SITUATION

A forecast of the presidential situation published in the New York Herald (ind.) showing that Bryan's chances are excellent is reviewed by the Denver News.

Coming as this prediction does from a source which in the past has been especially bitter to the democratic candidate, its significance can hardly be over estimated. The Herald's attitude toward Bryan has changed materially since the campaign opened, and the commoner is receiving decent treatment in its columns.

Among the states classed as doubtful are such important ones as New York, with thirty-nine electoral votes; Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. The full list follows:

. States Classed as Doubtful

States:	 	tors:
Colorado	 	5
Indiana	 	. 15
Maryland	 	. 8
Minnesota		2 2
Montana		- 0
Nebraska		
New York		. 39
Utah	٠.	. 3
South Dakota	 	. 4
Wisconsin	٠.	. 13
West Virginia	٠.	. 7
Total	 	.116

It is not expected that either national committee will agree entirely ful column states on which Mr. follows: Hitchcock claims to hold a mortgage.

For instance, Bryan will object to the classification of California as republican, while Taft's managers will find fault with the placing of Republicans, to win, must ge Wisconsin, the territory of Senator adopted at Denver, in the doubtful column.

In order to resolve the fighting ground for the presidency into terity, as follows:

Republican States

California 10

Camoina	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
Idaho	
Illinois	. 2
Iowa	. 1
Kansas	. 1
Maine	
Massachusetts	. 1
Michigan	
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	. 1
North Dakota	
Ohio	- 0
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	
Vermont	
Washington	
Wyoming	

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But in this campaign there is another class of states on which it will be well to keep an eye. They are states where there have been violent fluctuations in state elections or where there are known conditions which indicate a great falling off in the heavily democratic and heavily republican vote. These states might be called "surprise states." There is not sufficient reason at the outset of the activities of the campaign to warrant their being placed in the doubtful column, and all of them so designated, for purposes of explanation, are in the above democratic or republican classifications. They are as follows:

Surprise States

California (Rep.)	10
Georgia (Dem.)	13
Kentucky (Dem.)	13
Missouri (Dem.)	18
Nevada (Dem.)	
North Dakota (Rep.)	
Ohio (Rep.)	
Oregon (Rep.)	
Rhode Island (Rep.)	
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Five of these "surprise states" are normally republican, and four are democratic. Combined, they furnish ninety-one electors. The five republican states supply forty-seven elec-

If they had also been added to the doubtful states, the number of electoral votes classed as doubtful would with this classification. Designa- have been increased from 116 to 207, tions which please the republicans and if the states had been lifted out will displease the democrats, while of the columns in which they are the reverse in the case with an al- placed the result as to prospective lignment which places in the doubt- party strength would have been as

Total electoral votes48
Necessary to elect24
Democratic reasonably sure 11
Republican reasonably sure 16:
Demograts, to win, must get : 12:
Republicans to win, must get 8

Perhaps there will be no chance LaFollette, whose platform was of any of these nine states last mentioned proving doubtful. Perhaps Bryan will get the electors in Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Nevada without trouble. Perhaps Calritory clearly defined, it is possible ifornia, North Dakota, Rhode Island, to apportion the states that each Ohio and Oregon will remain in the candidate will carry, in all probabil- republican column to the end. But it is always interesting to keep an eye on "surprise states."

One thing is admitted by both republicans and democrats-New York state is to be one of the big battlegrounds of the campaign, and the fight to be waged within its borders will be the most picturesque ever put up by the two state organizations.

Speaking for publication both democratic and republican managers declare they will win. Speaking privately they say no one can predict with even a suggestion of accuracy which way the political pendulum will swing .- From the Denver News.

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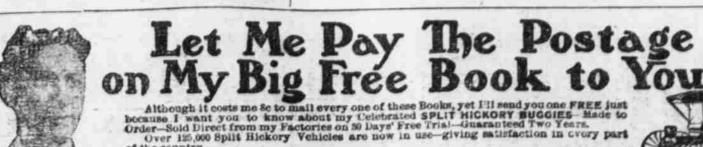
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