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GOOD OR SILVER?

Crucial Issue Decided Today By the People.

HEAVY VOTE BEING CAST

Fair Weather Brings Out the Ballots.

ELECTION QUIET SO FAR

Two Congressional Candidates in the Thirteenth Ohio District Varied the Monotony by Indulging in a First Fight—Early Bulletins on the Progress of the Election All Over the Country—Leaders on Both Sides Continue to Profess Confidence That Their Respective Parties Will Be Winners—Advices From the Debatable States in the Middle West Generally Favorable to the Sound Money Cause—Republicans Are Positive They Will Carry Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan—Maryland Leans Toward the McKinley Column—Some Trouble is Feared in Richmond, Va.

New York, Nov. 3.—A more perfect election day could not be desired. The day dawned bright and clear, and the atmosphere was warm and sprightly. The poll clerks in the various assembly districts did not have to wait for voters this morning. In many of the election districts voters were waiting before the polling places opened. Even the bankers, brokers and rich men generally were early on hand.

In the Twenty-ninth assembly district, however, the voters were slow to appear. In many of these districts voters were compelled to be at work as usual this morning, and they voted immediately after leaving home. The voters on both sides are claiming gains and both are equally confident of success.

Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 3.—An unprecedented vote will be polled in this city. At 10 o'clock half of the registered voters have voted.

Waukegan, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The weather this morning is very fine. The vote is coming in rapidly.

Whitehall, N. Y., Nov. 3.—A large vote is being polled in Clinton, Essex, Warren and Washington counties.

Lyons, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Reports from towns in Wayne county show that a large vote is being polled. The farmer vote is being polled. The city vote is being polled. The city vote is being polled.

MCKINLEY IS CONFIDENT.

Encouraging Advices Make Him Feel Sure of Election.

Canton, Ohio, Nov. 3.—The weather in Canton is beautiful and a very heavy vote is being polled. It is estimated at 10 o'clock that fully one-half of the registered voters of the city had cast their ballots. Major McKinley's own precinct, city and county as well as the State, it is believed will give him unprecedented majorities.

The candidate is confident of success. Telegrams of the most encouraging nature are pouring into the McKinley residence in special care and there are repeated calls for Major McKinley over the long distance telephones. His friends are already beginning to congratulate him.

Major McKinley and his brother then drove back to the candidate's Market street residence, where Major McKinley spent the day quietly receiving callers. He is in excellent health and spirits. He expressed himself as being very much pleased that the weather is so generally fair throughout the country, and declared that he expected a very large vote would be polled everywhere.

Senator Hill voted ballot 205 at 11:37 p. m. in the fourth district of the ninth ward.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The polling places opened promptly at 6 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock half of the registered voters had assembled outside the polling places. The interest as indicated by the voting this morning was general.

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BRYAN AND HIS BAND.

With Music the Silver Candidate Went to the Polls.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—As William J. Bryan sat in the public dining room of the Paxton House, Omaha, this morning eating his breakfast in company with Mrs. Bryan, he did not cast his ballot with an anxious mind. He slept well last night after the fatigues of his final day of campaigning and was at 6 o'clock this morning as bright and vigorous.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan drove in a carriage from the Paxton through the chill, drizzling atmosphere, suggestive of snow, to the Union Depot, where the candidate sought tickets for Mrs. Bryan and himself, shook hands with a few people who recognized him and went aboard the Burlington train, leaving Omaha for Lincoln at 8:30 o'clock.

The band started along playing a lively air, the organization formed a guard of honor around Mr. Bryan's carriage, and in this order he was escorted to the courthouse to swear in his vote.

As early as 6:30 a. m., and it was said that very little scratching was being done. Because of the rain, the straight balloting is decidedly in their favor. Both sides were confident of a full vote.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 3.—Voting is progressing very here. The polls opened at 6 a. m., with a large number of voters on hand early in the morning. It is doubtful if a heavy vote will be cast.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 3.—The morning of election day opened cool and pleasant, but passed cloudy. The polls opened at 8 o'clock and long lines of voters were waiting at every precinct where business men predominate, this being less marked in workingmen's districts.

