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ONLY REPUBLICANS VOTED

If Democrats Had Come Out the Result Would Have Been Different.

Republicans Have the Next House and May Get the Senate Also.

But This Later Achievement is not an Assured Fact—Some Figures From the Country.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Reports received up to nine o'clock to-night indicate that the next senate will have forty democrats, forty-one republicans and six populists, while the attitude of the successor of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is still in doubt. In this classification, Senators Stewart and Jones, of Nevada, who were elected by republicans, but who have announced their separation from their party, and Gov. Tillman, who will doubtless be elected by the so-called independent democrats of the South Carolina legislature, are placed in the populist column. Tillman will probably vote with the democrats on organization and Stewart and Jones, of Nevada, and Peffer with the republicans. This would throw the balance of power into the hands of the populists.

When Chairman Babcock, of the republican congressional committee, left the republican headquarters to-night he said reports received during the day give the republicans 230 out of 356 members of the house, beyond peradventure, while there was a possibility of securing twenty-seven additional members. Mr. Babcock also stated his information leads him to believe there is a possibility of securing three more members from Alabama, two from Illinois, one from Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and South Carolina each, three more from Minnesota, two from Ohio, two from Pennsylvania, three from Missouri, one from Arkansas, three from Louisiana, and three from Texas. If these claims are realized it will give the republicans 257 members, or a majority of ninety-nine members.

Denver, Nov. 7.—Gov. Waite concedes the defeat of his party. "To my mind," said he, "it proves conclusively that the money power has dominated this election from beginning to end, and the democratic party is most responsible for the fact that they voted the republican ticket instead of their own. I made up my mind several years ago that there was only one way to rescue the country from conditions now existing, and for which the money power is responsible, and that was to fight them tooth and nail. Consequently, I have never made any bones of declaring my opinion of their course and advocating that the controlling power which they have exercised over all legislation be destroyed. I believed the influence of Wall street must be removed from congress."

When asked if he thought the populist party would ever regain power, the governor replied: "I believe it will, but it may not be for some time. I do not know exactly how it will be done. I think we will have to do it right over their heads, however. I advocate this being done in a peaceful manner, if possible, peaceful revolution. Of course, I believe the ballot is the proper method to be employed. But this has not proved efficacious in this state."

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—About half the entire vote of California has been counted and the result indicates that James Budd, democratic candidate for governor, has a plurality of between 6,000 and 7,000 votes. His plurality in this city will probably amount to 10,000. With the exception of supreme court justices and comptroller, sufficient returns have been received to indicate which party has been successful with the remainder of the state ticket. The republicans have elected one supreme court justice, Hennshaw, and the democrats the other two, Temple and Bridgford, the latter being elected by an unexpired term. Colgan, republican nominee for comptroller, is also elected by perhaps 6,000 plurality.

Returns now indicate that the republicans have elected six of seven congressmen. Maguire, democrat, in the Fourth district, is re-elected, while there is little doubt that Camenetz, republican representative from the Second district, Geary, in the First district, and English in the Third district, have been defeated.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 7.—The republicans have carried Kansas by a plurality of 30,000, and will have a slight majority over all Republicans. Chairman Leland claims also the election of the congressmen in seven districts. The republicans will elect ninety representatives out of a possible 125, giving them a majority of forty-five on joint ballot.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 7.—Congress: Hermann, republican, W. R. Ellis, republican, are elected.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 7.—The republicans have elected the entire delegation to congress.

Seattle, Nov. 7.—Returns from over one-half of the state show that the republican plurality will be more than 15,000. The legislature is republican in both branches, and on joint ballot by at least twenty-five.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7.—Official returns show that seventy-six democrats have been elected to the legislature, with several counties to hear from, which gives the democrats control in both houses.

St. Louis, Nov. 7.—As nearly as can be ascertained, the democrats have lost the Fourth, Fifteenth, Thirteenth, First, Third, Sixth, Eighth and Eleventh congressional districts. The defeated democrats are: W. C. Ellison, C. H. Morgan, J. D. Fox, W. H. Hatch (anti-opion), A. M. Dockery, D. A. DeArmond, R. P. Hand (Silver Dick), and Frederick Spensold, respectively.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 7.—A special to the News from Jefferson City, says Gov. Stone concedes the legislature to the republicans.

