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We are informed that some readers of the Item were of opinion that the article upon the county debt formed a part of the campaign literature. This is a great mistake. The county debt is not a political question, nor do we intend to agitate the subject for any political purpose whatever. The News Item does intend to take keen interest in the financial affairs of the county. The past is past but the future is before us. We have no unkind words for former commissioners and certainly none for those now elected. Messrs. Yonkin, Biggar, and Gahan are men of intelligence and honesty and each has a substantial interest in the county. We mean to aid them if they take hold determinedly to diminish the present debt. If they do not, we are equally determined to criticize their actions.

A large part of the increase of the debt has been occasioned by buying iron bridges at extravagant prices. We expect the new board of commissioners will go slow on iron bridges. There are other economies which can be made and we look for careful watchfulness all along the line. Every year the hemlock forests now being assessed at \$12 per acre are being stripped, and the valuation going down while the debt increases. We expect that the new Board will insist that the Union Tanning Co. and other owners of timbered lands will help pay this debt, and not leave it (when the hemlock is all gone) as a heavy burden on our farmers and business men.

There is a grave doubt whether all our county debt is legal. We expect the new Board to carefully test that question by competent legal advice, and we warn them now that they best go slow on conferring judgements or signing interest bearing orders for borrowed money. And further we wish to say to the new Board not to be afraid to spend enough time to do the county work properly. Some ignorant people think it is the best Board of Commissioners which puts in the fewest days. But that is not our idea. If the new commissioners will give as close attention to the business of the county as they would to their own business, every day so spent is valuable to the tax payers. Take every day necessary, do the work yourselves, understand every contract, know the fact about every bill, and at the end of the year charge the county for every day spent in its service. The money will be well earned and no intelligent tax payer will kick. This is enough to outline a few of the notions at hand and we can assure our readers that the Item is going to keep the closest watch on county affairs and speak out its mind regardless of any person or any party.

11 KILLED WATCHING RETURNS
People Blown to Pieces in New York
By Premature Explosion.

New York, Nov. 5.—By a series of explosions of pyrotechnic bombs and other fireworks last night among the vast multitude gathered in Madison Square to witness the ascension of an air ship and the display of the election returns 11 persons were killed outright, many being blown almost to pieces and at least 50 injured, many of them fatally.

It is estimated that at least 30,000 persons thronged the square at the time of the explosions, which were succeeded by a frightful panic in which hundreds were thrown down and trampled under foot.

Five hundred policemen and all the ambulances in the city were instantly summoned and the dying and those most seriously injured were removed to the hospitals. In addition to these many of the wounded were taken away by friends. Nine men in charge of the fireworks display were placed under arrest immediately after the explosion.

ELECTION RETURNS

Result of Balloting in the Different States.

PENNYPACKER IS ELECTED

ODELL WINS IN NEW YORK

Pennsylvania's Vote For the First Time in Its History Exceeds 1,000,000, and Its Legislature Will Be More Strongly Republican Than Ever. Democrats' Phenomenal Vote in New York—The Result in New Jersey and Other States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Yesterday, for the first time in the history of the state, more than 1,000,000 votes were cast in an election. Samuel W. Pennypacker, R., was elected governor by an estimated plurality of 175,000, and the Republican ticket was generally successful in the various counties. The Democrats elected two and possibly three of the 32 congressmen. The legislature will be more strongly Republican than ever before with the exception of the 1897 session, and it is certain that Boies Penrose will succeed himself in the United States senate.



S. W. PENNYPACKER.

Philadelphia's complete vote for governor is as follows: Pennypacker, R., 1,687,716; Pattison, D., 73,690; Republican plurality, 95,026.

THE VOTE IN ALLEGHENY
Carried By Pennypacker By 30,000. Speaker Marshall Defeated.

Pittsburg, Nov. 5.—The fusion ticket in Allegheny county elected its full county ticket by 30,000. The fusionists voted under the head of the Citizens' ticket. It is composed of Democrats and Republicans who have for some time been fighting the present administration.

Pennypacker, R., for governor, has 30,000 majority. Congressman John Daizell, on both tickets, was re-elected in the 30th district; George Shivas, 29th district; James W. Brown, 32d district; H. Porter, 31st district; fusion candidates and all Republicans are elected. The entire Republican legislative ticket, with the exception of one Democrat, is elected.

