

A GLANCE AT THE INDEPENDENT VOTE

New York, Aug. 21.—Although both of the great parties, as usual, claim the Empire state as their own, the political situation here presents a more complex situation than usual.

That the electoral vote of New York will go war toward deciding the next occupant of the White House is admitted. To a greater degree than ever before, the minor parties enter into the problem.

Of the five minor parties having presidential candidates in the field, three are almost negligible quantities in the Empire state. The populists have practically no following at all and the prohibitionists, while certain of a larger vote than four years ago, will not cut much frozen water in the final result. The socialist labor party is almost moribund, despite the efforts of Daniel De Leon to keep the organization alive.

There remains the independence party and the socialists, and it is these two organizations that are keeping the democratic and republican campaign managers awake at night. The followers of the red flag, whose campaign continues without intermission from year to year, are planning to redouble their efforts within the next few months.

Several great mass meetings have already been arranged for and Eugene V. Debs, the presidential candidate, will likely deliver many speeches here in an effort to increase the socialist vote. An English socialist daily paper has been established and has attained a considerable circulation.

Debs' Vote in 1904.

In 1904 Mr. Debs received 36,000 votes in New York state, and the estimates of party leaders for this year range from 75,000 to 100,000. While these figures may not be reached, it is a certainty that the socialist vote will show a great gain.

Whether this increase will come very largely from the republican or democratic ranks, or whether the loss will be about equally divided between the old parties, is a mooted question. The nature of the socialist propaganda, however, is such that the republicans are likely to be the greater losers by reason of the defection of socialism.

While accurate figures are lacking, most socialist "evangelists" admit that their argument more often appeals to former republicans than to the more individualistic democrats.

The Hearst independence party, however, will recruit its voters largely from the ranks of the democratic party, and the success of the Hearst men may involve the loss of New York to Bryan, while a small independence party vote would mean brighter prospects of success for the Nebraskan.

Any attempt to compute the

strength of the independence party in New York must be mere guesswork. Signs are not lacking that the popularity of Hearst among New Yorkers is rapidly on the wane, but New York voters are notoriously fickle in their political allegiance, and there is yet plenty of time for the tide to turn Hearstward.

The first appearance of this party as a state organization was in the campaign of 1906. In 1905 Hearst, the founder, promoter and financier of the league, polled, as its candidate for mayor in New York city, 224,929 votes. This, of course, did not represent the strength of the party.

On the other hand, when in 1905 the league fused with the democratic party, with Hearst as its gubernatorial candidate, the 17, 837 votes which were all that were polled for him under the league's emblem were just as far from being a measure of the party strength.

Coming down to last year it is possible to find a measure that is rather more satisfactory. As the candidates of the league, John T. McDonough and Reuben R. Lyon, running for the court of appeals against E. T. and Willard Bartlett, nominated for reelection by both the republican and democratic parties, polled respectively 121,304 and 114,209 votes throughout the state.

Eliminating McDonough, who received a considerable number of republican votes on account of his former standing in that party, the 114,209 votes of Lyon may serve as a fair basis for calculation.

Big Independent Vote.

On the basis of the Lyon vote, members of the independence party are claiming today as many as 250,000 votes in the state. Some of their more moderate adherents are contented with claiming 150,000.

Woodruff and Ward are using it as an argument to convince their followers and the president that at any rate the independence vote will be so large that it will draw enough votes from the democratic candidate to elect any good man the republicans may nominate.

Thus, the question of the size of the independence vote is already playing an important part in this year's preliminary canvass.

Experience, however has shown that many men who will vote for a third party candidate in an off year, will return to their old party allegiance in a presidential year. Whether this will hold true as regards the independence party is the question. On it depends the fate of that organization. If it can hold or increase its vote over that cast for Lyon a year ago, it will be considered a proof that its foundations are more firmly established than has generally been supposed.

Nevertheless, even should the hopes of the Hearst leaders be disappointed, it is conceivable that the result this year in New York will be so close as to turn on the independence party vote. There have been times within the recollection of very young voters when a total poll of 50,000 votes for a third ticket would have decided an election.

RECALLS FAMOUS DEBATE.

Lincoln-Douglas Contest Will Be Honored by Seven Cities.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The famous old-time debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, which made "the little giant" United States senator and made "Old Abe" president of the republic, will be honored on its fiftieth anniversary by the seven cities and towns in which the original speeches were delivered.

Many survivors of the memorable struggle will attend and take part in the celebration, which will continue through the balance of this month, September and October.

The plans for the celebration contemplate moving from town to town, taking the seven in their original order as follows: Ottawa, August 21; Freeport, August 27; Jonesboro, September 15; Charleston, September 18; Galesburg, October 7; Quincy, October 13; Alton, October 15.

No political event in the history of the country ever created the intense public interest nor exerted the widespread influence upon the nation's history as this debate.

LARGEST FILING FEE.

Boise Land Office Receives \$3536 Fee on 282,890 Acres.

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