Wheeler, W. Va., Nov. 7.—The republican state committee makes the following statement to-night: Governor, republican, first district, elected to congress by 3,343 majority; Dayton, Second district, over Wilson, 2,200 ma-

majority; Hull, republican, Third district, 3,500 majority; Miller, republican, Fourth district, 2,500 majority. Both branches of the legislature are republican by a majority of 27.

Carson City, Nev., Nov. 7.—Returns are coming in very slowly. At many points the count is still in progress. From the meagre returns received, the indications are that Jones, nominee of the free silver party, has defeated Cleveland, republican, for governor, by from 500 to 800. The congressional election is close, but the indications are in favor of Newlands, silver party candidate.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 7.—The republican state ticket is elected by 60,000 plurality or more, and the legislative returns indicate that the legislature will be republican. The new Mormon vote seems to have gone heavily republican. The populists have lost in some of their old districts, but have gained in some sections where they had no foothold two years ago.

Cheyenne, Nov. 7.—Returns from eleven Wyoming counties show 5,000 plurality for Frank W. Mondell, republican, for congress, over Henry A. Coffeen, democrat, and S. A. Sealy, populist. Governor, republican, has defeated Cleveland, republican, for governor, by from 500 to 800. The congressional election is close, but the indications are in favor of Newlands, silver party candidate.

Detroit, Nov. 7.—Reports indicate that of 100 representatives in the Michigan legislature, ninety-seven are assuredly republicans, two democrats and one democrat-populist. Of thirty-one senators thirty-one are republicans. The News' latest returns on governor show a plurality of over 85,000 for Rich.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Complete returns received up to midnight from all but half a dozen of the sixty-seven counties in this state give Hastings a plurality of 233,378. The republicans have elected twenty-eight of the thirty congressmen in the state.

New York, Nov. 7.—The total corrected vote for governor in New York state, outside of Sullivan county, was 1,208,259, of which Morton received 675,885; Hill, 514,147; Wheeler, 3,511. Morton's plurality, 133,346; Morton's majority, 126,238.

New York, Nov. 7.—The complexion of the congressional delegation from New York state, according to nearly complete returns, is thirty republicans and four democrats, a republican gain of fifteen.

St. Paul, Nov. 7.—Returns from all but nine precincts in St. Paul give Nelson, republican, 5,116 plurality. The latest estimate is that all republican candidates for congress seem to have won.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 7.—On joint ballot the legislature will probably stand republicans fifty-two, democrats twenty-nine. The republicans elect congressmen in all but the Seventh district.

Louisville, Nov. 7.—The republicans have elected six congressmen and the democratic party has elected one. The Seventh district still in doubt, with the chances in favor of Owen, democrat.

Omaha, Nov. 7.—The republican state central committee concedes Holecob, fusionist, elected governor by 2,000 plurality. Republicans probably have the legislature.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 7.—Returns from twelve counties give republican majority for congress, about 2,800 majority. The legislature will be republican.

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—Indiana elects a solid republican delegation to congress. In the legislature the republican majority on joint ballot is thirty-three.

Redfield, S. D., Nov. 7.—Thirty Dakota republicans elect 100 out of 126 members of the legislature. A republican United States senator is assured.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Illinois has elected twenty republicans and one democrat to congress. Republican plurality in the state about 125,000.

Little Rock, Nov. 7.—The democrats have elected their six congressmen from this state by majorities ranging from 1,000 to 6,000.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 7.—The defeat of Wilson was conceded by the democratic managers to-day at noon.

St. Paul, Nov. 7.—Minnesota elects a solid republican delegation to congress.

TWO FIRE ALARMS.

Neither of Them Did Much Harm, but Added to the Excitement.

The fire department was called out twice last evening. The first alarm was caused by a fire in Sam Lee's wash house, on State street. The fire originated from a defective flue. The loss was very small.

