has been erected by a Russian gentleman upon his country estate at Savinowka, in Podolia. The house was constructed in New York by an American engineer, and cost 80,000 rubles.

JAMES S. WORCESTER, of Newark, after having made a long study of the manner in which fish swim, has invented a unique propeller which works on the fish fin principle.

A STEAMBOAT company which operates boats on one of the Bavarian lakes has introduced a curious innovation in the manner of children's fares, which are in future to be regulated by measure.

THE newest disease to be added to the troubles of mankind is called emphysema. The death from the disease at St. Vincent's hospital, a few days ago, of John McGuire, was the sixth death from it so far recorded, and three of these were in St. Vincent's.

ARKANSAS has passed a road law providing for the appointment by county courts of road and bridge commissions. Their duty is to divide counties into road districts and to appoint overseers.

THE faculty of the University of Michigan is investigating a case of initiation into the mysteries of one of the fraternities. A freshman candidate, whose name is concealed, after being blindfolded, was taken to a railroad sidetrack near the Michigan Central track and tied to the rails.

THE first of the new crop of pineapples from the neighborhood of Orlando, Fla., has begun to move, and it is estimated that the pines in that neighborhood will ship about \$50,000 of that fruit before January 1.

At Warsaw, Ind., O. A. Light, who resides at Wilmost, was relieved of a leech which he took into his stomach 14 months ago, and which had in that time almost wrecked his constitution.

THE LATE FIGURES.

Developments as the Count of the Votes Progresses.

RESULTS IN MOST OF THE STATES.

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New York, Nov. 10.—The latest figures obtainable show that Roosevelt's plurality in this state is not far from 20,000. Only ten counties in the state gave Van Wyck pluralities, and they were all localities swayed by cities, as New York, Kings, Queens and Erie.

The result on congressmen in this state has surprised even the democrats themselves. Nineteen of the candidates were elected, the republicans getting 15. In the present house the New York delegation stands 27 republicans to 13 democrats.

Political interest from now on will center about the senatorship, and already discussion is going on as to the probable candidates. So far there is no announced candidate and the republican organization has not declared itself.

Columbus, O., Nov. 10.—The only continued interest in Ohio election returns are those in the Third and Seventh congressional districts. Early in the day the republicans were claiming the Third as well as the Seventh, later in the day the democrats were claiming the Seventh.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 10.—Concerning the election, Senator M. A. Hanna said Wednesday: "The result in the state is practically indorsement for the administration, while the result in New York is another indorsement for the administration of national affairs."

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New Jersey, Nov. 10.—The latest returns indicate that Foster M. Voorhees (rep.) plurality for governor will be between 8,000 and 10,000. That will be republican majority in each branch of the legislature, insuring the election of a republican successor to Governor James Smith (dem.).

Massachusetts, Nov. 10.—With only two small towns to hear from, Worcester (dem.) mayor, has 107,835; Bullock (rep.), 195,238; and the rest of the state legislature stands: Senate—republicans, 16; democrats, 14; House—republicans, 164; democrats, 132; social democrats, 2; independents, 5; tie, 2.

Delaware, Nov. 10.—Revised returns show that the house republican by 9 to 8 and the house republican by 14 to 10, vote on joint ballot, 29 to 23. The senate republican by 10 to 8. The democrats will prevent any partisan legislation by the republican majority, even with the respect to the veto power of Gov. Tunnell, who is a democrat.

Colorado, Nov. 10.—The entire fusion state ticket, headed by Charles S. Thomas (rep.), has been elected by a majority of approximately 30,000. This is by far the largest majority ever given a candidate for governor in Colorado. The fusion ticket has a majority of 10,000 over the republican ticket, headed by Charles S. Thomas (rep.), in the state at large.

Nebraska, Nov. 10.—Returns by counties indicate that the republican gains of Tuesday night and Wednesday, making a total of 10,000, are not so close that an official count will be required. The legislature is probably republican on joint ballot, but Senator Allen will not concede it. The fusion ticket has a majority of 10,000 over the republican ticket.

