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## SUSPICION

Is Aroused by a Telegram Sent by Mark Hanna to Goldbug Headquarters.

"MAY NEED THIS STATE YET,"

Local Goldbug Chieftains Cautiously to "Hold Nebraska's Returns in Line."

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT

That the State Has Declared Unmistakably for Bryan and is so Conceded by All.

Hold the Returns.

"The national republican committee has wired to Nebraska to hold Nebraska returns in line as it may be needed."

The above telegram was received at republican state headquarters late yesterday afternoon from Chairman Hanna. Significant isn't it?

When the success of Bryan, Holcomb and the entire state ticket with the possible exception of one congressman in the second district has already been conceded by the republican state committee, as well as every goldbug paper in the state, and that the majority of Bryan and Holcomb has been safely placed at 10,000 (but in reality will reach a still higher figure) the Hanna telegram is interpreted as meaning nothing more nor less than that if it is necessary to steal the vote of Nebraska to aid McKinley, as it now appears likely, have the returns so manipulated that the vote can be stolen.

And right here another thought occurs. If no more reliance can be placed on the claims of the republicans in the doubtful states then at present the indications are strongly that Mr. Bryan is elected. The goldbugs now have the extreme nerve to claim the state of Nebraska. In response to Mark Hanna's telegram, an "error" of 4,000 votes has been discovered in the Douglas county vote! Think of it! An error of 4,000!

If they have nothing more substantial to base their claims of carrying Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and California and Ohio than they have in Nebraska the goldbugs stand a mighty poor chance of winning on an honest count.

In order to decide the matter an official count will be necessary in all those states.

The following dispatch will explain itself: DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 4.—Minnesota in doubt, but chances favor Bryan by a small majority and Lind by somewhat larger. I am re-elected.

CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Grossly Unfair.

Chairman Jones of the national democratic committee says in a private telegram that press bulletins of election returns are grossly unfair. He has hopes of a democratic victory in Michigan and Minnesota, and has assurances from reliable sources that the solid south and west will make the 224 electoral votes for Bryan.

Tennessee and North Carolina are conceded democratic and the result in Kentucky is very close with ten counties to hear from.

In Michigan great democratic gains in legislature are conceded, but the state is still claimed for McKinley.

A Conspiracy.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 5.—Chairman James K. Jones of the democratic national committee this morning furnished the United Associated Presses with the following statement:

"There is evidently a conspiracy on the part of our opponents to claim every thing in utter disregard for the facts. They are now claiming Washington, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina and other states from which we have the most positive private assurances that we have carried each of them.

"So far from having lost any single state upon which we have counted for Mr. Bryan's election, every one has gone for us from which any reliable information has been received.

"I have no doubt the others will do likewise, thus insuring Mr. Bryan's election."

JAMES K. JONES.

They Are Misleading.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 5.—At this hour we are thoroughly convinced of the misleading character of early bulletins. The republican committee claims many states that the democratic candidate has carried by a large majority. They have

none of the southern states, with the possible exception of West Virginia. Bryan has positively carried Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Nebraska, Oregon, Kentucky and Wyoming. We claim Michigan, our returns from the interior counties showing remarkable gains. The state central committee of Indiana asserts that state is safe. We confidently expect all belated returns to add to the figures in our favor. We assert Mr. Bryan's election with confidence. It may be two full days before the result is finally known and admitted by the McKinley advocates. DANIEL J. CAMPAU.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 5.—Kentucky is believed to be democratic.

Indiana is in doubt.

JOHN R. M'LEAN,

Cincinnati Enquirer.

## FEELS GOOD

Grover Gives Us a New Chapter in His Game of Gold Standard Guff.

WHILE INVITING TO PRAYER,

He Keeps His Eye Glued to the Vicinity of the Bond Deal-ing Syndicates.

Bears Down Hard on Charity.

