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CRIPPLE CREEK MINE DEAL

New Syndicate Proposes to Consolidate Two Big Properties.

DENVER, Nov. 8.—Although the reported sale of the Portland mine is denied at the offices of the company in Colorado Springs, it is generally believed in mining circles that this big Cripple Creek property will pass into the hands of an English syndicate, consisting of the Venture Corporation, the Exploration Company, and Werner, Beit & Co., the South African diamond miners and investors in Mexico mines and railways. It is said that the price to be paid is about $15,000,000. It is known that experts for the concerns in the deal have made a thorough examination of the property, and from London the report comes that the deal is practically closed. The plan reported from London is to consolidate the Portland with Stratton's Independence and to form a new company to control both of the great gold properties. Such a consolidation would create not only the greatest gold-mining property in Colorado, but probably the greatest in the world.

Metal Trades Association.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—An important conference is being held in this city at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, with a view to the formation of an international metal trades association. The plans outlined at the conference will be presented to the meeting of representatives of the organizations during the meeting of the American Federation of Labor at Louisville, Ky., when the organization will be completed. Another meeting of the conference will be held at the Federation headquarters tomorrow.

Reward for Captain Clark.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 8.—A joint resolution was introduced in the Legislature today asking Congress to take some recognition of the distinguished services of Captain Charles Clark, of the United States battleship Oregon, during the Spanish-American War.

ANTI-COLONIALISM.

Anti - Imperialist Association Changes Its Scope.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The executive committee of the National Association of Anti-Imperialist Clubs, of which C. C. Hughes is chairman, held a meeting today and appointed a committee to work out a plan of reorganization. The committee is C. C. Hughes, J. F. Hardes and J. M. Jansen. On the subject of reorganization Mr. Hughes said:

"It has been decided to reorganize the National association and to change its scope to anti-colonialism. There has always been a majority of the leading men in the National Association of Anti-Imperialist Clubs who believed that the association should be devoted to opposing the system of establishing colonies. The object of the reorganized anti-colonial league will be to limit its work to nominating and electing candidates who are in favor of opposing the policy of the Republican party in the Philippines, as at present outlined by that party."

Dewey's Collection of Gifts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Admiral Dewey has removed his collection of gifts, which have occupied the most prominent place in the Hall of American History in the National Museum, to his home in Rhode Island avenue. The collection has assumed very large proportions, representing thousands of dollars in money value, and is almost daily added to by some admirer of the great sailor. It was put in the Museum for the double purpose of sharing its beauty with the public, and as a compliment to the donors, many of whom were children or represented the hospitality of our great cities, as well as from the Admiral's private friends.

To Improve Peasants' Condition.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—The Russian Government intends to send an agent to the United States to study the homestead law, with the view of its partial application to the peasant communities.

STATE IN DOUBT

Both Sides Are Claiming Kentucky.

CHARGES OF FRAUD MADE

Nebraska Is Safely Republican on National Ticket.

M'KINLEY'S PLURALITY IS 2000

Republicans May Get Control of the Legislature—Results in Other States.

Only one doubtful state remains—Kentucky. The Democrats claim the state for Bryan by 7800; the Republicans also claim the state, but give no figures. It will require the official count to determine the result.

McKinley carried Nebraska by at least 2000. The Legislature is in doubt, and will not be determined until the official count of Douglas County is in. The Republicans are figuring on a safe majority on joint ballot.

Other states are practically as first reported. The electoral vote follows:

	1900.	1896.
McKinley	292	271
Bryan	155	176

THE VOTE IN KENTUCKY.

Democrats Claim It by 7800; Republicans Do Not Give Up.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 8.—At 11:30 A. M. the Courier-Journal, with returns from all but 11 of the 1884 precincts in Kentucky, puts Bryan's majority at 7800 and Beckham's at 4150. These 11 precincts are sparsely settled and gave in the last state election combined Republican majorities of less than 500. In arriving at the figures, 7800 and 4150 as the majorities, respectively, of Bryan and Beckham, the usual Republican majorities in the missing 11 precincts were allowed for. John W. Yerkes, rep. candidate for Governor, left tonight for his home at Danville.

