The outcome of Tuesday's great political conflict has started experts to opining on the cause that has effected the results announced in other columns of this issue. Probably the most interesting of all are the returns from Centre county.

Though Republican county chairman GRAY had claimed the county for his party by 430 or more Democratic county chairman Spangler had a canvass which he believed would land his ticket by majorities ranging from 400 up. So much for the pre-election claims. Both were backed by the judgment of others, heretofore recognized as keen judges of political outlooks.

The returns have been announced and while they show that Mr. GRAY's prediction came nearest being fulfilled there is nothing in them that would indicate that Mr. SPANGLER was either deceived by his committeemen or misrepresented the situation himself. As a matter of fact, from a careful study of the returns and a comparison with those of former years, we believe that if certain conditions had not come up the entire Democratic ticket in Centre county would have been elected by majorities ranging from 200 to 600.

It was not a slump that carried part of the ticket down, nor was it a land slide in the country. There were more than a thousand more votes polled Tuesday than there were in 1892 and six hundred more than in 1894. There is not a land-slide in the country and, as yet, the presidential situation is actually in doubt so that neither of these causes need be looked to as an explanation of why Centre county did not elect a Democratic treasurer, commissioners, auditors, coroner and surveyor.

It is not a desire to create utopias nor build up hopes for those who are disappointed at the outcome that prompts us to say that the real reason for the loss in the county was the Repulican legislative fight. Let us look at the arious phases in which it affected the situation.

In the first place no one will deny the unprecedentedly lavish use of money to secure votes for both Womelsdorf and CURTIN. The WOMELSDORF people were interested in him alone, but wherever they secured a Democrat it was voted for the straight Republican ticket with the exception of CURTIN. The CURTIN people were for him alone, but wherever they secured a Democrat the vote was marked for the straight Republican ticket, with the exception of WOMELSDORF. Try and imagine for yourselves what the result of this dickering must have been when there was at lowest calculations \$8,000 spent on it.

to cut WOMELSDORF would have done it no matter what the result, but a large percentage of them asked for a trade on some their vote for either SCHOFIELD or FOSTER. The WOMELSDORF people did the same. Imagine, if you can, what effect this dickering had on the Democratic county ticket, as a whole.

Now from these two conclusions we are able to deduce nothing else than the assurance that Mr. SPANGLER'S estimate of the Legislature the whole ticket would have been elected from 200 up. HARPER and RUMBERGER would have had an excounty ticket elected.

Centre county is a Democratic county. that is, there is a majority of its voters who are supposed to be Democrats.

To Those who Have Failed.

There is very little of consolation in explanations of how men fail to realize cherished ambitions, but the consciousness that they have striven honorably and sincerely for a coveted goal and that they have friends who are as much with them in defeat as in victory should go far toward effacing the bitter memories that will haunt those who have fallen in the conflict just

In Centre county we have good men and true who are down. Mr. WEAVER, Mr. ticket. MEYER, Mr. KEISTER, Mr. WETZEL and Dr. IRVIN are among them. It is not that their party has repudiated them, but rather that the paid hirelings of the gold autocrats have been able to carry their corrupt

methods in accomplishing a selfish purpose. We abide by the verdict with you all and trust that a time will come when men will triumph over corruption and there will be a pure and honest ballot that will vindicate you and the cause of the people.

Fight With a Negro.

Bryan Enthusiasts Fired Upon and One Shot at

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Nov. 3rd .- A crowd of young men were cheering for Bryan this afternoon in this city when John Jackson, colored, pulled a pistol and shot at them three times. They chased him into a house. He fired from the house and shot Thomas Wood, white, in the forehead, seriously injuring him. Policeman Gould chased Jackson and was also fired at. The latter returned the fire, but neither was struck. Jackson was captured.

True Bill Against the Castles.















UN-OFFICIAL RETURNS OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR 1896.

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NOT A LAND-SLIDE AT ALL EVENTS!

McKinley is Probably Elected President But Bryanism is Not Conquered.

The Result is Actually in Doubt. McKinley Has 214 Sure, Bryan 170 Sure, with California, Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Oregon and West Virginia Hanging in the Balance.

According to the latest returns Major McKinley is probably elected, but his majority in the Electoral College will be a much smaller one than was at son says the Republican State ticket will be elected by from 2,000 to 3,000. first estimated. The figures show that in the country Bryan has gained considerably in several States.

