

SOME SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

When Senator Teller said a few days ago, in reply to a remark made by a Republican Senator, "I am not sure that we did not elect Bryan," he had good reason to say so. He took occasion to say that later on he might submit some remarks on that subject.

When Senator Allen offered his resolution to appoint a committee of nine Senators to investigate the use of money in the late election, who or what, if any, corporations contributed money and how much, if any, was contributed from foreign countries and if so how much and for what expended, and if the committee deemed it advisable, to suggest such legislation as may prevent the use of money in elections, he had good reason for doing so, one of which was the following presentation of figures, as we find them printed in the Washington Post, which he sent to the clerk's desk and had read. Look at them and see if they are not suggestive and significant figures:

Cleveland carried California in 1892 by 147, and Bryan received 94,000 more votes than Cleveland received—yet McKinley carried California. Cleveland carried Illinois in 1892 by 23,998, and Bryan received 47,000 more votes than Cleveland received—yet McKinley carried Illinois. Cleveland carried Indiana in 1892 by 7,135 and Bryan received 47,000 more votes than Cleveland received—yet McKinley carried Indiana.

Harrison carried Kentucky in 1893 by 40,080, and Bryan received 49,886 more votes than Cleveland—yet McKinley carried Kentucky. Harrison carried Michigan in 1892 by 39,413, and Bryan received 4,000 more votes than Harrison received—yet McKinley carried Michigan.

Harrison carried Virginia in 1893 by 21,908, and Bryan received 18,714 more votes than Harrison received—yet McKinley carried Virginia. Harrison carried Oregon in 1893, and Bryan received 9,000 more votes than Harrison received—yet McKinley carried Oregon.

The vote of Illinois was nearly 350,000 in excess of the vote of 1892, that of Ohio 800,000, and of Kentucky, 100,000. From whence have these States gained so largely in population during four years?

At the same time Kansas, a growing Western State, only shows 10,000 gain. The great State of Texas, which has been a theater of immigration, only shows 40,000 gain. Alabama shows 5,000 loss. New York only shows 40,000 gain. Massachusetts only 1,000 gain. Virginia shows 15,000 loss, while West Virginia, a State the Republicans were particularly anxious to carry, shows a gain of 90,000. Arkansas a State to which immigration has been directed, only gained 1,000 while Indiana, a pivotal State, shows 90,000 gain. These figures are inexplicable. Why have the pivotal States made such tremendous gains in voting strength?

Is there any plausible, rational way to account for the phenomenal gain in this group of States, when other States show such comparatively small gain and others a loss, except on the ground of colossal fraud by importing voters, or by false registration and illegal voting of some registered under different names and in different precincts? We know that there was fraudulent registration in North Carolina and that South Carolina and Virginia were drawn upon to pile up the vote for the Republicans.

When Generalissimo Hanna and his council had surveyed the field, discovered the States that they were sure of carrying, those they had no expectation of being able to carry, and the States that were doubtful and that might be carried and must be carried to elect McKinley, the fighting circle narrowed and the devilment began in earnest. Hanna designated the "pivotal States" and declared that "the battle royal" would be fought in these, and it was, if such infernal villainy can be called royal fighting. We all know the active effects that were made to poll a full vote in the city of New York, and yet the city of Chicago polled a larger vote than the city of New York, and then they had the amazing cheek to offer this as proof that Chicago has a larger population than New York! Illinois was one of the "pivotal" States. Cook county, which embraces Chicago, was the "pivotal" county for that State, and Hanna and his aids, knowing what they had to do, turned themselves loose and did it.

the methods he employed and the money he expended. From that day the Republicans of those States who felt gloomy and despondent over the outlook took heart, the feeling of despondency was changed to hopefulness and as Hanna's methods began to develop the feeling of confidence grew, for they realized that there was a bold, resourceful, unscrupulous, determined man in charge and that what daring and devilry could do to win would be done. Their confidence was not misplaced, and every hope that was built on the daring, dash and tact for combination of this new but trusted leader and planner was justified by his unprecedented achievements, by the snatching of victory when defeat seemed imminent and converting threatened disaster into triumph.

