

The oldest United States soldier is declared to be J. J. Overton, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is now 105 years old.

That a person who has been often stung by bees becomes in time immune to the poison of the sting is asserted by Dr. H. F. Parker.

Abdul Hamid is anxious to return the visit paid him by Grand Duke Nicholas as the representative of the czar.

Some idea of the wealth of Henry Clay Frick, Andrew Carnegie's former partner, may be obtained when it is stated that in the last two years he has purchased real estate in Pittsburg, the aggregate value of which is \$10,502,000.

Two Kansas boys, the sons of Martin Concannon, have made at their home near Lansing, 18 miles northwest of Kansas City, a discovery which has already set the scientists of America agog and promises in a little while to embrace in its study and interest the whole scientific world.

Hoopstown, the home of Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood and the most prosperous little city in the richest agricultural district in the great state of Illinois, has what may be truthfully termed one of the most economical and successful forms of municipal government of any city in the world.

Dr. Nelson R. Wood, of the Smithsonian institution, has made a study of the conversation of many kinds of feathered creatures.

Most monkeys have nothing but nose holes, and no real nose, as we consider it. But there is a monkey in Borneo that has a long nose, longer even than that of particularly long-nosed human beings.

Hawaiians are laughing heartily over a joke played on the members of the senatorial commission here recently.

Small fry royalties are "all broken up" because Princess Emma, of Reuss, has announced her engagement to a mere count, Kunigl by name.

While the rest of the civilized world is endeavoring to cure alcoholism, German and Belgian papers compare notes as to which nation drinks the most, and the national pride of many papers seems to be hurt because Germany does not march at the head of the alcohol brigade.

HOW THE STATES VOTED.

Result of the Battle of the Ballots in Nearly All the Commonwealths in the Union.

REPUBLICANS WILL HOLD CONGRESS.

Probably Elect 204 Members of the Next House—Odell Re-elected Governor of New York—Results in Other States According to the Latest Telegrams.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The latest election returns show that the republicans will control the next house by a vote of 206 republicans to 178 democrats, and that they will have a majority of 22 in the senate.

Table showing election results by state, including columns for State, Dem., and Rep.

New York, Nov. 6.—Gov. B. R. Odell's majority over Bird S. Coler, the democratic nominee for governor, is 12,887, according to reports made by the county clerks to Albany.

Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—Practically complete returns from the state indicate a plurality for Samuel W. Pennypacker, republican, for governor, of about 135,000.

Massachusetts. Boston, Nov. 6.—Massachusetts went strongly republican, the entire state ticket being elected, the plurality for Gov. Bates being 37,479.

New Jersey. Trenton, N. J., Nov. 6.—The republicans will again control both houses of the state legislature by heavy majorities, and the republicans elect nine of the ten congressmen.

New Hampshire. Concord, N. H., Nov. 6.—The republicans carry New Hampshire, Batchelder's plurality for governor being 7,500.

Rhode Island. Providence, R. I., Nov. 6.—Rhode Island elected a democratic governor, L. F. C. Garvin, by a plurality of 6,358.

Delaware. Wilmington, Del., Nov. 6.—Returns of the election for members of the legislature show that the senate will stand ten republicans and seven democrats.

Illinois. Chicago, Nov. 6.—The republican plurality on the head of the state ticket, Fred A. Busse, for state treasurer, is estimated at 82,000.

Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 6.—Fuller returns place the republican plurality for the state ticket in Iowa a little above 74,000.

Michigan. Detroit, Mich., Nov. 6.—Returns show that the plurality of Gov. Bliss will run up to 36,975, his vote being 51,693, as against 14,718 for L. T. Durand.

Indiana. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 6.—Estimated pluralities by counties received at state headquarters indicate the election of the republican state ticket by 84,000.

the state legislature will be so large as to be almost unwieldy.

Columbus, O., Nov. 6.—Returns received from nearly every county in Ohio show that the republicans carried the state by about 90,000.

Milwaukee, Nov. 6.—Belated returns increase Gov. LaFollette's plurality in the state. The latest estimate brings his figures up to 50,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 6.—With the receipt of more nearly complete returns, the majority of Gov. Van Sant (rep.) assumes tremendous proportions.

Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 6.—The republicans elect White for governor by 7,000 plurality, both members of congress and will have good majority of the legislature.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 6.—Reports give the republican congressional ticket a plurality of 19,666.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 6.—A good majority of the legislature, all the state officers and a large part of the county officers were taken by the republicans.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 6.—Returns show that the republicans have elected five of the six congressmen.

