

## EIGHT STATES TO HOLD ELECTIONS.

Only a Few Fights of Any General Interest to be Determined by Battle of Ballots on November 7th.

There will be elections in eight States and in a number of the leading cities of the country one week from next Tuesday. In Massachusetts, Kentucky, Maryland, Rhode Island, Mississippi and New Mexico a governor and other state officers are to be chosen; in New Jersey and Virginia, a legislature only; in New York, several members of the State judiciary, and in Nebraska a supreme judge, regent of the State university and railroad commissioner. In Pennsylvania, Ohio, Utah and California, municipal officers are to be selected, while in New York county a number of judges and a sheriff are to be voted for.

Practically all of the contests, State and municipal, are on local issues, with no national questions involved. Affording an exception to the rule, however, will be the special elections in several congressional districts where vacancies exist by reason of the death of the incumbent since the last election. Included among the districts where elections will be held are the Fourteenth Pennsylvania, the Seventh Kansas, the Third Nebraska, the First New Jersey, and the Tenth Tennessee.

The chief interest of national politicians in the State elections is directed toward Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Both are industrial States and are directly concerned in the tariff, which has been brought forward as a prominent issue in the campaign. Governor Fox is a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and while the Republicans are hopeful of electing their candidate, Louis A. Frothingham, it would not be the least surprising should Fox again win out.

A condition of uncertainty about the result in Rhode Island is also reported, in view of the fact that last year Governor Potbier, Republican, had but a small majority over Lewis A. Waterman, the Democratic candidate for governor. This year the same candidates head the tickets, and under the circumstances the Democrats naturally have hopes of victory, but the Republicans are just as sanguine.

In Kentucky the Republicans are putting up a rather stiff fight, but chances slightly favor the Democrats. The latter have named James B. McCreary for the governorship, and the Republicans are opposing him with Judge Edward C. O'Rear. The legislature to be elected will choose a United States Senator, and should it be Democratic the election of Ollie M. James is a foregone conclusion.

In Maryland there is a straight fight between the Democrats and Republicans with the last-named enjoying a slight advantage in the race by reason of the dissenion in the Democratic ranks. The Democratic candidate for governor is Arthur P. Gorman, son of the late United States Senator by that name. Opposing him on the Republican ticket is Philip Lee Goldsborough, a well known citizen of Baltimore.

There is only one candidate for governor in Mississippi, and that State's next chief executive will be Earl M. Brewer, a Democrat.

In Nebraska, though the officers to be chosen are of relatively small importance, the campaign has been a spirited one, with an eye to future results.

The legislature to be chosen in Virginia will elect two United States Senators, but the choice of these has already been determined by primary, and Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson will again represent the State.

New Mexico will hold her first State election for congressmen, governor and other State officers, judiciary and legislature, and county officers. National politicians are greatly interested in the result, as it will increase the numerical strength of one or the other of the two parties in congress.

Arizona has deferred the holding of her first election until December.

In New York county the Republicans have fused with the Citizens Union and Independence League and other organizations for the election of the county ticket, which includes a number of court justices and a sheriff. The contest for members of the legislature is also receiving much attention and the Republicans are sparing no efforts to win back this branch of the State government, which last year went Democratic for the first time in many years.

Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Salt Lake City and San Francisco are all the scenes of hard fights for control of the municipal offices. In practically all of these fights the reform question is a dominant issue.

To the country as a whole these elections will be of interest, chiefly as they will serve to indicate the drift of popular opinion concerning the two parties. Perhaps they will leave the outlook no clearer than it is at present, but if for any reason one party should show decided gains in the voting, the fact will be classified as an indicator of what may happen next year.

## POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., Oct. 24. Miss Rebekah Davis spent Saturday at Tazewell.

Bird Brewster has recovered from the amputation of his leg.

George Hurt attended the lot sale at Cedar Bluff Saturday.

Miss Mary Belle Altizer visited relatives at Gillespie last week.

A. J. Myers, of Roanoke, is visiting his son, F. M. Myers, at this place.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer and children are visiting relatives in Crockett's Cove.

R. M. Sparks visited his father, Mr. James Sparks, near Gap Store last week.

C. H. Steele, of Paint Lick, spent last night with his brother, W. B. Steele.

Dr. George Williams, of Newport News is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Williams.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and daughter, Miss Uva, visited relatives at Cedar Bluff Saturday.

R. M. Sparks and James Johnson are having new front porches built to their residences.

George Hankins continues very ill at the home of his son, Sidney Hankins, near here.