Inspired by the returns that reached him betokening the election of McKinley and the triumph of Mark Hanna in purchasing the presidency by the wholesale use of trust and corporation contributed corruption funds, bribery, coercion and intimidation, the pious Grover Cleveland yesterday sat down in his gilded sanctum and addressed the following mockery of a state document to the American people:

"The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of nations for His watchful care which has shielded them from dire disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness, nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings and to follow with sinful pride after their own devices.

To the end that these thoughts may be quickened, it is fitting that on a day especially appointed we should join together in approaching the throne of grace with praise and supplication.

Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land. On that day let every people forgo their usual work and occupation and assemble in their accustomed places of worship. Let them, with one accord, render thanks to the Ruler of the universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from threatened danger; for the peace that has dwelt in our boundaries; for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed; for the piteous rewards that have followed the labors of our husbandmen, and for all the blessings that have been vouchsafed to us.

And let us, through the meditation of Him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of heavenly favor.

Let us not forget on this day of thanksgiving the poor and needy, and by deeds of charity, let our offerings of praise be made acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States, which I have caused to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

(Signed.) GROVER CLEVELAND,

By the President: RICHARD OLNEY,

Secretary of State.

STILL IN DOUBT.

But Strode Is Probably Elected to Congress From This District.

Returns are slow from the congressional election of Strode. The latter claims his election by about 400. Judge Broady says that he has heard that his majority in Richardson county was not as large as he had expected at first, and that Otoe county did not give him the party vote. If so, he is probably defeated.

## BRYAN LOSES

Chairman Jones Concedes McKinley's Election—His Telegram to Mr. Bryan.

NOT AT ALL DISCOURAGED

Mr. Bryan Says the Fight for Silver Has Just Commenced

and That the Fight Will be Continued.

Bryan Congratulates McKinley.

The first information that Senator Jones had conceded the election of McKinley was given to Mr. Bryan at 8 o'clock last evening through a United Associated Presses bulletin, forwarded from The Journal office. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were out walking when the bulletin was received. They had been indoors all day and after supper decided to take a little needed exercise. Just as the clock in the library was striking the hour, husband and wife returned. A. R. Talbot, several newspaper men were in the library at the time. Mr. Bryan read the bulletin without showing any signs of feeling and remarked as he finished, "I'll wait to hear from Senator Jones before saying anything." Then he put on a velvet house jacket and began chatting pleasantly with some personal friends who were waiting him in the parlor. There was nothing of the pathetic in the scene. Mr. Bryan had not clung to the hope held out to him by some of his enthusiastic followers and was prepared for the news. His wife, too, knew that nothing encouraging was to be expected. Her natural good nature came to the fore when she realized that the strain was over and she laughed and joked with those about her while Mr. Bryan also chafed the newspaper men during the wait for the official message from Senator Jones. Half an hour later a telegram messenger handed a dispatch to the defeated candidate. It was from Senator Jones. "You may say," said he, turning to the newspaper men after reading the telegram, "that the election of McKinley is conceded and I will issue a statement tonight."

CONGRATULATES MCKINLEY.

Then he sat down at the big oak desk, at which he works, and began writing a message of congratulation to his victorious opponent, Mrs. Bryan leaning over his shoulder as his pencil went over the paper. This was the message: Hon. William McKinley, senator, O.—Senator Jones has just informed me that the returns indicate your election and I hasten to extend my congratulations. We have submitted the issues to the American people and their will is law.

W. J. BRYAN.

Mr. Bryan paused once during the writing of a humorous story apropos a remark made by one of those about him. When he had finished he handed the dispatch to a messenger boy and then told another story. There appeared to be nothing forced about his pleasant manner. He seemed actually happy that the strain was over. He told the newspaper men the conversation that ensued that he would prepare a statement to be issued to the bimetallicists of the country and would make it public before noon today and not last night as he had previously said. Mr. Bryan said he did not care to say anything about the result of the election last night, but in reference to a question as to whether he thought McKinley's election was a blow to the cause of bimetallicism he responded, "The fight has just commenced."