Denver, Col., Nov. 6.—Returns indicate the election of Peabody (rep.) for governor by 4,000 plurality.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 6.—The entire fusion state ticket has been elected, with the exception of Bray, superintendent of schools.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 6.—Returns indicate the state has gone republican by about 20,000, with the election of three congressmen and the control of the legislature.

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—Complete returns from San Francisco and partial returns from all over the state indicate that George C. Pardee, the republican nominee for governor, is elected by a majority of 2,000 or 3,000.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 6.—Late returns from the various outlying counties indicate the election of the entire state republican ticket by 8,000 majority.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 6.—William M. McCarty (rep.) is elected associate justice of the supreme court by 2,500 plurality, and the republicans will have a majority in the legislature.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 6.—Returns indicate that the republicans will carry the state and congressional districts and have a majority in the legislature.

Indications point to the democrats having carried Missouri by 30,000 majority. The legislature is claimed by both parties, but the indications are that it will be democratic.

Georgia elects a solid delegation of 11 democratic congressmen.

In Tennessee, Frazier, for governor, and the entire democratic state ticket were elected. The legislature is largely democratic in both branches.

All seven democratic nominees for congress were elected in Arkansas by majorities ranging from 3,000 to 8,000.

In Maryland the election was only for congressmen, the republicans electing four of the six members.

The democratic majority in North Carolina is estimated to be about 63,000, with a solid democratic delegation in congress and a democratic legislature.

Alabama elected the full democratic state ticket by a large majority.

Indications point to the election of the entire democratic state ticket and all democratic congressional candidates in Texas.

South Carolina democrats elect their entire congressional state and county tickets, without the slightest opposition.

In Louisiana all the democratic nominees for congress are elected.

TREASURY FULL OF GOLD.

Annual Report of the United States Treasurer Presents Some Interesting Statistics.

AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE ENORMOUS.

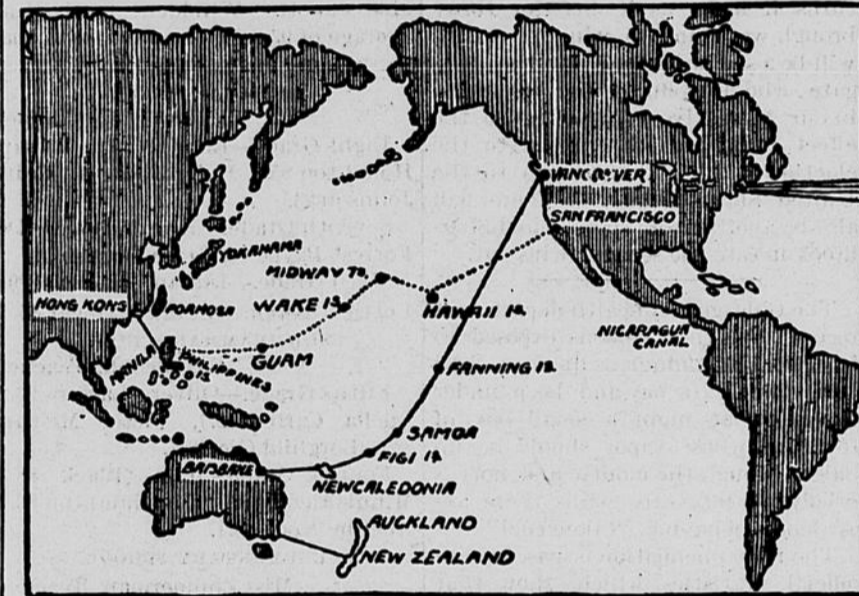
Decrease in Revenues Due to the Repeal of the War Tax—Public Debt Greatly Decreased—Large Growth in the Volume of Money Kept in Circulation.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, in his annual report, says the magnitude of the available cash balance and the unprecedented holdings of gross gold are the striking feature of the condition of the treasury at the close of the fiscal year 1902.

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CABLES IN THE PACIFIC.



New line just completed between Vancouver, B. C., and Brisbane, Australia. Dotted line shows the projected American cable from San Francisco to the Philippines.

\$82,590 of the former and \$1,274,590 of the latter without any impairment of the gold reserve of \$150,000,000.

Decrease of Public Debt. While the accounts of the public debt on their face show an increase of \$15,283,512, if allowance be made for the increase of \$37,624,400 in gold certificates, the national obligations will be shown to have been diminished by \$42,340,888 during the fiscal year.

Added to Circulation. To the general stock of money in the country an addition of \$80,189,631 was made during the year.

There was a net increase during the fiscal year of 368 banks, 437 charters having been granted and 69 surrendered.

