

POLITICAL FORECASTS.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.
To one realizing the deep undercurrent of distrust toward both the old political parties, manifesting itself in all parts of the United States, it is amusing to note the calculations made by would be prophets as to the probable results of the next presidential election. There will be an increase of forty-three votes in the electoral college this year over the number of votes in 1888. Then there were 401 votes, now there are 444, of which 223 will be necessary to a choice. The people elect the members of the electoral college, while the electoral college in turn elects the president and vice president. The number of votes in the college is decided by the number of congressional districts, of which there are 356, each of which has one elector, together with two electors from each state, or 88, the 356 and 88 making the 444 votes. Each state decides how its electors shall be elected, and until Michigan recently passed a law that each congressional district should elect its own elector, the custom has been to elect by states. The rights of the states under the constitution, and the wisdom of changing the custom, I will leave for a later time. My object now is to show how the politicians are wasting their energies in forecasting to suit themselves the results of the election this fall. Dividing the states by the results of the elections in 1890 and 1891, the division is made as follows:

DEMOCRATIC.	REPUBLICAN.
Alabama..... 11	California..... 9
Arkansas..... 8	Colorado..... 4
Connecticut..... 6	Idaho..... 3
Delaware..... 3	Illinois..... 24
Florida..... 4	Kansas..... 10
Georgia..... 13	Maine..... 6
Indiana..... 15	Michigan..... 10
Iowa..... 13	Minnesota..... 9
Kentucky..... 13	Montana..... 3
Louisiana..... 8	Nebraska..... 8
Maryland..... 8	Nevada..... 3
Massachusetts..... 15	New Hampshire..... 4
Michigan..... 4*	North Dakota..... 3
Mississippi..... 9	Ohio..... 23
Missouri..... 17	Oregon..... 4
New Jersey..... 10	Pennsylvania..... 32
New York..... 36	Rhode Island..... 4
North Carolina..... 11	South Dakota..... 4
South Carolina..... 9	Vermont..... 4
Tennessee..... 12	Washington..... 4
Texas..... 15	Wisconsin..... 12
Virginia..... 12	Wyoming..... 3
West Virginia..... 6	
Total..... 258	Total..... 186

*Michigan elects by congressional districts; hence the division.

With this basis of political history the forecast is made—Massachusetts New York, Connecticut, Indiana and Iowa are classed as doubtful states, and various combinations made, which will *wafel* election, interest many. How few of these same political schemers realize the disappointment that awaits them when the verdict of the people is rendered in November. If the People's party would unite on the one burning issue of the day—the financial question—underlying as it does all other questions, and make the issue on this alone, they would be surprised at the response at the polls. A campaign on this one issue would carry the country. Why not try it? SINCERITAS.

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- May 21, Lincoln, Lincoln county.
- May 23, 24 and 25, in Ellsworth county.
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