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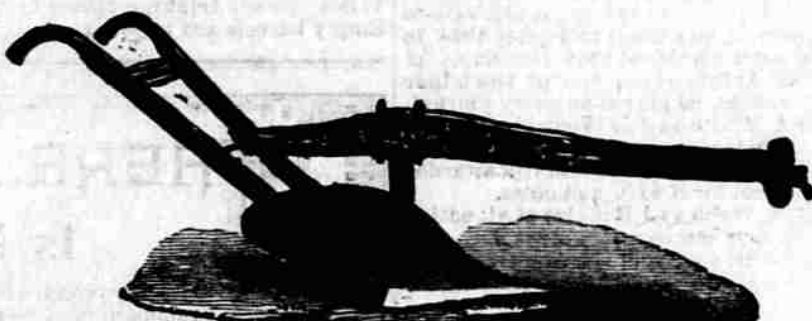
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THE ELECTION.

The following telegram explains itself:

LINCOLN (Neb.), Nov. 1.—To William McKinley Jr., Canton, O.: Senator Jones has just informed me that the returns indicate your election, and I hasten to extend my congratulations. We have submitted the issue to the people, and their will is law.

W. J. BRYAN.

How the States Have Gone.

Following is a tabulated report of the recent election, giving the electoral vote received by each candidate together with their approximate majority:

STATES.	Electoral Vote.	McKinley	Bryan
Alabama.....	11	40000	
Arkansas.....	8	50000	
Colorado.....	4	126000	
Connecticut.....	6	45000	
California.....	9	5000	
Delaware.....	1		
Florida.....	4	9000	
Georgia.....	13	40000	
Idaho.....	3	12000	
Illinois.....	24	165000	
Iowa.....	13	75000	
Indiana.....	15	20000	
Kentucky.....	13	500	
Kansas.....	10	10000	
Louisiana.....	8	44000	
Maine.....	6	47000	
Massachusetts.....	15	164000	
Maryland.....	8	32000	
Minnesota.....	9	50000	
Mississippi.....	9	60000	
Michigan.....	14	50000	
Missouri.....	17	30000	
Montana.....	3	15000	
Nebraska.....	8	5000	
Nevada.....	3	5000	
New Hampshire.....	4	23000	
New Jersey.....	10	86000	
New York.....	36	273000	
North Carolina.....	11	20000	
North Dakota.....	3	8000	
Ohio.....	23	70000	
Oregon.....	4	2500	
Pennsylvania.....	32	296000	
Rhode Island.....	4	27000	
South Carolina.....	9	20000	
South Dakota.....	12	25000	
Tennessee.....	15	75000	
Texas.....	15	15000	
Utah.....	3	41000	
Virginia.....	12	15000	
Washington.....	4	10000	
West Virginia.....	6	15000	
Wisconsin.....	12	100000	
Wyoming.....	2	2	

By the above count McKinley has 273 electoral votes and Bryan 167.

One of the republican candidates in Ohio for elector died.

One of the electors of Arkansas disqualified prior to election.

Kentucky is given in the above table in the McKinley column but an official count will be necessary to determine which way it will go, but the indication are favorable to McKinley.

Wyoming is probably divided—two votes for each candidate.

Delaware went for McKinley by about 4000, but one of the elector's name was printed on some of the ballots as "John Smith, Jr.," and upon others as "John Smith," and as neither of these names received a majority of the votes polled the high man on the Bryan ticket was elected.

South Dak.—Official count necessary.

The Next Congress.

The following table will show the representation in the next House by states. Total number of Representatives, 357.

STATES.	Rep.	Dem.	Pop.	Dem.
Alabama.....	2	6	1	0
Arkansas.....	0	6	0	0
California.....	4	3	0	0
Colorado.....	1	1	0	0
Connecticut.....	4	0	0	0
Delaware.....	0	1	0	0
Florida.....	0	2	0	0
Georgia.....	0	11	0	0
Idaho.....	1	0	0	0
Illinois.....	15	7	0	0
Indiana.....	9	4	0	0
Iowa.....	11	0	0	0
Kansas.....	5	3	0	0
Kentucky.....	8	2	0	1
Louisiana.....	2	4	0	0
Maine.....	4	0	0	0
Maryland.....	5	1	0	0
Massachusetts.....	11	2	0	0
Michigan.....	11	1	0	0
Minnesota.....	6	1	0	0
Mississippi.....	0	7	0	0
Missouri.....	8	7	0	0
Montana.....	1	0	0	0
Nebraska.....	4	2	0	0
Nevada.....	0	0	1	0
New Hampshire.....	2	0	0	0
New Jersey.....	7	1	0	0
New York.....	60	4	0	0
North Carolina.....	4	1	4	0
North Dakota.....	1	0	0	0
Ohio.....	16	4	1	0
Oregon.....	2	0	0	0
Pennsylvania.....	25	8	1	0
Rhode Island.....	2	0	0	0
South Carolina.....	0	7	0	0
South Dakota.....	2	0	0	0
Tennessee.....	4	5	0	1
Texas.....	1	12	0	0
Vermont.....	2	0	0	0
Virginia.....	2	8	0	0
Washington.....	0	2	0	0
West Virginia.....	2	2	0	0
Wisconsin.....	10	0	0	0
Wyoming.....	1	0	0	0
Utah.....	1	0	0	0
Totals.....	234	123	8	2

