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A number of the editors around the state are feeling blue because Judge Robertson didn't send his congratulations to Governor-elect Lilley. Robertson, no doubt, wants to be consistent.

When the political writers are short of copy they pitch into poor old Tammany, and that organization has been getting it right and left since election. The old tiger is accused of selling out the party in New York, although not a bit of evidence to that effect has been produced thus far.

The election over, public interest is directed to the next national event of importance, which will be the assembling of congress, the president's message and the ending of a remarkable administration. In political circles, there is much talk about tariff legislation, with the generally expressed opinion, however, that the circumstances do not favor radical tariff changes.

President Roosevelt, who has long occupied the forefront of the stage, is for the moment and perhaps will be for a long time, eclipsed by the president-elect, and it is just probable that he enjoys the eclipse, if it may be so called, for surely he has brought it on himself in his own approved way, says a Washington writer.

In an article in the Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Thomas Shaw recently called attention to the vast loss to agriculture caused by the series of forest fires that swept northern Minnesota and urged the need of better protection of the forests, as advocated by the American Civic association.

houses and improvements of villages and towns. The greatest loss, probably, is one that is never taken into account—the loss of young trees and the loss in humus. After one of these terrible conflagrations has swept over a timber slashing not a living thing of vegetation is left. Nature has to begin again the work of furnishing protection for the naked earth; years must elapse before the traces of the dreary desolation are hidden.

HEARD IN PASSING.

Stop and ponder. President Eliot admits that he has always been a moderate drinker. Cambridge is a dry town. Now, does the president smuggle the goods in or does he risk his life by patronizing the drug store variety?—New Haven Palladium.

Business men who obey the law will find the government behind them. Those who don't will find Uncle Sam confronting them with a big stick. That's Taft's policy. He who finds fault with it gives himself away, and will bear watching.—Hartford Post.

Up in the Maine woods the hunters are playing the usual folk tricks with their guns and the death record is pretty high. The person who cannot tell a human being from a duck has no chance to be out in the woods and the one who drags a gun by the muzzle ought not to be surprised if he gets shot.—New London Day.

Mr Debs, candidate for the presidency on the socialist ticket at the late election, explains the apparent falling off in the socialist vote reasonably. He says the vote in 1904 was abnormal, being swelled by the assistance of a large number of democrats who were disgusted with the nomination of Parker and went into the socialist ranks temporarily.

Reports from around the state do not indicate that the election results are taken as a signal by prohibitionists to stop their fight against the saloon. Just now their firing line is directing its energies principally against the granting of licenses to men who have failed to keep the law in this matter they deal principally with the county commissioners, who, if they fail to give a fair hearing to both sides will speedily find themselves in contempt of both.

The republican state machine's future rested with the Lilley candidacy. It sustained two defeats in the state convention, in the nomination of Tilson over Walsh, and in the election of the legislature, which could not have withstood the defeat of its principal candidate, Lilley, at the polls. Reorganization would have become necessary, and many minor candidates of the future would probably have accompanied the exit of the "machine." Lilley was elected, and the "machine" still lives, its power somewhat diminished but still likely to be dominant.

The November American Boy Baseball has given way to football and this winter game is finely illustrated by the picture (in colors) of the boys on the gridiron which decorates the November American Boy front cover. By the way, this issue begins the tenth year of that most popular of boys' magazines. The contents will be found to contain just the stories and articles which boys delight to read. In addition to the chapters of the fine serials by Houston, Tomlinson, and Optic, there are a number of short stories and articles of a most interesting character.

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A large portion of the supply of cross-arms comes from the south; they are sawed from the loblolly or old field pine, of which there is a large quantity throughout this region. This tree grows rapidly, but contains much sapwood, which is difficult to season. It has been said that "loblolly pine sapwood will rot before it will season in the warm, damp climate of the south." While this is probably overdrawn, it is necessary so to pile the cross-arms that the air may circulate freely about them, and to protect them from rain and snow by a roof of loose boards.

Sapwood absorbs preservative so much more readily than heartwood that when both cross-arms in which sapwood abounds and those in which heartwood predominates are treated in the same run the former absorb an excessive amount before the latter have received what they require. This is not only a needless expense but a detriment, inasmuch as the excess of creosote in the sapwood later oozes out and drips on those who walk beneath. To solve this difficulty, the cross-arms should be sorted in three classes, as sapwood, intermediate and heartwood, and treated in different runs.

Cross-arms are treated in large horizontal cylinders varying from 90 to 180 feet in length and from 6 to 7 feet in diameter. Into these the arms are run on skeleton trucks and the doors are then bolted air tight. Creosote is next run until the remaining space in the cylinder is filled. Pressure is sometimes then applied by pumps to force the preservative into the wood. In some instances before the preservative treatment the cross-arms are treated to a bath of living steam followed by the drawing of a vacuum, to remove moisture and secure rapid penetration of the wood by the preservative. It is the opinion of the forest service, however, that the bath in steam is not necessary or desirable if the arms are properly air seasoned. Other recommendations for seasoning and treating cross-arms and a discussion of the methods now in use, are con-

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