The Republicans now claim that majorities will be shown for McKinley and Yerkes when the returning board canvasses the vote at Frankfort, which it will do three weeks from election day. The returning board is Democratic and the Legislature also Democratic. Ex-Governor McCreery, who managed the Democratic campaign, tonight closed the headquarters and will return to his home in Richmond. He said tonight that he had heard from campaign chairmen in every county in the state, and that allowing all the Republican claims in the Eleventh District, the Republican Gibraltar, he placed the majorities of Bryan and Beckham, respectively, at 8000 and 5000.

The Louisville Commercial (Republican) will tomorrow say the election is "very close." It will not concede the defeat of Yerkes and the McKinley Electors, and will say that the official count only can determine the result.

Chairman Combs, of the Republican State Campaign Committee, was quoted today as follows:

"While we have not the figures thoroughly compiled, yet we are certain that Yerkes carried Kentucky by a small, though safe, majority. The result is very close. I think that it will probably require the official count to determine how the state goes. When I left headquarters Yerkes had a small plurality, with 17 counties still to be heard from. I am informed that over 3000 ballots were not counted by Goebel election officers throughout the state on account of trivial technicalities.

"We have discovered that not only have systematic frauds been practiced all over the state, but in some counties there was wholesale exclusion of voters from the polls. In Fayette County, for instance, in two precincts, 500 voters were kept from voting. In Breathitt, 900 persons were kept from voting, and challengers and inspectors were also excluded from the booths. In numbers of counties the returns were padded by the Democrats, notably, in Franklin and Owen Counties."

NEBRASKA FOR M'KINLEY.

Republicans Stand a Good Chance of Controlling the Legislature.

OMAHA, Nov. 8.—Complete returns from two-thirds of the counties and scattering returns from the remainder show that McKinley has carried Nebraska by a plurality of at least 2000.

An equal number of returns on the state ticket indicate that Nebraska has re-elected Governor Poynter and the entire state ticket by pluralities ranging from 500 to 1900 over the Republicans, the Governor being high man. If the rest of the state shows the same percentage of gain and loss, Poynter's election is certain, and, the counties to be heard from being mostly in the western part of the state, it is fair to presume that this is the case.

The Legislature will likely be decided by Douglas County, in which it will take the official count to determine the vote. The World-Herald, dem, claims the Lieutenant-Governor will cast the deciding vote in the upper house, and that the lower house is evenly divided, with two places in doubt.

The state Republican committee, which last night gave out the claim that Diedrich and the Republican state ticket were elected with from 5000 to 7000 majority, this afternoon scaled down "close to the danger line," and claimed the election of the state ticket by 1000 to 2000.

The Republican committee concedes one State Senator in Douglas to the Democrats and one Representative, stating also that the official count may be required regarding two other Representatives. This would give the Republicans a safe majority on joint ballot.

The Congressmen in this state are: Two Republicans, Burkett and Mercer; three fusionists, Stark, Shellenberger and Robinson, with the Sixth district represented by Neville, pop, who is a candidate for re-election, still in doubt. The Sixth district, so far as heard from, gives Neville 100 lead, but the counties of this district which have not been heard from are likely to defeat him.

The State Journal's Returns.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 8.—The State Journal has complete returns on President from 76 of the 90 counties in the state. Careful estimates on the remaining 14 show that McKinley has carried the state by 7886. The Journal has returns on the state ticket from 59 counties. These make Deitrich, rep, 692 votes ahead of Poynter, fus. The remaining counties should slightly increase his lead, but as Deitrich has run behind McKinley, the result is doubtful. The Populist State Committee claims Poynter's election by 1500.

MANLEY'S CLAIMS.