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Chairman Jones formally announced the result of the election of McKinley, and made his last presidential campaign statement to the public. The free silver standard was really lowered late last night, so far as the election of 1896 is concerned, when advices were received at headquarters from West Virginia concurring the electoral vote of that state to McKinley, but it was decided not to make a public announcement of the fact until today.

In the meantime Governor Stone arrived in Chicago from Missouri in response to Senator Jones' telegram. The national committee, with the governor and Committee man Campau, were in conference this evening in the senator's room and at its conclusion the following statement was given to the public:

"The result of the presidential election is apparently no longer in doubt. It has been one of the closest contests that the people have been called on to determine in recent years. We have claimed the election on our advice from states that were admittedly in doubt, in which we knew that there had been many frauds and from which there were evidences of tampering with the returns. It seems now to be apparent that while Mr. Bryan, after making the most brilliant campaign in the history of our country, has carried most of the states claimed to be doubtful, he has not carried enough to secure his success in the electoral college. Bryan electors have been chosen in all the states south of the Potomac and Ohio, except West Virginia, and all those west of the Missouri river, California and Oregon. He has 190 electoral votes and this number may be increased by final returns from states yet in question.

"Thus this remarkable campaign closes with the election of William McKinley. The result was brought about by every kind of coercion and intimidation on the part of the money power, including threats of lookouts and dismissals and impending starvation; by the employment of by far the largest campaign fund ever used in this country and by the subordination of a large number of the American newspapers. The president-elect and his party are under pledge to the American people to continue the gold standard and by its operation to restore prosperity to this country. As chief executive Mr. McKinley will have the cordial support of the millions of patriotic Americans who have cast their votes for William Jennings Bryan. They bow to the majesty of the office and abide by the result with none of the mutterings that would have come from the money power had it been unsuccessful. They are confident that the gold standard cannot give the promised prosperity, but will gladly welcome it if it comes. They will

continue the great struggle for the uplifting of humanity and to the maintenance of the dignity of our country in the establishment of an American monetary system. And the democratic party, aided by its present allies will still uplift the bimetallic standard and bear it to victory.

JAMES K. JONES, Chairman Democratic National Committee. Senator Jones and his family, excepting his son Kimbrough, will leave for their Arkansas home tomorrow morning, his son remaining to wind up the affairs of the headquarters. Committeemen Johnson, Walsh and Campau will depart for their homes by the end of the week, when there will be nothing left but a memory of both republican and democratic headquarters.

A Sad Accident.

John M. Tipling, a traveling man in the employ of Hargreaves Bros., was instantly killed in a collision at Malcomb, about 8 o'clock Monday morning. Deceased lived at Nineteenth and F streets and was one of the best known and most popular men on the road. He was seated in a caboose of a freight train at the time of the accident endeavoring to make two or three points and return to Lincoln in time to vote.

When the news of the accident reached Lincoln the few facts obtainable spread like wildfire about the city, and a few lunatic individuals sought to create a sensation by declaring that the accident occurred on the Bryan special which left Lincoln at 7 o'clock.

The rumor was quickly run down and another one was started to the effect that the train under command of Mr. Irish the California goldbug democrat who has been selected by the republicans to follow up the Bryan special, was running regardless of time and had crashed into a freight which was dead ahead of it at Malcomb.

This appears to have been the case. The Irish special was in charge of Engineer H. T. Beatty, who together with his fireman jumped in time to save their lives. It is reported that the train was running at a speed of sixty miles an hour and did not stop at Germantown at all but rushed on towards Malcomb and it did not even slow up as it went around the curve. It crashed into a freight which was standing near the depot.

Assistant Superintendent V. O. English, who was on board the Irish special, had his shoulder somewhat dislocated, but aside from this no other accidents are reported.

The remains of Mr. Tipling were brought to Lincoln on the noon train and conveyed to his residence at Nineteenth and F. Deceased leaves a wife and two small children. He was a prominent member of the Traveling Men's Bryan club and has been a resident of Lincoln for many years.