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Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 10.—The majority of McMinn (dem.) for governor over Powell (rep.) is estimated at from 10,000 to 20,000. The democrats have a majority of the legislature. The republicans have carried the First and Second congressional districts, the other eight giving democratic majorities.

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The meeting was in the nature of an exchange of congratulations on the general results and the dispatches sent over the special white house wires were quickly communicated to the cabinet room and discussed by the members. Every one of the cabinet present took part in the discussion and individual explanations and comments on the votes in their respective sections of the country were made.

The feeling expressed at the meeting, summed up, was that the election results showed a hearty endorsement of the administration and that in the main the republican losses in some of the cities were attributable to the development of local feeling following the tidal wave of 1896 in districts which then elected republicans on very large majorities.

There was great gratification at the outlook for the senate make-up, the opinion as expressed being that there would be a republican majority of doubtless eight and possibly more in that body. As to the house there was some apprehension, though the belief was expressed, based on the advices at hand, that there might be a republican majority of perhaps not over three.

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MINNESOTA BANDITS.

The Great Northern Train Held Up Near Fergus Falls.

Express Car is Wrecked With Dynamite and One of the Safes Looted. Passengers Badly Frightened but are Not Molested.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Nov. 11.—The Great Northern train which passes through this city at 7:30 p. m. was held up and robbed about five miles west of here last night. There were eight robbers in the gang, all well armed. Two of them evidently boarded the blind baggage in this city. The train was scarcely out of town when these two climbed over the tender and, presenting revolvers, told Engineer Bruce and his fireman to stop at a lonely spot near the Pelican river bridge.

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When the train stopped the conductor and brakeman started forward to find out what the trouble was, but the bandits fired a number of shots and warned them to keep back. They then compelled the express messenger to leave the car, and while three or four stood guard, the others proceeded to blow up the safes. The local safe was destroyed, and it is thought that they succeeded in securing considerable money, but the exact amount cannot be learned.

The through safe was drilled and dynamited, four charges being used. The jacket was blown off, but it was found impossible to reach the inner part and get at the cash. They worked over it nearly two hours, holding the train for that length of time, but finally gave up the attempt, and, joining their companions on the outside, started south.

The two men who stood guard over the engineer compelled him to give up \$20 which he had upon his person. The express car had been somewhat wrecked by the explosion, but the train men managed to get it to Carlisle, where it was patched up and the train proceeded on its westward journey.

Conductor Smith sent a trainman back to the city to give the alarm but nothing has been heard of him. On reaching Carlisle the facts were telegraphed to headquarters and the vicinity requesting the authorities to send posses in pursuit of the highwaymen.

Two posses headed by Sheriff Billings and the local police have left the city in pursuit. It is supposed that Fergus Falls was without electric lights last night, for the first time this year, and the darkness may have been a decided advantage to the robbers. It is believed they may have come back here and then taken the way west toward Breckenridge.

The country around Pelican bridge, where the train was held up, is continuously settled, and the farmers are helping in the pursuit. Most of it is cleared, but there are patches of woods. It is a hilly, rolling country, and gives fairly good cover for the fugitives.

There is no clue to the robbers. The descriptions are vague and no one saw their faces.

QUITS THE BENCH. Associate Justice Pinney, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Has Resigned.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 10.—Associate Justice Silas U. Pinney, of the state supreme court, handed in his resignation to Gov. Scofield Wednesday. It is understood that Justice Pinney had contemplated the step for some time, but did not come to a final decision in the matter until Wednesday. He has been on the state supreme bench many years, has sat in many important cases. It is understood Judge Pinney's resignation was brought about on account of ill health.

Comment of the London Press. London, Nov. 10.—The comment made by the afternoon newspapers here on the result of the elections in the United States is mainly congratulations extended to Col. Roosevelt on his victory in the contest for the governorship of New York state. The Westminster Gazette says: "The elections will give Spain little cause to revive the old hope of a division among the Americans and the Spanish commissioners will be wise if they abandon all hopes that the democratic successes will prove advantageous to Spain."

May Result in a Contest. Cleveland