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BOTH CAN'T WIN.

But 263 Electoral Votes are Claimed for Bryan and 290 for McKinley.

A Chicago special to the Washington Times says: Chairman Campau of the Democratic national campaign committee has received in response to instructions issued some time ago, telegraphic reports from thirty-two Democratic State chairmen, giving estimates as to how the States will record their votes based on the latest information received by the State committees. This is the last formal report that will be made by the State chairmen.

After compiling the advices received chairman Campau made the following statement to the United Associated Press:

"The Democratic national committee awaits the result of next week's election with serene confidence. William Jennings Bryan will be elected by the largest popular majority given any President in a quarter of a century. He will have more than 300 votes in the electoral college.

The following States will give their votes for Bryan without the shadow of a doubt:

Alabama, California, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. Total electoral votes, 293.

"In addition to this, our chances of success in the following States are better than those of the Republicans: Delaware, Ohio, Wisconsin; total, 38 electoral votes.

"The brag and bluster of the Republican national committee in claiming 350 electoral votes is shown in the inclusion in their estimates of such States as Texas, Idaho, Utah, and Montana, where the majority for Bryan can only be measured by considering almost the whole voting population for him. It is time that the people understood plainly that Mr. McKinley will not carry the country."

The other side.

Mr. W. P. Sutton, assistant secretary of the Republican congressional committee at Washington, has given out an estimate as to the political complexion of the next House of Representatives.

Mr. Apsley has refused to talk on the outlook for Congress. He has shut right up when this subject was mentioned. So Mr. Sutton's estimate comes with a semi-official authority. Mr. Sutton estimates that the House will stand as follows:

Republicans, 228; Democrats 69; not classed, 22; Populists, 13; sound money Democrats, 6; silver Democrats, 6; silver Republicans, 2; silver fusion, 1.

The figures as to the electoral vote are as follows: Total, 447; necessary to a choice, 224.

Of these McKinley is sure to receive:

California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Total 280.

Bryan will receive: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Virginia. Total 105.

The following he classes as doubtful States, with the chances in favor of Republicans:

Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee. Total 63.

"This has been the hardest election the political student," he said, "in talking with a Washington Times reporter, 'ever known. It has been the hardest kind of work to figure out the results in the various congressional districts. I have tried to be as conservative as I could."

"To start with we could not count with any certainty on any districts except in the East. The New England States, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania I found to be pretty sure things. Outside of these nine States I could not count on more than fifty sure districts. So this has made the work very hard."

"I have based my estimates on the most careful reports from precincts and counties all over the country. I tried to weigh everything that could be presented for and against

the candidate and I think I have come pretty near the result.

"As to the electoral ticket I have this to say. If there is to be a republican tidal wave, the sixty-two electoral votes counted as doubtful will be swept into the republican column. There is every evidence that such will be the case."

HOFFMAN TO RESIGN.

No Consolidation Between the Seaboard and the Southern.

The Washington Star of yesterday afternoon gives the following interesting news:

President R. Curzon Hoffman of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company will tender his resignation as soon as the Ryan-Thomas syndicate takes control of the property. There will also be, it has been definitely determined, "no consolidation of the Seaboard with the Southern."

Both these items of great public interest come to The Star from sources that cannot be doubted. The first was authorized to be made late last evening by President Hoffman himself, who, continuing, said: "I would not care to remain as president under the New York syndicate, nor do I believe that the syndicate would want me."

"Until the transfer does take place I shall continue as president of the system and look after its interests the same as I have always done. When I retire from the presidency of this system I am done with the railroad business and shall give my attention to my iron business."

"I have accomplished my purpose in trying to protect the interests of Baltimore. I insisted on Baltimore being given lower rates to the south than New York, and demanded a differential."

"If I was at the head of the new syndicate I certainly would retain Mr. St. John. He is thoroughly practical and a hard worker, and the best railroad man in the south today."

Investigation by competent parties has shown that there can be no consolidation of the Southern and Seaboard in the States of North Carolina and Georgia at least, because there is an act of the legislature of each which prohibits under severe penalties the consolidation of parallel lines, and in those States the two systems have that relation.