Speaker Marshall, of the house of representatives, the regular Republican nominee in the 2d district, is beaten.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE
A Partial List of Members Elected to the House.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Two hundred and four representatives were elected in Pennsylvania. Following are some of the successful candidates:

Philadelphia—First district, Charles N. Selby, Joseph McIver, Reps.; second, John Phillips, Rep.; third, Harry T. Kingston, Rep.; fourth, Samuel W. SSalus, Rep.; fifth, Thomas E. Sheehan, Rep.; sixth, William H. Funston, Rep.; seventh, William S. M. Field, Rep.; eighth, Daniel J. Shern, Rep.; ninth, Harry Whittig, Rep.; 10th, William Gallagher, John A. McCarthy, Reps.; 11th, Samuel Ripp, Rep.; 12th, Theodore B. Stubb, Rep.; 13th, Leslie Yates, Rep.; 14th, Robert B. Scott, Rep.; 15th, Alex. Colville, Hermann G. Hutt, Reps.; 16th, Richard Curry, John E. Puhl, Reps.; 17th, William Laughlin, Rep.; 18th, James Clarence, William W. Turner, Seth Buckley, Reps.; 19th, John H. Riebel, Joseph Coll, Reps.; 20th, H. Reeves Lukens, Rep.; 21st, Ziba T. Moore, Rep.; 22d, Byron E. Wrigley, Rep.; 23d, Henry F. Walton, Rep.; 24th, John O. Sheatz, Arthur B. Eaton, Reps.; 25th, George W. Steinbach, John R. Huhn, Reps.; 26th, George W. Dunn, Rep.; 27th, Walter Willard, John Hamilton, Reps.; 28th, Andrew A. Cairns, Thomas G. Morris, Reps.

Bradford county, Giles M. Coons, Franklin F. Lomax, Joseph E. Hamilton, Reps.

Butler county, Adam Douthett, Thos. Hays, Reps.

Cambria county, Thomas Davis, Edward E. Hohmann, Reps.

Centre county, John H. Wetzel, J. W. Kepler, Dems.

Somerset, S. S. Swackhamer, D. Sussex, Lewis S. Hill, D. Union, William F. Hall, R.; John A. Howland, R.; Edward S. Coyne, R. Warren, John Wildrick, D. The Senate.

The state senate will stand as follows: Atlantic, Edward S. Lee, R.; Bergen, Edmund W. Wakelee, R.; Burlington, Macon Haines, R.; Camden, William J. Bradley, R.; Cape May, Robert R. Hand, R.; Cumberland, B. H. Minch, R.; Essex, J. H. Bacheller, R.; Gloucester, W. K. Robeson, R.; Hudson, Robert S. Hudspeth, D.; Hunterdon, William P. Gebhardt, D.; Mercer, Eliza C. Hutchinson, R.; Middlesex, Theodore Strong, R.; Monmouth, H. S. Kimmouth, D.; Morris, Jacob W. Welsh, R.; Ocean, George L. Shinn, R.; Passaic, Wood McKee, R.; Somerset, Samuel S. Childs, D.; Sussex, Louis J. Martin, D.; Union, Joseph Cross, R.; Warren, Isaac Barber, D.

DEADLOCK IN DELAWARE
Doubtful if New Legislature Can Elect U. S. Senators.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 5.—The complexion of the next Delaware general assembly is in doubt. It is apparent that a deadlock on the two United States senatorial vacancies will be the result, as was the case two years ago. The Regular Republican state committee claims that the body will be composed of 19 Union Republicans, 8 Regular Republicans, 22 Democrats and 3 doubtful. The majority in joint ballot and the members necessary to elect United States senators is 27.

Mr. Saulsbury places the Kent county membership, including two Democratic hold-over senators, at seven Democrats, seven Union Republicans and a tie in the 9th district. His advice from Sussex county are that three Democratic representatives and one Democratic senator were elected yesterday. The Democrats have a holding-over senator in Sussex.

The Democrats gain five members in New Castle county. Joseph L. Cahall, the Union Republican chairman of Sussex county, claimed at midnight that the Addicks Republicans have elected seven representatives and two senators in that county.

