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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEFEAT

A Change of 25,000 Votes Might Have Won.

MCKINLEY'S NARROW ESCAPE

He had large majorities in the Eastern States—Just pulled through by a close shave in the West—A few interesting points that deserve attention.

Our republican contemporaries are howling until they are becoming almost hoarse over what they consider McKinley's great victory. The gold standard had large majorities in the eastern states but in other sections there was grave uncertainty and cause for doubting the result.

The electoral vote now stands McKinley 280 and Bryan 167. Harrison only received 145 electors in 1892 and as a candidate standing on a protection platform, for a re-election, was very badly beaten indeed. Bryan made a splendid showing upon a new issue. How close he came to an election, the following from a gold standard paper, is clearly pointed out by the "Washington Post" and shows that there was no such thing as a landslide:

A CHANGE ONLY OF 25,000 VOTES.

"An examination of the figures of last Tuesday's vote results in some very curious and interesting revelations. It will be remembered that the 'Post,' from the very first, insisted that Bryan's chances were good, that at any stage of the campaign his election was a possibility, and that McKinley's election, although we regarded it as highly probable, depended after all upon a very narrow and uncertain margin. As unanswerable proof that we were right in this, we now call attention to the following table, showing how a change of little more than 25,000 votes, distributed over nine states, would have elected Bryan, notwithstanding his big majorities elsewhere:

States	Electoral votes	Majorities
California	9	5,000
Delaware	3	2,000
Indiana	13	22,000
Kentucky	13	500
North Dakota	3	5,000
Oregon	4	3,000
South Dakota	4	300
West Virginia	6	12,000
Wyoming	3	200
Total electoral votes, 60		
Total McKinley majorities, 56,000		

Now, suppose there had been these changes from McKinley to Bryan in the different states respectively:

California	2,510
Delaware	1,250
Indiana	11,100
Kentucky	2,510
North Dakota	2,510
Oregon	1,250
South Dakota	151
West Virginia	6,210
Wyoming	101
Total	25,305

These changes would have given every one of the nine states to Bryan, and adding their 60 votes to the 167 he got elsewhere, would have made his strength in the electoral college 227—three more than he needed to make him president.

Bryan May Be Senator.

A boom has been started for William J. Bryan for United States Senator from Washington state. The silver fusionists will control the senatorship. The constitution of Washington provides that to be eligible to the office the candidate shall be merely an "inhabitant" of the State at the time of his election, so that the fusion majority could elect Mr. Bryan without any trouble. Richard Windsor, Sr., the populist leader in Washington, and James Hamilton Lewis, democratic fusionist and member elect of congress, are rival candidates for the senatorship, and Mr. Bryan has been suggested as a compromise.

Fire at Jacksonville.

On Sunday afternoon the residence of Mr. John Dolan, about one mile east of Jacksonville was destroyed by fire. Mr. Dolan had gone up stairs to take a short sleep. Mrs. Dolan and the children had gone to a neighbors, on a visit, and the daughter, who had some work to attend about the house went away too. Some time during the afternoon Mr. Dolan was awakened from his sleep by smelling smoke. He at once saw that his house was doomed to the flames and had barely enough time to escape with his life. The building with all the contents was destroyed. There was no insurance.

HE PULLED A GUN

It Was Discharged And The Boy Fell Dead Attempt to Escape.

Resident, in the upper end of Clinton county were greatly excited Saturday morning over a murder that was committed near Bitumen. It seems that a number of boys were going after apples. One of the crowd, a Hungarian, George Ading by name, had a gun in his hands. Ading's nephew, a boy named Burgener, about 10 years old, wanted to go along. Ading told him that he could not accompany them. Young Burgener persisted, however, and kept following them. Finally Ading pointed the gun at his nephew, it was discharged, and Burgener fell dead.

