

The Election In Utah Today

Big Fight for the Legislature—Both Parties Want to Control It and Thus Name the Successor to Senator Joseph L. Rawlins—May be Close on Congressman and Supreme Court Justice—County Ticket an After Consideration.

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE 1900.

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| Sutherland (R) | 40,180 |
| King (D) | 45,980 |
| Total | 86,160 |
| Republican majority | 241 |

VOTE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1900.

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| Bartch (R) | 47,443 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 44,472 |
| Total | 91,915 |
| Republican majority | 2,071 |

The great fight between the Republican and Democratic parties of Utah is on in earnest. The main prize is the control of the Legislature, which will have the naming of a senator to succeed the Hon. Joseph L. Rawlins, Utah's senior representative in the nation's lawmaking body. From the latest advice from various points of the state this afternoon it is learned that there is also much interest being taken in the contest for congressman and associate justice of the supreme court. But the real struggle, as stated, is for the Legislature.

Who will be victorious will only be told when the ballots are counted; and it is by no means certain that that task will be completed tonight, as it is a foregone conclusion that there will be a vast amount of scratching—more than has been applied to any previous Utah Legislature. The presumption is that the act of mutilation will be carried farther in Salt Lake county than in any other. It is conceded that the Republican ticket will suffer much more in this respect than the Democratic, and that in this county the latter may succeed so far as the Legislature is concerned, with congressman and Supreme Court justice in doubt, and the county ticket somewhat mixed. But specifically speaking, the county tickets appear to be, in a large measure, an after consideration on both sides, voters quite generally refusing to lose sight of the legislative and senatorial questions.

Every observer of the political wind has his eyes turned alternately upon this county, Weber, Utah and Cache, with an occasional glimpse in the direction of Davis and Wasatch. The Democratic leaders are straining every effort to win in Salt Lake county, believing that if they carry that they are sure of the Legislature. That, however, is a strongly debatable question. It would seem that Weber should also be included in the calculation to be safe; and many Democrats have included it. Utah county may be said to be the battle ground of today's big struggle. It is not unlikely that this former stronghold of the Democracy—only shaken very infrequently and not very effectually, may be the pivotal point upon which legislative control will swing. That it will capitulate to Republican force is the contention of the Republican state committee. The fact that it is the home of Hon. Reed Smoot, the party's candidate for senator, will doubtless count for something. Cache county, which has also been one of the outlying ramparts of the party of Jefferson, Jackson and other lesser lights, has been placed in the doubtful column on account of Democratic dissension and the fact that it is the residence of Hon. Joseph Howell, the Republican nominee for Congress. Davis county, too, which has always been Democratic, is expected to be so close that there is likely to be some narrow escapes up there, and the same may be said of Wasatch county, with the prospects that it will join the Republican ranks.

FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Generally speaking the weather conditions were favorable throughout Utah today, according to official reading and prognostication. In Salt Lake and the northern part of the state clouds hung heavily, "but," as Observer Murdoch said, "they were neither rain nor snow clouds and gave no indication of immediate storm." Clear skies were the rule in southern Utah and throughout the outlook for a big day's vote was good from the beginning. There appears to have been little or no trouble at any of the polling places either in or out of the city so far as could be learned in the early part of the day, and no difficulty is looked for in this direction.

State Democratic Committee Hopeful.

At party headquarters, and this means all of them, the respective managers were wreathed in smiles and took a very hopeful view of the situation. To all of them it looked good and their expressions gave evidence that they were basking in the sunshine of hope expecting to give a good report on the morrow. When the "News" representative called Chairman Cannon was not in but Secy. Daly of the Democratic state committee had this to say:

"I do not believe by any means that we will be defeated, but if we are we go down to defeat honorably. When Senator Cannon took hold of the Democratic party eight weeks ago he took hold of an insubstantial corpse—it was dead as a door nail. A day or two later it began to show signs of life and in a week it was so rejuvenated that even the most skeptical began to see victory upon its banner. When Mr. Cannon took hold he declared that the campaign should be a clean one and how well he has maintained that declaration we call upon the people of this state to witness. We have taken up no rumors of Church interference because we knew that if any such influence had been used it had been entirely upon individual responsibility and wholly unauthorized by those who stood at the head. This has been our policy throughout the campaign and so successful have our efforts been in the direction of making votes, that we believe we have an excellent fighting chance and if we don't win it will be a marvel."