OHIO

Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—The Republicans carried Ohio by next to their highest plurality on record. Nothing above 70,000 had been predicted, but the returns indicate that it will greatly exceed that figure. At the same time the Republicans made no gain in Ohio congressmen, but are likely to lose one. The present Ohio delegation in congress consists of 17 Republicans and four Democrats, and the returns show 16 Republicans and four Democrats elected, with the 12th district in doubt. During the campaign it was said that any reduction of the plurality in Ohio would be considered a victory for Mayor Johnson over Senator Hanna in the senatorial contest of next year.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—Returns in Nebraska show the vote to be exceedingly close on governor, with the remainder of the Republican state ticket probably elected. The first 60 precincts received gave Mickey, R., for governor, 6,541; Thompson, Fusion, 5,857. These precincts one year ago cast 6,532 Republican votes and 5,302 Fusion votes. This shows that the Republicans have cast practically the same vote as a year ago, and the Fusionists have made small but steady gains. Mickey is running behind his ticket. One hundred and ten precincts indicate a net Fusion gain of between three and four to the precinct. If only the gain shall be maintained throughout the state Mickey will still be elected by nearly 4,000 plurality.

CONNECTICUT

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 5.—Connecticut yesterday elected the full Republican ticket for state officers and all the five Republican candidates for congress. Returns received indicated that the plurality for Chamberlain, the Republican candidate for governor, would be at least 15,000, an increase of 1,000 over the plurality of two years ago. The Republican candidate for congressman-at-large, George L. Lilley, is elected by approximately the same plurality, while the four congressional districts are also Republican by safe figures. The state legislature will be Republican, thus ensuring the return of O. H. Platt to the United States senate.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Mass., Nov. 5.—The Republicans after a vigorous campaign, carried Massachusetts yesterday by a substantial plurality, electing the entire state ticket, winning in a majority of the congressional districts, in seven out of the eight councillor districts and retaining a firm control of both branches of the legislature. The state officers elected were as follows: Governor, John L. Bates, Boston; lieutenant governor, Curtis Guild, Jr., Boston; secretary of state, William M. Olin, Boston; treasurer, Edward S. Bradford, Springfield; auditor, Henry F. Turner, Malden; attorney general, Herbert Parker, Lancaster.

KANSAS

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 5.—Kansas has gone Republican by at least 40,000 majority. The entire state ticket and all the congressmen are elected by the Republicans. The Republicans will have a hundred members of the legislature. The Democrats did not expect to elect their state ticket, but were surprised that W. N. Craddock, their candidate for governor, did not run better than he did. W. J. Bailey, the Republican candidate for governor, runs ahead of his ticket.

Chester county, Franklin March, Fred. H. Cope, William Wayne, James G. Fox, Reps. Clarion county, John A. F. Hoy, Leslie P. Arner, Dem. Columbia county, William P. Creasy, Fred P. Ikler, Dem.

Dauphin county—First district, Geo. Kunkel, Rep.; second, William H. Ulrich, B. Frank Ober, Michael E. Strout, Reps. Delaware county, Frederick Taylor Pusey, Ward R. Bliss, Thomas V. Cooper, Reps.

Elk county, John M. Flynn, Dem. Franklin county, David Maclay, Joseph P. Rahauser, Reps. Fulton county, S. Wesley Kirk, Dem. Greene county, James K. McNeeley, Dem.

Huntingdon county, Thomas W. Montgomery, John C. Taylor, Reps. Indiana county, A. F. Cooper, S. J. Smith, Reps. Jefferson county, Curtis R. Vesbinder, Rep.

Lancaster county—First district, F. B. McClain, Rep.; second, William H. Brosius, John G. Homsher, Reps.; third, H. K. Blough, David W. Graybill, Aaron W. Snader, Reps.

Lawrence county, R. T. Pomeroy, Malcolm McConnell, Rep. Lehigh county, Joseph W. Mayne, Jonas F. Moyer, Jeremiah Roth, Dem. Lycoming county, Henry G. Troxell, Lewis M. Castner, Henry S. Hower, Dem.

Monroe county, J. N. Place, Dem. Northampton county, Patrick F. Enright, J. S. Hunt, William F. Beck, Dem.

Pike county, John V. Houck, Dem. Potter county, Alonzo R. Moore, Rep. Snyder county, Francis C. Bowerson, Rep.

Somerset county, Lewis C. Lambert, John C. Weller, Reps. Susquehanna county, Alvin C. Barrett, Henry J. Rose, Reps.