Chairman Jones claims that the Democratic candidate has carried India Again, every Curtin man who intended na. Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, California and Oregon, that the result in Iowa now favors Bryan and that he has no fear of West Virginia.

Chairman Hanna admits that Kentucky and Tennessee are close but other part of their county in return for concedes neither. He does not give up Nebraska, California or Wyoming, and claims Indiana by 40,000, and ten of Texas' electoral votes. He says McKinley will have at least 277 votes.

The returns now indicate that McKinleyhas 252 electoral votes and Brvan 179. Two States-North Dakota and Kentucky-with a total vote in the college of 16, are doubtful.

At 4 o'clock last evening the bulletins showed that the returns from the what the county ought to have done was western States have all been overestimated in favor of McKinley and that the right. Had there been no such fight on returns, though surprisingly slow in coming in, show great Democratic gains. Most of the figures are still county chairman estimates.

Chairman Jones will not concede McKinley's election and believes that cess over the others exactly corresponding Bryan may yet win in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, California, Oregon and West to their gains over the other parts of the Virginia. Chairman Hanna ridicules these claims, however, and insists that McKinley is already elected.

The present outlook is that it will require the official vote in several of the close States to decide the contest.

Washington and Oregon.

Former Goes for Bryan-McKinley May Carry the

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4.—Returns from

the State of Washington are very meagre,

but at 1.30 a. m. indications point to the

success of Bryan electors and the entire fu-

sion state ticket, including two Congress-

men, 36 precincts out of 100 in the State

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—A Tribune special from Portland, Ore., says: McKinley has

carried Multonomah county by 5,000 ma-

jority. Reports indicate a very heavy vote throughout the State. It is thought

Bryan will come to Portland with a small

majority. McKinley has certainly carried

the State by a small plurality.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 4.—3 a. m.—
Three precincts in Seattle and Kings coun-

ty incomplete give McKinley 1,664, Bryan

1,052. Governor, Rodgers, Fusion, 1,077; Sullivan, Rep. 1,020.

Both Carolinas Solid.

Overwhelming Majorities on Democratic Presi-

COLUMBUS S. C., Nov. 3.—Bulletins received here from all parts of South Caro-

lina show that the Democratic presidential,

congressional, state and county tickets have been successful by overwhelming ma-

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 3.—Populists and Democrats voted nearly solid for Bryan,

and claim the State for Bryan. Governor

and other fusion state officers are elected.

Montana

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 4.—Returns

in the State are very slow coming in. Re-

ports in the different counties received so

jority will be about 15,000.

dential, Congressional and State Tickets.

jorities.

giving McKinley 1,069, Bryan 1,581.

McKinley is more than likely a winner, but the result will be so close as to mates, will be about as follows: proclaim to the world that the American people have awakened to thought, at least, and in four years will be aroused to such action as will sweep the leeching gold system away under the greatest wave that has ever swept the

South Dakota.

Returns Show the State Is For Bryan, Although the Republicans Still Claim It.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 4.—Sufficient returns have been received to show that South Dakota gives her electoral vote to Bryan by 5,500 to 3,000 and elects two silver Congressman and the entire fusion state

An associated Press dispatch says: Three hundred and eleven precincts give McKinlry 2,500 majority. Clay county, the home of the Populist candidate, gives a majority for McKinley. Douglass county's majority for McKinley is 146.

J. A. Bowler, Democratic State chairman, has wired the Associated Press: "Am confident Bryan will carry the State J. D. Elliot, Republican state chairman.

has sent the following to the national committee: "Heavy storms delayed returns, which are now one-half in. McKinley has 2,500 majority, with continuous gains from all rural precincts. Three thousand McKinley

majority is the minimum estimated." Texas.

The Lone Star State Proves Its Solid Democracy.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 4 .-- What meager returns that are in indicate that Bryan has carried the State by more than 100,000 plurality, and that Kearby, fusion, is defeated for Governor. Nine free silver Democrats are undoubtedly elected to Congress, with one district, the Twelfth, carried by Noonan, Republican, and three in doubt

Austin, Tex., Nov. 4.—After a careful count of all election returns at 3 a. m. it is LONDON, Nov. 23.—At the Clerkenwell undoubtedly a fact that the Democrats will sessions to-day the grand jury found true win the state, national and congressional bills against Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. tickets, by handsome majorities in all save Castle, of San Francisco, accused of shop- the Tenth congressional district, which is claimed by the Republicans.