Chairman Anderson Gives Majorities.

Chairman Anderson of the Republican state committee said: "We expect to carry Cache with Howell by fully 300 majority. In Sevier county McCarthy will have 400 majority. Utah county will give the Republicans 500 to 600 majority and in other sections heretofore Democratic strongholds, we will make decided gains and in some instances prove successful. The vote in Sanpete county will be light as compared with other years owing to the absence from the county of nearly 600 sheep and cattle men, nearly all Republicans, who are on the range tending their flocks and herds. The returns will show that Utah is still Republican, and that the state endorses the national administration."

IN SALT LAKE CITY.

Said to be Much Scratching of Republican Legislative Ticket.

The polls opened uneventful and generally with small crowds of voters in the various districts in this city today. In some places it was nearly eight o'clock before a single ballot was cast though the polls were opened an hour before that time; and it was well into the forenoon before there was any manifestation of briskness. Prior to that there were carriages and runners enough to bring the voters out but they did not, for some reason, bring them very fast.

While the Democrats had carriages of fivers kind at work and made the best use of them, they did not have any where near the number the Republicans had and were handicapped to that extent. Nevertheless there was consid-

scratching is being done by Republicans who are dissatisfied with their legislative ticket, and this is pretty generally admitted by the Republican workers at the polls and elsewhere. But it does not apparently frighten the state and county Republican committees in the least, who declare that should such work be carried even to the point of defeating the legislative ticket in this county, which they do not concede, they would still have a majority in the law-making body of the state.

IN THE FIRST WARD.

There are 11 election districts in the First municipal ward, and in each there was a quietness up to noon that was almost monotonous for election day. Voters came in slowly and went their way after depositing their ballots in a manner wholly unexciting. No trouble of any kind was reported and it is not likely there will be any. There were no reports to municipal ward headquarters. In fact there were no such headquarters today. It was a district proposition from the outset, and that is the way things were recognized at the headquarters of the county committees. It is but the statement of fact that the committees know about as little at this hour as any one on the outside. It is hope-guesswork, in very large degree, though the man who guesses that the Republicans will have a majority when the polls close tonight will, it is believed, come nearest the truth. Two years ago the vote for congressman in the First was:

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| Sutherland (R) | 2,343 |
| King (D) | 2,229 |
| Bartch (R) | 2,466 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 2,163 |

DOWN IN THE SECOND.

The Second is generally Republican and there is little sign that it will not continue to be so for some time to come, though it has wavered somewhat in recent years. It contains the districts from 12 to 35 inclusive. There was probably more activity here than in any other part of the city outside of the Fifth, where a large number of voters are, as they always do, in the so-called "ten-dollar" section and about Commercial street and Plum alley. It is estimated that the Second had the vote of about 40 per cent of the city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Following is its vote on congressman and associate justice of the supreme court two years ago:

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| Sutherland (R) | 2,411 |
| King (D) | 2,229 |
| Bartch (R) | 2,466 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 2,163 |

REPUBLICANS AFTER THE THIRD.

The Republicans are after the Third municipal ward this year. They declare that they are going to carry it. If they do it will be the majority for the first time in the history of the ward. It is a known fact, however, that there have been many defections from the ranks of the party there this year and that the Republican party is one of the political possibilities of the day. One thing is certain. If it does remain in the Democratic column it will be at greatly reduced figures. These were the returns for two years ago on congressman and associate justice of the supreme court:

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| Sutherland (R) | 1,438 |
| King (D) | 1,265 |
| Bartch (R) | 1,465 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 1,377 |

IN THE FOURTH.