Hanna himself admits the fact that when he made a poll of the votes in some of those doubtful States he found a majority for Bryan, and yet in a few short weeks he not only wiped out these minorities but piled up big majorities for his candidate, notwithstanding the fact that Bryan received an extraordinarily large vote in all of them, showing that it was not by cutting down the Democratic vote he won but by phenomenally increasing the Republican vote, an increase out of all proportion to a reasonable increase of population, and that increase of population was mainly the natural increase added very little to by immigration.

The whole vote shows the astounding increase of nearly two millions over the vote of the preceding election four years before, when the battle was a warmly-contested one all along the line, and when money was freely expended, too; a marvellous and unprecedented increase, which must have been amazing even to Mark Hanna himself when he coolly contemplated the figures after the return came in.

The total vote of 13,924,683 indicates a population of 69,623,310, estimating one voter to every five people, which is the usual rate, showing an increase of about 7,000,000 in six years, during several of which years the immigration from other countries was comparatively light.

The fact is Mr. Hanna overdid his work, sufficiently so to justify the doubts of Senator Fuller and the resolution of Senator Allen.

MINOR MENTION.

A Baltimore dispatch, published yesterday, announced the failure of a prominent furniture manufacturing firm of that city, the reason assigned being "inability to compete" with Western manufacturers. And yet furniture manufacturing, as an industry on a small scale, is comparatively a new thing in the West, which depended on the East for the bulk of its furniture, as the South does now. This announcement is a plain statement of a fact briefly made, but it is a suggestive one, and gives a strong hint to Southern enterprises. If Eastern furniture manufacturers find Western competition such a serious factor what show would they have with the South in the field as a competitor, for the South has numberless advantages over the West for that business. She has an unlimited and inexhaustible supply of the finest timbers of many varieties, some of which are peculiar to this section and can be procured nowhere else, and at prices far below what the Western manufacturer has to pay for his lumber, even of the common kinds used only in the manufacture of the plainest and cheapest furniture.

Much of their best lumber is shipped to them from the South. With capital to supply the necessary labor-saving machinery, to manufacture on a large scale, under competent management and with cheap transportation, all of which ought to be obtainable, the Southern manufacturer could lead those of any other section and send them to the wall when it becomes a question of competition. There are immense possibilities for this business in the South.

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who in the event of the adoption of the resolution by both Houses, would veto it. The adoption of the resolution by the Senate, however, will have the effect of encouraging the struggling Cubans and stimulating them to more determined efforts in the brave fight they are making for liberty.

The American bicycle is a hummer; it goes, goes not only at home, but all over the world, and everywhere it is a daisy. There is something about it that the average European manufacturer can't catch on to, for they do not seem to have the knack of combining strength with lightness, and sacrifice the latter to the former, the result of which is that the American builder is getting away with the other fellows in the export business, which is growing rapidly. There is not a civilized country in the world that our wheels do not spin in, and a good many of the half civilized. The following list showing the exportations for the past nine months, does not embrace all the countries to which our wheels are shipped, but shows how widely distributed they are and the large proportions the business is assuming:

Great Britain.....\$1,090,971
Canada.....804,940
Australia.....1,182,731
France.....118,761
Other European countries.....835,956
Mexico.....67,867
Porto Rico.....7,866
San Domingo.....4,778
Brazil.....16,840
Colombia.....16,455
China.....18,983
Africa.....26,638

The "toy" which the Frenchman brought to this country twenty years ago, has in American hands and with American skill and practical bent-of-mind developed very considerable growing capacity.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Monroe Enquirer: There has not been a single personal property claim in the sheriff's office this fall. That shows that chattel mortgages, liens, etc., are being settled promptly.

—Fayetteville Observer: A depth of over two hundred feet has been reached in the artesian well which is being bored on Mr. Elijah Shepard's place on Rowan street. The drill is now pounding its way through a rock, whose depth seems interminable, seventeen feet having already been bored into it.