Nor is it believed that there will be any disposition on the part of the owners of either line to raise rates either in freight, traffic or passenger travel to a point beyond that the public would willingly bear, for side from the fact that such a course on their part would be a bad business proposition, it would almost certainly provoke adverse legislation which neither wants.

Recent developments have shown that there is a desire on the part of both the Southern and the Seaboard to concede rather than demand from the public.

Attracted by Hoodlums.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 29.—The gold legion, the most expensively and elaborately uniformed and equipped of any campaign organization of Connecticut, was assaulted just after midnight this morning and shot. Others were hit with bricks. They charged the hoodlums and put them to rout.

Fair Weather.

That portion of the storm yesterday central over Kansas and northern Texas has moved slowly eastward and has developed considerably in intensity. The center is now over Kansas City, Mo., with a barometer of 29.56 inches. The storm is causing heavy rains and high winds in the central valley west of the Mississippi. Heavy rains occurred at Palestine, Abilene, Oklahoma, Kansas City and Omaha. The highest wind velocity was 38 miles an hour at Galveston, Texas. A moderate cold wave follows the storm; it is snowing at North Platte. Along the middle and south Atlantic coast the weather is now generally fair, under the influence of high pressure.

Still Calling on McKinley.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CANTON, Oct. 29.—A special of seven coaches arrived this morning bringing the employees of the Kansas and Michigan railway who called on McKinley at 9 o'clock.

Phalanx Lodge.

Phalanx Lodge No. 34, K. of P., meets tonight promptly at 8 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

Adex McFERRIS, Jr., C. C.

I AM A POPULIST.

Maj. Guthrie so Says in Reply to Ayer.

WITH THE VOTERS

Of the Populist Party to Say Who Has Betrayed Them—Encouraging News at Headquarters.

Reports that were received here today are to the effect that there is a great breach in the populist party and that the rank and file of the populist voters are siding with Major Guthrie. Hundreds of letters and telegrams poured into democratic headquarters giving the most encouraging news.

Secretary John W. Thompson is in high feather. "Maj. Guthrie's address has changed many votes," he said, "and the reports we have received indicate that the Populists throughout the State are with him. We will make gains in every one of the 1,094 townships in the State. The reports we have received today are surprisingly large and they are exceedingly encouraging. We will carry the State."

Ex-Judge Womack has been looking after much of Mr. Manly's work during the chairman's absence and he too is very much gratified at the turn of events. "We have received many reports today," said Judge Womack, "and it is apparent that consternation prevails in the ranks of the fusionists. The Populists are standing up to Guthrie every where, though of course the office holders are not included."

The populists are panic stricken. There seems to be little doubt of this. Republicans and Populists are both bolstering up the cause of fusion.

Chairman Holton is firmly of the opinion that Russell will receive thousands of Populist votes on account of Guthrie's course. He estimates that the Populist defection to Russell will be 15,000. He says the Populists will never vote for Watson.

Chairman Ayer said today: "The campaign is coming to a head. The lines are settled now and we await the clash."

"Will Bryan carry the State?" he was asked.

"I am making no statements now," was the chairman's reply.

Joe Rogers said that he saw several hundred Populists yesterday and they were all indignant at Guthrie's address.

Otho Wilson is quoted as saying that he desired Russell's election.

Major Guthrie stated that he would not make any reply to Chairman Ayer. He did, however, make the following statement before leaving the city this afternoon.

"I'll leave it to the Populist voters to say who has betrayed them. I have practiced law thirty years and spent most of my life in the trial of cases in court and from my observation and experience among men, if the men who are now trying to convince the people that I have betrayed the Peoples party had had my experience as a lawyer, they would not want this issue presented to the people with the evidence before them."

"In other words a lawyer knows a liar when he sees him on the witness stand and most of the jurors who try cases can ordinarily find out the truth upon the evidence presented to them. I would rather be cursed by the pie counter brigade in my own party before the election than to have the people curse me the balance of my life after the election."

"I am a Populist with both feet on the platform."

Populist leaders realizing that Guthrie's address threatened the existence of their party, have made desperate efforts to counteract its probable effect. Chairman Ayer has a two column card in the Hayseed which will be scattered all over the State.

The Progressive Farmer will get out a special edition today containing Ayer's card as well as severe criticisms of Guthrie's action.

