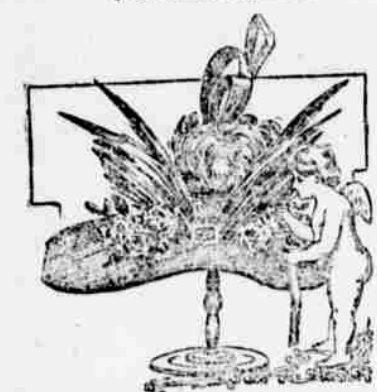


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### TROUBLESOME ELECTION BETS

Light Shed on Some Dark Points in Connection with Recent Election.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Though the presidential election is settled beyond controversy and peradventure, McKinley having won the electoral college, a majority of the states and a majority of the popular vote, the gentlemen who bet on the election have some difficulty in determining who should have the stakes. At least we infer so from the large number of letters received here, and apparently at other newspaper offices, asking for a decision on the disputes which have arisen as to the proper disposition of the stakes.

The terms plurality and majority give a good deal of trouble in some quarters. This is not to be wondered at, since the word plurality is often used where majority is meant, and we have seen newspaper decisions to the effect that a bet that a candidate would win by a certain majority is gained if the candidate has a plurality of the number of votes. A plurality of votes in elections is the excess which the highest candidate has over the next highest. A majority is the excess which the highest candidate has over all the other candidates combined. Major McKinley's apparent popular plurality over Bryan with a vote of 272,478 to 202,536, and his electoral college plurality of 270 to 176, carried twenty-three out of forty-five states, his majority in the electoral college is 94.

Those who bet that McKinley would have 200,000 majority or plurality in Pennsylvania have lost their bet. McKinley's plurality in this state is 256,678. His majority over all is 272,478. The tables of the election have been turned. Pennsylvania gave McKinley and Hobart 728,300; Bryan and Sewall 47,127; Bryan and Watson, 6,003. This makes McKinley and Hobart's plurality over Bryan and Sewall 201,173. But Bryan is entitled to have the Bryan and Watson vote placed to his credit. The electors on the Bryan ticket are exactly the same as those on the Bryan and Sewall ticket. Though they occupy separate columns on the ballot, they are not to be counted only to catch Populist votes for Bryan and does not operate in the counting, since the scattered votes for the same electors are counted together, and if they are scattered votes their total vote should be placed to Bryan's credit.

In Ohio the same condition obtained as in Pennsylvania. The McKinley and Hobart ticket has a plurality of 51,099 over the Bryan and Sewall ticket. But the Bryan and Watson ticket polled 2,615, and as it had, as we understand, exactly the same electors as the Bryan and Sewall ticket, they will be added together to determine the total vote of the Bryan electors. Inducting McKinley's plurality over Bryan in Ohio to 48,494, McKinley carried Kentucky by a small plurality—238. Even though through blunders in the counting, the Bryan ticket did secure one of the thirteen electors, the state must be credited to McKinley, since he has a plurality by carrying either the vote for the highest electors or the average vote for all the electors on both tickets.

Election betting is contrary to good morals and it operates to disfranchise the better in some states. Nevertheless, so far as such bets beget a thirst for accurate information and close definitions, they may not be without a certain educational value.

### ADRAMATIC AMBITION.

I struggle 'gainst envy; I'm seldom inclined To rail at the fortunes which fall to mankind. Yet I cannot remember, except with dismay, How destiny trifled with me at the play, Where and behold was a tremendous plume And a bundle of ribbons, rapiers for room.

When I heard, with a jealousy painful to know, The laugh of the man in the far, front row, When Tantalus harked to the waves on the shore, He felt as if when the collecting roar Of this ticket moral peaked constantly.

While I longed to know what he was laughing about, It wasn't the wit, for with actors today You must know what they do; no one cares what they say.

And he seemed in Elysium, that night at this man with a seat in the far, front row, Oh, distant, mysterious creature of bliss, How you revel in sights I was fated to miss!

How you greeted the merry soubrette who danced there, While I caught but a glimpse of her wavy blonde hair? Did men were born equal? With different will, wait for my chance as the seasons fit by.

And in time, week by week, for a ticket I'll sit with the best in the far, front row. —Washington Star.

## GRIEVANCES OF LABOR ARE HEARD

The American Federation's Committee Makes Its Report.

ARE THE LATHMEN MACHINISTS

Old Trouble Between New York Brewers and Coopers Revived.

Summary Notice to Brewers—Indignation Aroused by Their Failure to Comply With the Conditions Provided at Convention.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—When President Gompers called the convention of the American Federation of Labor to order at 2 p. m. today there was a full attendance. The secretary was directed to notify the unions of brewers, distillers and coopers that they were invited to send representatives to the convention.

The committee reported favorably on the recommendation of the cigar makers that in or cardboard signs, giving the various labels used by the unions, so as to familiarize the public with the labels of the trades. This was concurred in.