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ARRESTS IN ALEXANDRIA.

Five Persons Charged With Illegal Voting.

(Special to The Times.) Alexandria, Va., Nov. 3.—The election in this city is passing off quietly. At 2 o'clock no disturbance had been reported. The district attorney, however, on account of a being held, has proved unsatisfactory. It is the general opinion that a number of ballot boxes were tampered with on account of not being legally prepared.

There are five candidates for President and Vice President and five Congressional seats in the district. The five special policemen are doing duty at the polls.

Malcolm Husty, a young man from Washington, who was arrested on Friday, was arrested on the charge of illegally voting in the Third ward.

George Johnson, William A. Parker, Harry Washington and William Gibson also arrested on the charge of illegal voting. All these parties were released on bail. The district attorney will appear on Friday.

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ALL READY FOR RETURNS.

Headquarters Only Waiting, Now, for Figures.

Invited Guests Will Help the Republicans Jubilate in Vice President Stevenson's Private Apartment—Democrats' and Populists' Pool Issues on Special Service.

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A Powerful Search Light From the Top of The Times Building Will Flash the News Tonight to Waiting Thousands. You May Know the Result Before You Go to Bed If You KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE TIMES BUILDING

The great white beam can be seen from every section of the District. The code of signals will be as follows, each flash to be of ten minutes' duration:

- McKinley is Elected—Light will sweep from North to South.
- Bryan is Elected—Light will sweep from East to West.
- Indiana Republican—Steady horizontal beam pointing East.
- Indiana Democratic—Oscillating beam pointing East.
- Illinois Republican—Steady horizontal beam pointing West.
- Illinois Democratic—Oscillating beam pointing West.
- Maryland Republican—Steady horizontal beam pointing North.
- Maryland Democratic—Oscillating beam pointing North.
- Kentucky Republican—Steady horizontal beam pointing South.
- Kentucky Democratic—Oscillating beam pointing South.

In addition THE TIMES will display stereopticon pictures on Two Screens In Front of The Times Building.

Latest returns will be furnished by the United Associated Presses, the New England Associated Press, the Southern Associated Press, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and THE TIMES special correspondents.

RUMOR OF WAR WITH SPAIN SUMMING UP ESTIMATES

Alleged Significant Remark of Conservative Men Figure Out Consul General Lee. a McKinley Majority.

His Vigorous Protests in the Case of the Competitor Prisoners—Said to Have Told a Friend Before Leaving Havana It Should Not Surprise Him if He Returned in a Warship.

Major John M. Carson of the Philadelphia Ledger, in summing up the situation, claims that the result of today's election will be 250 electoral votes for McKinley and 161 for Bryan.

He has been all through the doubtful States, and wound up his tour in Chicago. In making up his tally he has given Bryan, California, Washington, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida to the Democrats. These are States which some of the Republican leaders have claimed.

In Illinois, he says, the Republicans are confident the plurality for McKinley in Cook county will exceed 100,000. The figures are probably based on the aggregate plurality for sound money in Illinois shall fulfill the expectations of the Republican State managers if it will not be far behind the anti-manipulation from New York and Pennsylvania.

Governor Altgeld and his supporters have several days ago by the estimate of Bryan's vote given out by Chairman Jones in which he places Illinois in the doubtful column. Altgeld's irritation is increased by the fact that the estimate of the published Jones' estimate contained a statement from the governor claiming the State for Bryan by from 60,000 to 85,000 majority.

TANNER IN IT. The fact is that Altgeld knows as well as Jones that Illinois will give McKinley a plurality. He is reported to have admitted as much in private conversation several days ago. The extent of the Republican claim is shown by the figures given out by their State committees, which body has complete returns of the poll made by the Republicans in every county.

According to these McKinley will receive an aggregate of 575,000 against 372,000 for Bryan, which would give the former 295,000 plurality. There are 14,600 votes placed to the credit of Palmer and 10,900 to the credit of Levering. Prohibitionists. The poll of Cook county shows that McKinley will receive 240,000 votes and Bryan 114,000. On this basis McKinley's plurality in this city and county would be 126,000.