He Gives Kentucky, Nebraska and Idaho to McKinley.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—As a result of messages received at National headquarters today by National Committeeman J. H. Manley and N. B. Scott from doubtful points, Mr. Manley this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"Full returns today leave the situation as it was yesterday. We have won by 308 electoral votes. We have carried every Northern state but Colorado, Nevada and Montana. We have carried Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia. As we predicted during the entire campaign, they are attempting to rob us of the electoral votes in Kentucky under the power of the Goebel law. If they succeed, we shall have 296 electoral votes. Our candidate for Governor wires that we have carried Kentucky for the electoral ticket and elected him by over 7000 majority. The time has come when the American people ought to insist, at whatever cost, that the votes shall be counted as they were honestly cast."

Senator Scott, in answer to telegrams inquiring as to the result in Nebraska, received the following dispatch from Edward Rosewater, member of the National advisory committee, who is a candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska:

"Returns from rural districts are incomplete, but there is no doubt whatever that McKinley carries Nebraska by not less than 3000. The Governorship is close, but the prospects favor the Republicans. Both houses of the Legislature will be Republican by a small majority."

CALIFORNIA'S VOTE.

McKinley's Plurality Will Be Close to 40,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Nearly complete returns from the state show that California has given McKinley and Roosevelt close to 40,000 plurality. The figures so far as compiled are: McKinley 150,353, Bryan 112,253; plurality for McKinley 38,069. The precincts yet to be heard from gave the following vote in 1896: McKinley 12,746, Bryan 15,514. If the average of Republican gains is maintained in these precincts, they will swell the plurality for McKinley about 2000, making it reach the 40,000 mark.

There is no longer any doubt that California has returned a solid Republican delegation to Congress. In the Second District, the only one in which the contest was close, Samuel D. Woods will have 1500 plurality over J. D. Sproul. Julius Kahn has 5300 plurality in the Fourth District and McLAachlan 5123 in the Sixth District.

Both branches of the Legislature will be Republican by phenomenal majorities. The Senate will stand 34 Republicans to six Democrats, this being the result of the election of but one Democrat. The hold-overs are: Republicans 15, Democrats 5. This gives the Republicans a clear majority of 18 hold-overs for the Legislature, which will choose a Senator.

The Assembly, according to the best figures now obtainable, will be composed of 62 Republicans and 18 Democrats. The former Assembly was made up of 59 Republicans and 21 Democrats. As the Senate then was 26 Republicans and 14 Democrats this Legislature on joint ballot will show 11 more Republicans than the last.

ESTIMATES IN MISSOURI.

Democrats Give Bryan 45,000 Plurality.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—Based upon returns from 85 counties, the Democratic State Central Committee now claims Missouri for Bryan and Dockery, for Governor, by pluralities of about 45,000 and 35,000 respectively. The 29 counties still to be heard from may develop some surprises but it is not thought that these estimates will be materially changed.

Chairman Aikens, of the Republican State Central Committee, conceded these figures today but later, on the receipt of news from additional counties, changed his estimate placing Dockery's plurality at 25,000 and Bryan's at 40,000.

While the Democrats confidently claim a majority of 50 or 60 on joint ballot in the Legislature, Mr. Aikens says that their majority will not be over 15 or 20 and possibly lower than that. He concedes, however, on the face of the returns now at hand, that the Democrats will have a majority.

Of the 15 Congressmen voted for, the Democrats elected 13.

The Republicans are considering a proposition to contest the election in the City of St. Louis. The matter has already been discussed by the Republican city committee and by individual candidates and will be taken up for formal and official consideration as soon as the official count has been made. They allege that a proper examination of the ballots would result in the rejection of from 2500 to 5000 fraudulent votes that have been placed to the credit of the Democratic candidates. This would be sufficient to reverse the result on nearly all the candidates.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Republicans Will Have a Majority of Eighteen.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—It is still impossible to give the make-up of the next Illinois Legislature with accuracy. Returns come in slowly, and when they come, they differ according to the party receiving them. The returns seem to pull down the Republican claims, although there is no reason to doubt that the Legislature will be Republican. The figures, according to returns received tonight, indicate the formation will be as follows:

House—	
Republicans	78
Democrats	75
Senate—	
Republicans	33
Democrats	18
Republican majority on joint ballot	15.

