

A GREAT BATTLE IS ON

ORGANIZED LABOR IS FOR THE ELECTION OF BRYAN.

Results of Numerous Test Votes in Chicago and Elsewhere—The Printers of the Chicago Gold Bug Papers for Bryan and Free Silver.

In Omaha 25 per cent of the republican vote is enrolled in Bryan free silver clubs, while in the country the proportion is larger. These facts are sufficient to justify the national democratic managers in the belief that the November election will result in a free silver landslide.

In the little town of Canton, Ills., there is a silver republican club of 318 members.

Hon. Emil Hoechster, of Chicago, has been making speeches to Germans all over Illinois, and reports that with a few exceptions in the large towns the German-American vote of the state is almost solid for Bryan, Altgeld and free silver. In St. Clair county, where a large proportion of the population is composed of substantial German farmers, the free silver sentiment is overwhelming, many former republican Germans ardently supporting Mr. Bryan.

In order to further their plans of coercion, intimidation and persecution of facts, the big corporations have been taking alleged ballots of their workmen. In each instance these ballots were notoriously unfair, the workmen being obliged to cast their ballots in boxes designated "McKinley," "Bryan" or "Palmer," and in plain view of foremen or other subordinate officials of the corporations, the result being that very few men dared to express their real sentiments. At the Crane Manufacturing company of this city the men were forced to cast ballots of red and white, the red ballots being for McKinley and the white for Bryan, and these they were compelled to cast in full view of the officials of the company. The result, of course, was an overwhelming majority for McKinley, when as a matter of fact, three-fourths of the men voted for Bryan.

At the Illinois Steel works in South Chicago three ballot boxes were used for voting purposes, labelled, respectively, "McKinley," "Bryan" and "Palmer." The men being afraid to cast ballots in the Bryan boxes naturally deposited them in the boxes labelled "McKinley." The result of the balloting, however, was astonishing. Out of 2,700 votes cast, 2,200 of them were for Bryan, and the remaining 500 were for McKinley or Palmer. The Bryan ballots being deposited in the McKinley box, the officials were unable to spot the men. It is unnecessary to say that this vote was never given to the public. It is known, however, to be absolutely true.

The five big morning papers of Chicago are engaged in an attempt to show that organized labor is opposed to Bryan and free silver. It may be interesting to the goldbug publishers of those newspapers to show that of 361 men employed in their composing and press rooms, 317 will vote for Bryan, while 44 will vote for McKinley. These men belong to the finest labor organization in the world, and cannot be bulldozed or coerced into stifling their convictions. A ballot was taken yesterday in the mechanical departments of the newspapers alluded to with the following result:

Bryan, McKinley,	
Tribune	63
Record	62
Chronicle	60
Inter Ocean.....	57
Times-Herald	55
Total	317

The vote for governor of Illinois stood as follows:

Altgeld, Tanner,	
Tribune	71
Record	86
Chronicle	67
Inter Ocean.....	61
Times-Herald	59
Total	354

It will be seen from the above ballots that the estimate made by labor leaders in Chicago that nine-tenths of the organized labor vote of Chicago will be cast for Bryan and free silver, is a correct one.

A Wisconsin banker and cattleman, a strong advocate of the gold standard, writes from Fargo, S. D., where he has been for several weeks looking after his interests—that he has been converted to the cause of "sound money," gold and silver at 16 to 1. He says: "I have learned more of the true condition and the needs of the producing classes—the farmer, cattleman and laborer of the west, on this trip than I ever knew before, and am at liberty to confess that I have been compelled to make a complete change in front on the financial question. You may count upon me to do what I can henceforward to secure the election of Mr. Bryan as well as the silver congressman in my district."

In one of Armour & Co.'s shops at the stock yards a similar vote resulted: 675 for Bryan and 125 for McKinley. This vote was also suppressed. Whether the men have had a fair chance to express their views the result has been an overwhelming majority for Bryan.

Hon. Thomas N. Patterson, of Colorado, will speak in Michigan from October 7 to 13, inclusive; in Illinois from October 15 to 21, inclusive; in Iowa from October 23 to 27, inclusive; in Kansas from October 29 to 31, inclusive.