Mr. Hanna is in Ohio to vote. Before leaving Chicago he said he had been too conservative in his estimates, and he now claims every State which he has heretofore considered to be doubtful. Mr. Jones was not to be outdone. He put in the Bryan column all the electoral votes which he hesitated to claim yesterday, including that of Illinois.

Spanish Sloop of Huerva Swept by a Fidal Wave.

London, Nov. 3.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Central News says that the town of Huerva, in the province of that name, has been swept by a tidal wave from the Atlantic Ocean. No details are given, but the report says it is known that the loss of life has been terrible. The steamer Cartagena was overwhelmed by the great wave and most of the persons on board of her were drowned.

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WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 3.—The contest is hot and the election is being held in the State according to present indications. There were voters in line in the early dawn, even before the polls opened at 6 o'clock.

Senator Elkins, ex-Senator Davis, closely allied by marriage and intimately associated in business with the late Senator Elkins, and the forces of Republicans and Democrats, respectively.

The State is claimed by the chairman of both parties. The Democrats carried only 12,000. Both claim also three of the four Congressmen, and each concedes that the election in the first district is doubtful.

The Populists are voting for the Democratic candidates in all except the first district. The Democrats are carrying the field, the candidates being B. H. Sawyer, Rep., W. A. Arnett, Dem., and Thomas Stone, Pop. In the second district the candidates are J. B. Dayton, Rep., and W. G. Brown, Dem., in the third, C. P. Dorr, Rep., and E. W. Wilson, Dem., and in the fourth district, Dem., 5,213; Pop., 3,741.

Three State senators are to be elected. The voters are expected to vote in the first three districts, giving them but three valid votes. As there is to be no United States Senator chosen at the coming session, a special effort is being made by either side to elect members of the house of delegates.

Democrats and Populists have failed to face on the state ticket and the Populists seem to be giving preference to G. W. Atkinson, the Republican candidate for Governor. The Democratic candidate, having incurred the opposition of the middle-of-the-road faction of the People's party. There are over 1,200 votes in the State and the polls close at 5 p. m. The McKinley men are confidently claiming a majority of from 8,000 to 10,000. Postmaster General Wilson cast his vote for McKinley.

Sistersville, W. Va., Nov. 3.—The heaviest vote in the history of the county is being polled. The indications are for a big Republican victory in this county.

Milwaukee, Nov. 3.—Fair weather for election day was not asked for yesterday, but prevailed in Milwaukee this morning. The sun shines bright and the air is left and warm. Voting began at 6 o'clock, and the voters were in line at the polls at 7 o'clock. A very heavy early vote was cast. The indications are for a full vote.

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KENTUCKY.

New York, Nov. 3.—A Louisville, Ky., special says. When State Chairman Robert Taylor and his headquarters last night, he asserted that McKinley would carry the State by 10,000 to 15,000.

His private telegram to National Chairman Hanna is to the effect that he expects to carry the State by 20,000. The most important vote the State to McKinley by 6,000 to 7,000.

About \$30,000 in small sums was bet here even today on the result in the State. The intimidation of public speakers, especially the generally admitted sixties, has prompted unusual precaution for election day. Arms have been forwarded to armories recently, and every militia company has been drilled in the past few days.

Saloons have been ordered closed in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3.—Election day opened bright and warm with not a cloud in sight. The morning was clear and the heaviest ever known here. At 6 o'clock the voters were in line at the polls and the voters are lined up for a square in some places.

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INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 3.—The day opened with heavy skies and indication of rain, although the local weather officer gives assurances that it may hold off until late in the afternoon. The polls opened at 6 a. m., and will close at 6 p. m. A feature of the early hour was the heavy vote that was being polled. At nearly all of the polling places in the city long lines were waiting

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ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—All indications are that an enormous vote will be polled in this city today. The weather, which was threatening and showery last night, cleared up this morning, and a foggy early morning, and all parties are hard at work getting their respective partisans generally closed through the city. Very little disorder has been reported from any precinct.

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