Republican Gains in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—Complete returns from 47 out of the 92 counties in Indiana, unofficial, or estimated, show a net gain per county for McKinley of 169. If this ratio is carired out, the Republicans will have carired the state by 32,899. There are several heavy Democratic counties to be heard from, however.

The Indiana Delegation.

INDIANAPOLIS Ind., Nov. 8.—The Republicans have elected nine Congressmen in Indiana and the Democrats four. In the Fourth district, Francis M. Griffith, Democrat, is elected. The Indiana

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ROGERS IN BY 1300

Defeats Frink for Governor of Washington.

M'KINLEY'S PLURALITY OVER 11,000

State Republican Ticket Generally Successful—Jones and Cushman, Too.

The majority of McKinley in the State of Washington will be between 11,000 and 13,000, and John R. Rogers, Democrat, for Governor, will have something like 1300 over Frink, his Republican opponent. The average majority of the two Republican candidates for Congress, Jones and Cushman, will be 9000 or more, and the Legislature will be heavily Republican. All the state Republican ticket, except Frink, is elected by large pluralities. All these things were made clear by yesterday's returns. Every county in Western Washington has been heard from, and the only two counties in Eastern Washington about which there is any uncertainty are Chelan and Okanogan. With these, scattering returns show that the only question is as to the size of the Democratic pluralities. Later returns are more likely to increase than decrease Rogers' plurality.

McKinley has carried 26 counties and Bryan 10; Frink 18 counties and Rogers 17, with one (Mason) a tie. The accompanying table shows the vote of the state.

THE VOTE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

COUNTIES.	Partial vote. McKinley.	Partial vote. Bryan	Est. plu. McKinley	Est. plu. Bryan	Partial vote. Frink	Partial vote. Rogers	Est. plu. Frink	Est. plu. Rogers	Partial vote. Cushman	Partial vote. Jones	Partial vote. Robertson.	Partial vote. Ronald	Est. plu. Republican	Est. plu. Democratic
Adams*	....	....	...	52	....	....	...	214	...	...	...	...	...	80
Asotin	....	....	69	...	....	....	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	..
Chehalis	1543	799	750	...	1330	836	453	...	1440	1440	662	662	778	...
Chelan	....	....	...	50	....	....	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	35
Clallam	....	....	250	...	609	468	150	...	626	624	364	371	267	...
Clark	1602	984	638	...	1497	1199	260	...	1568	1575	938	924	610	...
Columbia*	896	712	184	...	837	758	79	...	884	886	701	697	185	...
Cowlitz	....	....	545	...	....	....	500	...	...	...	...	...	500	...
Douglas*	515	616	...	101	399	626	...	227	438	449	569	566	...	130
Ferry	....	....	...	372	....	....	...	487	...	...	...	...	...	377
Franklin	....	....	...	50	....	....	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	50
Garfield	437	342	100	...	364	409	...	50	352	352	300	309	69	...
Island	....	....	150	...	....	....	100	...	...	...	...	...	125	...
Jefferson	....	....	300	...	....	....	125	...	...	...	...	...	285	...
King	9916	7901	2,300	...	3550	5907	...	500	8796	...	...	8852	1,000	...
Kitsap	....	....	200	...	....	....	130	...	...	...	...	...	185	...
Kittitas	1008	814	184	...	....	....	...	160	...	...	...	...	175	...
Klickitat	....	....	250	...	....	....	130	...	...	...	...	...	250	...
Lewis	....	....	510	...	....	....	280	...	...	...	...	...	350	...
Lincoln	....	....	...	250	....	....	...	700	...	...	...	...	...	200
Mason	....	....	50	...	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...
Okanogan	....	....	...	200	....	....	...	275	...	...	...	...	...	150
Pacific	636	293	500	...	558	313	225	...	...	...	...	...	450	...
Pierce*	5970	3549	2,421	...	4721	5118	...	397	6015	5681	3204	3062	2,715	...
San Juan	433	263	170	...	....	....	145	...	...	...	...	...	153	...
Skagit	....	....	581	...	....	....	303	...	...	...	...	...	512	...
Skamania	114	143	...	50	113	143	...	50	116	116	139	139	...	50
Snohomish	2240	1885	355	...	2003	2147	...	150	2231	2231	1912	1913	418	...
Spokane	....	....	365	...	....	....	...	1328	...	...	...	...	230	...
Stevens	....	....	...	600	....	....	...	700	...	...	...	...	...	550
Thurston	....	....	300	...	....	....	420	...	...	...	...	...	300	...
Wahkiakum	319	180	190	...	266	200	66	...	268	297	187	185	160	...
Walla Walla*	2123	1541	682	...	1907	1577	330	...	2055	2074	1455	1457	610	...
Whatcom	2692	1444	1,250	...	2670	1954	700	...	...	...	...	...	900	...
Whitman	....	....	...	700	....	....	...	1000	...	...	...	...	...	700
Yakima	....	....	483	...	....	....	175	...	...	...	...	...	400	...
Totals	....	....	13,777	2425	....	....	4887	6481	...	...	...	...	11,758	2312
Net plurality	....	....	11,352	...	....	....	....	1594	...	...	...	...	9,446	...