In New Mexico H. B. Ferguson, (Dem.) has been elected delegate.
In Arizona Mark Smith (Dem.) has been elected delegate.

The latest returns show the House of Representatives to be Republican. The totals are: Republicans, 211; Democrats, 127; Populists, 19.

WITH HAZEL SWITCHES.

How Twenty Thousand Dollars in Gold Was Found Buried in Alabama.

Champ Cornelius was a rich Blount county farmer, who lived near Chapoltepec before the war. When that conflict came on he had twenty thousand dollars in gold, which he buried in a pot on his premises. One night during the war, while he was at home on a furlough, a gang of robbers entered his house and endeavored to extort from him by torture the hiding place of his treasure. They hung him up four times, says the St. Louis Republic, but each time when taken down he refused to divulge the secret. The fourth time they left him for dead, fired the house and fled. A faithful negro slave dragged his master out, but Cornelius died from his injuries, leaving the whereabouts of the buried treasure a mystery. Yesterday three strange men visited the place, which is now owned by John Findley, and said that as one of them was an adept in the use of the hazel switch, with which to locate streams of water, gold and silver, they desired to search for the missing treasure. Findley to pay for all cost of the search and all to share in the proceeds. Findley laughed at them, and told them that they were free to dig and keep all the gold they could find. They went to the spot where the two old chimneys, all that remained of the decayed Cornelius mansion, stand, and dug all that day without avail, but during last night, Findley found upon investigation this morning, the strangers returned, and at the bottom of a fresh hole they had dug was found, carefully covered up, a rusty old pot dug in the ground. The contents of the pot were missing, but a note left by the men said they had secured the treasure by the hazel switches' use and had kept it, according to Findley's permission.

PREHISTORIC REPTILES.

Lecture by Prof. Elliot on Monsters of the World's Infancy.

Prof. D. G. Elliot, F. R. S., curator of zoology in the Field Columbian museum, lately delivered at Field museum the first of a series of three lectures on "Giants of Other Days, as Revealed in the Zoology of the Past." His subject, says the Chicago Tribune, was "Reptiles." "Strange as appear to us now the tales of the Arabian Nights and the geni of the first fathers," he began, "they are not more startling than the creatures which actually existed before man walked the earth." The first creature a photograph of whose reconstruction was projected upon the canvas was a fish of the azoic period, measuring from twenty to forty feet in length, without scales, and having two pairs of paddles like a whale's flippers. It had two arms and five fingers to each hand. Its young were born, not hatched. Its snout was immense, and tapered to the slenderness of a needle. It had the teeth of a crocodile and the vertebrae of a fish. Its deadly enemy was the ichthyosaurus, a pterodactyl, which resembled a huge turtle, measuring from forty to seventy-five feet in length and having a jaw like a crocodile. Dragons and flying serpents were interestingly displayed, and one creature was represented having two sets of brains, one in the sacrum controlling the posterior portion of the body.

PNEUMATIC SKULL CAP.

You May Blow It Up and It Will Form a Pillow.

The pneumatic tire system has been applied to all sorts of things lately. A traveling cap, for instance, has just been brought out which is nothing more than a pneumatic tire adapted to the purposes of headgear. It is an ordinary cap, to all appearance, and would not excite too much attention in a railway carriage or on the platform of a station, but when filled with air it forms a pillow on which the weary traveler can rest his head against the side of the carriage and sleep in peace. Another adaptation is to the rollers of washing and finishing machines. So far, whether of wood, iron, or even India rubber, these are deficient in elasticity, and the latest idea is to wind a spiral india-rubber tubing around the two cylinders of the washing machine throughout the whole length of their surface. The ends of these tubes can be attached to an air-pump, by which means they can be so filled with air that uniform and regulated pressure can be put on the goods passing through the cylinders. Sargent, the inventor of this system, claims that the flattening of the tubes at the point of contact gives a rubbing action between the india rubber and the stuff, which allows the cleaning of the fabric to be done in a third of the time necessary with the system of rollers.

