

PRESIDENTIAL PROBABILITIES.

Under the new apportionment bill passed by congress the several states of the union will be entitled to the number of presidential electors shown by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Electors. Includes Alabama (11), Montana (3), Arkansas (8), Nebraska (8), California (9), Nevada (3), Colorado (4), New Hampshire (4), Connecticut (7), New Jersey (10), Delaware (3), New York (36), Florida (11), N Carolina (11), Georgia (13), N Dakota (3), Idaho (3), Ohio (23), Illinois (24), Oregon (4), Indiana (15), Pennsylvania (37), Iowa (13), Rhode Island (4), Kansas (10), South Carolina (9), Kentucky (13), South Dakota (4), Louisiana (8), Tennessee (12), Maine (6), Texas (15), Maryland (8), Vermont (4), Massachusetts (15), Virginia (12), Michigan (14), Washington (4), Minnesota (9), West Virginia (6), Mississippi (9), Wisconsin (12), Missouri (17), Wyoming (3).

Total. 444

In order to win either party must secure 223 of these votes. If the states vote as they did in 1884 the democrats would carry the following states and win:

Alabama 11, Arkansas 8, Connecticut 6, Delaware 3, Florida 4, Georgia 13, Indiana 15, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 8, Maryland 8, Mississippi 9, Missouri 17, New Jersey 10, New York 36, North Carolina 11, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 15, Virginia 12, West Virginia 6, total 226, or a majority of 8. If the states should vote in 1892 as they did in 1888 they republicans would win with 94 majority. If they should vote as they did in 1890 the democrats would win with 230 majority. They will not vote as they did in 1888 nor as they did in 1890. The McKinley bill and the proposed vicious legislation of the present congress has materially weakened the republicans. The protection policy which was to them a shibboleth in 1888 will be a word of weakness in 1892. But the republicans will, from this time on, use all their power and skill to recuperate, and gather their scattered forces, and it is safe to say that the contest of 1892 will be a fierce and long one. The chances, however, will be in favor of the democrats. The indications now are that the democrats will carry the twenty states last above named and win. They would appear to have equal chances of carrying the following states:

Montana, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, with the following states as doubtful: Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin. But the aspect of political sentiment may change materially before the time shall arrive for nominating presidential candidates.

Ex president Cleveland has written a letter on the silver question in which he says:

It surely cannot be necessary for me to make a formal expression of my agreement with those who believe the greatest perils would be initiated by the adoption of the scheme embrace in passing the measure now pending in congress for the unlimited coinage of silver at our mint. If we have developed an unexpected capacity for the assimilation of a largely increased volume of currency, and even if we have demonstrated the usefulness of such an increase, these conditions fall far short of insuring us against disaster if in the present situation we enter upon the dangerous and reckless experiment of free, unlimited and independent silver coinage.

The republican leaders in the house have determined to throttle the bill. Read alone can do that.

The favorable report of a house bill to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the building of a new postoffice upon the site of the present one at Chicago shows how ready the United States is to turn the second cheek when one is smitten. It is unlikely that there is anywhere else between the Golden Gate and the New York capital at Albany so stupendous a fraud as is the present federal building at Chicago. It is but a few years old, yet it is as unreliable as a civil-service rule and as unsafe as the pledge of a republican congressman.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, one of the ablest republican papers in the west says:

The republican majority of 14 in the senate of the present congress is likely to be cut down more than half in the next congress. Of course the cut will not stop there unless the party turns over a new leaf. This is a good time for the republicans to begin to brace up, repudiate the false guides who have led them astray, and return to the old and sound doctrines which gave them their potency with the people.

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Ex-President Cleveland in an interview with a reporter, refused to say anything in regard to the letter purporting to have been written by Watterson to Hill. In regard to the meeting between Hill and himself recently, Cleveland said: "Governor Hill and I are on the best of terms, and always have been. We had no private conversation the evening of the dinner. I did remark, however, that, notwithstanding the recent democratic cyclone in the country, the democratic party would have to do a good deal to beat the republican party."

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