The Fourth, comprising districts 37 to 43 inclusive, is the home of not a few of the more prominent nominees of both parties, as it has been in the past, and there was a stir there during the early part of the afternoon with indication of a general living up later in the day. At 2 o'clock the vote cast would not, it is said, aggregate more than 45 per cent of the registered voters of that part of the city. Like the Third, the Fourth has nearly always been true to the Democratic faith. There will be a close shave, today, as the returns for congressman and supreme court justice two years ago was:

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| Sutherland (R) | 1,344 |
| King (D) | 1,528 |
| Bartch (R) | 1,465 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 1,365 |

WARMER IN THE FIFTH.

Matters were livelier in the Fifth than anywhere in the city. While this ward has many of the most staid people of the city it also has those of a more character and these latter appear to be on their metal more or less today. So much so in fact that they have a ticket of their own, the "News" says, and are spreading it all over the city. The vote for congressman and supreme court justice two years ago was:

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| Sutherland (R) | 1,332 |
| King (D) | 1,329 |
| Bartch (R) | 1,528 |
| Whitecotton (D) | 1,243 |

SLOW IN OGDEN.

Stated That There is Much Scratching—Both Parties Affected.

Ogden, Nov. 4.—There is much scratching of votes here today. Both parties are suffering in this respect and it is difficult, in fact impossible, to tell at this time which will have the worst of the deal. It is only known that the legislative tickets are being liberally attacked. Voting started out very slow and at noon not more than 25 per cent of the registered voters had been to the polls to express their choice. After 12 o'clock, however, there was a decided increase in the number of voters. At 2 o'clock it is estimated that something over 50 per cent of the votes had been cast in this county. The city's registration this year is 7,500 and that of the county 15,000. Voting is going on more rapidly in the county than in the city and apparently with much less scratching. It would seem at this time that Democratic prospects are bright for carrying the city and that the Republican outlook is best in the county outside of the city. The vote for Congressman two years ago was:

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| Sutherland (R) | 4,132 |
| King (D) | 4,321 |

IN UTAH COUNTY.

Provo Will Doubtless be Republican—County Leans the Same Way.

(Special to the "News.") Provo, Nov. 4.—At 1:30 this afternoon there had been about 1,500 votes cast in Provo. That is about 15 per cent of the registration which is 3,250. The vote in Provo a year ago was 1,400 for the Republicans and 1,048 for the Democrats. Two years ago the county vote was 11,088. The Republican ticket was given 5,968, and the Democratic ticket 307 less though Sheriff Storrs pulled through the narrow by a majority of 120 over Jesse M. Hartman against whom he is running again this year. It is believed that Storrs and Bagley have the best chances of any of the Democrats this year. Provo is surely a Republican town and there is little doubt that the county will be so. (Continued on page two.)

People Cast Their Ballots.

Day Opens in Greater New York With Arrests for Illegal Voting and a Shooting—Some Repeating in Denver—Unusual Interest Aroused in Philadelphia.

New York, Nov. 4.—Election day in Greater New York dawned with the weather perfect and the voters were out early in large numbers. In a number of assembly districts 25 per cent of the registered vote had been cast at 6:30 and the leaders in some districts predicted that the entire vote will be cast by noon.

About 40 arrests for illegal voting were reported before 9 o'clock. If one assembly district where there was great excitement (Rival leaders came to blows near an election booth and policemen conducting several prisoners to a station house were attacked by a mob, in the struggle one of the prisoners escaped. Nobody was badly hurt.

A shooting occurred at one polling place in Brooklyn soon after voting began. One man was wounded and a deputy sheriff was looked up charged with the shooting. The police say the disturbance was caused by intoxicated men.