Tioga county, Andrew B. Hitchcock, William E. Cahmpaign, Reps. Washington county, D. M. Anderson, John M. Berry, Davis M. Campsey, Reps.

Westmoreland county, George H. Stevens, Charles D. Whitten, Joseph B. Heister, William F. Morrison, Reps. York county, Levi M. Myers, William J. McClellan, Conrad B. Sterner, Eli Z. Strine, Dems.

The Senate.

Senators were elected in 25 of the 50 districts. Among those elected are:

Second district, Henry Gransback, Rep.; Fourth, John T. Harrison, Rep.; Sixth, John M. Scott, Rep.; Eighth, Horatio B. Hackett, Rep.; Fourteenth, John A. Stober, Rep.; Sixteenth, Arthur G. DeWalt, Dem.; Eighteenth, Thomas D. Danner, Dem.; Twenty-second, James T. Mulhern, Dem.; Twenty-fourth, J. Henry Cochran, Dem.; Thirty-sixth, William C. Miller, Rep.; Thirty-eighth, James K. P. Hall, Dem.; Forty-sixth, Samuel T. White, Rep.

Pennsylvania Judges Elected.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Judges were elected in 11 counties of Pennsylvania yesterday as follows:

Common Pleas—Allegheny county, Edwin H. Stowe, Rep.; Butler county, James L. Galbreath, Rep.; Carbon county, Allen Craig, Dem.; Philadelphia county, Norris C. Barratt, Rep.; Michael Arnold, Dem.

Orphans' Court—Allegheny county, Josiah Cohen, Rep. Berks County—H. Willis Bland, Dem.

Lackawanna County—Alton A. Vosburg, Rep. Associate Judges—Columbia county, William Krickbaum, Dem.

Elk County—Thomas B. Cillouly, Dem. Huntington County—W. H. Benson, Rep.

Munroe County—John M. Bossard, Dem.

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY

List of the Members Elected to the Legislature.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 5.—The following is a list of the members of the New Jersey house of assembly for 1903 elected yesterday. Those re-elected are indicated by an (*):

Atlantic county, Thomas C. Elvin, R. Bergen, M. S. Ayres, R.; George A. Cook, R.

Burlington, *John G. Horner, R.; Benjamin D. Shedaker, R. Camden, Harry S. Scovell, R.; Theodore B. Gibbs, R.; John S. Roberts, R. Cape May, *Lewis M. Cresse, R. Cumberland, *Louis Miller, R.; B. F. Buck, R.

Essex, *W. N. Garrabrandt, R.; F. R. Lohbach, R.; *John Howe, R.; *Robert W. Brown, R.; *Wm. G. Sharwood, R.; *Ralph G. Schmidt, R.; *Edward E. Griental, R.; *Wm. A. Lord, R.; *Edward Williams, R.; *Robert N. Boyd, R.; Everett Colby, R.

Hudson, *James A. Hamill, D.; *John G. Treasey, D.; Joseph C. Duff D.; Wm. D. Kelly, D.; *C. G. A. Schumann, D.; James G. Fielder, D.; Rufus Benson, D.; Michael Cannon, D.; *Peter Stillwell, D.; *Frederick Weissmann, D.; Edgar H. Loverage, D.; Thomas P. Glennon, D.

Gloucester, John Boyd Avis, R. Hunterdon, James W. Willever, D. Mercer, *Harry D. Leavitt, R.; *Bert L. Glick, R.; Thomas Colclough, R. Middlesex, M. J. Whitford, R.; W. H. C. Jackson, R.; J. E. Montgomery, R. Monmouth, William F. Jefferson, D.; A. M. Posten, D.; Charles F. McDonald, D.

Morris, William T. Brown, R.; Thomas J. Hillery, R. Ocean, William M. Butler, R. Passaic, Republicans claim three and Democrats two.

Salem, E. C. Hughes, D.

Short Talks On Advertising
By Charles Austin Bates.

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Most all advertising nowadays tells the truth. Most all business men have learned the lesson that even slight misrepresentation in their advertisements causes a loss of confidence, which more than offsets any transient gain that may be made by exaggeration.



"It has made a great many people doubt everything they see in an advertisement."

In the past there has been more or less overstatement in advertising. It has made a great many people doubt everything that they see in an advertisement which is in any way out of the ordinary.

This feeling is not right. Probably ninety-nine out of every hundred advertisements of reputable business men are absolutely true.

