

BRYAN'S CHANCE

Of Being Elected President Seems to Be Good.

A WINNING COMBINATION

Ten El-Geral Votes That Would Carry Him to Victory.

States He Is Likely to Carry.

A Washington dispatch says of late a vast deal of attention has centered on New York, and in spite of overwhelming odds favoring McKinley, the possibility of the Empire State giving thirty-six electoral votes to Mr. Bryan are discussed by observing men more than any other political topic of the day. There are certain forces in New York, Roosevelt's majority for Governor was so small, and the tendency of a large independent vote is so difficult to fathom, that one is justified perhaps in placing that State at present in the doubtful column, where four weeks ago it seemed but fair to reckon it as surely for McKinley by a big majority. The saying is a common one that if Bryan carries New York and Indiana his election is assured. Yet it is interesting to note that he might have the electoral vote of both those great States and barely defeat the Republican candidate, or be defeated himself. According to the best advice the outlook is very bright for the Democrats in Indiana. By carrying the following States the Democrats would elect Mr. Bryan:

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Nebraska	8
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North Carolina	11
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	15
Utah	3
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This list of twenty-two States, however, if all went for Bryan, would give him a bare majority in the electoral college, as 224 votes are necessary for an election. It will be noticed that West Virginia, with six votes, is omitted. The Republicans confidently believe that West Virginia will give its vote to McKinley, although it is admitted that the Democratic chances are better on the State ticket and the Legislature. It is, nevertheless, anybody's fight, for the decisive influences may change a half dozen times between now and election day. Delaware is also omitted, notwithstanding the confident claims of Democrats that they will have a majority there. The two Republican factions have shown a disposition to unite, all of which substantiates the Republican faith that the smallest State in the Union will vote for McKinley, as four years ago. The best judges regard Maryland as Democratic. Kentucky is judged Republican on the State ticket and Democratic on the national ticket.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

With such a list, there are still other Democratic possibilities—not probable, to be kept in mind. While Delaware and West Virginia may troop into the Democratic column, something will probably be heard in the next few weeks of Democratic chances in Connecticut. The nominations have only just been made in the Nutmeg State, and the lateness of the campaign there is the reason that little has been said of its voting possibilities. In years gone by Connecticut has been very much a Democratic State in Presidential years, and when the tendency elsewhere in the country has been against the Republicans, Connecticut has always been in the mood. If the gold Democrats go back to their former positions, Connecticut might become a debatable State. The electoral vote there numbers six.

Then Illinois has an enormous shifting vote, and the labor troubles are likely to affect the situation. Cook county, which includes Chicago, will probably decide the political complexion of that State's twenty-four electoral votes. Four years ago Chicago contributed a very large portion of the 146,000 Republican majority in Illinois, but this year the Democrats say the majority outside Cook county will be small, and that it will be overcome by the big Democratic majority in Cook county.

But it is easy to see what the realization of some of the Republican possibilities in the list of twenty-two States, which have been set down by way of fair conjecture for Mr. Bryan, would bring about. It must be conceded that Indiana is a Republican possibility, and New York a strong Republican probability. The loss of either of those States would relegate Bryan's column of electoral votes to second place.

UTAH, IDAHO AND MONTANA.

Utah is undoubtedly drifting back to Republican moorings, but it is very questionable whether it will get clear back this year. Nevertheless, the three votes of Utah or Idaho, even if New York and Indiana go Democratic might prove indispensable for Mr. Bryan. In spite of the denunciations of the silver-sneakers in those States, it is well to bear in mind the personal following of Mr. Bryan, and the pride that is shared quite generally by far Western people that a candidate for the Presidency should have been selected from their immediate vicinity. Utah and Idaho are now more doubtful than Montana, although a few weeks ago it seemed the other way. But the two factions in Montana that threatened Democratic supremacy are united in favor of Mr. Bryan, and Republicans are disposed to concede the State to him.

The attitude of the gold Democrats in

THE COTTON MARKET

Heavy Receipts Depresses Price of the Staple.

SOME FACTS FOR FARMERS.

They Should Market Their Crop Slowly and Thus Keep Up the Price of the Staple.