Ading then dropped the gun and ran across the mountain towards Westport, until he reached the railroad. Here he attempted to jump on a moving freight, but the train was going too fast and he could not make it. He then came into Westport, where he was caught by J. F. O'Brien, the telegraph operator at that place, and who was on his way to get the justice to hold an inquest. Ading was taken to the Westport house where he was held under a close guard. It is not positively known whether Ading pulled the gun on Burgener with the intention of killing him or whether it was merely to frighten him, but the inquest will probably bring the true intention out.

The miners at Bitumen are very much excited over the murder and it is feared that if they can get hold of Ading they will lynch him.

VOTED BY MACHINERY.

The New Device Given a Thorough Trial at Rochester N. Y.

The Myers voting machine was tried with a fair degree of success in the precincts of Rochester, N. Y., last Tuesday.

In spite of mishaps of all kinds, universal satisfaction is expressed with the machines. Voters were surprised at the ease and rapidity with which they were able to make their political preferences known. Those that voted the straight ticket, and had therefore to push only one knob, met with no perplexity whatever. They could march in and out at the rate of two to four a minute. Those voters that voted a split ticket required a little more time. They had to push a knob for each candidate they voted for. Still they voted with surprising rapidity. Sometimes the votes were at the average rate of two a minute. But 60 and 70 votes an hour was the average. Had the polling clerks been able to verify names more rapidly the average would have been somewhat higher. It was they and not the voters that caused the most delay. One of the most satisfactory features of the machine was the rapidity and accuracy with which it permitted the result of the election to be known; within 20 minutes after the closing of the polls the company's central office was in possession of the result of the voting for presidential and gubernatorial candidates in all the districts except half a dozen. Those were obtained by 6 o'clock. By 9 o'clock the result of the election in all districts on all candidates were known accurately.

Mr. Myers formerly was a resident of Bellefonte and his invention promises to make a fortune for him.

Another Bear Story.

A bear story comes from the Black Forest, near Cammal, Lycoming county. It is to the effect that "Jim" Myers, a well known hunter, while out looking for bears last week, tracked one into the forest. The bear's tracks led to a decayed tree trunk, and with his trusty old rifle cocked he kicked the tree over and a big bear jumped out and made for him. Myers fired and the bullet lodged in bruin's hide, but the hunter tripped and fell to the ground, his rifle flying through the air and falling some distance from him. The wounded and enraged bear made for his prostrate foe, but Myers made a foxy move well known to hunters by falling limp to the ground and lay as if dead. Bruin sniffed him from head to foot and exhibited a trait peculiar to bears of not harming dead bodies (or those apparently so), and finishing his inspection trundled off. Myers quickly rose to his feet when the bear was some distance from him, and regaining his rifle, fired several shots, which ended the bear's career. Bruin weighed 300 pounds dressed.

The Oldest of our Mothers.

Miles township now probably has the most aged lady on that side of the county, in the person of the widow of Jacob Wolf, who resides with her son John Wolf, on the parental farm one mile west of Rebersburg. On last Decoration day another Wolf attained the age of 94 years, and she is still in fair health for a person of that age. She was born and lived on the farm all her life-time with the exception of several years.

BRYAN STANDS BY HIS GUNS

Brave Young Champion of Free Silver Calls Upon His Followers to Keep Up the Fight--Friends of Bimetallism Vanquished But Not Overcome.

William J. Bryan has issued the following address "to the bimetalists of the United States:"

Conscious that millions of loyal hearts are saddened by temporary defeat. I beg to offer a word of hope and encouragement. No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest and devoted than those who have espoused the cause of bimetalism. They have fought with all the zeal which conviction inspired. Even this will prove whether they are right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret.

The republican candidate has been heralded as the advance agent of prosperity. If his policies bring real prosperity to the American people those who opposed him will share in that prosperity. If on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those of his supporters who do not belong to the office-holding class, or to the privileged classes will suffer in common with those who opposed him.

The friends of bimetalism have not been vanquished; they have simply been overcome. They believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money changers against the welfare of the human race and unconvinced of their error they will continue the warfare against it.