Hon. Leon Bailey, of Indianapolis, was at national headquarters to-day. Mr. Bailey says that if the election were held to-day, Indiana would give Bryan 25,000 majority. Free silver lot.

sentiment is, however, increasing so rapidly in the agricultural districts that he feels absolutely certain that the state will give even much larger majority. Mr. Bailey said: "If there is any one state of the Union that is sure to go for Bryan Indiana is that one. I know what I am talking about; a canvas of the state by counties assured me of this fact."

The workingmen of Mark Hanna's own neighborhood in Cleveland, O., have repudiated him. The employees in the shops of the Walker Manufacturing company of Cleveland, located within a mile of Mark Hanna's residence, have in a secret and perfectly fair ballot declared in favor of Bryan by an overwhelming majority. The company employs over 300 men in both departments, and nearly all are voters. In a total vote of 326 Bryan gets 273 votes and McKinley 33. The ballot was fair and a secret one.

Reports from Ohio also indicate a regular stampede of republican farmers to Bryan. A canvas of Tuscarawas county shows that in ten townships the republicans who intend to vote for Bryan are as follows: No. 1, 171; No. 2, 74; No. 8, 18; No. 4, 18; No. 5, 37; No. 6, 56; No. 7, 74; No. 8, 117; No. 9, 176; No. 10, 44, making a total of 685 voters who are leaving the republican party, or a net gain of 672 in that county, as the canvas showed that there were only thirteen anti-silver democrats. Similar reports come from Knox, Coshocton and Wayne counties.

Hon. W. S. McComas arrived Thursday from making a series of speeches in Maryland. He reports that Maryland is afame with free silver sentiment. In a conversation had with Senator Gorman just before coming to Chicago Mr. McComas says that Mr. Gorman informed him that Bryan would carry every county in Maryland, and that the only fight at all is in Baltimore, and that Baltimore will go for Bryan by a safe majority.

Fusion between the democrats and populists has been completed in Indiana, the democrats having ten electors and the populists five electors on the national ticket. This fusion is perfectly satisfactory to all parties, and assures Indiana to Bryan by a majority of not less than 25,000.

The demand at national democratic headquarters for free silver literature is on the increase, and has reached proportions during the present week which tax every effort of the literary bureau to meet. These requests come from every state in the union and are almost invariably accompanied by statements that the free silver sentiment is growing and gaining strength every day. They show that the feeling for Bryan instead of being on the wane, as asserted by goldbug organs, is assuming the proportions of a national political revolution. There is an overwhelming demand this week for German literature, the reports showing a remarkable change of sentiment among German voters toward Bryan and free silver.

There are about 275 reporters and editorial writers employed on the Chicago papers. A careful canvass shows that 250 of them will vote for William Bryan. Of the 61 writers on the staff of the Chicago Times-Herald 56 are for free silver and are earnest personal workers for Bryan and Sewall.

INGERSOLL FOR SILVER.

An Eloquent Extract from His Address to the Farmers of Illinois.

Republican newspapers have sometimes referred to Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll in this campaign as an opponent of free silver and a supporter of the single gold standard.

We are sure this must do Colonel Ingersoll great injustice, for he does not ordinarily place himself on both sides of any great public question. In an address to the farmers of Illinois, delivered in 1891 and given in full in his volume of speeches and lectures published by the Rhodes & McClure Publishing company, of Chicago, Colonel Ingersoll thus spoke in his own picturesque style on this subject:

"For my part I do not ask any interference on the part of the government, except to undo the wrong it has done. I do not ask that money be made out of nothing. I do not ask for the prosperity born of paper. But I do ask for the remonetization of silver. Silver was demonetized by fraud. It was an imposition upon every solvent man; a fraud upon every honest debtor in the United States. It assassinated labor. It was done in the interest of avarice and greed, and should be undone by honest men."

This eloquent extract is to be found on page 19 of the volume of his speeches above referred to. One who spoke from such strong convictions cannot have gone over to the support of the single gold standard now and become an apologist for the very crime here so strongly denounced. We are satisfied, therefore, that the published report that Colonel Ingersoll is opposed to the remonetization of silver is a gross and unfounded libel.

