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VICTORY IS OURS!

Roosevelt and Fairbanks Win By More Than a Million and a Half Majority.

Republican Landslide!

By an overwhelming vote the people of the United States expressed themselves as satisfied with Theodore Roosevelt and the Republican Party. Roosevelt's Electoral vote is three hundred and twenty five, an unheard of vote before last Tuesday.

The Republican Party has every President, the Senate, House of Representatives on the National Ticket.

In Delaware the Republicans practically control every thing. On joint ballot the Republicans have thirty-two votes in the Legislature, thus enabling them to elect a Republican successor to Senator Ball, whose term expires next March.

The offices in New Castle, Kent

and Sussex are in the hands of Republicans, while the Levy Court of Kent and Sussex are Union Republican, in fact the whole State is ours. Preston Lea was given a rousing majority for the Governorship as was every Republican candidate on the ticket. It is enough. We do not even want more.

Jerome Robbins, of Lewes, spent Thursday in town.

Miss Rhoda Hill and Martin Clark, of Redden, spent a few days this week with W. S. Davis family.

Dr. and Mrs. William Messick and children, of Lewes, spent Thursday with Dr. John Messick.

Harry Lyons, Will Edwards, Ebe Lynch, Edward Mustard, Theodore Reed, Al Lingo, William Veasy, Horace Bawn and Martin Short, of Lewes, were in town Thursday.

NOTABLE WEDDING AT GEORGETOWN.

Marriage of Miss Annie McGill Purnell and George F. Sharpley.

The wedding of Miss Annie McGill Purnell and George F. Sharpley, which took place in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church Wednesday afternoon, was the most notable social event of the season. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Purnell, and for a number of years has been a teacher in the Georgetown Public School. Mr. Sharpley is the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic railroad trainmaster and dispatcher at Salisbury, Md.

The church was decorated with autumn leaves and palms and was filled with guests. The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, which was played by Mrs. Linda Rodney, a cousin of the bride. Andrew J. Lynch, Dr. Harry Marshall, Lewis Adams and George W. Jones were ushers. They were followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Brown, of Seaford, and Miss Mary Belle McGill, of Philadelphia, cousins of the bride. Miss May Lynch, the maid of honor, preceded the bride, who was escorted by her father and by whom she was given away. Huston Kuark, of Salisbury, was best man. Rev. Howard T. Quigg, pastor of the church, was the officiating minister. A ring was used, and "O Promise Me" was played during the ceremony.

The bride wore a handsome gown of dark blue broadcloth, the jacket having a touch of white broadcloth and green panne velvet, and her hat, a French turban, was the shade of her gown. Miss Brown was gowned in brown voile, trimmed with lace, and Miss McGill was attired in blue-voile, trimmed with lace. Both carried pink chrysanthemums. Miss Lynch's costume was of brown voile, trimmed with lace, over canary silk. She carried yellow chrysanthemums. The bride received many costly gifts.

During their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Sharpley will visit New York, Philadelphia and Washington. They will reside at Salisbury.

Simon Penniwell, of Greenwood, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Lavator Hearn, of New York, was in town this week.

Mrs. Frank Bonsil, of Wilmington, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Hilyard.

Edward Reed and David Reed, of Ellendale, were here Return Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Eyon, Mrs. Thad Windsor, Frank Robinson, I. L. Simpson, Will Sipple, John W. Bennett, Elwood Johnson, Goldy Isaacs and Dr. George Messick, of Milford, were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Virden, Misses Linda and Clara, and Miss Poynter, of Lewes, spent Thursday with Mrs. D. F. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Long, of Lewes, spent Thursday in town.

Dr. Hiram Burton and Miss Le H Burton, of Lewes, were in town yesterday.

Mrs. W. S. Davis and Miss Helen Davis spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Mattie Roach, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gucher have been visiting relatives in town.

SLAIN BY A NEGRO FIEND.

Sixteen-Year-Old Colored Girl Assaulted and Shot to Death.

COMPANION UNDER ARREST

Presence of the Sheriff and Town Posse Saves the Suspect From Being Mobbed by His Own Race—Other arrests are Likely to be Made.