## OUR STATE.

Mr. Bryan Acknowledges the Loyalty of Nebraska Friends.

NO CAUSE EVER HAD TRUER.

A Legislature That Can Prevent Intimidation in the Future.

Cause for Congratulation.

Mr. Bryan refused to be interviewed on the general election today saying that it would not be proper for him to express an opinion, but he gave out the following interview on the situation in Nebraska:

"The result in Nebraska is very gratifying. We have had great obstacles to overcome, and yet in spite of all these obstacles we have secured a majority of 10,000 or 15,000 for our electoral ticket and have elected the entire state ticket, and also at least four, and possibly five, members of congress out of six, and have elected a good working majority in both branches of the legislature.

"The democrats, populists and silver republicans have worked together in perfect harmony and they share the victory together.

"The gold standard democrats, by collusion with republican officials, secured place on the ballot as 'democrats,' and deceived a few voters, but the attempted fraud was nullified by the attention of the voters and the evil effects reduced to a minimum.

"It is safe to say that almost the entire Palmer vote was cast by mistake, because the gold democrats here, as elsewhere, voted almost unanimously for the republican candidate.

"I am proud of Nebraska and grateful to friends in this state for their loyalty. No cause ever had more devoted supporters than the silver cause has in Nebraska.

"Having control of the legislative machinery in this state, we shall be able to so reform our ballot law as to prevent the frauds which have been perpetrated under it, and we shall also be able to secure legislation which will protect the voters from coercion and intimidation.

## STATE TICKET ELECTED

By Pluralities Ranging from 8,000 to 15,000.

TWO THIRDS OF LEGISLATURE

Four Congressmen and Nearly all the County Officers are ours.

More Than We Expected.

The State Journal of Friday morning concedes the state ticket to the populists and democrats in the following language: Republican state headquarters in this city is no longer thronged by anxious seekers after election news. Returns from the first were discouraging to republicans and with the lapse of time they admit defeat. That Bryan and Holcomb had carried the state was admitted by Chairman Post from the first, but yesterday all hopes of the election of a single state officer was given up by republicans. A few had hoped that at least two state officers might be elected.

It is now only a question of the size of the popular vote majority. Returns complete from sixty-five counties out of ninety give Bryan a plurality of 12,244 and it is believed that it will be 10,000. Fifty-four counties give Holcomb a plurality of 10,544 and the populists claim he will have at least 15,000 plurality over MacColl, the republican candidate. The populistic state committee claims sixty-three out of 100 members of the house of representatives and twenty-three out of thirty-three members of the state senate.

The election of two republican congressmen, Strode of the First district and Mercer of the Second district is practically settled.

Congressman Strode's estimated majority in Lancaster county is 850, Cass 285, Johnson 125, Pawnee 240, a total of 1,495. Broady has a majority of 321 in Otoe county, 423 in Nemaha, 225 in Richardson, making a total of 1,069. These figures give Strode a majority of 873.

Returns on the electoral ticket from the following counties are compared with the vote cast for Holcomb and Majors in 1894.