Police Commissioner Partridge surprised the political leaders at work in the various precincts by suddenly shifting 500 policemen from their regular beats to parts of the city straggled to them. In addition to this the state superintendent of elections for the metropolitan district had 600 deputies on guard in various election districts. These were to be placed where they were needed to make the election day a success.

By noon more than two-thirds of the registered vote had been cast and in many districts fully 85 per cent of the vote had been cast. The state superintendent of elections continued to make arrests and the number increased to 132 by 4 o'clock, including five attaches of a hospital and a Democratic captain of an election district.

Both sides at noon were confident of bringing out their full party vote even in the so-called "ten-dollar" districts. The districts where disturbances occurred were the exception. In Westchester county, the northernmost of the state, a light vote was reported during the early forenoon, though an especial effort was being made in the suburbs where many rich New York business men live to get them to the polls. The hundreds of men employed on the estates of the Rockefeller and other millionaires, were marched to the polls by their superintendents.

UP YORK STATE.

New York, Nov. 4.—Reports from all over the state today with few exceptions show that the weather prevails everywhere and that a large vote was cast in the cities and in the rural districts. The roads were in good condition and the help in getting out the farmer vote.

After the governorship up the state interest centered in the contest for the state superintendent of elections in the Fifth judicial district where Asst. Gov. Davies, regular Republican, was opposed by Watson M. Rogers, a leading Republican lawyer of the district, who ran on the so-called "farm" ticket. Davies, endorsed by the Democratic dispatch from Little Falls, which is in the district, said that Davies was running because of his ticket and another dispatch from Oswego said that Davies would be splitting of tickets, presumably on the justiceship.

Another point that was watched rather closely was the contest for judge of the circuit court of appeals. Judge Gray, who is now a member of the court and who is a Democrat, having been endorsed for re-election by a number of Republican voters in New York county and throughout the state. Justice Warner was Mr. Gray's opponent, he having been nominated by the Republican ticket and cast in New York county. Both candidates for governor voted early, Mr. Cole in Brooklyn and Mr. Odell in Newburgh.

DENVER REPEATERS ARRESTED.

Denver, Col., Nov. 4.—Election day opened cloudy, but the weather improved during the forenoon and voting proceeded rapidly. No serious disturbances occurred but several arrests on charges of repeating were made. It was snowing this morning at Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek and other points. The reports received at political headquarters indicate that a heavy vote will be polled. The Democratic leaders are supremely confident, but the Republican workers are very hopeful of electing their state and congressional candidates and even of capturing the legislature which will elect a successor to U. S. Senator Teller.

LARGE VOTE IN IDAHO.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 4.—Reports from all parts of the state up to 11 a. m. show fair weather and a large vote. Great interest was being shown and both sides putting forth every effort to poll the entire party strength.

LARGE VOTE IN WYOMING.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 4.—Contrary to early indications, the weather in Wyoming was bright and the indications are for the largest vote throughout the state ever polled outside of a presidential year. Early reports show that Republican majorities will probably remain normal in city and state.

AVERAGE VOTE IN CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—The kind of weather for which California is noted prevails all over the state today, and the probabilities are that an average vote will be polled. Nothing will be known of the result until late tonight or possibly tomorrow, as in California no votes are counted until after the polls have been closed. Some of the precincts in remote parts of the state may not be heard from for several days.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning and will close at 5 p. m.

QUIET ELECTION IN NEVADA.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 4.—The election in Nevada is passing off quietly with a show fair weather and a large vote. The eastern part of the state are meagre and no one can forecast the result.

HEAVY VOTE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Notwithstanding a drizzling rain early conditions indicate

a heavy vote all over the city. The chief interest centered in Congressman Lorimer's district where every effort was made to get out a record-breaking vote. The election commissioners were busy soon after the polls opened with matters brought to them for adjudication. There was much evidence of split tickets reported by watchers throughout the city, especially on candidates for county officers.