Dover, Nov. 9.—The dead body of Mary Rochester, a 16-year-old colored girl, daughter of Abe Rochester, a highly respected citizen, was found tonight lying in Cedar Tree lane, on the Ridgely farm, with a bullet hole through her right temple and surrounded by evidence of a foul and outrageous assault.

It was shortly after 7 o'clock when Officer Stephen Pleasanton was notified by several negroes, who made the ghastly discovery.

Summoning assistance he was quickly upon the scene and found the body of the girl, robust and well developed, lying flat on her back, with her clothes disarranged and torn and a bullet hole through her head.

A search was made for a revolver or any other instrument which might have been used to accomplish the purpose, but to no avail. The leaves and grass surrounding the body were saturated with her blood, showing that evidently a severe struggle had ensued before life became extinct.

As soon as the news reached the town scores of people flocked to the scene of the tragedy, but the appearance of an undertaker to take charge of the body until the coroner could be communicated with put an end to the morbid curiosity.

Henry Ingram and Pearl Graham, both colored, were arrested on suspicion of knowing something of the murder, being held as witnesses in a case of an assault and battery committed on Ingram this afternoon during a crap game.

Later in the evening the officers arrested Ollie Page, the negro who, it is alleged, is the fiend who committed the deed. He was seen by several persons to enter the lane with the girl late this afternoon and when he returned the girl did not accompany him. It required the presence of Sheriff Melvin and three town officers to accompany Page to the jail, as it was feared his own race would do him bodily injury.

Other arrests are likely to be made in the case.

Officers Pleasanton and Hurd, after searching in the vicinity where the Rochester girl's body was found, succeeded in finding a club with which the murder was committed. It was bespattered with blood. James Sawyer colored, was arrested late tonight and locked up in the jail here as a witness in the case, Page admitting to him (Sawyer) that he struck the Rochester girl, but did not intend to kill her.

Miss Lydia Houston, of Millsboro, spent Saturday with Miss Mary White.

AVERT TRAIN WRECKS.

System Invented by Laurel Men Said to Do It.

Laurel, Nov. 5.—Charles G. Otwell and Ira H. Melvin, two of Laurel's substantial citizens, have just completed an invention or rather a series of inventions, which, if they successfully pass the official tests soon to be given them will work a revolution in railroad signaling and reduce the possibility of collisions between trains, the running into open draws and gliding past signals set against them, by engineers, to a minimum. For nearly two years Messrs. Otwell and Melvin have been working quietly on the plan, covering it up and now they have the system set up complete in a large hall awaiting the inspection of a board of railroad experts, which is to be given in a few days. Several well known railroad men have already examined it and all of them pronounce it a success.

The plan, which is to be known as the "Otmel" system, a combination of portions of the names of each of the inventors, is altogether electrical. Each engine is to be equipped under it with a complete telephone and alarm system, beneath the engine and connected with the telephone and the cab, is a "trailer." The batteries are set to be sensitive at any distance required, say up to three miles, and when two engines get upon the same track within this "danger" limit alarms are immediately sounded in each cab, as a circuit is formed, and the same circuit forms connection with the telephone in the nearest station or tower.

The same thing occurs when an engine approaches an open draw or when it strikes a signal set against it.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. E. A. Townsend and children and Mrs. Timothy Townsend, of Lamb, attended the Sharpley-Purnell wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wallace, of Seaford, were in town this week.

Lot Adams, of University of Pa. is visiting his parents in town.

Mrs. George Messick and son Edwin, of Milford, are visiting relatives in town.

Edward Godwin, of Roxana, has been in town this week.

Dr. Tyndal, of Whaleyville, spent a few days in town.

Mrs. A. C. McGill and Miss Mary Bell are visiting relatives in town.

Houston Kuark, of Salisbury, was in town this week.

Eli Salisbury, of Rehoboth, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Rhoda Townsend, of Hollyville, was in town on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Caleb Layton and Caleb Jr. were in town the first of the week.

Mrs. William Ross, of Seaford, and Mrs. Charles Benuum and daughter, of Girdletree, were in town this week.