*Complete

IN EASTERN WASHINGTON.

Bryan and Rogers Carry a Number of Counties.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 8.—Following is a table showing vote for Electors, Governor and Congressmen on this side of Cascades. Only Chelan, Garfield and Okanogan are estimated. The others are close to official figures:

Spokane—McKinley 365, Rogers 1328, Congress (rep.) 230.

Stevens—Bryan 600, Rogers 700, Congress (dem.) 550.

Ferry—Bryan 372, Rogers 487, Congress (dem.) 377.

Chelan—Bryan 50, Rogers 100, Congress (dem.) 25.

Garfield—McKinley 80, Rogers 60, Congress (rep.) 70.

Lincoln—Bryan 250, Rogers 700, Congress (dem.) 200.

Douglas—Bryan 101, Rogers 227, Congress (dem.) 125.

Adams—Bryan 100, Rogers 200, Congress (dem.) 95.

Whitman—Bryan 700, Rogers 1000, Congress (dem.) 700.

Okanogan—Bryan 200, Rogers 275, Congress (dem.) 150.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Democratic, and Shows the Usual Gain for Rogers.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Nov. 8.—Complete returns for Adams County give Bryan 52 majority. One thousand and one votes were cast, against 550 two years ago. The Republican ticket gained. Democratic success is due to newcomers from Missouri. Van Patten, Superintendent, is the only Republican elected on the county ticket, by 8 votes. Following are majorities on the state ticket: Rogers 214, Robertson 89, Ronald 74, Million 29, Windsor 52, McCrosky 127, Brady 97, Runner 84, Silverton 86, Vance 83, Brown 120, Holcomb 206, Gerry, Senator Ninth District, 104; Milam, Representative Fourteenth District, 109; Neal, Judge Superior Court, 181. For constitutional amendment, 171, against 153. Kennedy, rep. is defeated for County Auditor by 2 votes.

CHEHALIS COUNTY.

McKinley and Frink Win by a Big Majority.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 8.—Twelve precincts complete give McKinley 1543, Bryan 799, Cushman 1440, Robertson 662, Jones and Ronald the same, Frink 1330, Rogers 836. The remaining precincts have a very small vote and the final figures for the county will not be below these. Mason Irwin, for Superior Judge, has upwards of 600 majority. The entire Republican county ticket is elected. This city gives McKinley 526, Bryan 217, Jones 499, Cushman 505, Ronald 212, Robertson 219, Frink 455, Rogers 275.

CLARK COUNTY.