BUYING MISSOURI REPUBLICANS.

St. Louis, Nov. 4.—Balloting is proceeding throughout the state under ideal skies, while in some sections it is raining. A light vote in the rural districts will cost the Democrats some thousands of votes. Early indications are that ticket since the days of St. Louis with a majority of 15,000 to 20,000 over the Republicans. This is the claim of Democratic headquarters and is also conceded at Republican headquarters. The only trouble from irregularity throughout the state up to 11 o'clock was in a telegram from Carrollton, Mo., in which Republican headquarters saying the Democrats were buying Republican votes.

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CANDIDATES.

Topka, Mo., Nov. 4.—Reports reaching this city from over the state show that an early heavy vote is being polled and from the length of time the soldier is remaining in the booth it is inferred that there is much scratching. Rev. F. W. Emerson, prohibition candidate for governor, says he is getting the heaviest vote of any candidate in the state. Mr. Emerson is a Methodist. The proposition to increase the pay of the legislators to \$500 per year is receiving a heavy vote.

In this city, at the First Methodist church, an all day prayer meeting is being conducted for the success of two candidates representing the prohibition issue for sheriff and county attorney. Devotion and prayer are being held on over the selection of a sheriff and county attorney. Many of the most prominent Republicans are supporting the prohibition ticket and the contest promises to be very close.

APATHY REIGNS IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 4.—Apathy reigns in this city. The weather is all parts of the state. The only district where the vote in all probability will exceed that of a year ago in the Second, where the Democrats are making a desperate effort to elect a congressman. The Republican state central committee estimates this morning that the Republican vote will be fully 10,000 short of the plurality of 45,000 for the reason that the Democrats will suffer equally with the Republicans over the lack of interest in the election. Secy. of the Treasury Shaw voted at 10 o'clock and Agriculture Wilson was one of the first to cast his vote at 11 a. m.

SCRATCHING IN WASHINGTON.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4.—Up to noon a heavy vote has been cast throughout King county. There is an enormous amount of scratching.

LARGE VOTE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Nov. 4.—With clear skies and warm atmosphere for election day, the expectation of the party managers that Massachusetts would poll a large vote seemed likely to be fulfilled. It was shown that the vote at the opening was generally up to the average and by 3 o'clock there were prospects that the total vote would be light. Boston, however, was a very heavy registration and congressional contests in three districts in the city, as well as a deep interest on the local option issue is expected to cast a heavy vote.

MUCH INTEREST IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—Many voters were waiting to cast their ballots when the polling places opened at 7 o'clock this morning. Contrary to expectations there was apparently more interest in the election in this city than had been expected by either of the leading parties. The Republican workers are straining every effort to get out a big vote in Philadelphia in order to offset a possible heavy vote in majority in the state outside of the city. There is no opposition to the six Republican congressional candidates in this city and only a few contests of moment for legislative candidates. Weather clear and pleasant.

FACTIONAL FIGHT IN PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Nov. 4.—Local factional fights lent additional interest to the election today and an unusually large early vote was polled. A heavy fog prevailed in Pittsburg and Albany, but the weather throughout western Pennsylvania was reported clear and cool. After voting at his home at Mead, Pa., Senator M. R. Quay, chairman of the Republican state committee, left on a special train for Philadelphia, where he will receive the returns tonight. He declined to say anything of today's balloting, except that Pennypacker would be elected governor on good Republican figures.

GOOD TURNOUT IN RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 4.—Favored with bright, crisp weather election day in this state the contest for Congress was a very good percentage of the registered voters would turn out. In most of the cities the polls opened early and activity was noticeable all along the line.

QUIET IN MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Nov. 4.—Weather is fair and mild. Quiet prevails in the city and state and the vote will be light on account of the apathy, particularly in the counties.