A small blaze was noticed under the sidewalk in the rear of Wise & Good-kind's block, corner of Main and Sixth avenue. The alarm was turned in while the great parade was moving up Main street. The fire apparatus was turned down Main, but owing to the vast throng, the teams were switched into Wall street and down Park avenue. The fire had been extinguished before the department reached the place.

Marshal Reese says that more caution should be used in respect to fireworks, especially in the city. It should not be placed under any sidewalk grating, where some passer-by is apt to throw a cigar stub or lighted match.

Hurt at His Mine.

R. A. McDonald, half owner of the Montezuma mine, Rimini, was brought into this city yesterday for surgical care. About 1:30 yesterday afternoon, while felling trees near his mine, he was badly injured by a dead limb striking him on the head, knocking him senseless, and cutting him over the left eye. J. Hennessy, his partner, brought him to the camp, where he was given every attention possible. When he regained consciousness, he was brought to Helena.

Ran Into a Street Car.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—An express on the Reading road struck a street car at Nicetown, Pa. George Conrad, the driver, and Wm. H. Hillburn, a passenger, were fatally injured.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Chas. E. Dudley, of Marysville, was one of the out of town people who enjoyed the celebration in this city last night.

Mrs. Geo. L. Ramsey, wife of Bozeman's mayor, arrived in Helena yesterday. She is on her way home from the east.

The Helena Sunday School Teachers class will hold its regular meeting in the Grand Street M. E. Church this evening. All the members are earnestly requested to be present. The subject of the lesson is "The People of Palestine." Third study.

Thos. Graves and P. R. Dougherty are accused of attempting to purchase votes, were arraigned before Judge Gage yesterday, but as Col. Nolan was not present, the proceedings against them their hearing will not come until later. Angus McDonald, who was arrested for disturbing the peace, was dismissed.

A New Line.

Of white china, for decorating, just received. New goods and new prices. F. J. Edwards, 8 and 10 Park avenue.

SWEEP IN SILVER BOW.

Republicans Get Ten Members of the House and the State Senator.

Chairman Mantle Claims a Republican Majority Over All in the Legislature.

Figures That He Gives, and Opinions of Other State Chairmen—Hartman and Hunt Elected.

Special to The Independent.

Butte, Nov. 7.—The republicans swept this county so completely as to leave scarcely a thread behind. The entire republican county ticket is elected, with the possible exception of a county commissioner, which may be saved by the democrats. The republicans elect ten out of eleven representatives to the legislature and the state senator. Thos. Kilgallon, democrat, is probably elected to the legislature to keep company with the republicans.

Lee Mantle, chairman of the republican state committee, says Hartman will have a majority in the state over both Corbett and Smith. He claims a large plurality of Hunt for associate justice, and a majority of from 10 to 20 for republicans on joint ballot in the legislature. He figures solid republican delegations from Madison, Jefferson, Granite, Teton, Fergus, Chouteau, Park, Yellowstone, Custer and Dawson counties, all but one from Silver Bow, one and perhaps two from Beaverhead, two from Ravalli, three from Missoula, two from Gallatin, two from Cascade, two from Deer Lodge, one or two from Lewis and Clarke, Flathead and Meagher are conceded to the populists.

J. H. Calderhead, chairman of the populist state central committee, concedes the success of the republicans. The populists elected nothing in this county.

W. R. Kenyon, chairman of the democratic state committee, concedes congressmen and the legislature to the republicans. He has no figures on the state at large as to the legislature, but admits the republicans will have a majority on the joint ballot.

Returns as far as received in this county give Hartman a plurality of 1,250 over Smith, and a majority of 70 over Corbett and Hunt, as far as returns have been received. He has a plurality of 450 over Reeves. Charles R. Leonard, republican, is chosen state senator by 473 plurality over Calderhead, populist. Henry Mueller, democrat, came in third best. Those chosen to the legislature are Cook, Booth, Bray, Lawrence, Williams, Cunningham, Paschal, Metcalf, Monteith and Swett, republicans, and Kilgallon probably, democrat. Samuel J. Reynolds, republican, has 1,408 for county clerk. Hill, republican, has 674 for county treasurer. M. L. Wines, republican, has 1,177 for county attorney. The county commissioner is still in doubt. Prof. John F. Davies is elected superintendent of schools over Miss B. M. Holland, republican and populist. Carlos Warfield, republican, is elected county assessor; Gutelius, republican, surveyor; Richards, republican, coroner; W. J. Janeson, republican, public administrator; Wm. L. Boardman, republican, county auditor.

