

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

Considerable surprise has been caused by the elections held Nov. 3, although they did not change the general political aspect.

Everybody thought that the municipal contest in New York would be close, whereas McClellan, Tammany's candidate, beat Mayor Low, candidate for re-election, by nearly 45,000.

In San Francisco E. Schmitz was re-elected by a neat majority, Crocker being well up and Line a poor third. It seems that he had the united support of the big corporations, as the Union Labor party, which nominated him, came nowhere near electing any other candidate.

In Ohio Tom Johnson, democratic candidate for governor, is badly snowed under. The republican majority is the largest ever cast in that state.

Kentucky and Maryland are democratic by a large majority; so is Rhode Island.

Colorado and Nebraska elect the republican candidates for supreme judges.

In Iowa and Massachusetts the republicans were successful.

LANDS TO BE RESTORED TO PUBLIC ENTRY.

The Policy of the Government is to Make Only a Part of the Forest Reserve Withdrawal Permanent.

According to recent reports Chief Gifford Pinchot, of the Bureau of Forestry, as well as other officials, state that only a minor part of the lands now withdrawn will ever be converted into the forest reserves.

There appears to have been two reasons for withdrawing these lands and in many cases the more important of the two was to place the valuable vacant timber land beyond the reach of the "scrappers", speculators and land grabbers.

In the meantime the Interior Department, with the full sanction and approval of the administration, is preparing to put in a hard winter's work before Congress, in an effort to secure public land legislation, such as the repeal of the timber and stone act, the desert land law, and commutation of the homestead act, but more than all else, the repeal of the forest reserve land law, which is responsible for many of the frauds that have been perpetrated.

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Once Congress so amends the land laws, so that graft is cut off, there will be but little delay in restoring to the greater portion of the land now covered by temporary withdrawals.

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A PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

BROWNBORO, Nov. 4, 1903. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: Now that the question of good roads is being agitated, it is not a good time to keep it before the people of Jackson county, as the fall rains will soon render many of our country roads impassable?

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THE MINISTERS MEET.

The Jackson County Ministers' Association met in Ashland, Nov. 2d. There were present thirteen ministers of the county, and as visiting members Rev. G. L. Tufts, Ph. D., and Capt. L. D. Mahone of the Anti-Saloon League.

The topic for the day was "Jackson County, What is Being Done and What Ought to be Done." It was presented by Rev. W. F. Shields of Medford, with the use of the map of Jackson county prepared by him.

The next meeting of the Association will be in Medford, the first Monday in January, and the subject for that meeting is "Methods the Most Successful in Evangelistic Work." It will be presented by Rev. J. T. Abbott of Ashland, and Rev. E. A. Child of Medford will open the discussion.

It was decided that the County Ministers' Association, in connection with the Anti-Saloon League and the good citizens of the county, move for shutting the saloon out of Jackson county.

Resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. T. L. Crandall were adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Association, as a mark of our high esteem of our departed brother and co-laborer.

A permanent committee on temperance was appointed, consisting of one member from each of the following places—Gold Hill, Central Point, Medford, Jacksonville and Ashland.

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FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

APPLES FOR EXPORT. European Crop a Failure—The English Like a Crisp Apple—The Box. All my foreign correspondents agree that the apple crop of Europe is a failure this year and that there will be an immense demand for American apples.

Strictly fancy fruit should be wrapped with white or manila paper. Many growers of fall fruit have found it unprofitable to try to market such in years past, but in the present season, with the swift passage of steamers and improved ventilation of the compartments and the fruit going in the style of package I advocate (a case holding just about a barrel), it is perfectly safe for growers to forward, and as our fall apples are ready to ship at a time when almost all kinds of small fruit are very scarce in Europe there is an enormous sale for them.

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It looks as if it were going to be a profitable year for those who have apples, although the crop is not as large in this country as last year, but take it as a whole, it will be a fair one.

Disappointment is sometimes experienced in the results of newly planted vines, but it usually comes from lack of proper treatment and knowledge of the nature of clinging and twining vines.

My raspberries and blackberries have made an unusually rank growth, and many of the large blackberry canes have been knocked over and wholly or partially broken off near the roots.

Some of the greatest successes that we have seen in growing lilies have resulted from an accidental extra deep burying of the bulb.

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SIX IN AN EXPLOSION.

NAVAL MAGAZINE AT IONA ISLAND WRECKED. IONA ISLAND, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Six men were killed and ten slightly injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion at the United States naval arsenal, one of the largest magazines in the United States, which is located here.

The explosion occurred while men were drawing the explosive charges from a consignment of old shells recently sent here from the battleship Massachusetts.

Three massive shellhouses were totally destroyed, and a rain of fragments of projectiles of all sizes was scattered in every direction.

The dead, all of whom were workmen employed by the naval ordnance department, are Fred Ward, Stony Point; George Morehead, Tompkins Cove; Fred E. Locke, Peekskill; Fred Curran, West Haverstraw; Fred Brown, Haverstraw; James Connelly, Peekskill.

The island, which has been used as an arsenal for years, is in the Hudson river, forty miles from New York, and shells and ammunition of all kinds were stored there.

CZAR MASSING TROOPS. LONDON, Nov. 5.—The Daily Mail's correspondent cables that 10,000 Russian troops have occupied Mukden.

London, Nov. 5.—The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent says that the viceroy of Kwang Su has telegraphed to Peking offering assistance in the event of hostilities against Russia.

London, Nov. 5.—Reports from Peking say Russia now threatens to assume sole charge of the government of Manchuria unless China promptly declines to accept the Russian offer.

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Advertisement for Southern Pacific Co. featuring an illustration of a train and text: "SOUTH AND EAST VIA Southern Pacific Co. Shasta Route. Trains leave Medford for Portland and way stations at 4:21 a. m. and 5:52 p. m."

Advertisement for Great Northern Railway featuring an illustration of a train and text: "GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY 2 Trains Daily 2. Fast Time. New Equipment Throughout Day Coaches, Palace and Tourist Sleepers, Dining and Buffet Smoking Library Cars."

Advertisement for To Cure a Cold in One Day featuring an illustration of a bottle and text: "To Cure a Cold in One Day Cures Grip in Two Days. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. On every box 25c. Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, E. W. Wilson, Spikenard, Or."