

STEVES NEW YORK TO LOCATE BET

No One in Gotham Feels Money Sure of Bryan Being Able to Carry Oregon.

TURN DOWN ALL WAGERS

Hudspeth Says He Feels Confident Nebraskan Will Win Without Capturing Beaver State—Gives Him 261 Votes.

BY LLOYD F. LONBERGAN. NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(Special).—I put in an entire evening trying to find somebody who wanted to bet that Bryan would carry Oregon.

"If you put it on the ground of a personal favor," said John Harman, who is running for the Senate over in Brooklyn, "why, I will bet you a hat or a pair of shoes. Say, though, would it be illegal, wouldn't it? I guess you had better call the whole thing off."

National Chairman Mack has his office in the Hoffman House, Mr. Mack was not in when I called. Mr. Mack, like his Republican opponent, Mr. Hutchcock, seems to spend most of his time on fast trains between New York and Chicago. When these gentlemen reach one city, they immediately take a train for the other. At present they are making about double the mileage of an over-worked Pullman porter.

"Will Bryan carry Oregon?" Mr. Hudspeth was asked. The vice-chairman smiled. This was taken to indicate reserve, also confidence. "We are not worrying about Oregon," he finally replied. "Of course, we have hopes."

"When I mentioned something about an anxiety to find a man who would wager money on Democratic hopes, Mr. Hudspeth sighed. "I never bet, and I do not know anybody else who does," he said.

"But," he continued, "we will elect Bryan regardless of the result in Oregon and the other Pacific states. Then he exhibited his tabulation, which gives the Democratic ticket 261 electoral votes, or 19 more than needed. He claims the solid South, including Oklahoma and Maryland, 166; New York, 39; Ohio, 23; Indiana, 13; Nebraska, 8; West Virginia, 7; and Nevada, 2. In addition, he puts New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Illinois in the doubtful list.

"So you see," he concluded, "we do not need the Far Western states, although we are keeping up a hard fight, of course."

"Bet on Oregon?" repeated "Big Tim" Sullivan when he was cornered in the Hoffman House. "Not on your life. Teddy is strong in the West. You can try, and Taft would benefit by it. But if you know anybody who wants to wager even money on Hughes, send him around."

C. J. Edwards, an attaché of the National Committee for a good many years, declared it would be impossible here to place a bet on Oregon, Washington, California and Maryland.

"We have received cheering reports from those states," he said, "but they are too far away for the man in the street to be positive about conditions. Bryan can get into them, so what is the use of worrying?"

Former Senator George W. Plunkett, the "Sage of the West Side" also voiced objections. "Betting is foolish," he said, "and it is particularly foolish when you do not know what you are talking about. Didn't they have an election in Oregon a few months ago, and weren't the Democrats wiped out?"

"Yes, I thought so. Now, how does any sane man think a state is going to reverse itself like that? You can't get me excited about Oregon. I'd just as soon go up in Vermont and stump for Bryan."

"From all I can learn, Bryan has the same chance of carrying the Far West that Taft has of denting the solid South. The fight is all in the East and the Central West. I wouldn't bet a shine or a child's hair-cut on an Oregon going Democratic this year."

No Hope Out West.

Johnnie Meehan, the "Beef and Bears philosopher of Park Row," another Democrat who does not enthuse over his party's chances out West.

"Bryan will be elected," declared Mr. Meehan, "at least I think so. He will carry New York and Ohio and Indiana and Nebraska and enough other Eastern and Middle Western states to give him a majority."

"I have never been in Oregon but I have read a lot about it, and as a loyal Democrat, the election returns from there have always given me a chill, you will not find anybody anxious to throw money into the street that way. But I can cover all the Hughes money you can dig up."

And this is the same story I got all around town. Sporting men say that there is less betting this year than at any time they can remember, nobody is anxious to risk any money, or else there is a general feeling of apathy among the voters.

There is plenty of Taft money in Wall street, but very little is covered. Republicans are ready to wager two and one-half to one, while the Bryan men demand three to one, and refuse to consider anything else. In consequence there are few real money bets.

The "one best bet" of the Democrats is that Chanler will defeat Hughes, and they are willing to wager large sums on it. But as before the question of odds is in the way, the Democrats asking even while the Hughes men insist on ten to eight or ten to nine.

Four years ago at Schumann's cafe in Brooklyn, over \$20,000 was locked up in the safe, awaiting the decision at the polls. And at the Hoffman House \$25,000 was tied up until after election day.

The bulk of this cash was placed on the gubernatorial race, and on majorities. Comparatively small sums were wagered on the presidency, as the odds of four to one and five to one did not appeal to the average bettor.

It is an interesting fact that a number of these states on the gubernatorial made the Democratic candidate, Herrick, an odds or favorite, and Herrick, it will be remembered, was defeated by over 7,000. Fred Schumann makes the statement that to be the "offest" kind of an off year, and nobody will lose time, sleep or money over it.

