

HANNA'S ESTIMATE

Claims 28 States and 311 Electoral Votes.

MISSOURI AND TEXAS DOUBTFUL

Three Other States Probably Safe for McKinley—Bryan Will Get Seventy-Eight Votes.

Republican National Headquarters, Chicago.—The earnest support which the loyal citizens of the United States, irrespective of former political affiliations, have rendered the Republican party and the cause of sound money in the campaign about to end, justifies an expression from those who have been called upon to conduct it. No campaign since the war of the rebellion has presented such grave responsibilities to those entitled to the elective franchise. The dangerous principles enunciated by the Chicago platform, which proposes not only a debasement of the currency, but the destruction of the highest judicial authority of the land, have justified good citizens, irrespective of past party preferences, in uniting to rebuke those who would thus endanger the very foundation of our national organization.

The developments of the closing week of the campaign leave no doubt that the judgment of an overwhelming majority of the people is against the platform and candidate of repudiation and national dishonor. It now remains for the voters to register at the polls their answer to attempts to excite passion, prejudice and selfishness for the benefit of a few who are willing to destroy national honor and endanger national existence for their personal ambitions and individual profit.

I am confident the strength of McKinley and Hobart in the electoral college as a result of next Tuesday's election will not be less than 311 votes. This estimate is made upon figures just received from the chairman of state committees, the result of final polls taken in such a careful manner as to give them the highest credence. These polls indicate that the vote by states will be as follows:

McKinley, safe:	
California.....9	Nebraska.....3
Connecticut.....6	North Carolina.....11
Delaware.....3	North Dakota.....3
Illinois.....24	Ohio.....23
Indiana.....15	Oregon.....4
Iowa.....13	Pennsylvania.....32
Kentucky.....13	Rhode Island.....4
Maine.....6	South Dakota.....4
Maryland.....8	Tennessee.....12
Massachusetts.....15	Vermont.....4
Michigan.....14	West Virginia.....6
Minnesota.....9	Wisconsin.....12
New Hampshire.....4	Wyoming.....8
New Jersey.....10	
New York.....36	Total.....311

For Bryan:	
Alabama.....11	Montana.....3
Arkansas.....8	Nevada.....3
Colorado.....4	South Carolina.....4
Florida.....4	Utah.....3
Georgia.....13	Idaho.....3
Louisiana.....8	
Mississippi.....9	Total.....78

Probably safe for McKinley:
 Kansas.....10
 Washington.....4
 Virginia.....12
 Total.....26
 Doubtful:
 Missouri.....17
 Texas.....15
 Total.....32

Good citizens in every section and of every party have united in publicly expressing themselves upon this subject. Their duty now is to do so in such a manner as will forever put to an end further attempts in this line. There is but one way of doing this, and that is at the polls. While each man has his especial field in the preliminary work of the campaign, the duty of election day is common to all. No man, however much he has done in influencing others, can neglect his personal duty at the polls, and no citizen, however humble or devoted to employment or business, should fail to exercise his privilege and duty on election day.

It is not merely a privilege, but a duty. And, while it is the duty of every good citizen to express his will at the polls on all occasions, that duty was never more serious or important than now. Sound arguments and expressions of loyalty count for nothing unless those who offer them or are convinced by them exercise that universal privilege of



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participating in the actual direction of the government by voting on election day.

It is hoped, therefore, that all good citizens will join hands on Tuesday in maintaining the honor of the nation by registering their ballots in favor of that candidate who has been honored by the support of loyal men of all parties—William McKinley.

The issue is between two men and two platforms, the one representing national honor, good government, sound money and sound principle; the other standing for doctrines dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the nation, and promising only a system, which must debase the currency, destroy business and employment. It is, as has been recently said by Major McKinley himself, "a time when the voice of the partisan is hushed in the chorus of patriotism which sounds from one end of the country to the other."

Let every loyal citizen take this thought to the polls with him on election day, and the country will be saved from the danger which confronts it, and saved by that same loyal devotion which obliterated party lines in defense of the nation the occasion of equal but not greater peril.
 M. A. HANNA.

Confiscation of Property.

A farmer who had his crop of wheat stored in his granary or a manufacturer who had his warehouse filled with the products of his factory would think it an outrage if the government should insist upon confiscating one-half of his wheat or his goods. What better is it by the adoption of free silver coinage to confiscate one-half of the wage of the laborer or one-half of his accumulated savings, or one-half of the power of the widow, or one-half of the pension of the soldier?—Philadelphia Record.

Restore the Zero Freezing Point.

In the haste in which the Democrats at Chicago prepared their platform they forgot to include the plank declaring in favor of restoring the natural freezing point of zero. Mankind has suffered and shivered tremendously because of this inhuman standard of temperature adopted undoubtedly at the instigation of coal barons and quack doctors. Without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation let us proceed to lower the freezing point and to reform our climate in the interests of the masses.

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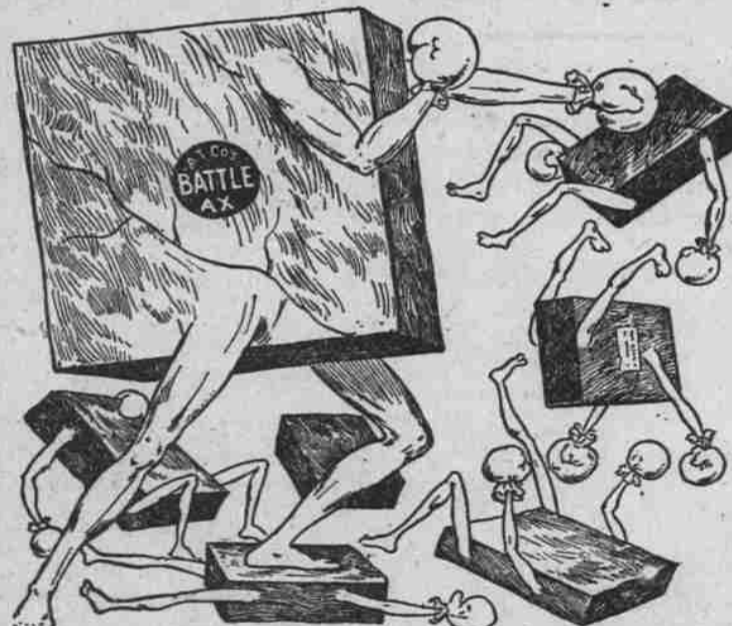
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