

treasurer. The Socialist vote in Chicago is reported as 27,120, an increase of 6,822 over the vote of 18,298 a year ago for president of the board of sanitary trustees.

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The Next Congress.

Returns from the Congressional elections are incomplete, but a Republican majority in the House, though greatly reduced, is assured. McCleary (Rep.) of Minnesota and Babcock (Rep.) of Wisconsin are defeated for re-election. Robert Baker (Dem.) of Brooklyn (p. 721) is also defeated. So are ex-Gov. Garvin (Dem.) of Rhode Island (pp. 678, 721), and Frank T. Buchanan (Dem.) of Chicago (p. 721). Warren Worth Bailey (Ind.) of Johnstown, Pa. (p. 721), F. F. Ingram (Dem.) of Detroit (p. 722), and Frank Stephens (Dem.) of Philadelphia (p. 722). James T. McDermott (Dem.) of Chicago (pp. 306, 722) was elected, and Henry T. Rainey of the 28th Illinois district was re-elected. Notwithstanding the efforts of organized labor to defeat Speaker Cannon (p. 490) for re-election from the 18th Illinois district, he was re-elected by the usual majority only slightly reduced.

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Traction Questions in Detroit.

Probably the most important municipal election of all that were held on the 6th was that at Detroit (p. 726), in which Mayor Codd (Rep.) and Wm. L. Thompson (Dem.) were the mayoralty contestants. The issue was over the granting of a blanket franchise to the traction companies. Codd stood for it and Thompson against it, and the campaign was a fierce one. Thompson is elected and the franchise is defeated.

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Advisory Initiative in Grand Rapids.

Under the advisory referendum and initiative which prevails in Grand Rapids, Mich., a petition for a charter amendment to secure non-partisan municipal elections was adopted on the 6th by a popular vote of 8,865 to 3,350. This amendment would abolish party primaries at city elections, would place candidates on primary ballots by petition and with no party designation, and would allow only the two highest candidates at the primary to be voted for at the election.

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The Referendum in Delaware.

A referendum proposed by the legislature of Delaware more than a year ago (p. 165) was adopted at the election on the 6th. Although a very slight advance in the direction of the referendum idea, it is an opening wedge. John Z. White of Chicago has spoken for this referendum several times in Delaware, notably during the recent campaign.

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Adverse Vote on Statehood.

While New Mexico gives a vote of about 6,000 for joint Statehood with Arizona (p. 561), Arizona votes it down by a majority of 16,000.

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The Oklahoma Constitutional Convention.

Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are reported to have elected an overwhelming Democratic major-

ity to the forthcoming constitutional Convention (p. 514) for the new State.

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Degradation of Negro Soldiers.

An extraordinary army order was promulgated by President Roosevelt on the 6th. It was based upon the disorderly and criminal acts of Negro soldiers of the 25th infantry regiment of the regular army who in August last riotously fired upon peaceable citizens at Brownsville, Tex. Gen. Garlington made a report on the matter in which he recommended that—

orders be issued as soon as practicable discharging, without honor, every man in companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry serving at Fort Brown, Tex., on the night of Aug. 13, 1906, and forever debarring them from re-enlisting in the army or navy of the United States, as well as from employment in any civil capacity under the government. In making this recommendation I recognize the fact that a number of men who have no direct knowledge as to the identity of the men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who actually fired the shots on the night of the 13th of August, 1906, will incur this extreme penalty. It has been established by careful investigation beyond reasonable doubt that the firing into the houses of the citizens of Brownsville while the inhabitants thereof were pursuing their peaceful vocations or sleeping, and by which one citizen was killed and the chief of police so seriously wounded that he lost an arm, was done by enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry belonging to the battalion stationed at Fort Brown. After due opportunity and notice the enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry have failed to tell all that it is reasonable to believe they know concerning the shooting. If they had done so, if they had been willing to relate all the circumstances preliminary to the trouble, it is extremely probable that a clew sufficiently definite would have been disclosed. They appear to stand together in a determination to resist the detection of the guilty; therefore they should stand together when the penalty falls. A forceful lesson should be given to the army at large, and especially to the non-commissioned officers, that their duty does not cease upon the drill ground, with the calling of the company rolls, making check inspections and other duty of formal character, but that their responsibilities of office accompany them everywhere and at all times; that it is their duty to become thoroughly acquainted with the individual members of their respective units, to know their characteristics, to be able at all times to gauge their temper, in order to discover the beginning of discontent or mutinous intentions, and to anticipate any organized act of disorder; that they must notify their officers at once of any such conditions.

President Roosevelt directs that Gen. Garlington's recommendation be complied with.

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A Temporary Settlement with the Utes.

Compared with the old Indian wars the maneuverings and counterings of the Utes and the United States cavalry troops out in Wyoming (p. 730) read like the plot of a merry little opera. On the 31st the troopers captured 50 Ute ponies and were driving them away, when 100 Utes, fully armed, surrounded them and stampered the ponies with pistol shots and warwhoops. The troops accidentally killed five of the ponies, but the Indians got away with all the rest. The soldiers did not fire at the Indians as the Indians greatly outnumbered them. Why the Indians did not fire at the soldiers is not