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A CLOSE CALL.

McKinley's majority of 113 in the electoral college and popular plurality of 1,000,000 could have been overturned by a change of less than 26,000 votes. This is undoubtedly proved by referring to the following list of states carried by him by close majorities:

States.	Electoral Majorities.	Majorities.
California.....	9	5,000
Delaware.....	3	2,500
Indiana.....	15	22,000
Kentucky.....	13	500
North Dakota.....	3	5,000
Oregon.....	4	3,000
South Dakota.....	4	300
West Virginia.....	6	12,000
Wyoming.....	3	200

Here are nine states with an aggregate of sixty electoral votes which McKinley carried by an aggregate majority of 50,500. It would have required but small changes to have swung all of them to Bryan, as this table shows:

California.....	2,510
Delaware.....	1,255
Indiana.....	11,100
Kentucky.....	251
North Dakota.....	2,510
Oregon.....	1,505
South Dakota.....	151
West Virginia.....	6,019
Wyoming.....	101

Therefore it appears that a change of 25,393 votes would have given Bryan sixty additional electoral votes and elected him, while his opponent would have been defeated with a popular majority of nearly a million to his credit.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

The Inca's Ransom Hidden Somewhere on the Peruvian Mountains.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.
Adventurers who seek more gold, without reference to art, should turn to Peru. To begin with, the balance of the Inca's ransom is hidden somewhere in the mountains between Caxamarca and Cuzco. We may confidently assume that it has not been discovered, for if put into circulation at home the money market would have been convulsed, whereas the finders would have had no reason for keeping the secret had they got safely away to Europe. As for the evidence of deposit, there is Pizarro's official report that his comrades would not wait until the celebrated room was full. They were too impatient to murder their captive, though they knew that the bullion levied upon the temple at Cuzco was on its way, transported by 100,000 llamas, each carrying 100 pounds of purest gold. The figure is not incredible, seeing of much remained when the Conquistadores sacked Cuzco. News of the murder reached that precious caravan in the mountains; forthwith the priests buried their gold and returned. Every one concerned with the expedition, who could be identified, was tortured to death, but none

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would speak. Such is the contemporary account. But we observe that Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society, obtained some information during his memorable expedition to Peru. He states, as if it were well known in the neighborhood, that the caravan left the high way at a spot now called Azanjaro—a name which people derive from the Indian "Asnan caran," meaning "more distant." "Away from the road!" cried the priests. "Further away!" One always feels the strongest reluctance to accept derivation of a placename from a spoken word. But it is not impossible nor improbable that in the course of centuries some hint of a secret which must be known to many Indians should have leaked out. This clue does not carry one far, however, among the peaks and caverns of the Andes, even if it be trustworthy.

WHITEWASH FOR BUILDING EXTERIORS.

Many inquiries have been made as to how the Washington, or Government, whitewash is mixed. The instructions are to take half a bushel of unslaked lime, slake it with boiling water, covering during the process to keep in the steam, and add to it a peck of salt, previously dissolved in warm water, 3 pounds of ground rice-bolled to a thin paste, and stirred in while hot. With these materials are incorporated half a pound of Spanish whiting, and 1 pound of clean glue, previously dissolved by soaking in cold water and then hanging over a slow fire in a small pot hung in a larger one filled with water. To the whole add five gallons of hot water and let it stand a few days, covered from dust and dirt. It should be applied hot, for which purpose it can be kept in a kettle or portable furnace. A pint of this wash mixture, properly applied, will cover 1 square yard. It will be almost as serviceable as paint for wood, brick or stone, and is much cheaper than the cheapest paint. If a cream color is wanted, yellow ochre is added; if pearl or lead, lampblack or ivory black. For fawn add 4 pounds of umber to 1 pound of Indian red and 1 pound of common lampblack; while 4 pounds of raw umber to 2 pounds of lampblack will give a common stone color. This mixture is used by the Government to whitewash lighthouses, and it now covers the east end of the President's house at Washington.—Ex.

A LETTER FROM MACEO.

The Cuban Leader Outlines His Precautions Against Overwhelming Odds.

New York, Nov. 16.—Senor Tomas Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate, has received a letter from Gen. Antonio Maceo under date of Nov. 7: "Your need have no uneasiness about me," says Maceo, in his letter. "Even in the case that Weyler could direct against us such an enormous army that I could not meet it in the field in open battle, as I have done with success up to now, I will resort to guerilla warfare in the event my troops prove insufficient and I will give hard work to even 200,000 soldiers.

"While Weyler was preparing his trocha," Maceo says, "I was making mine also."

Maceo describes in these words what he means by his trocha. It is a narrow way through the mountains and the only way to reach the stronghold where the Cubans have their ammunition and supplies and two factories for making their cartridges and ammunition.

"The Spanish authorities," Maceo says, "cannot get to the Cuban stronghold. The passage admits only one man at a time in front and besides that in the space of a half Spanish league Cubans have built a hundred trenches and sown them with dynamite bombs. If Weyler could force the passage he would only meet destruction half way."

In the same letter Gen. Maceo gives the news that he captured four cannons and a great quantity of ammunition in his last engagement with the Spanish troops, and especially against the corps of Melguicoes. With regard to provisions, he says that he is well supplied also, notwithstanding the fact that the province of Pinar del Rio is not as well provided for as the rest of the island.

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