The situation is desperate with the Populists and they hope to brow beat their people through the Populist machine. Chairman Ayer in his card attempts to make it appear that Guthrie's address was inspired by Democrats and issued from Democratic headquarters.

The Populist Chairman calls the address treacherous and says: "The

first three lines of the address convey a gross and unpardonable insult to the People's party State committee and every member of the party. This is referred to by Maj. Guthrie in these words: "Allured into the camp of Mark Hanna and politically slaughtered." And after this outrageous insult, every true Populist in the State will avenge in some way."

Mr. Ayer says Guthrie's advice to support Democrats would, if followed result in the defeat of every Populist candidate.

"If Democrats are good enough to vote for in the fifth and ninth districts they are good enough in all other instances."

This will not be done by the Peoples Party in North Carolina, Guthrie or no Guthrie. When this man was nominated for Governor he was not commissioned to plead the cause of the Democratic party. The convention believed it was committing the interests of the party to a brave, fearless and valiant leader—not to one who would try to trail its banner just as the enemy is about to be met. He may momentarily pull down the party banner, but up it goes the next instant and waves its defiance at the enemy without a break in the lines and without regret for the loss of its erstwhile bearer.

It comes with bad grace and gratuitous impertinence for their gubernatorial nominee to advise a "stratching" of the party ticket on which his own name appears, and which name can be as easily "scratched" as any other.

Chairman Ayer speaks of the address as "an unauthorized surrender." He says further: "Maj. Guthrie declares he cares nothing about the results of the greatest compliment and honor that the Peoples Party State convention could bestow on any man, and this gives the members of the party a full right to care nothing about what becomes of him."

"His course practically amounts to a withdrawal from the Peoples party."

"It is the calm and candid opinion of the State chairman that Major Guthrie has forfeited all right to the confidence of the members of the Peoples Party. He is, however, still the party nominee, and his name will appear on all the tickets issued from Peoples Party State Headquarters."

"A firm conviction of the state chairman is that the course of Maj. Guthrie has been such as will make it impossible for him to receive the vote of the peoples party, and here in advance of election day, it is declared that the number of votes cast for Maj. Guthrie, as the peoples party nominee for governor, must not and cannot be accepted as an indication of peoples party strength."

RUSSELL NEVER SAW IT.

Calls the Mansion a Burned Old Thing—Against Balls.

Judge Daniel L. Russell, Republican nominee for Governor, is at the Park. Judge Russell speaks tomorrow at High Point and on Monday he closes his campaign at Jacksonville, N. C.

His fatness was a visitor at Republican headquarters and of course all the faithful gave him assurances that he would be the next Governor. The conversation drifted from one thing to another and incidentally Zeb Vance Walser said something about the executive mansion.

"I never saw that place," said the Judge.

"What," interjected R. O. Patterson, "you should go and see your future residence this afternoon."

"I don't know where the burned old thing is and I don't care," spoke his fatness in stentorian tones and the crowd followed.

"You are in Cleveland's condition the first time he was elected," said Zeb Walser. "He never saw the White House prior to his inauguration."

"They say Governor Carr has got a good crop of grass up there. I want that grass for my cows. Wife runs a dairy at home and I'll just let my cows run on that grass."

"Do you intend to have an elaborate inaugural ball, if elected," a reporter asked.

"Ball, the deuce," the Judge ejaculated. "I'll have nothing of the kind. I shall send for Tom Dixon and Sam Jones to preach and see if they can't convert some of these Democrats."

Bryan a Pythian.

Wm. J. Bryan, Democratic Presidential candidate, has been a Pythian since July, 1886, then a charter member of Jacksonville Lodge, No. 156, Jacksonville, Illinois.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Fort-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Perpetually Picked and Plithly Put in Print.

Chairman Holton announces that he gives out no more interviews with his name signed to it.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at their rooms Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Elder W. J. Stephenson will preach at the primitive Baptist Church 1st Sunday and Saturday before in November.

The attractive show windows of Sherwood, Higgs & Co., has been much admired by the passing public and many favorable comments made as to this enterprising young firm.

If you want fine, sound apples you can get the best from D. T. Johnson and at the very lowest figures. He has all kinds and they are the finest that the market affords. See his new announcement today.