Historic Residence Burned. Kenosha, Wis., Nov. 8.—The historic Kimball homestead, the oldest residence in Kenosha, and one of the oldest in southern Wisconsin, was destroyed by fire Friday, entailing a loss of \$10,000 on the building alone.

Found Dead in Church. Omaha, Neb., Nov. 6.—Rev. W. C. Rabe, pastor of the German Baptist church in this city, and Miss Augusta Busch, missionary, were found dead in each other's arms in the church. They were suffocated by gas.

Quarrelled About a Woman. Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 7.—James Bell was arrested Thursday at Lincoln, Ill., on a charge of fatally stabbing Robert Woodward, of Lincoln.

Talks to Masons. Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—President Roosevelt addressed the grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, praising the order and paying honor to Washington and Lincoln.

Negro Hanged. Van Buren, Ark., Nov. 8.—Hall Mahone (colored) was executed here for assaulting Mrs. Rebecca McLeod, six miles from this city, on September 5 last.

Robbers Loot a Bank. Richards, Mo., Nov. 6.—Robbers early in the day wrecked the vault of the bank of Richards with dynamite and secured \$1,500, all that it contained.

TELLS ABOUT ARMY.

Adj. Gen. Corbin Says Force Is to Be Reduced to 60,000 Men—Favors Restoring the Canteen.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Maj. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, adjutant general of the army, in his annual report, deals with every feature of the army and makes a statement showing the army is to be reduced by December 1 to 60,000 men, of which 2,877 belong to the staff departments.

Concerning the army canteen he says: "The restoration of the exchange as it existed prior to the passage of the act of February 2, 1901, prohibiting the sale of beer, is desired and urged by the great majority of officers and men, and by none more than those of pronounced temperance views."

WILL TAKE A REST.

Members of the Anthracite Coal Commission Leave for Their Homes to Meet Again Nov. 14.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—The anthracite coal commission has finished its inspection of the mines and has broken up to meet again on November 14 at Scranton.

THE NEEDS OF THE ARMY

Annual Report of Lieut. Gen. Miles Gives Some Interesting Facts and Suggestions.

QUARTERS FOR ARTILLERY ARE NEEDED

Readjustment of Department Outlines Recommended—Indian Situation Is Satisfactory—Fortified and Heroism of Officers and Men Warmly Praised.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The annual report of Lieut. Gen. Miles, commanding the army, is a brief review of the reports that have been submitted to him by other officers.

"I also call attention to the incomplete condition of the fortifications, especially on the Pacific coast, where millions have been expended in engineering and ordnance work and yet the commands have not been properly supplied with ammunition, electrical plants and other appliances essential to effective use of these fortifications in actual warfare."

Indian Situation. "The condition of the Indians is quite satisfactory and there has been no disturbance of importance among them during the last 12 months.

Schools of Practice. "The experience during the great civil war and years of campaigning along our western frontier afforded the best schools of practice for our army in former years.

Heroism of the Army. "This was proved to be true by the fortitude, skill and heroism displayed in every serious campaign on every field of mortal combat wherever the army has been engaged in any part of the world during the last four years.

Loss of Life Heavy. Twelve Killed and Over Eighty Injured in the Fireworks Explosion in New York.

Rural Free Delivery. Some Interesting Facts About This Branch of the Postal Service Are Made Public.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The annual gross cost of a complete rural free delivery service throughout the United States will approximate \$24,000,000, according to the annual report of August W. Machen, general superintendent of the service.

Died at the Age of 102. Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Mrs. Sarah M. Jones died here Friday at the age of 102 years.

Oldest Postmaster Dies. Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Roswell Beardsley, of North Lansing, who was the oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States, having held that position 74 years, died at his home in this city at the age of 93 years.

Quiet Elections in Porto Rico. San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 6.—There were no serious disorders anywhere, in Porto Rico Tuesday. The election, which resulted in a sweeping republican party, passed off quietly.

New Head of Naval Academy. Annapolis, Md., Nov. 7.—Capt. Willard H. Brownson, who arrived here Wednesday evening, was officially received as superintendent of the naval academy Thursday.

Killed in Mistake for Deer. Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 8.—Louis Sherwin, of Central City, was mistaken by Ira Maley for a deer while hunting along the Spearfish river, and was shot and instantly killed.

Victim of Pneumonia. Elkhart Lake, Wis., Nov. 4.—M. Gottfried, the millionaire Chicago brewer, who had made his home here for the past 12 years, died at eight o'clock Monday night.

Football Victim. New York, Nov. 6.—William B. Albrecht, of Bayonne, N. J., is dead from a broken spine, the result of a football game.