Mrs. Harry Hudson, of Dagsboro, has been visiting Mrs. Harry Viokers.

Mrs. E. O. Cannon and Mrs. Harry Layton, of Briddgetown, were here on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wood, of Lincoln, were in town this week.

Phil Layton, Sam Tyndal, Charles Jones and Will Mustard attended the race at Greenwood on Wednesday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Short, John H. Short, wife and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting John W. Johnson and family.

Mrs. Edward Godwin and children, of Roxana, are the guests of Miss Sallie Messick.

Misses Alice and Ada Lynch, of Roxana, have been the guests of Miss Julia Johnson this week.

Mrs. Gazelle Henzler, of Philadelphia, spent the week with relatives in town.

Misses Mary and Jane Lynch, of Roxana, are the guests of Mrs. E. W. Roy.

John McCabe, of Roxana, was in town this week.

Hoyt Jones, of Norfolk and Paul Jones, of Philadelphia, are home this week.

Miss Sallie Hammond, of Kleg Grange, Md., is visiting her brother William Hammond.

Mrs. Roland Joseph has returned from Philadelphia.

Ernest Blackstone, of Millsboro, was in town on Monday.

DAYLIGHT JAIL BREAK.

Negroes Dash from Kent Prison at Close of Religious Services.

SHERIFF SHOTS ONE DOWN.

Two Companions, One Believed to Be Wounded, Scale the Jail Yard Fence and Make Good Their Escape.—No Trace of the Fugitives Found.

Dover, Nov. 6.—Taking advantage of their freedom on the lower floor of the Kent County Jail during religious exercises this morning, three negro prisoners made a desperate and partly successful dash for liberty. One negro was wounded by a shot from the Sheriff's revolver, as he was scaling the jail-yard fence, and caught. His two companions made good their escape, and up to a late hour to night had eluded the efforts to capture them.

That the plan for escape had been well worked up was evident from the manner in which the prisoners made their break for liberty. It has been the custom for many years on Sunday morning for the ministerial students of Wilmington Conference Academy to visit the jail and hold religious services. At such times the prisoners are all released from their cells and assembled in the lower corridor of the jail.

This morning, just as the services were completed, and the students were being let out of the jail by the turnkey, Samuel Barrett, Lewis Clarke and William Shockley, all colored, and among the most desperate of the prisoners, suddenly pushed by the students into the hallway of the house part of the jail, darted out of a door and across the jail lot.

Sheriff Melvin at once seized his revolver and started in pursuit. Shockley was scaling the fence, and the Sheriff opened fire on him. One ball struck him in the side, but did not wound him seriously. The Sheriff pointed upon him and compelled him to surrender. In the melee, however, Sheriff Melvin dropped his revolver. Shockley was taken back to jail and locked in his cell.

Barrett and Clarke made their escape to the branch, several hundred of yards away, but not until the Sheriff had fired at them, one of the shots evidently taking effect from manner in which one of the men staggered.

A posse quickly organized and led by the Sheriff, searched the negro huts on the outskirts of the town. No traces, however, were found of the fugitives.

Barrett and Clarke were both sentenced at the recent term of the Kent County Court. Barrett, for abusing a girl, under age, was given seven years, while Clarke, convicted of assault and battery on Cornelius Dixon at Kenton, about two months ago, was sentenced to one year.

It was the intention of James Boyer, another colored prisoner to escape with the others, but he failed. Shockley was but recently returned to the jail here, having broken jail some three years ago.

Henry White Fisher.

Henry White Fisher died at the home of his grandfather, H. H. White at Evergreen Farm near Lewes, Saturday, Nov. 5, aged 22 years. He leaves a widowed mother and one brother, Charles, a recent graduate of Harvard, now of Provo, Utah, who arrived home Wednesday.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Henderson at Whites' Chapel and interment made in adjoining grave yard, Friday morning.

The deceased was a student of Harvard and member of class of '96. That he was of unusual mentality and brilliant promise is attested by the many prizes and scholarships which he received.