IN GALLATIN.

Full Returns Make a Comfortable Showing for Republicans.

Special to The Independent.

Bozeman, Nov. 7.—Election day in Bozeman passed off very quietly. It was expected that with politics and the capital contest combined there would be great excitement but such was not the case. Anaconda workers were out in force and the betting was lively with plenty of Helena money to cover all bets. The Anaconda people claimed this county by over 400, but official returns give them 250, the count being 425; Corbett, 192; Helms, 192; Smith, 192; Corbett, 192; Helms, 192; Smith, 192. In politics the republicans swept the field clean, the democrats electing but one representative, sheriff, surveyor and public administrator. There were four parties in the field, all registered voters. Hon. Chas. Hartman received a handsome vote in Gallatin county. The following is a complete list of the candidates, parties and vote in Gallatin county: Congressman—Hartman, republican, 1,275; Corbett, democrat, 425; Smith, populist, 366; Maiden, prohibition, 53. Justice of the supreme court—Hunt, republican, 919; Luce, democrat, 1,016; Reeves, populist, 275. State representatives—Alderson, republican, 928; Lynde, republican, 948; Morris, republican, 728; Cooper, democrat, 962; Ferris, democrat, 803; Sappington, democrat, 850; Davis, populist, 233; Reese, populist, 195; Edwards, populist, 342; Corby, populist, 35; Miller, republican, 34; Waters, prohibition, 7; Sheriff—Caldwell, democrat, 1,191; Safley, republican, 827; Price, populist, 177; Stone, prohibition, 23. Treasurer—Lamme, democrat, 863; Newton, republican, 1,946; Patten, prohibition, 24; Edwards, populist, 189. County clerk—Sales, republican, 1,110; Morgan, populist, 290; Martin, democrat, 303. Assessor—Wylie, prohibition, 27; Fly, democrat, 810; Barnett, republican, 1,123; Austin, populist, 182. County attorney—Threest, democrat, 877; Holloway, republican, 1,274. Superintendent of schools—Kay, democrat, 709; Walrath, republican, 885; Lundwall, populist, 641. Public administrator—Martin, democrat, 801; Dunn, republican, 728; Copple, populist, 363. County surveyor—Winger, populist, 216; Smith, republican, 839; Thorpe, democrat, 899. Coroner—Whitefoot, republican, 839; Dedrick, democrat, 817; Hallsback, populist, 238.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Frank Steele Wounded by Henry Munroe on Rodney Street.

Frank Steele was shot while standing on North Rodney street watching the procession form in front of the Governor's Guards' club house, early last evening. The shot is supposed to have been fired by Henry Munroe, a member of Company I, who was in the crowd that was preparing to march up Main street. Mr. Steele was thrown down by the shock. His friends started to carry him home. They met Dr. Tracey in a cab, who took the injured young man to his home, corner of Breckenridge and Davis streets. On examination there, Dr. Tracey found the wound to be of not a very serious nature. The ball, which was thirty-eight caliber in size, entered at the back of the calf of Mr. Steele's left leg and ploughed a furrow across the bone.

Later in the evening Officer Irwin found Munroe and took him to the station. Munroe admitted firing the shot from his rifle and not from a revolver. He said that he put what he supposed was a blank cartridge in the rifle, it slipped, exploding the cartridge. He said that he had no revolver last night. Munroe was allowed to go without bail. He will come up for hearing to-day, but there will probably be no charge preferred against him, as the shooting was entirely accidental.