County.	McKinley	Bryan	Holcomb	Majors
Adams	1697	1201	1264	1263
Antelope	875	1099	872	1154
Blaine	87	61	65	62
Boyd	502	655	648	618
Boone	1296	1099	974	1130
Brown	386	219	404	357
Butler	1626	1283	1148	1084
Cadiz	1261	829	1282	1203
Cedar	1012	1474	804	852
Chase	942	246	909	223
Cherry	638	647	608	702
Clay	1679	1743	715	1637
Cuming	1310	1763	888	1410
Custer	393	1216	1415	1935
Dawes	715	774	777	945
Dixon	925	1203	747	859
Dodge	2521	2976	725	2143
Deuel	26	222	267	367
Douglas	11545	10756	10642	10194
Dundy	268	273	286	273
Garfield	137	205	166	167
Gosper	895	686	855	605
Grant	89	95	70	85
Greely	401	798	300	641
Hall	1792	1739	1551	1548
Holt	831	1859	967	1201
Howard	686	1238	673	1063
Jefferson	147	1709	1131	1131
Johnson	1418	1246	1494	952
Kearney	264	1128	925	1042
Keith	174	198	190	239
Keya Paha	300	280	223	267
Kimball	96	63	82	94
Lancaster	6512	5678	6997	4275
Lincoln	225	1946	299	1986
Loup	113	137	121	122
Mary	240	230	142	159
Merriok	979	1023	940	821
Nance	180	180	652	801
Nemaha	1660	2035	1528	1363
Nuckolls	1134	1364	1197	1339
Otoe	2543	2571	2980	1988
Pawnee	1479	1198	1261	929
Peru	225	241	241	234
Phelps	975	1185	840	1136
Pierce	631	954	674	700
Platte	1388	2299	993	1794
Polk	840	1502	792	1232
Red Willow	868	1013	1001	876
Richardson	1576	2041	2107	1794
Saline	50	203	1615	216
Sarpy	678	1184	670	972
Saunders	2103	2730	1703	2692
Seward	1667	1844	1496	1605
Sherman	433	865	399	719
Stanton	967	838	494	668
Thayer	1467	1263	1267	1179
Thomas	35	80	55	56
Thurston	506	714	313	572
Valley	200	204	64	793
Webster	1112	1245	1150	1188
Wheeler	99	170	95	180
Wayne	996	1110	780	800
York	1255	1207	1234	1235
Total	72156	80450	73414	76443

\*Majority. \*Incomplete.

Returns have been received from the following counties on governor:

County.	McColl	Holcomb
Adams	1685	1235
Blaine	77	70
Brown	347	327
Burt	1435	1013
Butler	1613	1013
Cedar	829	915
Chase	223	261
Clay	1546	1771
Cuming	1155	1729
Cherry	611	667
Custer	321	1719
Dawes	613	1294
Douglas	11519	2367
Dundy	280	276
Garfield	144	230
Gosper	827	854
Grant	89	91
Greely	395	302
Hall	1767	1523
Howard	705	1021
Johnson	1246	1022
Kearney	217	1263
Keith	180	239
Keya Paha	195	267
Kimball	92	86
Lancaster	5472	4742
Loup	113	120

County.	McColl	Holcomb
Madison	100	100
Merriok	100	100
Nemaha	100	100
Nuckolls	100	100
Otoe	100	100
Pawnee	100	100
Phelps	100	100
Pierce	100	100
Platte	100	100
Polk	100	100
Red Willow	100	100
Richardson	100	100
Rock	100	100
Saunders	100	100
Seward	100	100
Sherman	100	100
Stanton	100	100
Thayer	100	100
Thomas	100	100
Thurston	100	100
Valley	100	100
Wheeler	100	100
Webster	100	100
York	100	100

Total  
\*Incomplete.  
\*Majority.  
Holcomb's plurality, 12,244.  
Auburn—Nemaha county gives the McKinley electors 1,900 and Bryan 1,800; MacColl 1,831 and Holcomb 2,005; Strode 1,284 and Broady 1,069. Church Howe has been defeated in this county by 201 and in fact the entire republican ticket has been defeated by from 60 to 200.

McCook—Red Willow county's vote complete, McKinley 58, Bryan 1,028, Palmer 17; MacColl 95, Holcomb 1,028, Bibb 25. Wayne—Wayne county's vote complete, McKinley 83, Bryan 1,110, Palmer 4; MacColl 92, Holcomb 1,282; total vote in county 2,123.

St. Paul—Howard county's vote complete, McKinley 68, Bryan 1,282, Palmer 10; MacColl 61, Holcomb 1,321, Bibb 25; Cady 20, Greene 1,120; Grothman, pop, elected to the senate and Bower, pop, to the house.

Stanton—Official canvass of complete returns of Stanton county shows