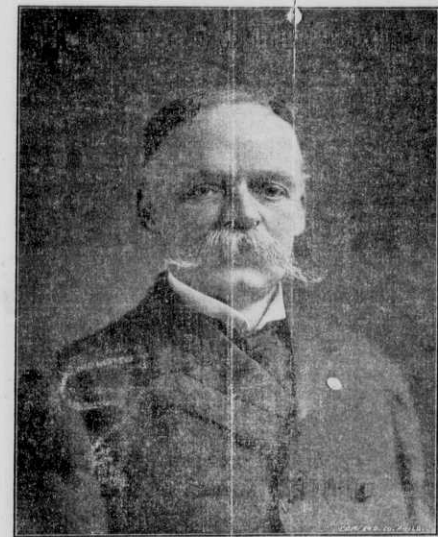
His life was one of singular purity, as he was never known to be guilty of a vicious act or habit.

Not only was he virtuous but he was a professing christian from early youth.

Like a Galahad of old, he went forth to be vanquished only by death. Death indeed leaves a shining mark, and while hearts are crushed with sorrow, in such a death as this, there is no sting.

He lived not long, but he lived well.

Dr. C. R. Layton and son Daniel, of Dover, were in town over Sunday.



J. Edward Addicks, Member of National Committee from Delaware.

Teachers Institute Program.

The Sussex County Teachers' Institute will be held in Milford Armory Hall, November 30 and December 1 and 2. The following is the complete program:

Wednesday—Dr. S. C. Schuncker, West Chester Normal. 1, Leaving the Home Farm; 2, How to go About Nature Study; 3, What is the Use?

Dr. G. W. Hull, Millersville Normal School. 1, Mathematics 1; 2, Mathematics 11; 3, The Teacher.

Wednesday evening—A lecture by Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, ex-Commissioner of Education in Porto Rico, on "The Beginnings of American Government in Porto Rico."

Thursday—Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, University of Penn. 1, The Control of the School; 2, The Professional Training of the Teacher; 3, Education and the Community. Dr. G. W. Hull, 1, The Pupil; 2, Practical Education.

Thursday evening—A lecture by Frank Dixon, on "The Threat of Socialism."

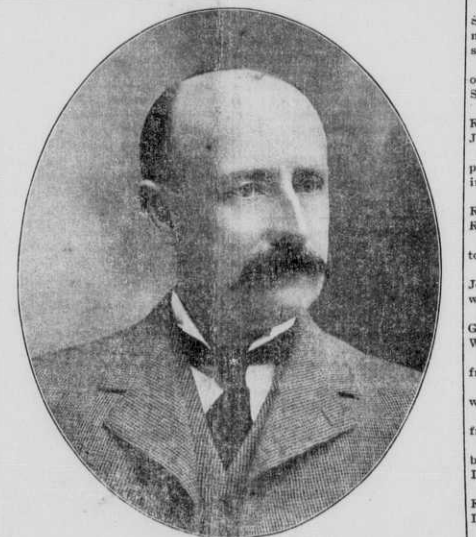
Friday—Dr. Frank H. Greene,

West Chester Normal School. 1, Mastering Masterpieces; 2, A Century of Literature; 3, Application of Vision of Sir Lancelot. Miss Lulu Ross will have a drill by a class of beginners; Address by Supt. A. R. Spaid of NewCastle Co; Notices on Examinations, Salaries and Local Institutes by Supt. John D. Brooks.

Friday evening—The Lulu Tyler Gates Concert Company, consisting of the following artists: Lulu Tyler Gates, reader; Helen Carter McCoullie prima donna contralto; Marie Ludwig, harpist, and H. Benne Henton, instrumental soloist.

The School Commissioners are especially invited to attend on Thursday. In the afternoon, Mr. Joseph L. Cahall, Sec. of the County School Commission, will explain the plan of consolidating the rural schools, and thirty minutes will be given to the friends of education to discuss this important question.

The teachers are requested to familiarize themselves with Lowell's poem "The Vision of Sir Lancelot," in preparation for Dr. Greenes lecture.



Senator J. Frank Allee, State Chairman Union Republican Party.