Fatal Collision in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—Train No. 1, Baltimore & Ohio, limited, coming west, ran into the first section of the fast cattle train at Rosenstol siding, two miles east of Rockford at 5:30 this evening. Six men were killed in the collision and several others were badly hurt. The killed are: Henry Bush, engineer No. 5; Simon McCarthy, fireman No. 5; Browning, engineer No. 64; Sam Manning, engineer No. 64, and two unknown men, either mail clerks or express messengers.

The Pilot Lost His Head.

Newport, Ore., Nov. 7.—Saturday the schooner Lillian and Hattie from San Francisco, was crossing Siuslaw bar under sail when a heavy sea frightened the man at the wheel, so he let go and ran forward. The vessel dipped water and the captain and one man were washed overboard and drowned. Their names were not learned. The crew were panic stricken. The cook, the only cool man on board, took the wheel, righted the vessel and steered her safely in.

Prohibition of American Cattle.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The prohibition against American cattle has taken another complexion. Translations from American veterinarians, showing that infection from Texas fever is limited to certain localities, are now being prepared for submission to the imperial secretary of state for foreign affairs. Dr. Frank Billings, state veterinarian of Nebraska, will furnish expert testimony. It is stated that the import of English cattle into Germany will also be prohibited.

The Case Active.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—The czar is showing great activity in answering the many telegrams of condolence and expressions of loyalty which he receives, and the impression prevails that he is trying to demonstrate the fact that he is courteous and genial, and that Russia is extremely loyal.

small majorities. Twenty-four precincts out of thirty-two in Park county give Hartman 1,942, Smith 640, Corbett 356.

Political Haunts in Yellowstone.

Special to The Independent.

Billings, Nov. 7.—Nineteen precincts give Corbett 255, Hartman 753, Smith 134; Hunt 648, Luce 233, Reeves 139.

HARRISON TICKLED.

Probably Regrets It Didn't Happen Two Years Ago.

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—In response to a request for an expression of his views regarding the result of yesterday's election, Ex-President Harrison said: "It was the most extraordinary political revolution the country has ever witnessed. Wherever there was a free ballot the vote of confidence given in 1892 to the democratic party has been recalled, and a vote of utter and final repudiation substituted. The incorporation of the democratic party was revealed the moment power was given to it to deal with national affairs. The insincerity of its platform was exposed when 'he it enacted' took the place of 'be it resolved.' For thirty years party expediency has been substituted by the leaders for party principles, and expediency had as many faces as there were congressional districts. Every eccentric cross current of popular prejudice was followed as if it was a gulf stream. Classes were created and inflamed to outbreaks and disorder. In one state a debauched currency and in another a socialism that was near to anarchism were given a bed. Property, especially mills and factories, was invested and assaulted, in one section, and in another trusts were secretly coddled. The old democratic doctrine that favored the levying of customs duties to the limit of an adequate revenue was abandoned. A deficiency to be made good by bond issues or by internal taxes was preferred to incidental protection that adequate customs duties would give. The silver question was dealt with in the most vacillating and irresponsible manner.

A vast majority of our people believe in a protective tariff—never so many and never so strongly as now. They differ as to rates and schedules, but not as to the principle. They believe in reciprocity as the first method of getting foreign markets. They believe in a progressive and an American foreign policy. The workmen voted their prejudices in 1892, this year they voted their patriotism and their love of home.

"The enormous falling off in the democratic vote everywhere is not less significant in its meaning than the majority. The great victory secured by reformers in New York city ought to have been mentioned in the Thanksgiving proclamation—perhaps it would if it had come earlier. It gives the assurance so much needed that there is an adequate recuperative power in the most ring-ridden communities. That this popular government is equal to its severest test—control of great cities. The lesson? Trust the people. The duty? Exercise their duties they have confided us with highest fidelity and patriotism.

"About Indiana—well, language fails me. I am proud of her."

Columbus, O., Nov. 7.—Gov. McKinley, being asked what he thought about the situation, said he preferred not to be asked. He would only say: "The sweeping republican victories indicated at this hour are impressive; they need no interpretation. They express better than words the revised and deliberate judgment of the people upon the political questions involved in the political contest now closed."

Silver Bow in Fall.

Special to The Independent.