IN NEW JERSEY.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 4.—Election day opened clear and pleasant. The interest centers in the contest for Congress. The lines of the ten congressional districts are new and both political parties are anxious to make a good showing.

SCRATCHING IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 4.—Ideal election weather prevailed in this city and as a result the voting during the early hours of the morning was extremely heavy. A large proportion of the ballots were

scratched and election officers predict that the returns tonight will come in very slowly.

LIGHT VOTE IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 4.—Weather hazy but not unpleasant otherwise. Early vote unusually light, interest in the election not being sufficient to call out a great number in the early hours.

HOT FIGHT IN DELAWARE.

Dover, Del., Nov. 4.—Clear, warm weather. The fight for Congress is almost completely overshadowed by the hot battle for members of the legislature who will have the selection of two United States senators. In some sections the Republicans and Democrats are working together against the Addicks or Union Republicans. This is notably so in Wilmington, where the Democrats have endorsed several Republican candidates.

The great bulk of the registered vote will be polled. While it is almost sure that Henry A. Houston, (Dem.) will be elected a member of Congress by reason of the fact that the Republican vote will be divided between Congressman Ball, regular Republican, and Wm. Byrne, Union Republican, the complexion of the legislature is a matter of great uncertainty.

HEAVY VOTING IN CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 4.—Balloting began briskly. The party managers predict an unusually heavy vote.

LARGE VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 4.—Fine weather assured a large vote in New Hampshire today. In the cities the vote came out early. There was much scratching.

SPLIT TICKETS IN DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 4.—Weather in the early morning was threatening, but after 9 o'clock it cleared somewhat. Many tickets were split in the early vote.

IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Nov. 4.—The day opened crisp and cloudy and voters began early. The vote was light. Early indications in St. Paul were for an average vote. Interest is divided between state and county tickets, the interest on the former being almost wholly on the governorship.

USUAL VOTE IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 4.—Election day opened slightly colder, but with promise of sunshine as the day progressed. The early vote was fairly heavy. Both parties say they will get out the usual vote for an off year.

IN NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, Nov. 4.—There were few people at the polls at the opening and voting was light. Morning predictions for rain which will have the effect of cutting the vote.

MILD INTEREST IN TEXAS.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 4.—After nearly 40 hours of rain, election day dawned with threatening skies. Interest in the election was light. There being no opposition to the Democrats.

LITTLE INTEREST IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 4.—Little interest is being manifested in the election in Kentucky today and although the weather is favorable the vote is light.

SPRINGFIELD TIMID IN W. VA.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 4.—Both sides are making strenuous efforts to get out the vote. Weather clear.

LIGHT VOTE IN ALABAMA.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 4.—A light vote is being polled here in the election for congressman. Heavy weather and the apparent apathy among the voters.

ALL QUIET IN MONTANA.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 4.—Election is proceeding quietly in nearly every part of the state. The vote was light in Helena and in most of the other cities. A telegram stating that the ballot box, ballots and official stamps had been stolen in precinct of Cutbank, Teton county. The governor telegraphed the authorities to make every effort to recover the property and arranged for vote to be taken.

IN KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Nov. 4.—Weather cloudy and warm with a slight drizzle of rain. Early indications were that a light vote would be cast. Up to noon three arrests had been made in Kansas City, Mo. H. J. Rogers was arrested on a charge of intimidating voters. Charles Riehl, assistant prosecuting attorney, was arrested on a charge of intimidation brought to the polls by John Pryor, a Democratic saloon keeper, and a fist fight ensued. They were arrested and released on \$500 bonds.

HEAVY VOTE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—Reports from the state indicate that an unusually heavy vote is being polled in the country districts. More apathy is shown in the city than in the country. Both the Republican and Democratic leaders now claim that more than one million ballots will be polled in Pennsylvania, a record-breaking vote for the state. There had been no disturbance reported from the outlying districts. Nearly 50 per cent of the total vote had been polled at noon.