The contest this year has been under great embarrassment and great odds. For the first time during this generation public attention has been centered upon the money question as the paramount issue and this has been done in spite of all attempts upon the part of our opponents to prevent it. The republican convention held out the delusive hope of international bimetalism, while republican leaders labored secretly for gold monometalism. Gold standard democrats have publicly advocated the election of the Indianapolis ticket, while they labored secretly for the election of the republican ticket.

The trusts and corporations have tried to excite a fear of lawlessness while they have been defying the law and American financiers have boasted that they were the custodians of national honor while they were secretly bartering away the nation's financial independence.

But in spite of the efforts of the administration and its supporters; in spite of the threats of the money loaners at home and abroad; in spite of the coercion practiced by corporations and employers; in spite of trusts and syndicates; in spite of an enormous republican campaign fund; and in spite of the influence of a hostile daily press, bimetalism has almost triumphed in its first great fight. The loss of a few states, and that, too, by a very small plurality, has defeated bimetalism for the present, but bimetalism emerges from the contest stronger than it was four months ago.

I desire to commend the work of the three national committees which have joined in the management of this campaign. Co-operation between the members of distinct political organizations is always difficult, but it has been less so this year than usual. Interest in a common cause of great importance has reduced friction to a minimum.

I hereby express my personal gratitude to the individual members, as well as the executive officers of the national committee of the Democratic, Populist and Silver parties for their efficient, untiring and unselfish labors. They have laid the foundation for future success and will be remembered as pioneers when victory is at last secured.

No personal or political friend need grieve because of my defeat. My ambition has been to secure immediate legislation rather than to enjoy the honors of office. Therefore defeat brings to me no feeling of personal loss. Speaking for the wife who has shared my labors, as well as myself, I desire to say that we have been amply repaid for all that we have done.

In the love of millions of our fellow citizens, so kindly expressed in knowledge gained by personal contact with the people and in broadened sympathies, we find full compensation for whatever efforts we have put forth. Our hearts have been touched by the devotion of friends and our lives shall prove our appreciation of the affection which we prize as the richest reward which the campaign has brought.

In the face of an enemy rejoicing in its victory, let the roll be called for the engagement and urge all friends of bimetalism to renew their allegiance to the cause. If we are right, as I believe we are, we shall yet triumph. Until convinced of his error, let each advocate of bimetalism continue his work. Let all silver clubs retain their organization, hold regular meetings and circulate literature.

Our opponents have succeeded in this campaign and must now put their theories to the test. Instead of talking mysteriously about "sound money" and "an honest dollar" they now must elaborate and defend a financial system. Every step taken by them should be publicly considered by the silver clubs.

The year 1900 is not far away. Before that year arrives international bimetalism will cease to deceive; before that year arrives those who have called themselves gold standard Democrats will become bimetalists and be with us or they will become Republicans and thus open enemies; before that year arrives trusts will have convinced still more people that a trust is a menace to private welfare and to public safety; before that year arrives the evil of a gold standard will be even more evident than they are now and the people then be ready to demand an American financial policy for the American people, and will join with us in the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of sixteen to one, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

WILD CHERRY RAILS.

Will Last 100 Years--Have Shown up as Good Yet.

There are two kinds of wild cherry, the soft and the hard wood, the latter of which will make fence rails to last a century. We have evidence of this on the farm occupied by ex-commissioner John Wolf, in Miles township, who informs us that there are rails in fences on the place, made of the hard wood wild cherry; these rails were in the fences when they occupied the farm 65 years ago and have every reason to believe they were put into the fence 100 years ago. These rails on recent examination were found well preserved. On this tract, at an early day, were many spots overgrown with wild cherry trees, from which fence rails were made. Some of these trees are still on the farm.

Farmers might profit by using this kind of wood for rails, with such durability fence rails would not need replacing every 15 or 20 years.—Reporter.

Seven Tons Dried Apples.