Butte, Nov. 7.—The small precincts of Silver Bow county returned to-day on the capital vote. McCune's gives Anaconda 74, Helena 5. Ralston gives Anaconda 25, Helena 11. Gregson Springs gives Anaconda 23, Helena 4. The returns, with slight changes in former returns, give Anaconda 6,842, Helena 3,966; majority for Anaconda in the county, 2,876. The four missing precincts have about ninety votes and will probably give Anaconda a slight majority.

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HOPING AGAINST HOPE.

The Standard Cuts Down Its Figures, but Claims a Majority.

Special to The Independent.

Anaconda, Nov. 7.—The Standard tomorrow will say: "Whichever way the capital vote runs, the Standard will withhold no true returns. At the same time, in view of the extremely narrow margins shown by the returns, we ask our readers to be patient while some of the lagging returns are coming in. Up to midnight there had been accounted for, in this office, 43,282 votes. These give Anaconda a majority of 186. There is a West Side vote amounting to about 500 votes, in which, beyond a doubt, Anaconda will score a majority that will keep her in the lead by close to 350 votes. Still to be accounted for, in addition, are several East Side country precincts, in some of which, with reason, Helena may claim a majority. What the total will amount to we do not know; and we leave the question to abide the result of actual returns.

"This much is true: The claims to a majority set up by Helena yesterday were not founded on the returns; at the latest hour at which any daily newspaper in the state went to press yesterday morning Anaconda had a comfortable lead. Again this morning, in the face of actual returns, Anaconda holds the lead by reduced figures. What may result from East Side county returns remains to be seen."

Greater New York Carries.

New York, Nov. 7.—Returns for this city and Brooklyn on the Greater New York scheme indicate that a majority of votes have been cast in favor of consolidation, 118,000 for and 83,000 against. In Brooklyn 64,800 were for and 52,277 against. The scheme proposed is to consolidate New York and Brooklyn, the whole of Richmond and Kings counties, with portions of Westchester and Queens, an area of 37 square miles, with a population of three millions.

Succession of Storms.

New York, Nov. 7.—Netherlands' American line steamer, Amsterdam, arrived this morning from Rotterdam, after a most tempestuous voyage. She was unable to call at Cologne for passengers, owing to a heavy gale. Oct. 30 and 31 she experienced a cyclone and strong gales were experienced up to Nov. 5, when the ship ran into another hurricane, lasting four hours. The storm was accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy rain.

Fidelity Not Appreciated.

Columbus, Nov. 7.—Sheriff Cook, of Washington Court House, who prevented a mob from hanging a negro who confessed to rape, and was sentenced to twenty years, was defeated at the election by 1,650. He was a republican and had 1,600 votes in his favor to start with.

HELENA BY BIG MAJORITY

Later Returns Confirm the Prediction of The Independent as to Our Vote.

Every Reason to Believe That the Final Count Will Show 2,500 Majority.

Additional Returns From Several Precincts Not Previously Reported—Some Counties Are Officially Reported.

Only a few additional returns were received on the capital vote. They do not materially affect the probability of Helena having about 2,500 majority. The missing precincts are mostly in the rural districts on the east side, and returns from those sections have been uniformly favorable to Helena. The returns received yesterday brought no disappointments, as in nearly every instance the vote had been estimated at practically what the returns showed it to be. Just what majority Helena will have will not be known until after the county boards have canvassed the precinct returns, which must be done within ten days after the election. But the result is now beyond dispute. Helena is the properly chosen permanent capital of Montana. This fact is conceded by even the most zealous supporters of Anaconda.

Copper Collars Throw Off.

Special to The Independent.

Missoula, Nov. 7.—The battle in Missoula county was closely contested, and at no time was there any certainty as to which side would receive the most votes. Up to two weeks ago Anaconda appeared to have a strong lead, but the switch commenced then, and there was a strong tide toward Helena. This was checked somewhat the day previous to election and Anaconda rallied a little on election day. Excepting two small precincts, capital returns are now in, and give Anaconda 148 majority in Missoula county, which was a very heavy fall from calculations made by the local copper city committee, they having figured on getting at least 700 majority for their city.

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