

ELECTION FIGURES.

The election forecasters are already figuring out the democratic majority that is to be given in the presidential election next year. The way the figures run it seems easy. The only trouble will be in having the votes so cast that they can be counted that way. With the new re-appointment bill in effect, there will be 525 votes in the electoral college, exclusive of Arizona and New Mexico. If the statehood bill passes the executive office, these new states will have three each, making a total of 531. The next president, then, will have to receive 263 votes in any event and 266 if the new states are admitted.

The new electoral college, exclusive of New Mexico and Arizona, will be constituted as follows:

Alabama, 12; Connecticut, 7; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Nevada, 3; North Carolina, 12; Oregon, 5; South Dakota, 5; Vermont, 5; Wisconsin, 13; California, 13; Florida, 6; Indiana, 15; Louisiana, 10; Michigan, 15; Montana, 4; New Jersey, 14; Ohio, 24; Rhode Island, 5; Texas, 20; Washington, 7; Arkansas, 9; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Kentucky, 13; Massachusetts, 18; Missouri, 18; New Hampshire, 4; North Dakota, 5; Pennsylvania, 33; Tennessee, 12; Virginia, 12; Wyoming, 3; Colorado, 6; Georgia, 14; Iowa, 13; Maine, 6; Minnesota, 12; Nebraska, 8; New York, 45; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Utah, 4; West Virginia, 8.

Using these figures as a basis for calculation, one of the Washington correspondents lands a democrat in the presidential chair in the following way:

Giving the solid vote of the southern states to the democrats, you start out with 175 votes safely stowed away in the locker. This means that just 83 additional votes are needed to name Taft's successor.

The votes of New York, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia would be 92, or four more than enough to elect. The votes of New York, Ohio and Illinois would give 98, or ten more than enough to elect. The votes of Indiana would give 89, or just one more than enough to elect. The votes of New York, New Jersey and Illinois would give the exact necessary total of 88.

Then, if one is desirous of taking in some of the western states, a combination something like this could be formed: New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, California and Montana would give the all-needed 88, or just enough to put the democratic candidate in the white house with the aid of the south.

It may be said that the republicans have never approached any presidential election with more fear and trembling than they are approaching the next one. The election last fall gave them notice that they lost out with the people. They had failed to keep faith and were repudiated. Their only hope for success next year, after the defeat of last, lay in the possibility of the democrats being unable to hold together and formulate and carry out any plans for reforms. The republicans hoped for democratic dissensions and inefficiency. But the democrats have demonstrated their faithfulness to their pledges and their ability to carry them out. These things being true, the figures of the Washington correspondent may be more nearly verified by the election than such figures usually are.—*Ral. Times.*

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