—Greenville Reflector: Mrs. J. A. Andrews nee Miss Maud Moore, died at the King House last night at 1 o'clock, of appendicitis complicated with acute gastritis. An operation was performed last Sunday evening and hopes were entertained for her recovery. Just six weeks ago she was happily married to Mr. J. A. Andrews of this place. "I don't care, as long as Santa Claus doesn't know anything about it."

—Madam, said one of her rapacious admirers, "you grow more youthful every day, and the secret of it?" "As to that," she replied, "I don't know the prima donna, permit me to refer you to the advertising columns of any newspaper."

—Those French Bills of Fare: Nodd—There's one advantage a Bowery hash house has over a swell Broadway hotel restaurant.

—Why the Crook Confessed. Newspaper men are sometimes taken into the confidence of persons in public life and told the "inside" of matters for their own guidance. It was not often, however, that criminals came to divulge their secrets to reporters, either for publication or "proof of good faith."

A well known crook, after having been chased about from pillar to post by the detectives, was finally captured in one of the down town saloons. The officers had no sooner started for the station house with their prisoner, whom they neglected to handcuff, than he made a break for liberty and got away. He was, however, in a hurry to escape, and every officer on the force was told to look out for him.

The crook made his way to the lower part of Alabaster, and going to a telephone, called up the newspaper office and asked the writer to come to a certain place and get a good story. The writer went to the place indicated and found the crook sitting on a chair, merely his version of the trouble he got into and an account of the clever manner in which he had escaped from the two officers. He was, however, in a hurry to get away so easily, and had run the risk of being recaptured solely for the purpose of venting his spite upon the natural enemy of criminals. He knew that he would have time to get away after the interview. The fellow was afterward captured and sent to prison in punishment for some of his many criminal acts.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Tiny Trees. The midgem of the whole tree family is the Greenland birch. It is a perfect tree in every sense of that term and lives a long and useful life. It grows to 75 to 100 feet in height and bears a great birch family do, although its height under the most favorable conditions seldom exceeds ten inches. Whole sections of the coast of southern coast of Greenland are covered with "thicket" of this diminutive species of woody plant, and in many places where the soil is uncommonly poor and from the nature of the soil, it grows up a "forest" of these trees will flourish for half a century without growing to a height exceeding four inches.

She—Poor Mrs. Wood! She regularly attends those spiritualistic seances and tries to communicate with her husband's spirit. He—That's silly. The poor fellow never had any.—Brooklyn Life.

The wild geese and some other aquatic birds are able to admit air between the skin and the body, and are thus protected against cold by an almost impervious air cushion.

"SHARER TO THEM."

They were singing, sweetly singing. And the song melodiously. On the evening air was ringing: "Wear O my Gays for Thee. In my eyes the tarspods glaucous. As it stirred the twilight dim. And I wondered as I listened. If it brought them nearer, Him. Were they like the wanderer, weary. Song and life the sweet sorrow. Resting in the darkness dreary. In that anxious to the Lord? Had a Spirit ever sought them. To be his or their? Had that dear song ever brought them Closer to the Saviour's side? I have heard its music often. Felt its meaning deep and sweet. And my weary heart would totter. Singing at my Master's feet. "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! In the shadow of Thy cross!

Nearer Thee when love descending Falls in blessing on my head; Nearer Thee when I am bending 'O'er the graves that hide my dead! "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! "Nearer Thee" in lowly tones! O my King, my Christ, my home!

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

—A noble deed is a step toward God.—Holland.

—The skillful bee gathers the best honey from the bitterest herbs.

—The more prosperity man enjoys the more humility God enjoins.

—The best reformers the world has ever had are those who have commenced on themselves.—W. H. Shaw.

—Sin in the soul is like Jonah in the ship; it turns the smoothest water into a sea of troubles.

—In your heart kiss often the crosses our Saviour has Himself laid on your shoulders.—St. Francis De Sales.