The grievance committee reported in favor of granting the application of the American Association of Cincinnati as soon as it complied with the conditions. There being a fight between that organization and the canvassers' union of Cincinnati, the application was referred back to the grievance committee with instructions to give the canvassers a hearing.

### LATHMEN UNION CONTEST.

The grievance committee reported on the contest between the Lathmen union and the machinists of Toledo without recommendation on the question of separate organization for the lathmen. It is claimed that the lathmen are machinists, and should belong to the machinists' union, and that the charter of the lathmen should be revoked. The Lathmen union of Toledo had a charter from the American Federation of Labor prior to the machinists. After a long discussion on the subject, the matter was referred, for a report, to the delegates in the convention from the machinists and lathmen.

The report that the stationary engineers and marine engineers at St. Louis should belong to separate organizations was adopted.

The report that the Brewers' union of New York be given till Jan. 1 to comply with the conditions of an agreement entered into for the last convention, brought out a long discussion on the old trouble with brewers and coopers of New York, which consumed most of the forenoon session. Some carried the action of the New York Brewers' union was such that they should have been refused representation in the convention this year.

### THE ARMOUR BOYCOTT.

Delegate Duffy, of Kansas City, presented a resolution that a special committee of five be appointed to investigate the boycott of Armour Packing company of Kansas City and Chicago. The chairman of the boycott committee endorsed the resolution, stating that the matter was of too great importance for his committee to give it such attention as it demanded on account of the large amount of business already on hand, and the resolution was adopted.

The committee on president's report recommended that special committees be appointed for consideration of an eight-hour labor law and the subject of immigration, and that the appointment of lecturers be referred to the committee on organization.

### LAUNCH OF THE ANNAPOLIS.

The New Gunboat Will Float on the 23rd Instant.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Lewis Nixon, the Elliptical, N. J. shipbuilder, visited the navy department today to announce his readiness to launch the gunboat Annapolis Wednesday, Dec. 23. The Annapolis will be the third of these useful vessels to be built for the navy. The Newport and Vicksburg, having been launched at Bath, Me. The Annapolis will be launched at the shipyard of the Elliptical, N. J. shipbuilder, which the Union Iron works, San Francisco, are preparing to launch in January.

### STREET CARS MOVE ON RUNNERS.

Cheboygan Winter Passengers Taken Right to Their Destination.

Cheboygan, Mich., Dec. 16.—The Cheboygan street railway has gone into hibernation. The cars with wheels have been run on runners for four months and cars on runners are doing their work.

No attempt is made to stick to old routes. The cars will take a passenger anywhere to church, shopping and to uptown. If one is so disposed.

### INAUGURATION DISPLAY.

A Large Portion of the National Guard Will Witness the Exercises.

Washington, Dec. 16.—According to every indication the military display at the inauguration of McKinley and Hobart, on March 4 next, will be very imposing. Among the military organizations expected are the Twenty-second regiment of New York, the Eleventh regiment of New York, the Pennsylvania National Guard in its entirety, and all of the New Jersey and Ohio contingents.

### CHARGES HIM WITH COLLUSION.

Complaint Lodged Against a United States Attorney in California.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—George W. Monteth, an attorney for John Isson, has sent a communication to President Cleveland and to Justice Harlan, informing them of a complaint against United States Attorney Henry Foote and asking his removal from office. The charges are that of collusion with the defendant in a criminal case to defeat justice.

Ison was the prosecuting witness in a suit against George Stieren.

### Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Myrtle Cure" for rheumatism and neuralgia rapidly cures in one to three days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease, and cures in one to three days. The first dose greatly benefits, the first dose greatly benefits, the first dose greatly benefits. Sold by Carl Lorenz, 418 Lackawanna Avenue, druggist, Scranton.

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This fact is one reason for the great popularity of the Pyramid Pile Cure and constitutes one very great difference between it and almost any other kind of treatment for piles.

Every kind of surgical operation for piles is excruciatingly painful besides endangering the life of the patient and in most cases is not to be compared with the Pyramid Pile Cure, neither in making successful cures without pain nor in cheapness and safety.

The Pyramid Pile Cure has been before the public too long, and its merits recognized by so many people to allow it to be classed with the many sales, suppositories, pills, etc., and you run no risk in trying it, as is often the case with new and untried preparations.

If you are ever troubled with any form of piles or rectal disease do not forget the Pyramid Pile Cure. Prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co., of Alhambra, Mich., and sold by druggists at retail prices.

### Tours to California.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious bays, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her own beauty, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Piedmont City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago, allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the Garden of the Gods.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburgh: First tour, \$100; second, \$100; third tour, \$100 round trip, and \$150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply to the general agent, special booking office, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.



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more, Washington, and for Pitts-  
burg and the West.

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