

THE NEW YORK HERALD ON THE 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:	Electors:
Colorado	5
Indiana	15
Maryland	8
Minnesota	11
Montana	3
Nebraska	8
New York	39
Utah	3
South Dakota	4
Wisconsin	13
West Virginia	7

Total 116

It is not expected that either national committee will agree entirely with this classification. Designations which please the republicans will displease the democrats, while the reverse in the case with an alignment which places in the doubtful column states on which Mr. 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 Wisconsin, the territory of Senator LaFollette, whose platform was adopted at Denver, in the doubtful column.

In order to resolve the fighting ground for the presidency into territory clearly defined, it is possible to apportion the states that each candidate will carry, in all probability, as follows:

Republican States	
California	10
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Idaho	3
Illinois	27
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	16
Michigan	14
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	12
North Dakota	4
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	34
Rhode Island	4
Vermont	4
Washington	5
Wyoming	3
Total	206

Democratic States	
Alabama	11
Arkansas	9
Florida	5
Georgia	13
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	9
Mississippi	10
Missouri	18
Nevada	3
Oklahoma	7
North Carolina	12
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	12
Texas	18

Virginia	12
Total	161

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.)	3
North Dakota (Rep.)	4
Ohio (Rep.)	23
Oregon (Rep.)	4
Rhode Island (Rep.)	4

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 electors.

If they had also been added to the doubtful states, the number of electoral votes classed as doubtful would have been increased from 116 to 207, and if the states had been lifted out of the columns in which they are placed the result as to prospective party strength would have been as follows:

Total electoral votes	483
Necessary to elect	242
Democratic reasonably sure	114
Republican reasonably sure	162
Democrats, to win, must get	128
Republicans, to win, must get	80

Perhaps there will be no chance 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 California, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Ohio and Oregon will remain in the 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.

BRYAN'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE
New Orleans Times-Democrat: Comparison of the candidate's notification day addresses will result, we think, to the advantage of Mr. Bryan, whose square and unequivocal statement of his position, logical

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