Cameron Press: Elliott & Storer, of Churchville, shipped seven tons of the new crop of dried apples to Philadelphia last Wednesday. The greater portion is usually packed in cases, but five tons of this lot were packed in sacks for export to Germany. It appears that apples packed in cases swell so much from the damp air while crossing the ocean that the cases are often burst open, but this swelling does not affect the sacks, which simple stretch.

WHEAT WANTED ABROAD.

Failure in India and Australia Lessens England's Supply.

The Mark Lane London Express says that although the deficiency in the crops in India is known to be very serious, there is no likelihood that there will be any large imports of wheat into that country.

The failure in India and Australia has caused a deficiency of 2,033,500 quarters in the usual supply of Great Britain. This must be made up from other sources and is a change in the situation which itself is sufficient to uphold the recent rise. The quality of wheat in transit to the United Kingdom on Saturday was 2,045,000 quarters of which there were 400,000 quarters Russian, 300,000 North America, 100,000 South America, 1,220,000 California and 25,000 from other sources.

A Bear in a School Room.

On Wednesday a big black bear entered a school house in Brown township, Lycoming county, through the door which stood open. The lady teacher and the pupils escaped from the house and two woodsmen happening to pass that way killed the bear with axes.

John Bell Wedded.

John R. Bell, son of William Bell, was married to Miss Fannie Luber, of Orient. John is clerking in a store in East Hampton, Long Island New York and is one of the Bellefonte young men who left here with a promising future.

INGRATITUDE—INCONSISTENCY

At present the Bellefonte Republican is running a list of sheriff sales amounting to about \$80, given to them by the present democratic sheriff, John P. Condo. This is work that, in all considerations of fairness, should have been given to democratic papers, that helped to elect Mr. Condo, and have always stood up for the success of the party and its nominees. It is a rare thing to find an official take this course, for which no honorable explanation can be given.

J. C. Meyer, Esq., the sheriff's attorney and who has been traveling up and down the county preaching democracy to the old party veterans and urging them to stand together, very haughtily informed the writer that he was the one. "I made the bargain with the Republican" he defiantly said. Thus the day after the election he assists in taking \$80 dollars worth of printing from the democratic papers of the county, and carries it over to the enemy the Bellefonte Republican who helped to defeat the ticket.

Under all former customs and usages, in this county, we never knew of any individual who had the presumption to appropriate public printing for his benefit. It is more than the newspapers of this county can tolerate—they can not afford to let this offence go by unrebuked. As a member of the party Mr. Meyer has been abundantly recognized, and should not meddle in what justly falls to the democratic newspaper men. The publishers in this county can attend to their affairs—there is no need in the party for bosses, or dispensers of public patronage.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

President Cleveland Asks That the People Observe Thursday, Nov. 26.

President Cleveland on Wednesday issued the following proclamation:

The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of nations for his watchful care which has shielded them from dire disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings, and to follow with sinful pride after their own devices.

To the end that these thoughts may be quickened, it is fitting that on a day specially appointed we should join together in approaching the throne of grace with praise and supplication.

Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land.

On that day let our people forego their usual work and occupation, and assembled in their accustomed places of worship, let them with one accord render thanks to the Ruler of the universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from every threatened danger; for the peace that has dwelt within our borders; for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed; for the pious rewards that have followed the labors of our husbandmen, and for all other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us.

And let us, through the mediation of Him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of heavenly favor.

Let us not forget on this day of Thanksgiving the poor and needy; and by deeds of charity, let our offerings of praise be made more acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States, which I have caused to be hereunto affixed.
(Seal.)

Done at the city of Washington, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.
(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:
RICHARD OLNEY,
Secretary of State.

HASTINGS SEES QUAY.

Governor and Mrs. Hastings and Assistant Adjutant General and Mrs. Reeder, of Bellefonte, went to Washington Saturday to be gone until Monday evening. A special to the Patriot from that city says the governor spent several hours Saturday evening with Senator Quay at his residence.