—Four things cannot come back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past opportunity, and the American.

—Jesus hath won many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few learners of His cross. There is no other way into life, and into true inward peace, than through the holocaust and of daily mortification.—A Kempis.

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TWINKLINGS.

Sympathizing Friend—Where were the remains of your late husband interred?

The Widow (sady)—There were no remains; he—he met—a bear!—The Spectator.

Oh, children you are so noisy to-day. Can't you be a little quieter and better?

Now, grandma, you must be a little considerate, and not scold us. You see, if it were for you, you would be grandmas at all!—The Tit-Bits.

—Young Heathen—Mrs. Brown: "You should be a good boy, Johnnie. The Lord sees everything you do."

—Gastonville: That was a close call Mr. G. R. Ryne had last Sunday morning. He is the deputy and jailer of our new Sheriff, Mr. W. T. Love. About four o'clock he went out to arrest Logan Cline, whose wife had sworn out a peace warrant against him for the murder of a white on a Saturday night spree. The deputy had two men summoned to go with him. On reaching the place, just outside the corporate limits of Dallas, Ryne asked a son of Cline to go in and try to persuade Cline to go back to his home. He saw the officer went in to make the arrest. As Ryne entered the door, Cline, who was on the bed with his pistol in hand, drew a bead on the officer and fired. The officer did not have his weapon drawn, and did not have time to draw them. He saw the man on the bed with his pistol drawn and made a rush for him. His assistants ran in and the violent man was soon disarmed. After the scuffle over Mr. Ryne, who thought he had been wounded in the head, he was examined and found that his life was probably saved by a bullet. The bullet burnt his overcoat, went through the corner of his vest, on through his pants, struck the top button on his drawers, tore out the button hole, and then glanced down ward, striking and lodging on the inside of his thigh, where it made a bruise but did not break the skin.

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SLAUGHTER OF THE GALILEANS.

Pilate Pilate Armed His Soldiers With Swords In Derision. It was Pilate's custom to come to his official residence—a kind of palace for public business—during all feasts, and he was there that day, but he was in a very ugly frame of mind. Such men as Ben Nasur, aided by seals from other places, were arousing their followers more and more from hour to hour until at last an angry multitude swarmed around the gates of Pilate's house, cursing him in the name of the law and of the temple. They clamored for the restoration of the treasures taken from the priests, the cessation of the aqueduct work, which the fall of the tower so plainly declared to be wicked, and they furiously demanded the removal of the temple guards.

The Roman governor had not the least idea of granting any of these demands, and he determined to teach the angry Galileans a lesson. He sent to his camp for a large number of soldiers. They were not to come in armor, but in ordinary clothing, and were to be armed only with short swords. He had a great deal of damage with heavy cudgels, but Pilate's idea was to express in this way his soldierly contempt for a Jewish mob. His men were ordered to surround it and to wait for such commands as he might give.

Cyrl's fear of the rabbi and priests grew stronger as he drew near the temple. There was no other place on earth, he believed, where a sacrifice to God could be offered as solemnly as upon the brazen gold ornamented altar of burnt offering, which he and his father were soon to see.

Louder and louder grew the sounds of the tumult in the open space before the governor's palace, but Cyrl and his father could no longer hear it, for they were now in the outer court of the temple. They advanced toward the steps leading up to the gorgeously gilded portals of the inner court. Here they were met by a Levite, to whom Ezra at one handed the fleecy offering which he had brought and had so far carried in his arms. During several minutes, however, there had been strange sounds beyond the gate of the outer court, and they were growing louder. Ezra and his son would have paused to listen, but the Levite led the way into the inner court, and they followed. In a moment more Cyrl could see the smoking altar, the splendidly arrayed priests, the chanting Levites, the golden vessels of the temple, the appliances of the temple worship. Everything was splendid beyond his imaginings, but he could not look at it for more than a moment. Behind him, surging through the gate into the outer court, filling that space and then pouring on into the inner court, came a mob of shrieking, maddened multitude.