Population of the World.

German geographers have made a careful estimate of the population of Africa, and place the total at 163,953,000, which is 42,340,000 more than the aggregate population of North and South America. Europe and Africa combined have a population of 531,332,000, though their area is not greater than that of all America. The new world has plenty of room for many times its present population of 121,713,000. The German estimate of the population of the world now is 1,480,000,000, and one of the best authorities of the Royal Statistical society says it will be increased by the year 2517 to 33,586,000,000.

KEPT AHEAD OF THE BULLETS.

ASTOUNDING SWIFTHNESS OF FOOT SHOWN BY A GEORGIA HAZARD-BACK.

Col. Taylor Jenkins, who lives a few miles north of Blakely, is known throughout that section as one of the most truthful men in it. At least, so says the Early County Times. Recently, while Mr. Jenkins was out hunting, his dogs began barking at something in a large hollow log. It was a wild hog. He took the hog home and dropped it in his cornfield. It is there now. A few weeks ago Mr. Jenkins went out to kill it, thinking he could easily do so with his unerring rifle. He searched about till he "jumped" it. Down a corn row it went like lightning. He leveled his rifle and "cut down" on it, but never touched a hair. He "jumped" it again and shot again, but no hog. Again and again he "jumped" it and shot at it, with the same result. He began to wonder what could be the matter. The corn rows were as straight as moonshine whisky and his gun true as the third party to Tom Watson, yet hit it he couldn't. To shoot at the hog as it ran off down the corn rows was just like shooting at it standing, so far as getting a "head on it" was concerned. To make sure that he didn't "wobble" off the hog he put up a small target and "cracked down" at it five times, then took his ax and chopped in and found five balls all in one hole in the middle of the spot. That settled it—that the fault was not in him or the gun, but the hog had outrun the bullets.

LONDON DOGS OUT CALLING.

Their Cards Go Up with Those of Their Mistresses.

It appears, from an article in the Figaro by M. Paul Megnin, that in London at the present time it is not only the fashion for a lady to provide her lapdog with a little wardrobe and even a handkerchief, but to have visiting cards made for it, too. When a fashionable lady pays a visit, taking her lapdog with her, she sends up the dog's card along with her own.

M. Megnin says he was visiting the editor of one of the leading sporting papers in London, when the servant brought in two cards, one that of a lady and the other as follows:

MRS. PRIVOLITY.
Collie.

Asked if he knew the name on the card, M. Megnin said he presumed it was some dog fancier. He was greatly surprised to see a lady come in, accompanied by a handsome collie.

M. Megnin went to a stationer's shop and ordered 100 cards for his little dog. He was again surprised to find that the stationer had some ready printed, neatly packed in pretty little card cases.

BEN FRANKLIN'S BIG HEAD.

How He Wore His Wig in His Pocket at the French Court.

The difficulties encountered recently by the lineal descendants of that great man, statesman, patriot and everything else that men properly hold in estimation—Benjamin Franklin—in having themselves enrolled among the Colonial Dames, recall an anecdote of him, says the Washington Post, embalmed in the family records of the sage of Monticello, but which, so far as the writer knows, has never been published. When about to present himself for the first time at the court of Versailles he was informed by the master of ceremonies that a wig was a sine qua non. Now, his head was so large that no ordinary wig would begin to fit it, and the situation was embarrassing in the extreme. However, one was found sufficiently large to pass him through the ante-chambers, after which he was permitted to remove the ridiculous conventional appendage and place it in his ample pocket, whence it never again emerged to public gaze.

Cox and His Brownies.

Palmer Cox says the idea of writing about the brownies came to him from reading Scotch traditions concerning these amusing little elves. They were, he says, almost unknown in America until he began writing about them, but in Scotland they had existed in the folk lore for 500 years. The Scotch brownie, according to Mr. Cox, was a beneficent sort of sprite, whose only three emotions were joy, wonder and terror. It was supposed they were never seen by human beings, but went about at night performing helpful deeds for the country folk, at the same time getting a deal of fun themselves out of kindly pranks.

Never Saw Himself Before.

The London Globe relates a story of an old Hampshire peasant farmer who came to town to buy a hat, and was requested to look in the glass to see if the hat suited his taste. The customer stood before the glass as though fascinated by his reflected image. Presently he slowly inquired: "Wull—is—that-me?" "Of course it is, guv'nor," was the shopman's reply. "Why, don't you know yourself?" "I be 60 years old," said the ancient, after another pause, "and I dunno as ever I see my face afore!" And when his purchase completed, he turned to depart, he walked up to the looking-glass again, saying: "I'll take just one more look at meself, for I dunno as ever I shall ha' the chance again."