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TODAY'S ELECTIONS.

The American people are voting today. Throughout the eastern portion of the country, and in some western states, the great battle is being waged, the result of which cannot but have a great effect upon the presidential contest of 1896. Maryland and Kentucky are the states where the greatest interest is centered, because these states, generally so reliable for democratic majorities, are expected to overthrow the long-continued order of things, and hopes are held that the republicans may triumph in both of them. In Massachusetts the citizens will vote for governor and a complete state ticket. In New York the voting is confined to ballots for secretary of state, attorney-general, treasurer and judges for the supreme courts. New Jersey will elect a governor, six members of the senate and the entire assembly of sixty members. Pennsylvania has an off year. In Maryland the future of Arthur P. Gorman, for years the political boss of the state, and one of the most skilled manipulators, depends upon the result of today's vote. The people of Kentucky will elect state officers, one-half the senate and an entire house of representatives. The incoming legislature will elect a successor to Senator Blackburn. In Mississippi state, county and municipal officers, from governor to constable, are to be elected.

The election in the state of Ohio is one of the most important. State officers and a legislature are to be elected, while the majorities will have an effect in determining the presidential nomination next year. The Utah election will be the first ever held for state officers and two United States senators depend upon the result. Elections, though not so important ones, will be held in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Virginia. While the situation is not certain enough to prophesy results, the republicans are confident of success in those states where republican victory is possible. The majorities cannot be expected to be as large as those of a year ago, but the decrease should not be great. Should any increase in republican majorities be found it will not be worth while for the democrats to nominate a presidential ticket in '96.

LET US BE THANKFUL.

In accordance with time honored custom President Cleveland has issued a proclamation setting forth Thursday, Nov. 28 as a day of Thanksgiving. This day is one which the people of this great country cannot observe too devoutly and the president's proclamation should be read and pondered over by every lover of our glorious country. It reads as follows:

"The constant goodness and forbearance of the Almighty God which has been vouchsafed the American people during the year just passed call for their sincere acknowledgement of devout gratitude. To the end therefore, that we may with thankful hearts unite in extolling the loving care of our Heavenly Father, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 28th day of the present month, of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept and observed by all our people. On that day let us forego our usual occupations, and in our accustomed places worship and join in rendering thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift, for the bounteous returns that have rewarded our labors in the fields and in the busy marts of trade; for the peace and order that prevailed throughout the land; for our protection from pestilence and dire calamity, and for other blessings that have been showered upon us from open hands, and with our thanksgiving let us humbly beseech the Lord to so incline our people unto Him that He will not leave us or forsake us as a nation, but will continue to bless us with His mercy and protecting care, guiding us in the path of national prosperity and happiness, endowing us with rectitude and virtue, and keeping alive within us a patriotic love for the free institutions which have been given us as our national heritage and let us also on the day of our thanksgiving especially remember the poor and the needy, and by deeds of charity let us show our gratitude."

How the mighty have fallen! After enacting the greatest farce of the age, and being hunted from one state to another, running from the officials in one place into the arms of officers in another, Corbett and Fitzsimmons and their crowd of hangers-on have scattered and gone. And Fitzsimmons—on whom but a short while ago the eyes of the world were focused—was compelled to give a sparring expedition in order to raise funds sufficient to enable him leaving Hot Springs. There being no farther use for these distinguished gentlemen in the pugilistic arena, they will have to go to New York and enter politics.

There is nothing that helps a city, county or state like getting out of debt and keeping out. The decrease in Wasco's debt for the past six months is attracting attention from abroad, as the following from the Oregonian shows: "Wasco county joins in the general improvement of fiscal administration. As compared with the statement published last March, the semi-annual statement shows a decrease in the county's debt of over \$26,000. County warrants are now selling at a premium. This sort of work makes the best kind of immigration agency."

The death of Eugene Field, which occurred yesterday in Chicago, removes from the field of literature a fascinating figure. His wit was of the purest kind, while he possessed a power of pathetic writing which rivalled the best productions of James Whitcomb Riley. He was in the prime of life, and had before him years of usefulness to the thousands to whom his writings brought good cheer. His death at the age of 45 strengthens the force of the oft-quoted saying that "Death loves a shining mark."

There will not be two Thanksgiving proclamations in Oregon this year. We have an executive who has a proper sense of dignity, and a realization that the nation is greater than a state. So much benefit at least is to the credit of the last election.

HIS LAST POEM.

Below is published the last poem written by Eugene Fields, whose death is announced in today's dispatches. The poem was first published in the October number of the Ladies Home Journal. The title is the Dream-Ship:

When the world is fast asleep,
 Along the midnight skies—
 As though it were a wandering cloud—
 The ghostly Dream-Ship flies.

An angel stands at the Dream-Ship's helm,
 And an angel stands at the Dream-Ship's side
 With a rue-wreath on her brow.

The other angels, silver-crowned,
 Pilot and helmsman are,
 And the angel with the wreath of rue
 Tosseth the dream afar.

The dreams they fall on rich and poor,
 They fall on young and old;
 And some are dreams of poverty,
 And some are dreams of gold.

And some are dreams that thrill with joy,
 And some that melt to tears,
 Some are dreams of the dawn of love,
 And some of the old dead year.

On rich and poor alike they fall,
 Alike on young and old,
 Bringing to slumbering hearts their joys
 An's sorrows manifold.

The friendless youth in them shall do
 The deeds of mighty men,
 And drooping age shall feel the grace
 Of buoyant youth again.

The king shall be a beggarman—
 The putter be a king—
 In that revenge or recompense
 The dream-Ship dreams do bring.

So ever downward float the dreams
 That are for all and me,
 And there is never mortal man
 Can solve that mystery.

But ever onward in its course
 Along the haunted skies—
 As though it were a cloud astray—
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Two angels with their silver crowns
 Pilot and helmsman are,
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