Republicans Practically Concede the State to Bryan.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 4.-At this hour the situation in Kansas is about this: With only one-fifth of the precincts in Bryan electors seem to have carried the state by a slight majority. Four fusion congressmen, Simpson E. R. Rugley, W. D. Vincent and William McCormick, have been elected. Republicans probably elect three congressmen, Case Broderick, C. P. Harris and Charles Curtis.

The state legislature is still entirely in doubt, neither side making any claims more than majority, which both claim. Republicans practically concede that Bryan has carried the state, and Chairman Simp-Breidenthal, Populist chairman, claims the election of the fusion state ticket by from 8,000 to 10,000.

Bruan and Sewall Sure of a Plurality of \$10,000.

DENVER, Nov. 3.—Chairman of the Populist-Democratic-Republican state central committee are unanymous in giving Bryan and Sewall a plurality in this state of 10,-000. Baily, the Populist candidate for governor, and Adams, the silver Republican candidate, are too close to estimate the victor. Shafroth, Republican candidate for congress, a silver man, and Bell, the Populist candidate, a silver man, are each elected by about 32,000 plurality.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 3.—This city has gone for McKinley and Kearby, Populist, for governor. This is conceded.

Democracy's Nominee Will Receive an Estimated Plurality of 8,000.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov., 3.—Estimates received from each of the 45 counties indicate that Florida has given Bryan a plurality of 8,000. The vote for each presidential candidate, compiled from county esti-Bryan's vote, 24,000: McKinley's vote,

16,000; Palmer's vote 2,000. Bryan's plurality 8,000.

Arkansas.

Bryan's Majority 40,000—Six Free Silver Democratic Congressmen Elected from that State.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 4.—Bryan's majority in this city was 848. Additional returns from the interior give the state to Bryan by 40,000 majority. There is no doubt that all six free silver congressional nominees are elected.

Indiana May be for Bryan.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—At 8 o'clock this evening chairman Martin, of the Democratic State committee, claimed that it will require the official count to determine the result in Indiana. At that hour he had received returns from 81 of the 92 counties, showing a plurality for McKinley of 8,317. These did not include Marion county, which would increase McKinley's plurality to about 13,000. Chairman Martin, however, charges that in some councounties of the State the Democratic and Populist votes were not aggregated, which if true, would decrease. McKinley's apparent plurality, and for that reason he will await the official count, refusing in the meantime to concede the State.

The 81 counties heard from at 8 o'clock showed a Democratic loss over 1892 of 15,442. In some of the counties still to be heard from the Democrats expect considerable losses. Chairman Gowdy claims the State for McKinley by 25,000. It is safe to say that McKinley's plurality in Indiana will not be less than 15,000 nor more than 25,000. The Republican State ticket is also elected by a State majority. Late returns this evening indicate heavy Democratic gains in southern Indiana strongholds. These will reduce the estimstrongholds ates of a big Republican plurality early in the day, but from present indications will far this morning would indicate that out of' not affect the general result, which is that a total vote of nearly 45,000, Bryan's ma- McKinley has carried the State. The Re-

The Present Outlook in the Electoral College.

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South Carolina Washington...... West Virginia....

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The Governors Elect. Men Who Have Been Elected as Executives in the

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The following table shows the men who have been chosen to preside over these States. Those elected in Alabama, Ar kansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Ver-mont were voted for prior to yesterday: Alabama—Joseph E. Johnston, Dem. Arkansas—Daniel W. Jones, Dem.

Connecticutt—Lorrin A. Cooke, Dem. Delaware—Ebe W. Tunnell, Dem. Florida—William D. Bloxham, Dem. Florida—William D. Bloxham, Dem. Georgia—William Y. Atkinson, Dem. Illinois—John R. Tanner, Rep. Louisiana—Murphy J. Foster, Dem. Maine—Llewellen Powers, Rep. Massachusetts—Roger Wolcott, Rep. Montana—Robert B. Smith, Fusion. Nebraska—Silas A. Holcomb, Fusion. North Carolina—Cyrus B. Watson, Dem. South Dakota—A. O. Ringrud, Rep. Texas—Charles A. Culberson, Dem. Vermont—Josiah Grant, Rep. Washington—John R. Rogers, Fusion. Washington—John R. Rogers, Fusion. West Virginia—G. W. Atkinson, Rep.