Pilate's club men had been doing their brutal work only too well, and if his soldiers carried clubs only, other enemies of the Galileans—and they were many—had seized this opportunity, for steel blades were flashing among the pursuers. An angry mob was now pitilessly smiting down the Jews who had protested so zealously for the temple and the law.

They did not pause at the moment of the inner court, but a moment more there were slain Galileans lying among the bodies of the animals prepared for sacrifice, and the revenge of Pilate upon those who had upbraided him was becoming terrible.—W. O. Stoddard in St. Nicholas.

Wholesale Prices Current.

The following quotations represent wholesale prices generally. It is made up small orders prices will be charged. The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the dealer is not responsible for variations from the actual market price of the article shown.

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Scrofula

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A Sore

Two inches across formed and in walking to favor it I sprained my ankle. The sore became worse; I could not put my boot on and I thought I should have to give up at every step. I could not get any relief and had to stop work. I read of a cure of a similar case by Hood's Sarsaparilla and concluded to try it. Before I had taken all of two bottles the sore had healed and the swelling had gone down. My

Foot

is now well and I have been greatly benefited. I have increased in weight and am in better health. I cannot say enough in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. H. BLAKE, So. Berwick, Me. This and other similar cases prove that

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A GOOD SITTER. Mrs. MAJOR: "Oh, if you had gone to all the doctors, you could not have cured my son's scrofula. It is now cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I am glad to see you smile. You are a good mother."



—"Angel cake," said the married man, who refused to permit the use of his name, "is so called because it requires an angel to eat it without suppressing profanity."—Puck.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev J. Gundersen, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the result of my case. I was afflicted with a severe case of Pilon's disease, which was cured by the use of your medicine. I was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE December 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

ROBIN.—Market firm at \$1 45 per bushel. Strained, and \$1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at \$1 10 per barrel of 380 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Steady. Hard 1 40. Yellow Dip 1 20, and Virgin 1 20 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine 30 35; resin, strained, \$1 35; good strained, \$1 40; tar, \$0 85; crude turpentine, \$1 10, 60, 1 10.

Spirits Turpentine..... 133
Resin..... 531
Tar..... 269
Receipts..... 71
casks spirits turpentine, 1,070 bbls; resin, 461 bbls tar, 99 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6 9 16c for middling.

Same day last year, middling 8c. Receipts 1,945 bales; same day last year 3,191.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS.—North Carolina.—Prime, 40c; No. 1, 35c; No. 2, 30c; No. 3, 25c; No. 4, 20c; No. 5, 15c; No. 6, 10c; No. 7, 5c; No. 8, 0c; No. 9, 0c; No. 10, 0c.

CORN.—Firm: 88 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—85 to 75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Standard; Hams, 8 to 11 1/2c per pound; Sausages, 8 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saws, \$1 60 to 2 25; six inch, \$2 50 to 3 50; seven inch, \$3 50 to 4 50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at \$3 00 to 7 50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Evening.—Money on call 1 3/4c per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent.

Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills, 48 1/2c @ 49 for sixty days; 48 1/2c @ 49 for ninety days; Commercial bills 48 1/2c @ 49 for ninety days; United States coupon four 110 1/2c; United States two 99 1/2c; State bonds; export to Carolina, 100; North Carolina sizes 123. Railroad bonds weak.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 1/2c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady. December 6 7/8; January 6 7/8; February 6 8/8; March 6 9/8; April 7 0/8; May 7 1/8; June 7 1/8; July 7 1/8; August 7 1/8; September 7 1/8; October 7 1/8; November 7 1/8; December 7 1/8.

Total since September 1.—Net receipts 4,444,488 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,184,488; to the Continent 2,859,999 bales; exports to the Continent 795,999 bales.

Flour dull, steady and unchanged; Southern dull, steady and unchanged; common to fair extra \$8 00 @ \$8 50; good to choice \$8 50 @ \$9 00. Wheat—spot dull 3/4c higher with options; free