"All I have seen up to date are half a dozen bets," he declared. "The largest

was \$500 to \$50 that Chanler will defeat Hughes. Men who in days gone by have backed their opinions to the limit are silent this year. There used to be plenty of \$500 bets, now you cannot even find a piker."

At the Hoffman House, the "political cash" drawer is empty. To quote a disgusted attaché of the hotel: "Why they don't even take it out in talk this year, nobody seems to care who is elected. It's a mighty funny campaign."

A Democratic paper tells of a man with \$3,000 to bet on Chanler at ten to eight who made the rounds of the Broadway resorts. At Shanley's restaurant, in Times square, the manager to place \$700 against \$200, and that was all he had to show for his night's work.

It certainly is a cold, sad year, men who in previous campaigns have had large sums of money as stakeholders say that the present season is so dull that they believe they are asleep.

ing and appeared deeply interested in the proceedings. Bounced Out of Ice. Calvin Austin, president of the Eastern Steamship Company of Boston, was a witness in the afternoon. He testified that Morse induced him to buy 1250 shares of Ice stock, for which Mr. Austin gave in payment a note for \$100,000.

The witness produced a letter signed by Morse, guaranteeing Mr. Austin from all loss. Mr. Austin says that he subsequently learned that his note was discounted at the National Bank of North America. Just before this information reached him, the witness testified, Miss Kate Wilson came to his office with a letter from Morse, asking him to surrender the certificates for the 1250 shares of Ice stock.

Austin indicated the certificate in blank and surrendered it. Then, Mr. Austin said, Mr. Curtis, president of the Bank of North America, told him his note had been discounted at his bank. Mr. Curtis informed him, the witness said, that Charles T. Barney, one of the directors, suggested that Mr. Austin see Mr. Austin and ask him to either pay the note or furnish collateral.

Barney's Bluff Called. Mr. Austin told Curtis that Morse had put the note in the bank and he would have to take care of it. He added that Mr. Curtis told him that Mr. Barney threatened to resign from the board of directors if the note was not taken up. Mr. Austin testified that Mr. Curtis pushed him and ink toward Mr. Barney with which to sign his resignation. "Did he sign it?" the witness was asked. "He did not," was the reply. "Could you have made good the note?" was asked. "I could not—that is, not without Ice stock," replied Mr. Austin.

Upon cross-examination of the witness by the defense it was brought out that Mr. Austin had been in many deals with Morse and that he had derived large profits. It was also shown that his salary ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. The lawyers for the defense tried to show that Mr. Austin would have been well able to pay the note. The witness admitted owning large amounts of Ice stock. Mr. Austin was recalled to the witness stand at this period and testified that Morse discounted the Calvin Austin note for \$100,000 and a note of James E. Keene for \$50,000 and received a cashier's check for \$125,000.

Sheldon Not Implicated. United States Attorney Stimson denied the published report that the National Republican committee, had been a member of one of Morse's pools in American Ice stock. In connection with this case," said Mr. Stimson, "so far as I know, he never was connected with an ice pool or with Mr. Morse."



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Receiver to Dig Deeper.

Walter Neldner, of St. Louis, who for many years has been employed with National bank receivers and is familiar with their business, has been appointed permanent receiver of the defunct La Grande bank and is now on his way to La Grande from Arizona. He will confer with Mr. Gatch, the temporary receiver, and learn from him everything thus far discovered with regard to the bank's condition and Scriber's forgeries, and will then take active charge of the bank's affairs.

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As against the Government's charge that the bank lost \$128,284 through the Whiting-Morse loans, the defense brought out in the cross-examination of Mr. Fensler that on October 14, the day of the failure, the bank had in its vaults 2000 shares of Ice stock worth then \$21, although later dropping to \$5 a share, but having at the time a marketable value of \$40,000 against Morse personally and credited its commission account with \$27,500 profit and had also received \$17,000 as dividends on the Ice stock.

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CARD OF THANKS.

The ladies of the Woman's Exchange desire to express their gratitude to Mr. Pray and his orchestra for his kindness in lending his hall and orchestra for a night of ballads for the benefit of the Red Cross, and also to Wadhams & Kerr Bros. for a bounteous supply of coffee, and to H. B. Stout for valuable assistance.

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Solons After Cannon's Goat.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 21.—Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid (Republican) has put himself on record against the re-election of Joseph Cannon as Speaker. He is the fourth Nebraska Republican Congressman to make this pledge. The 9th Republican Congressman from Nebraska, Ernest Pollard, has refused to state his position.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Bank Examiner Claude Gatch, after preliminary examination of the books and papers of the Farmers & Traders' National Bank of La Grande, which was recently closed, reports to the Controller of the Currency that he found assets whose face value aggregates \$166,231, while he unearthed liabilities to the extent of \$223,515. In other words, the bank is short at least \$57,284 through the embezzlement of Cashier J. W. Scriber.

Mr. Gatch's report is preliminary and does not pretend to represent the exact condition of the bank at the time it was closed. There will have to be further probing to determine whether or not there are outstanding liabilities not yet discovered, and until this examination is completed a final report cannot be made.

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