Mrs. W. B. Harris and Miss Effie Williams will attend the opera at Richlands tonight.

S. J. Thompson and Rees Bowen shipped eight cars of export cattle from here last Saturday.

Mrs. James Osborne and Mrs. A. H. Ryley and children returned yesterday from Roanoke.

Mrs. Tom Eogland, of Cedar Bluff, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Thomas, here today.

Mrs. Trayer, Mrs. H. W. Christian and Mrs. J. T. Altizer spent Thursday of last week at Tazewell.

Among the many candidates here the past week were Messrs. John and Grat Gillespie and Tom Hawkins.

Mrs. Charles Grinstead and children are spending a few days in Baptist Valley with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brewster.

A series of meetings are being held at the Church of God by Revs. Andrew A. Brown, French Wilson and W. Rimmer. The sermons are good, as is also the singing. A glorious meeting is expected. Preaching at 2 and 7:30 p. m. each day.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Worthy Grand Patron, W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, Will Institute Chapter Here.

On Saturday, October 28th, 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m., Worthy Grand Patron, W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, Va., accompanied by three lady assistants, will institute a Subordinate Chapter of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Lodge building.

Master Masons in good standing, their wives, daughters, sisters, mothers and widows are eligible to membership. Ladies must be eighteen years old or over.

Thirty-five is the maximum number that can be received as charter members. More than that number have already made application for membership. I hope, however, that all who desire to take this degree will be present, as they will be admitted to membership immediately after organization substantially on same terms as charter members. Initiation fee will be about one dollar per member.

Luncheon will be served in the Masonic banquet hall at 1 o'clock p. m.

In event the Worthy Grand Patron and his assistants do not arrive until the 3 p. m. train, initiations will take place immediately after arrival of the train, and will be completed by 5 o'clock p. m.

This is not a special opportunity to those only who signed the application as charter members, but to all men and women who are eligible.

J. N. HARMAN.

## News of Whitewood.

Whitewood, Va., Oct. 24th. Mr. Lee and family, of Doran, spent Sunday with friends in Whitewood.

Miss Margaret Lampton, of Ashland, Ky., was visiting in Whitewood Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Ritter attended the Shriner's meeting in Bluefield on last Friday.

Mrs. Williams, Miss Ruth Williams and T. W. Cole attended the burial at Raven Monday.

Mrs. Johnson, of Abingdon, who had been visiting her son, Robert Johnson, at this place, returned to her home on last Friday.

William Cordell, a young man about twenty years old, was killed by the Ritter Lumber Company train near this place Saturday afternoon. He had been drinking, and it is supposed had gone to sleep on the track. He was buried at Raven on Monday.

Mother's Milk Bread, made by the Bluefield Bakery, in the best and may be had fresh at C. T. Peery & Co's.

## GRAHAM NEWS

What People Are Doing in Our Neighbor Town to the East of Us.

Graham, Va., Oct. 25th. Mrs. W. K. Graves is spending some time on a visit to her friend, Mrs. Alice Harwood, at Pamplin City, Va.

Mrs. W. L. Nash left Tuesday for an extended visit to friends in Giles and Botetourt counties. She will be absent about one month.

Mrs. W. S. King returned Saturday from Rocky Mount, where she was called by the illness and subsequent death of her mother, Mrs. Holt.

Mrs. Lizzie Davidson has returned from White Gate where she has been for some time with her mother, Mrs. Mary Miller, who is reported very ill.

Mrs. C. W. Keister left on No. 3 Sunday night for Palestine, Texas, where she will spend the winter with her brother, Robert Wiley, and other relatives.

J. E. Morton left Monday evening for Richmond to attend the meetings of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar and Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons which meet there this week.

M. M. Crozier, of Ft. Peirce, Fla., is in Graham this week looking after his business interests. Mr. Crozier says that his people, who recently moved from Graham to Ft. Peirce, are well pleased with their new home.

C. W. Peirce has returned from Salt Lick, Ky., where he was summoned by telegraph several days ago on account of the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. H. S. Peirce, who died after a short illness at his home in that place.

The many friends of Mrs. J. L. Wells, of this place, are pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, performed last week. She was visiting friends at Washington Courthouse, O., when stricken.

J. T. Coen came home Tuesday from Berwind, where he had been at work, nursing some painful injuries which he sustained in a fall down a pair of partially completed stair steps in a building in which he was working. He will be laid up for several days as a result of his bruises.

Mrs. Margaret Wimmer came to Graham yesterday from her home in Thompson Valley and returned with her daughter, Miss Helen Wimmer, who was recently operated on at the Bluefield Sanitarium for appendicitis, her condition having improved sufficiently to permit of her being removed to her home.

Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, who has been for a number of years the popular pastor of the Lutheran church at this place and also in Bluefield, has tendered his resignation to the two congregations, and will accept the pastorate of a large church in the city of Chicago. He will probably preach his farewell sermon here on next Sunday evening.

John Gillespie, of Wittens Mill, Democratic candidate for commissioner of the revenue in this district, was here recently in the interest of his candidacy. He is being opposed by his nephew, J. Grat Gillespie, of Tiptop, a Republican, and are making a spirited canvass against each other. Since the withdrawal of C. W. Mathews from the race the election of the nephew seems practically assured.

Royal Arch Masons.

The one hundred and fourth annual convocation of Royal Arch Masons is in session in Richmond this week, and the Masons in attendance have been putting in a week there, as the meeting convened Tuesday.

Grand Secretary W. D. Banks, of Petersburg, gave out the statement that there are 6,628 Royal Arch Masons in Virginia. Chapters have been added at Victoria and Smithfield. There are now thirty-seven chapters in the State.

At the one hundred and second convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, resolutions were adopted favoring the support of the Virginia Masonic Home, for Masons' children, in this State. Every chapter in the State had special attention called to the need of help in this great work.

An unusually large sum has been reported as the result of this call on the various chapters. The report from the orphanage shows that the work has grown in importance until it is now one of the most responsible and important institutions in the State, affording means of education for hundreds of children, and sending them out into the world equipped for the battle of life.

The eighty-ninth stated convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia is also in session in Richmond, having convened there at 10 o'clock this morning.

For Sale.

One two H. P. Gasoline Engine and No. 12 Geneva Feed Cutter, fitted with about 40 feet belting. All practically new. I will take \$85.00 for this outfit—now it would cost not less than \$100.00. If you have fodder to feed this fall it will pay you to cut it.

C. J. Moss.

WANTED—A blacksmith, who can also do wood-work. Will employ by the day or rent shop to the right kind of man. Write to E. H. WITTEN, Grundy, Virginia. 10-26-11.

## NORTH TAZEWELL.

Personal Mention of People in and About Our Neighboring Village.

North Tazewell, Va., Oct. 24th. Miss Ella Lawrence is visiting her sister at Lurich this week.

L. T. McGuire is in Crockett's Cove this week engaged in making sorghum.

L. Litz Peery spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in Burkes Garden.

Clint Daniels, of Keystone, was the guest of friends on Cavitts Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Peery were the guests Sunday of Mrs. T. E. George on Plum Creek.

John D. Peery is up from Gary, W. Va., to spend a few days with his family at this place.

W. O. Whitman, of Loudoun county, was the guest of E. L. Whitley here first of the week.

Misses Nannie Rose and Magrie Whitley spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends at Pisgab.

Mr. Fisher, of Greensboro, N. C., was here Monday representing the insurance department of the K. of P's.

Samuel P. Mustard, of Pocahontas, Republican candidate for the House of Delegates from this and Buchanan county, was here on last Saturday greeting the voters of this precinct.

Dr. A. M. Willis, the celebrated surgeon of Richmond, Va., was called here Saturday to consult with local attending physicians regarding the critical illness of Mrs. Sarah Harman.

M. L. Peery, who has been on a three weeks visit to the home of his son, S. Paul Peery, in Lipscomb, Texas, returned here on No. 6 Sunday night. He was accompanied by his son, Clarence, who has been in the Lone Star State for the past year.

Mrs. Sarah Harman, widow of the late Augustus Harman, died Monday at 8:30 o'clock in the evening at her home on Cavitts Creek, aged seventy-three years. Mrs. Harman had been in declining health for some time, and on last Saturday underwent an operation which it was hoped would better her condition, but owing to her advanced age she never rallied, and passed peacefully into the Great Beyond at the hour mentioned above. She was a devoted member of the Christian church, a good mother and an excellent neighbor. She is survived by four sons: K. D. R., S. S. F., Peel and A. M. Harman, and one daughter: Mrs. Charles E. Harman. Her remains were laid to rest in the old Harman burial ground, one mile east of Tazewell this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. J. N. Harman conducting the services.

To Be Yardmaster at Eckman.

Announcement is made by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company that on November 1st a number of changes will be made among the minor officials of that road on the Pocahontas division. By these changes, Wharton O'Keefe, a Tazewell boy, becomes general yardmaster at Eckman, W. Va.

