

HAS GOOD WINNING CHANCE.
Some Data Showing What Mr. Bryan's Friends are Expecting for Him.

According to the estimate of Hon. J. T. Johnson, who, as a congressman, has had opportunity to converse with men from all sections of the United States, and who is said to be not easily carried away by appearances, Bryan will win, because he will carry Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana, Colorado, Nevada and Idaho. If this estimate is correct, Bryan could afford to lose both Maryland and West Virginia, and still win by six electrical votes. Bryan ought to carry Maryland and West Virginia and will do so, if he is loyally supported by all those who call themselves Democrats; and the securing of these two states would give him a majority of thirty-six votes in the electoral college; but in addition he will certainly obtain the vote of Oklahoma, which would raise his majority to fifty-four and in our opinion he will carry the state of California, which withholding the above, would give him an excess of seventy-four votes in the college, permitting the loss of Ohio or Maryland and West Virginia and should he carry Kansas, as he did in 1896, he could lose all three and win. If John Johnson can carry Minnesota for him, he could afford to lose two Southern states, Kansas and Ohio, and still win. We do not count, however, on Johnson's ability to carry Minnesota for Bryan, even if he could have been able to carry it for himself; and this is the reason why there was such demand for Bryan. People who vote for a man who will not vote for the men he represents and pleads for, and that is why Taft will lose. New York ought to go Democratic, and, if here is an honest endeavor to carry the state for Bryan he will get it; but it is idle to deny that there are conditions in New York which make it difficult to pull an impecunious candidate to victory. The fact, however, that the Democracy does not depend upon New York may inspire an effort, which otherwise might be half-hearted, for if the victory is won without New York, the political importance of the state would be affected thereby. But there is not lacking ground for the belief, that money will not play as important a part in this campaign, as it has previously and in the light of the insurance investigations, Congressman Johnson's comments fit the case so admirably as to be quoted in conclusion: "The scoundrels who contributed so liberally other people's money to the Republican campaign fund in 1899 and 1900 will be compelled to contribute their own money this year. I apprehend they will not be quite so liberal."

The Charleston paper's opinion and that of the congressman it quotes are worth just as much as anything anybody else may think about it, including the New York World, and they are submitted at face value goes in political forecasts.

THEY LIKE REV. NEIGHBOUR.
Albemarle People Are Strongly Attracted by His Preaching.

Albemarle is glad that Pastor Simms was prompted to invite the Rev. R. E. Neighbour, of Salisbury, to come with his big tent and conduct evangelistic services here. The several churches uniting as they have, have made the meetings union in every sense of the term, and there is every indication that a great spiritual blessing will go out to all. Evangelist Neighbour is an interesting man, whether in pulpit or met in private. He is nearing 86 years of age, handsome in appearance, and possessed with a nature bubbling over with good humor. He has a way of making one feel that he is interested in those whom he meets, and no one can be with him long and doubt his piety or his intense earnestness. Great audiences have met him at every service, and the immense crowds hang upon his every word, while the clear and penetrating voice of the speaker reaches to every portion of the large tent. The sermons have been practical, plain, and of the old-fashioned religious type that reaches the heart and makes the hearer want to quit his old sins, get right with God, and to live a better life. They are full of the Gospel, and have shown forth the Evangelist's great love for the sinner, while he hates the sins that give to the Devil's side so many bright men and women whose influence could count so largely for good on the Lord's side. Having always lived a pious life, and having spent nineteen years of his life at preaching, Mr. Neighbour has gained an insight into human nature and into the pleasures and sorrows that have made glad and disturbed the human hearts and consciences. His sermons abound in personal experiences, and they are always used to advantage in illustrating some scriptural truths or making plain the way to an enlarged vision of full acceptance of Christ.—Stanly Enterprise.

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National Conventions.
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"It is a fact to be deeply regretted that much comment has been made in different papers upon the mode of travel resorted to by Mrs. Tryon to protect her from cold and drafts. The ill effect that she has experienced from exposure at different times has made it necessary that she have constructed a case of wood and glass to use in railway travel where drawing-room service is not maintained, having in mind not only her own health but the comfort of her fellow passengers. Mrs. Tryon arrived in Hickory in this case but upon reaching the house she and her husband are to occupy at present, she had the case put aside and has since been wheeled around the house in an invalid's chair. The Observer's correspondent called upon Mr. and Mrs. Tryon, who are interesting and intelligent people, and was cordially received. They are modest and regret very much the notoriety which has been caused by Mrs. Tryon's being compelled to travel with so much caution. They informed the correspondent that they are so well pleased with Hickory and the delightful climate which they feel sure will benefit Mrs. Tryon. If they like Hickory and the climate conditions are agreeable, they expect to make it their future home."

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