Governor Hastings' friends are not satisfied with Senator Quay's position in the senatorial matter. They believe he is deceiving the governor and will throw him down when it is too late to help himself. Quay is reported to have said within the past month that the governor had no strength of his own and that he did not see how he could expect to be elected senator. The chances are that neither Hastings or Senator Penrose will be the man. Quay is committed to both and he finds it difficult to decide which to take. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Wares' friends believe he will be selected as a compromise.—Harrisburg Patriot Nov. 9th.

THE FIGHT JUST BEGUN

Encouraging Words to the Democracy From Leaders

BRYAN AND SEWALL SPEAK

The Battle for Free Silver to be Continued—Corporations Must Stand Aside—This is a Government by the People—Line up Democrats.

Mr. Bryan recently gave out the following telegram, addressed to the bimetalists of the eastern states:

"In the hour of our defeat I send you greetings. No words of praise can sufficiently commend you. When it is remembered that the eastern states sent gold delegates to both conventions, and that nearly all the eastern papers were against bimetalism, your fight appears remarkably creditable. You have shown yourself heroic, and events will vindicate the position you have taken. Continue the fight."
WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Mr. Bryan is receiving numerous telegrams and letters of response to his address calling upon the advocates of silver to continue their efforts in that behalf, assuring him of concurrence in his view and of co-operation in the work. Many of the messages are from club organizations. He has set the 24th instant for the reception tendered him by the people of Denver.

SEWALL STANDS BY BRYAN.

Arthur Sewall, the defeated candidate for the vice presidency, in an interview on the future prospects of free silver, said:

"The cause of free coinage of silver will continue to grow until it is adopted by the people. It is an issue that will never die, but, in my judgement, the seeds sown during the past campaign will grow rapidly and eventually prevail."

"The people have rendered their verdict, and all loyal Democrats will cheerfully acquiesce, as they always do, to the will of the people and the principle of majority rule. At the same time, believing that our issue is right, they will confidently look forward to the reversion of that verdict four years hence, or earlier, and, with deep regret in the meantime, a government by syndicate will rule our country."

IDLE FOR SIX YEARS.

The Glass Works at Bellefonte to Again Resume Operation.

Bellefonte, Pa., November 9.—It was officially announced to-day that the Bellefonte Glass Works would again resume operations, after an idleness of six years. The work of repairs will commence to-morrow, and the pots will be fired in about two weeks, giving employment to forty hands.

A popular subscription by citizens during the past week is responsible for the renewed activity at the work.

We clip the above from the Philadelphia Times, a newspaper, the power of whose editor to pervert and misrepresent exceeds anything in the country.

This dispatch, as given, would indicate that the glass works, at this place, were about to start because McKinley was elected. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The glass works here are about to commence operation because the citizens of the place have given to a co-operative company \$3,000 to put them in repair and commence operations. This money was all subscribed before the election or nearly so, and the opening of the glass works would have gone on, no matter who was elected.

We are of the opinion that they would run much longer and be much more prosperous had Wm. Bryan been elected, than they will under the administration as permitted to run under Mark Hanna.

So it is, with about all the manufactories, and other workshops that are now beginning operation. The time set, months ago, for them to open was after the election. And begin they would without any reference to the election, or who was elected. No matter who was elected the people would have been satisfied, that for the next four years this was to be a settled policy and on that they would begin business, just as they have done. This stuff that factories are resuming is owing to McKinley, is nonsense and makes one sick at the stomach.

Hal Pointer's Record.

Hal Pointer, R. D. Peck's great pacer, has been returned to DuBois. The animal entered in fifteen races and came out a winner in a number of the contests. The horse is twelve years old now and is in good condition after his siege. His best time this year, on a half-mile track was 2.11 1/4.

Cannot Act as Councilman.

By a decision of the Supreme Court handed down recently it is decided that a stockholder in a water, gas or electric light company, having a contract with a city or borough for the products of his company cannot hold a position in the council of such city or boroughs.