A Female Prohibition Candidate Gets a Big Vote.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 8.—The popular vote in this county last Tuesday shows an increase over 1898 of nearly 500. The total vote for the three precincts in this city was 564, which was 66 short of the registration. In this city there was a spirited contest on precinct officers, but the returns show the election of every Republican officer, though with considerably reduced majorities in most cases. The precinct officers elected are: Justices of the Peace, Arthur Haine and Donald McMaster; constables, North Vancouver, O. F. Johnson; East Vancouver, O. H. Smith; West Vancouver, L. C. Thomlinson.

The county officers elected are: Auditor, W. H. Brewster; Treasurer, A. H. Parcel; Clerk, S. P. Gaither; Sheriff, John L. Marsh; Attorney, W. W. Sparks; School Superintendent, Milton Evans; Assessor, B. A. Curtice; Surveyor, Robert Webster; Coroner, J. M. Burt; Commissioner, Second district, D. H. Gary; Commissioner Third district, C. G. Shaw.

The only new officers in the list are Brewster, Burt and Shaw, all the others being present incumbents re-elected.

One of the biggest surprises in this county was the vote received by Clara Ryan, candidate for School Superintendent, on the Prohibition ticket, who received in the 21 precincts reported a total of 695, 96 more than Wood, the Democratic candidate. The Prohibition vote in the county on other offices is less than 200.

CLALLAM COUNTY.

McKinley Has a Plurality of 300, Frink 150.

PORT ANGELES, Nov. 8.—McKinley has carried Clallam County by nearly 300 plurality. The total on Governor, with about 40 votes to hear from, is: Frink, 609; Rogers, 468. Congressman—Cushman, 626; Jones, 624; Robertson, 364; Ronald, 371.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Rogers Has a Majority of 227 Over Frink.

WATERVILLE, Wash., Nov. 8.—Complete returns from Douglas County give McKinley 515, Bryan 616, Frink 399, Rogers 626, Cushman 438, Jones 449, Robertson 569, Ronald 566, Stratton 433, Vance 577, Sharp, joint Senator Douglas and Kittitas, 449; Packwood 573. Stratton and Vance votes show the average on state ticket.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Carried by McKinley and Rogers—Congressional Vote.

POMEROY, Wash., Nov. 8.—It is impossible to get returns from country precincts until the official count. Six precincts in Garfield County, including two Pomeroy wards, give McKinley 437, Bryan 342, Cushman and Jones, reps, 353; Ronald and Robertson 309, Frink 364, Rogers 409, State Senator, Baumeister, rep. 370; Beach, dem, 336; State Representative, Kuykendall 383, Howell, dem, 441.

PIERCE COUNTY.

Over 2400 for McKinley and 397 for Rogers.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 8.—Pierce County complete is as follows: McKinley 5970, Bryan 3549. For Congress—Cushman, rep, 6015; Jones, rep, 5681; Robertson, dem, 3204; Ronald, dem, 3062. For Governor—Frink, rep, 4721; Rogers, dem, 5118.

SKAGIT COUNTY.

Republicans Successful by a Large Plurality.

ANACORTES, Wash., Nov. 8.—Returns from 32 out of the 39 precincts in this county show the following majorities: McKinley 581, Frink 303, Cushman 511, Jones 514. These figures will not be materially changed by the remaining precincts.

Snohomish County.

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 8.—With the exception of a few small precincts yet unheard from the following is the vote of this county in yesterday's election, so far as counted this afternoon: McKinley 2240, Bryan 1885, Frink 2003, Rogers 2147, Cushman and Jones 2231, Ronald and Robertson, 1912.

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY.

McKinley Wins by a Handsome Plurality.

SKAMOKAWA, Wash., Nov. 7.—Six precincts in Wahkiakum County thus far reported give McKinley electors 319, Bryan 180, Woolley 5, Debbs 12, Social-Labor 4; Governor, Frink 266, Rogers 200; Superior Judge, Rice, rep, 277; Elliott, dem, 202; Congressmen, Cushman 228, Jones 297, Robertson 187, Ronald 185. Three precincts to hear from which will undoubtedly increase the Republican majority by 50. Cathlamet went Republican the first time in her history, giving McKinley 106, Bryan 38. Skamokawa gave McKinley 78, Bryan 45. The county ticket is mixed, but will be mostly Republican.