On November the 1st both Northfork and Vivian will cease to be engine division points, they having been consolidated and transferred to Eckman, where a new roundhouse has been built and shops established for the making of such repairs as are necessary for the field.

Much additional trackage has been added to the yards at Eckman, and by concentrating the business of both the Northfork and Vivian yards at that point it makes the position which Mr. O'Keefe has been chosen to fill a highly responsible one.

Gets Three Years in Pen

Ada Nichols, of Keystone, W. Va., was found guilty under the white slave law in the United States court at Bluefield on last Friday and was sentenced by Federal Judge Keller to serve three years in the Mountaineer penitentiary.

The woman was charged with taking a sixteen year-old girl named Estelle Wells from Appalachia, Wise county, this State to Keystone under pretense of giving her employment, which she failed to do, but instead, tried to force her to become an inmate of a house of ill fame of which she was proprietress. The girl succeeded in making her escape, reported the matter to the police authorities who arrested the Nichols woman, and her conviction resulted as stated above.

High Honor for Roanoke Mason.

Mr. W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, has been elected as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. This is a high honor and Mr. Andrews is the only member of this branch of the Masonic fraternity west of Richmond. This means that in two years Mr. Andrews will receive the thirty-third degree, which is the highest degree conferred upon a Mason. There are no holders of this degree in this section of the State.

Mr. Andrews will be here Saturday to institute a Subordinate Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Little Lambert Child Dead.

Mayola, little three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lambert, of Canebrake, W. Va., died on Monday last week after an illness of only about 12 hours. She died in convulsions and the cause of her sickness or just what the trouble was, is still unknown.

The remains were brought to Tazewell and laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery. Rev. J. N. Harman conducted the funeral at the home of Mrs. Lambert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Patton, on Tazewell Avenue. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Lambert in their bereavement.

To the Voters of Maiden Spring District.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Constable for Maiden Spring District, and respectfully solicit your support at the election to be held November 7, 1911.

R. M. Russell.

## BURKES GARDEN NEWS

Items of Interest From the Garden Spot of Virginia.

Burkes Garden, Va., Oct. 23. Robert Moss spent last week in Russell county.

Miss Lula Wynn has been quite sick for the past week.

Miss Bessie Peery is teaching a private school at her home.

John Hudson, of Ceres, passed here Saturday en route to the coalfields.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rush Moss made a business trip to Tazewell last Friday.

Lacy Tynes and H. P. Brittain, of Tazewell, were business visitors here last week.

Mrs. Mary Brown, of the Cove, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Goodman, this week.

Mrs. F. M. Moss spent last week visiting her father, Mr. Clinton J. Barnes, in the Cove.

John D. Barnes, of Broadford, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. M. Moss, here this week.

Ed Witten, of North Tazewell, spent last week in the Garden picking and shipping apples.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moss gave a dinner party last Saturday to a number of their relatives.

Will George Moss went to Bluefield last week to have Dr. T. E. Peery treat his eye, which was injured by a piece of rock salt.

Thomas Vail, of Florida, who has been the guest of friends here for the past ten days, left for Tazewell today where he will visit for a time.

Philip Baugh, of Clinch, passed here last week en route to Ceres to visit his brother, D. M. Baugh, who was injured by a fall from an apple tree.

Frank St. Clair, of Bluestone, spent Wednesday night last at T. E. Howell's and on Thursday weighed the cattle which his father, Hon. A. St. Clair, had bought from Mr. Howell.

Joseph Meek returned last week from Roanoke, Lynchburg and Richmond fairs. Mr. Meek won "sweepstakes" on his Herefords at Roanoke and Richmond, and also won a number of premiums at Lynchburg.

Anti-Saloon League and Mr. Payne.

Tazewell, Va., Oct. 16, 1911. Hon. W. P. Payne, Bandy, Va.

Dear Sir:—In view of the fact that you are a candidate to represent the people of this legislative district in the next session of the General Assembly of Virginia, you are hereby respectfully requested to give your position on the two following items of legislation which the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia will present to the next Legislature for enactment, viz:

First: In event a bill is introduced in the General Assembly restricting the privilege granted in liquor license to the sale of intoxicating liquor in those places only where licenses can be legally granted, and to the shipment of intoxicating liquors to those parts only where licenses have already been granted, thus carrying out the principle of local option law to its logical conclusion, and thus preventing the nullification of the express will of the people in dry territory by the jug trade, will you, or will you not, vote for such a bill?

Second: In event a bill is presented providing for an enabling act which will authorize the holding of an election upon the question of a State-wide prohibitory law, whenever said election is demanded by twenty-five per cent of the qualified voters of the State, will you, or will you not, in such event vote for such a bill?