The Republican goldbug papers have already begun to fear that, as one of them prints, "in the event of McKinley's election, the Republican political managers will find themselves handicapped with expectations which cannot be easily realized." It is entirely unnecessary that McKinley's backers should begin, either now or later, to pave the way for their utter failure to redeem any of the extravagant promises they have been making the country of great prosperity and good times in the event of McKinley's election, for that contingency will never arise, and they will have no occasion after the election to explain.

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DO YOU WANT ANY BETTER EVIDENCE THAN THIS?

The county of the at least 500 have char. workers of thirty-five mines. clubs those mine owners whom Mr. Hill directly addressed—Messrs. Daly, Packard, Beck, Knox, McIntyre, Kearns, Farnsworth, Cunningham, Chisholm, and Merrill. The coal company organizes with R. C. Chambers, President of the Lake Herald company, a prominent free silver organ, as Chairman. Mr. Chambers and his son, Tom, are the principal owners of the Ontario and the Delta silver mines, which together have already paid over \$10,000,000 in dividends in recent years.

ENGLISH FREE SILVER VIEW IN 1894.

Prediction of the London Financial News Against Possible Adoption of Cheap Money by America.

SPECIAL CABLE BY BALLARD SMITH, London, Oct. 2.—(Copyright, 1896, by the Press Publishing Company, New York World.)—The World correspondent examined today a file of the Financial News in its office and quotes the following extract from an editorial in its issue of April 30, 1894:

"There can be no doubt about it that if the United States were to adopt a silver basis tomorrow, British trade would be ruined before a year was out, for American industry would be protected not only at home but in every other market."

William W. Osborne Disbarred, Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—Secretary Francis has disbarred from practice before the interior department William W. Osborne of Lansing, Mich., for receiving illegal payment.

Series of Cables—The Sons of Our series of monthly 1 Oct. 7, at 12:30 p. m. subject for discuss Finances," Willis State's Attorney, of the National, upheld a single invitation is extre.

Baker's McKit The night force organized the B&H Thursday evening with 200 members three officers: P. Vice-President, D. Michael Crampion; Ivan Sergeant-at-Arms.

News, which prophesied great prosperity for England in event of free coinage for England in event of the Financial News article. The photographic reproduction printed above is from the Chicago Tribune of Saturday, Oct. 3. Read it, and then vote for the conditions to be brought about by free silver coinage.

BRYAN IS A WINNER.

REPORTS FROM DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGING.

Pulling Hanna's Leg—That Is What the Southern Republicans Have Been Doing in the Most Artistic Manner—Silver Sentiment Continues.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—(Special)—Convincing evidence is accumulating daily at National Democratic headquarters that Mr. Bryan will sweep the southern, western and central middle states in November. This claim is not based upon reports of enthusiastic politicians, but is the result of careful investigation, and very careful canvassers made in the debatable territory by national, state and local managers of the free silver campaign. The wild statements sent out during the past four or five days by the Republican managers, in which they claim certain western states by majorities so large that they appear ridiculous even to Republicans, is further evidence that they have nothing on which to base their claims, while their only hope lies in making unsupported claims in the vain hope of bolstering up a lost cause. It is known, however, that inside reports obtained at the McKinley headquarters are widely different from those given out to the gold press. For instance, it is known that Republican canvass of Nebraska gives that state to McKinley by only 3,000 majority. This report is clouded by the statement that, in order to carry Nebraska work must be done between now and November, a sure indication that the Republicans have no hope of carrying that state.

A Democratic canvass of Nebraska shows that Bryan will carry it by not less than 25,000; the Democratic poll showing a Republican defection in every county of the state, including Douglass county, and Omaha, of from 20 to 25 per cent. The Republican managers are sure of this fact, and rely wholly upon wild and unsupported claims to keep up the courage of their followers. The same thing is true in Kansas, except that Republican leaders have actually conceded that state. This being the case, it is absolutely certain that Bryan will carry every state west of the Missouri river, clear to the Pacific coast.