A dispatch from New York says: "As is usual at the beginning of the cotton season the attention of cotton traders centers upon the movement of the new crop and the probable continuance of the first rush of heavy receipts. Banks here are receiving requests from their correspondents all over the cotton belt for currency of small denominations, suitable for crop marketing purposes, and it may be stated as a fact that the banks are not giving these requests the attention that they merit. The requests are almost entirely for \$5 bills, of which there is a particular scarcity. Frank Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, had been over this week talking the matter over with bank officers and striving to induce them to put forth a considerable amount of their treasury notes which are, it will be remembered, exchangeable under the new currency law into silver certificates. Mr. Vanderlip, in fact, placed a premium on these treasury notes by offering facilities in the form of transportation of currency to the agricultural sections in favor of the bank making the exchange of treasury notes. It is quite probable, therefore, that with this premium, the New York banks will pass over a considerable amount of these treasury notes, and the transfer of money to the South to more than the crop will be promptly increased. It will be recalled that under the new currency law silver certificates may be issued against the retirement of treasury notes, not only at the rate of dollar for dollar, but that the practical result of the law is that silver certificates may be issued at the rate of about one and one-third for every treasury note cancelled. This is accomplished as a result of the silver certificates being issued not only against the silver dollar as actually coined, but against the profit to the government of melting a one dollar coin containing less than one dollar's worth of silver. It will therefore be observed that every dollar in treasury notes that the New York banks pass with means \$1.33 increase in the currency suitable for the agricultural sections. This is a factor which will undoubtedly exercise an appreciable influence on the cotton crop movement of the near future.

"The heavy movement of cotton to market has had the effect of checking, perhaps temporarily, the operations of some of the big leaders. In other words, the big receipts are just now scaring bulls. This is only natural, and the trade has been prepared both for the big receipts and the scare arising from them. Without big receipts some time there would be no probability of a crop of over 8,000,000 bales, to say nothing of 10,000,000 or more, as now looked for by many. As is also usual at this season, the exporting element see in the rush of cotton now progressing a crop of no less than 12,000,000 bales, just as they last season pretended to believe as late as March. The estimate of a crop of around 9,000,000 bales divided equally between the sections east and west of the Mississippi, as promulgated by one Southern firm, may prove near the mark in the event of early frost or a collapse in receipts around November 10th.

"Inasmuch as there has been great complaint of scarcity of pickers in many sections it would be well to bear in mind that in such districts receipts certainly would have been heavier than reported, had the cotton been gathered with usual promptness. This is a point on which big crop people here are laying much stress. Indeed there seems considerable logical foundation for this because the movement from many small plantations has been at a complete standstill on account of the labor question; and the retardation of receipts from this cause over a wide area must, in the aggregate, be considerable. We hear of some instances where the yield will be so small and planters are so comfortably situated that the high price will be great inducement to hold for still higher prices, regardless of what may be done by the fortunate planters who have raised a good crop and are anxious to sell now.

"A prominent exporter—a man whose opinion is well respected here—in discussing the crop situation said to your correspondent: 'Everything depends upon Texas. The abnormal situation there arising from the recent hurricane has left some of our expert statisticians completely at sea in regard to the probable yield. Before a great while Galveston will receive her usual quota of cotton daily, the heavy arrivals at New Orleans of late being in a large measure credited to diversions from the former port. With few exceptions accounts from Texas are in proportionately free movement during October, and are almost unanimous in the statement that present prices are proving a strong temptation to free selling by farmers. A few sections are claiming a better crop than last year, but from what we can gather from people who are frequently on the right side Texas does not promise to make a crop of sufficient size to throw the bear clique into ecstasies, while here and there some planters are such firm believers in a small crop for the state that they express an intention of holding their cotton for very fancy prices, a decision the wisdom of which is very questionable before the settlement of the question of early frost.

"Commission firms who have been interviewed on the cotton outlook appear to quite generally agree that at present price farmers will market freely. Many have advised to the effect that around ten cents farmers are willing to let their cotton go. Just now, with every probability of a very large movement, they are likely to show

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