Most respectfully submitted by request of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

J. N. HARMAN, President of Tazewell County Anti-Saloon League.

MR. PAYNE'S REPLY.

Bandy, Va., Oct. 20, 1911. Rev. J. N. Harman, Tazewell, Va.

In answer to your inquiry as President of the Anti-Saloon League of Tazewell, will say that if elected to the legislature November 7, 1911, I will endeavor to represent my constituents to the best of my ability, and carry out their wishes as best I can.

Yours truly, W. P. PAYNE.

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## FALLS MILLS.

Many Items of Interest About People Gathered by Our Correspondent.

Falls Mills, Va., Oct. 25th. S. H. Wysong, of Pearisburg, is the guest of friends at this place.

Dr. J. M. Sheppard made a business trip to Northfork, W. Va., Tuesday.

A. M. Belcher, of Littleburg, W. Va., was a business visitor here last week.

H. A. Daugherty, of Keystone, W. Va., is at his home here for a short vacation.

J. B. Harry and wife, of Mayberry, W. Va., were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Green, of Monroe county, W. Va., is visiting the family of H. A. Green at this place.

John C. Walton, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his brother, Major Samuel Walton, of this place.

Harrison Postor, of Elkhorn, W. Va., is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. G. Compton, here this week.

J. K. Lavender, of Gary, W. Va., is moving his family into one of R. Gillespie's cottages at this place.

Rev. Moses, a Missionary Baptist minister, of Christiansburg, began a series of meetings here Sunday night.

Mrs. Alice Hall and Miss Gladys Ranson left Saturday for a stay of several days with relatives at Landgraf, W. Va.

Alex W. Tabor, our popular postmaster, was quite ill for several days last week, but is now able to be out again.

Miss Lena Kelly, of Tazewell, who has accepted a position as governess in the home of Louie Carr here, was in Bluefield Friday and attended the Shriner's ball.

Charlie Carter has just finished making up a fine crop of cane on his farm here, which has been the center of attraction for both old and young for the past week or two.

Rev. J. C. Martin, an evangelist of the Holiness church, assisted by Mrs. Hall, of Nemours, W. Va., is holding a protracted meeting at Walton's school house near this place.

H. T. and James Tabor, of Palaski, have been the guests of relatives in the village for a few days, and will return with several fine head of horses which they have been grazing on their farm here during the summer.

DR. GILDERSLEEVE IS 80.

Famous Greek Scholar Became Octogenarian On Last Monday.

Dr. Basil Lanneau Gildersleeve, author, lecturer and professor of Greek at Johns Hopkins University, is 80 years old today.

For half a century he has been considered one of the world's foremost authorities upon the Hellenic language, and in that time has made himself famous throughout Europe as well as America.

Dr. Gildersleeve will spend his birthday quietly. He will receive the congratulations of his pupils and friends in Baltimore and other cities. The professor is not enthusiastic about expressions of wonder at his mental and physical activity at four score years, for he feels as young today as he did a decade ago.

Yesterday he enjoyed to the fullest the family reunion in honor of his birthday anniversary. His son, Mr. Raleigh C. Gildersleeve, of New York, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Martin Lane, of Boston, were guests at the Doctor's home, 1002 North Calvert street. Today he will partake of an informal birthday dinner.

Dr. Gildersleeve's scholarly writings and lectures have set a new standard in the teaching of Greek, but one of the characteristics which has strengthened the bonds between himself and his many pupils is his spontaneous wit and wonderful insight into the complexities of human character. Scarcely a man who has had the privilege of studying under him at the university fails to recall some bit of humor or philosophy uttered by the professor in class or in private conversation.—Baltimore Sun of Monday.

Doctor Gildersleeve spoken of above is well known to a number of Tazewell people. He is a brother to Mr. G. S. Gildersleeve, of Gratton, this county, and also to Dr. J. R. Gildersleeve, who until within the last few years lived here and who yet visits here frequently from Richmond, where he now lives. He is also an uncle of Mr. John R. Gildersleeve, of this place.

Death of a Little Child.

The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Matt Whitt, near Bearwallow, on Tuesday the 17th, and took from them their little daughter, Nannie, a sweet and affectionate child, eight months of age. How hard it was for the fond parents to have to part with their little one is known only to those who have passed through the same great sorrow; but Christ said: "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven," and He will bind up their sorrowing hearts and bless them abundantly in their affliction.

A FRIEND.

## TO INVESTIGATE