The governor has appointed Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith a director in the N. C. R. R., vice Frank S. Spruill, who has been appointed as assistant U. S. District Attorney. He has appointed John M. Wolfe, of Greensboro, state proxy vice Smith.

The Goldsboro Headlight says: "Mr. George E. Hood, of this city, who has been filling the position of telegraph operator for the Southern Railway here, left Friday morning for Raleigh to accept a like position under promotion. He no doubt will be the right man in the right place and the Southern is to be congratulated in its excellent choice."

A letter from a gentleman in Person county states that S. P. Satterfield, republican candidate for the legislature, has withdrawn from the race. It is believed that Col. John S. Cuninghame, the democratic candidate, will be elected.

Maj. Guthrie appeared before the supreme court today to argue several cases. He was busy shaking hands with his many friends and receiving congratulations for the outspoken and patriotic stand he has taken.

In Wake Superior Court today the case of E. B. Barbee, trading as Barbee & Co., and E. B. Barbee and A. F. Thompson, trading as Barbee & Thompson, vs. the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad for the recovery of damages on account of cotton destroyed by fire at Portsmouth, was heard before Judge Boykin. The case was argued by counsel this afternoon. Messrs. H. W. B. Glover, T. W. Whisnant and N. E. Whitehurst of the Seaboard Air Line, are here.

North Carolina and Georgia to Meet on the Grid-Iron.

Saturday is the opening day of Atlanta's football season says the Constitution.

The chrysanthemum-headed athletes from the university of Georgia will test their skill and strength with the tar-heeled footballists from the university of North Carolina.

The scene of battle is to be Brimstone park, where these same rivals for football honors have met in former years.

North Carolina always has one of the best teams in the south. Two seasons ago she sent a crack eleven to New York city to play Lehigh. Last year the tarheels defeated the Georgians in one of the prettiest games ever witnessed in Atlanta. Only one touchdown was made, the Georgians failing to score. The North Carolina team nearly every year has been, barring the university of Virginia, the best college football team in the south.

So much interest is felt in the Georgia-North Carolina game that representatives of every southern college will be on hand to size up the two teams. A great crowd of North Carolinians are coming down and several hundred students from the university at Athens will come over on a special train. Many Atlantians will accompany the students on this excursion.

When in need of nice fat chickens or turkeys, call on W. H. Rogers, No. 12, Market Place.

THE AID ASSOCIATION

To Equip the Surgical Department of the Hospital.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid Association held a very interesting and important meeting Tuesday afternoon, which was largely attended. Mrs. Montgomery, the president, presided.

Future plans for the Association were discussed at length. It was decided to devote all the energies of the members of the Association in the equipment of the operating room in the new surgical pavilion, which is in course of construction. While the Association has many objects in view for the betterment and improvement of the hospital, this particular work will be accomplished first of all.

The association has considerable money on hand, considering the short time in which they have had to secure it. The ladies have met with gratifying success in raising their fund and they will continue their efforts by popular subscription, entertainments and otherwise.

The reports of the various committees were offered.

Work has actively begun on the surgical pavilion, the foundation having been laid. The pavilion is to be located to the left of the hospital building and it will be similar to the children's ward, corresponding in every respect with the exception that it will be two stories in height. The object in building both annexes in symmetry and disconnected so to speak from the hospital proper, is with the view of erecting a new hospital building, where the old building stand. Both of the new additions would in that event be useful and ornamental as they are now, without any modifications or changes. The new hospital building is coming and it will be at some date in the near future.

Mr. Alford Issues an Address.

Mr. G. B. Alford has issued a circular address to the voters of the State which he is sending out today to all the postoffices in the district. Mr. Alford's address is probably two columns in length and we make the following extract:

"In gathering hold of the flag-staff of the trailing banner of our fathers, I have done so with the highest patriotic motives. My own election has concerned me but very little. My greatest object and desire has been that the good people of this district, who are entitled to the truth on both sides of this great financial question, should have it discussed before them. They are the jurors; let them decide intelligently and unbiased. I have endeavored wherever opportunity has presented itself to give them the sound money side fairly and impartially through the press and on the hustings, from my honest convictions, founded on long study of the question, having been a free silver man myself before becoming better informed. Let the question be settled as it may, I have done my duty. I feel my skirts are clear. With this, my friends, I leave the matter with you, trusting that the Great Director of all righteousness may direct you.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Commencing January 18th next, the Southern Railway will put on a new limited Pullman vestibule train, daily except Sunday, between New York and St. Augustine, making three through trains six days of the week on this route. The new train will leave New York at 12:10 noon, arriving at Jacksonville at 3:30 and St. Augustine at 4:30 the following day. North-bound, this train will leave St. Augustine at 9:30 in the morning, Jacksonville at 11 o'clock and arrive at New York at 3:53 the next afternoon.