It is also known that the Republican managers have privately conceded to Bryan every southern state. A prominent Chicago railway official, in close touch with Republican national headquarters, has, within the past two days, made the candid admission that McKinley stood no more chance of carrying any southern state than he has of carrying Colorado, and he admitted that Bryan would carry Colorado by 75,000 majority. This railway official, in the same private conversation, stated that any man who offered to bet \$1 on McKinley was either a born fool or painfully anxious to part with his money. He further stated that the talk about carrying Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina and other southern states for McKinley has been manufactured by a clique of southern Republican politicians solely for the purpose of "pulling Mark Hanna's leg," that they had succeeded in doing so, and that was all they expected; that not one of the states would fall in giving Bryan an overwhelming majority. This view, he stated, was obtained from a personal trip throughout the states in question.

Reports from every so-called debatable state received during the past two weeks show that the silver sentiment is increasing at a rate never before known since the inception of the movement. Republicans, everywhere, especially among the farmers and laboring men, are coming out boldly and joining the Bryan ranks. In many of the counties of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota there is a wholesale stampede or Republican farmers to the support of Bryan. Instead of being on the wane, the silver movement is growing more rapidly than it has at any time during the past two months. One or two instances will show this feeling. D. H. Harts of Lincoln, Ill., reports that a careful poll has been made of Clay, Wayne, Christian, Logan and Sangamon counties, showing a net gain over all disaffected Democrats of twenty votes to a precinct, making a total net gain of 4,000 votes in these counties.

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This, it will be seen, will make a difference of 8,000 votes in the majority, and will carry that congressional district by the largest majority ever known. Similar reports come from Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa.

NOT A FORGERY.

The Famous London Financial News Article Proven to Be Genuine.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—(Special)—The following cablegram from London appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the most partisan goldbug newspaper in America, and should forever set at rest any doubt as to the authenticity of the celebrated London Financial News article, which has been so vigorously denied by the goldbug press:

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In addition to the above proof, the following affidavit has been received by the national Democratic press bureau at national headquarters:

"I, William Durant, proprietor of The Press Cutting agency, of 57 Holborn Viaduct, in the County of London, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have examined the file of 'Financial News' newspapers at the British museum (London) and that the article attached hereto, now produced and shown to me marked: 'A' and headed 'England and the Silver Question,' appeared in that journal on the 30th day of April, 1894, and that the reprint attached as aforesaid is an exact copy.

"And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the statutory declarations act of 1835. (Signed.) W. DURANT."

"Declarer at Giltspur Chambers, Holborn Viaduct, in the city of London, the 25th day of September, one thousand eight hundred and nine hundred and eighty-six, before me."

"ROBERT H. HUMPHREY, Commissioner of Oaths."

Notwithstanding the fact that the Chicago Tribune printed the above cablegram from London in its news columns, its editorial columns to-day denounces the London Financial News article as a Democratic forgery. It only shows the Tribune's capacity for lying is only exceeded by its love for British gold power. If the Chicago Tribune can lie so egregiously in this instance, what confidence can the public place in any statement made by that mendacious sheet?

CENTER SHOT.

Here Is the Opinion of a Well Known Englishman the Double Standard.

Lord Liddesdale, for many years governor of the Bank of England, and gentleman well versed in the finances of the world, made the following statement at a recent banquet held in London:

"If the American people had the courage of their conviction and adopted the double standard of gold and silver, no matter at what ratio, they would inside of a year command the trade of the East-India Straits Settlements, China and Japan. Unless England should follow suit and adopt a bimetallic standard she would inside of eighteen months cease to be a commercial factor of the markets of the world. The whole of the silver using countries of the earth would throw their trade to this country. They would buy of that nation that places the highest value upon their currency. In addition to the oriental countries sending their trade to America, in the event of the silver issue carrying the day, the whole of the South American republics would at once become a great commercial factor abroad. Against all such as these the public is warned. The daily peddlers of malice and mendacity will do their worst between this time and the day of election. During the next two weeks the Republican press will revel in falsehoods and misrepresentations. Let no friend of Bryan and free silver be misled, discouraged or influenced in the slightest degree thereby."

The bolting Democrats who have nominated Palmer and Buckner are the same men who accomplished the complete destruction of silver as money in 1873. Since then wages have gone down one-half, and 3,000,000 able-bodied men have been thrown out of employment.

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