Took it for Granted.

Major McKinley Expressed Confidence of His Elec-

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.-At 7:30 o'clock Harry Dearborn, chairman of the Com-mercial Travelers' sound money league, called up Major McKinley over the longdistance telephone and congratulated him on the outlook. Mr. McKinley sent the following message, taking his election al-

ready for granted:
"Nobody realizes, more than I do the great services rendered in the sound money cause by the commercial travelers. They have been as important a factor in my election as any organization in the country and I thank them for their work in my behalf."

Delaware.

The Returns Incomplete, but the State is Claimed to be for McKinley.

WILMINGTON, Del. Nov. 4th .- Returns from Delaware are still incomplete in detail, but enough is known to accurately state the result. McKinley carries the State by 1,500 to 1,800 majority. He may lose one elector, James G. Shaw, Sr., whose name was printed without the affix "Sr." on the regular Republican ticket, but it is conceded that the courts will correct the irregularity if the issue is raised.

Democrat Shot by Republican

St. Louis, Nov. 3. - John Kielly, a Democrat, was shot and mortally wounded just before 2 p. m., in an election row at Tenth street and Cass avenue, by John publicans probably elect nine Congressmen. Egan, a Republican ward worker.

Growth of the Tourist System.

The Philadelphia railroad company through its personally-conducted tourist system and the unexcelled standard of high service has won an enviable record for itself. These tours have grown to be thoroughly appreciated in this age of luxurious travel, and the series announced for the season of '96 and '97 admirably illustrates the progress of the times.

First comes a series to the golden gate, starting from New York, Philadelphia and Harrisburg, January 27th, February 24th and March 27th. Tourists will travel by superbly-appointed special trains of Pullnan compartment, drawing-room, sleeping, dining, smoking and observation cars under the supervision of a tourist agent and chaperone.

Next in importance comes a series of four to Florida—January 26th, February 9th and 23rd, and March 9th. The first hree admit, of two weeks in the sunny South, while tickets for the fourth tour are good to return by regular trains until May

A series of short tours to Washington from New York, Philadelphia and adjacent points will be run on December 29th. 1896. January 21st, February 11th, March 11th, April 1st and 22nd and May 13th, 1897. Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington tours will leave New York and Philadelphia December 26th, 1896, Janu-

ary 28th, February 20th, March 18th and April 15th, 1897. Handsome illustrated itineraries will be issued by the rail road company, containing full information as to how these tours may be pleasantly and profitably made.

These itineraries may be procured on personal application or by addressing tourist agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 860 Fulton street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad street, Newark, N. J., or room 411, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

Jones Still Confident.

The Democratic Chairman Feels Certain Bryan Has Been Elected and Tells Why.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.-"I believe that Wm. Jennings Bryan has gained the majority of the electors for President of the United States. I have all the time maintained that he would carry the south, with 156 electoral votes, and all the States west of the Missouri river, with 61 votes, making 217 in all. If we lose Maryland with its 8 votes, we can win with either Michigan or Indiana. The possibilities are that we have lost Maryland, but my latest and best information is that we have gained both of the other States named. Indeed, it is almost a certainty that we have carried Indiana, and the chances are fully as favorable in respect to Michigan, although the returns from the States are not so complete. I feel sure that Mr. Bryan will be found to have carried both States, and he will be elected. "JAMES K. JONES." 'Chairman National Democratic Committee."

Li Loses a Year's Salary.

The Chinese Ambassador Punished by the Emperor.

PEKING, Nov.,-Although advised to deprive Li Hung Chang of all his offices, the Emperor substituted for this punishment at the loss of a year's salary. patch, on October 26, announced that Li Hung Chang had been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, and at the same time an imperial edict was issued ordering that the Chinese statesman be punished for presuming to enter the precincts of a ruined summer palace while visiting the Dowager Empress of China.

Illinois

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Returns from the State indicate that the Republicans will have a large majority in both houses of the Legislature, which will thus elect a United States Senator this wintor to succeed John M. Palmer. The entire Republican state ticket is elected by majorities ranging from 100,000 to 125,000. John R. Tanner, for Governor, will get about 25,000 votes less than McKinley.

Breckinridge Elected.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 3rd, W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Pollard fame, has been reelected to Congress by the Jeffersonians in the Ashland district.