Sometimes overstatements of values and reductions in prices seem too extraordinary to be truthful, but those on the inside of any business know that there are times when it actually pays to lose money on a certain article or a certain line of goods.

The reliability of an advertisement should be measured by the reputation of the advertiser. If he does not lie in his ordinary business and social relations it is fair to suppose that he does not lie in his advertising. It is a matter of principle, and a matter of business also.

Every statement that is made in an advertisement ought to be carefully weighed, and even the appearance of untruth excluded.

A truthful statement by an honest man in a good paper will bring returns every time.

The best paper in which to advertise is the one which possesses the confidence of the community in the highest degree.

The high character of the paper will throw a mantle of credence over all the advertising in its columns.



"If he does not lie in his ordinary business and social relations."

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ODELL RE-ELECTED IN NEW YORK

Republican Governor Wins By From 6,000 to 9,000.

New York, Nov. 5.—In spite of a phenomenally large vote in New York and Kings county for Bird S. Coler, Dem., the returns indicate the re-election of Benjamin B. Odell, Rep., to the governorship of New York state by from 6,000 to 9,000. Coler's plurality in the Greater New York exceeded 115,000, a surplus of 3,000 above the claim made by Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tam-

many Hall, but even that large vote was not sufficient to overcome the Republican majorities from up the state. Odell's vote in the country districts was lighter than two years ago, but Coler's was also lower than Stanchfield's in the same year. In New York city Coler's plurality was approximately 117,500, made up as follows: New York county, 83,000; Kings, 26,500; Queens, 3,500, and Richmond, 2,800. Oyster Bay, where President Roosevelt's country home is situated, and where he voted yesterday, was carried by Coler, his plurality being 131. Two years ago Odell's plurality was 512.



BENJAMIN B. ODELL.

The Republican state ticket elected in full is as follows: Governor, Benjamin B. Odell; lieutenant governor, Frank W. Higgins; secretary of state, John F. O'Brien; comptroller, Nathan L. Miller; treasurer, John G. Wickser; attorney general, Henry B. Coman; state engineer, Edward A. Bond; judge of Court of Appeals, William E. Werner. Figures from the congressional districts in New York city and Long Island counties show a loss of four members of the national house to the Republicans, the heavy Coler vote having carried, according to the returns, the first 19 districts in the state for the Democratic candidates. All returns indicated that Judge Gray, Democratic candidate for judge of the Court of Appeals, ran somewhat ahead of his ticket.

The Democrats made gains in the state legislature, but the gains were not sufficient to endanger the Republican hold on the seat in the United States senate, now held by Thomas C. Platt.

Mr. Coler, the Democratic candidate for governor, was asked what he thought of the result of the election. He said: "You can quote me as saying

MARYLAND

Baltimore, Nov. 5.—The election in Maryland, which was only for congressmen, passed off quietly with the exception of a few minor disturbances in the eastern district of the city. Of the six congressmen, the Republicans elect four and the Democrats two. The vote in the 3d district was very close, Wachtel having a majority of about 100. The judges in one precinct of the 3d district had a dispute because of the imperfect marking of ballots, and the ballot box was sealed and placed in the care of the election supervisors. The disputed precinct is normally Republican, and will not affect the result.

IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 5.—On the basis of the present returns the Republicans have elected their state ticket by about 75,000 plurality. Judge Birdsall, nominated by the Republicans to succeed Speaker David B. Henderson, ran substantially with his ticket, and will be elected by 4,000 to 5,000 votes over former Governor Boies. Chairman Spence, of the Republican committee, said: "We have carried the state by at least 65,000. The figures indicate a larger plurality, but we are not claiming more at present. We have elected 11 Republican congressmen."

GEORGIA

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Georgia yesterday elected a solid delegation of 11 congressmen. So little interest was taken in the election that the figures in the 11 districts were not collated last night. Except in the 11th district the Democrats had no opposition, and in that district it was inconsequential. The election was for congressmen only.

TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5.—The entire Democratic state ticket, headed by James B. Frazier for governor, has been elected by a majority estimated at 50,000.

Not Merely Blind Assent.

To believe is not a blind assent of the mind to an unfeeling truth, but a most rational and manly intellectual function.—Rev. Father Michael, Catholic, Pittsburg.

Foley's Honey and Tar
cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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