Big Prices for Wheat Product.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Oct. 29.—Private cables are unanimous in reporting a firmer tone, quoting advances in the English continental markets. They say that ultimately a higher range for wheat is looked for, based on the lack of supplies from all exporting countries, and reiterate that England and the continent must continue buyers of American wheat, flour, corn, hog, and all products.

Tillman in Chicago Too.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Senator Tillman addresses democrats in the stock yards tonight.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Oct. 29.

Market quotations furnished by G. E. Leach, Broker, 311 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C. [By Private Wire.]

MONTHS.	OPEN-ING.	HIGH-EST.	LOW-EST.	CLOS-ING.
January,	7 98	8 05	7 97	8 04
February,	8 03	8 10	8 03	8 09
March,	8 09	8 15	8 08	8 14
April,	8 14	8 17	8 14	8 15
May,	8 19	8 24	8 18	8 23
June,				
July,				
August,				
Sept'mb'r,	7 71	7 78	7 71	7 78
October,	7 70	7 78	7 70	7 78
November,	7 86	7 94	7 86	7 93
December,				

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Sugar	112 1/2
American Tobacco	73 1/2
Burlington and Quincy	73
Chicago Gas	68 1/2
Des. and Cst. Feed	—
General Electric	27 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	43 1/2
Manhattan	60 1/2
Rock Island	92 1/2
Southern Preferred	24 1/2
St. Paul	60 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	22 1/2
Western Union	83 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—December, 71 1/2; May, 76 1/2.
Corn—December, 24 1/2; May, 28 1/2.
Oats—December 18 1/2; May 21 1/2.
Pork—December, 6.90; January, 7.80.
Lard—December, 4.25; January, 4.45.
Clear Rib Sides—December, 3.60; January, 3.82.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

October	4.26
October-November	4.22
November-December	4.18
December-January	4.17
January-February	4.16
February-March	4.16
March-April	4.16
April-May	4.17

Mrs. Cleveland in an Accident.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, October 29.—Mrs. Cleveland and an unknown woman had a narrow escape from a serious accident while driving yesterday. One of the horses to the carriage fell and after recovering plunged frightfully. With great difficulty the coachman quieted them. Mrs. Cleveland sat calm.

Crop Report for October.

The Agricultural Bulletin for October is out. It says: Conditions have changed but little during September, the leading crops being much the same as at last report.

A slight increase in cotton, from 63 degrees to 65 degrees of an average crop, is accounted for by the discovery, as picking progressed, of the crop being slightly better than was anticipated. Since this estimate was made up and given to the press, the Government report has come to hand, showing a drop in North Carolina cotton from 70, September 1st, to 64, October 1st, thereby confirming the present estimate of this Department, as well as that made here a month ago, when a discrepancy of 7 points between the report of this department and the government report, was indicated.

Corn is practically the same.

Tobacco has fallen during the month 3 1/2 points, being now only 73 per cent.

Rice has declined 5 points, peanuts 4, and sweet potatoes have advanced 3.

Big Advance in Money.

There was a phenomenal advance in money today and it went as high as 100 per cent in New York. Money opened at 10 per cent, advanced to 20, 50 and 100 per cent and finally closed at 80 per cent. It was the highest money market since 1893.

The Rate of Discount in England.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Bank of England rate of discount remains unchanged at four per cent. Nevertheless the institution is charging four and a half per cent. discount with the supposed object of making the rate effective to open the market.

Seaton Gates Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F.

Regular meeting of Seaton Gates Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F., to-night at 8 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member be present. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

The second degree will be conferred tonight.

A. M. FOWLER, N. G.

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