WISCONSIN WOMEN VOTE ON SCHOOLS.

La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 4.—Under a law passed at the last session of the legislature women were given the right to vote on school questions and for the candidates on school officers. Hence they are voting today for the state superintendent of schools, the county superintendent of schools and on an amendment changing the term of office for superintendent of schools. Much interest has been manifested in the election by clubwomen, but it has gone little farther than these circles.

Three Towns Terrorized.

Alan G. Mason, Well Known Business Man of Boston And Harvard Graduate, Attested in Connection With Fifteen Murderous Assaults in Cambridge, Brookline And Somerville in Last Few Months—Two Were Fatal.

Boston, Nov. 4.—In connection with the 15 murderous assault cases which have occurred in Cambridge, Brookline and Somerville in the last few months, two of which resulted fatally, the state police today arrested Alan G. Mason of Boston, a well-known and wealthy business man, a member of the piano manufacturing firm of Mason & Hamlin, a prominent clubman and a Harvard graduate. The police suspect, from evidence in their hands, that Mr. Mason has been involved in nearly all the cases referred to as the circumstances have been similar. Mr. Mason is a middle-aged man, but he has been a victim of mental trouble for which he has been treated at the McLean asylum at Waverly. About a year ago he was permitted to leave the institution. Since that time, it is said, he has been permitted to go and come at will and the fact that he had been frequently seen about the localities in which the assaults occurred, led to suspicion against him.

The peculiar assault cases which have terrorized Cambridge and vicinity as well as other suburban sections began last June. During the summer there were half a dozen victims of unknown assailant, each of whom was struck down and beaten with a blunt instrument. Early in October Miss Agnes McPhee was assaulted in Somerville and died from her injuries. An iron wrench was found and fixed upon as the weapon used. During the same month eight other cases followed, the last of which occurred last Saturday night, when Clara A. Morton, a housewife at the McLean asylum, was attacked on the grounds of that institution and beaten with a blunt instrument. Miss Morton died Sunday.

Mr. Mason was taken into custody at his mother's home on Newbury street. He made no objection and on the way to police headquarters, it is said, Mr. Mason admitted to the officers that he was in Somerville on the night on which Miss McPhee was fatally injured. The prisoner is about 39 years of age, and is the son of the founder of the firm of Mason & Hamlin, organ and piano manufacturers. He was graduated from Harvard in 1885, and entered the firm of which his father was head. Mental troubles developed within a few years of his graduation and he went to the McLean asylum for treatment. After a time he showed improvement and left the institution. A second time it became necessary for him to return but he soon improved and was released a second time. In 1897, however, symptoms more serious than any previous one developed and he was again committed to the asylum for the third time. He remained six months. Since then he has been free and has been a stockholder at the Mason & Hamlin organ factory at Cambridge.

Mason has a mother and three brothers, and is a cousin of John Mason, the well known actor. While in college Mason displayed a pronounced musical taste and was president of the glee club. He was also an athlete of some note.

PRESIDENT CASTS HIS BALLOT.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Nov. 4.—President Roosevelt cast his vote a few minutes before 11 o'clock. As he turned from the booth, the president said:

"I have done all I can do now. I have performed my duty and exercised my privilege as an American citizen and I shall now await the full returns."

He then started on a long drive with Mrs. Roosevelt. It was 10:40 o'clock when the president and Mrs. Roosevelt drove up to the voting place in a trap drawn by a pair of horses. A big crowd had been awaiting his arrival for an hour. He was joined by Asst. Secy. Loeb and James G. Grace, an uncle of the president. Mr. Roosevelt cordially greeted the judges and clerks of election, the quinquages in the crowd and then proceeded to the voting place, which was in a hall over a fish market and a Chinese laundry. After shaking hands with the judges and clerks of election, the president cast his ballot which was No. 1070. He then informally greeted many of his friends who had assembled and he drove away the crowd cheered him heartily. Election returns