WALLA WALLA.

A Clean Sweep for All Republicans but State Senator.

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 8.—The entire Republican ticket was elected in Walla Walla County, with the exception of Senator in the 10th district. In this district, which includes most of the City of Walla Walla, Mayor Jacob Betz ran on the Republican ticket against William Reser, on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Betz has a large brewery here, and is also interested in a number of saloons. His defeat was brought about by the church vote, which was combined against him. Mr. Reser, the successful candidate, is a farmer.

The vote on other officers was as follows: Electors, rep, 2123; dem, 1541. Congress—Cushman, rep, 2055; Jones, rep, 2074; Ronald, dem, 1455; Robertson, dem, 1457.

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BRYAN SURPRISED

How He Accounts For His Overwhelming Defeat.

PROSPERITY ARGUMENT DID IT

He Says the Fight Will Go On—Not a Candidate for the United States Senate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 8.—Mr. Bryan tonight gave out the following statement concerning the election:

"The result was a surprise to me, and the magnitude of the Republican victory was a surprise to our opponents, as well as to those who voted our ticket. It is impossible to analyze the returns until they are more complete, but, speaking generally, we seem to have gained in the large cities and to have lost in the smaller cities and in the country.

"The Republicans were able to secure tickets or passes for all their voters who were away from home, and this gave them considerable advantage. We have no way of knowing at this time how much money was spent in the purchase of votes and in colonization. But while these would account for some of the Republican gains, they could not account for the widespread increase in the Republican vote.

"The prosperity argument was probably the most potent one used by the Republicans. They compared present conditions with the panic times of '93 to '96, and this argument had weight with those who did not stop to consider the reasons for the change.

"The appeal, 'Stand by the President while the war is on,' had a great deal of influence among those who did not realize that a war against a doctrine of self-government in the Philippines must react upon us in this country. We made an honest fight upon an honest platform, and, having done our duty as we saw it, we have nothing to regret.

"We were defeated but are not discouraged. The fight must go on. I am sure that the Republican policies will be repudiated by the people when the tendency of these policies is fully understood. The contest between plutocracy and democracy cannot end until one or the other is completely triumphant."

Concerning himself, Mr. Bryan said:

"I have come out of the campaign with perfect health and a clear conscience. I did my utmost to bring success to the principles for which I stood. Mr. Stevenson did all that he could; Senator Jones and the members of the Democratic, Populist, Silver Republican and the Anti-Imperialist Committees did all they could. Mr. Hearst and his associates in the club organization put forth their best efforts. Our newspapers, our campaign speakers and our local organizations all did their best. I have no fault to find and no reproaches.

"I shall continue to take an active interest in politics as long as I live. I believe it to be the duty of the citizen to do so, and, in addition to my interest as a citizen, I feel that it will require a lifetime of work to repay the political friends who have done so much for me.

"I shall not be a Senatorial candidate before the Legislature which has been elected. Senator Allen deserves the Senatorship, which goes to the Populists. Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. W. H. Thompson are avowed candidates for the Senatorship. They deserve well from the party, and I am too grateful to them for past support to stand in their way, even if I desired a seat in the Senate."

Mr. Bryan says he has no other plans at present than to remain at home, where he returned from the fatiguing campaign. He denied the report that he would remove from Nebraska and make Texas his home.

Rolling Mills Resume.

PIQUA, O., Nov. 8.—The Piqua rolling mills, owned by the American Sheet Steel Company, will resume operations here next Monday. Two hundred men will be given employment after an idleness of three months.

Population of Maine.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The population of Maine, as announced by the Census Bureau, is 694,466, as against 661,086 in 1890, an increase of 33,380, or 5 per cent.

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