

INTERESTING FIGURES.

Hope springs eternal in men like Bryan. Beaten and routed, the Boy yet snatches the threads of consolation from the debris with which he is surrounded and weaves a warp of hope. The reports from Illinois, and Minnesota and Indiana were a shock to the Boy's beautiful and plausible theory of destiny; but with his feet planted firmly in the silvery sand of Nebraska, and with one eye on Colorado and the other on Kansas, the youth who imagines himself the chosen leader, girds up his loins and prepares for what will be the "decisive" battle of 1900. With defeated warriors it is always the next battle that is to be decisive. It is quite possible that Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for president in 1900. He will not be the standard bearer of the democratic party. An out and out socialist party, to be recruited chiefly from the populists, may be a factor in the next presidential contest, and Mr. Bryan may be the leader.

That is a long time off anyway. But one thing is pretty well assured. Mr. Bryan will never make a steeplechase campaign—that is, he won't if he is in any degree mindful of the effect of his record-breaking race, just ended, on the people of the country. It is interesting to note the results of the late election in connection with Mr. Bryan's hysterical and flighty manifestations. A Lincoln paper has pointed out the alleged fact that Mr. Bryan was heard by 1,200,000 people during the campaign, and that 1,200,000 is, approximately, the plurality for McKinley in the total vote. Mr. Bryan's greatest effort was in the state of Illinois. It was there that he talked the convention out of the nomination for president, and he made many subsequent appearances in that state. Illinois' plurality for McKinley was 165,000. Perhaps Mr. Bryan's next greatest effort was in New York state. He made two pilgrimages from Lincoln to New York city, and made a large number of speeches throughout the city. New York's plurality for McKinley was 273,000. Mr. Bryan made several speeches in Pennsylvania, and the Keystone state gave McKinley a plurality of 296,000. He also made some in New Jersey, and Mr. Hobart's state gave up a McKinley plurality of 86,000. Mr. Bryan spoke at various places in New England, and the New England states elected a solid McKinley electoral ticket with pluralities ranging from 23,000 to 164,000. Mr. Bryan spoke in West Virginia, and that state went republican by 15,000. He spoke in Maryland, and Maryland gave McKinley a plurality of 32,000. Mr. Bryan went to Kentucky, a strong democratic state, and on election day it went republican. Mr. Bryan was specially confident of Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, and he made a vigorous personal campaign in these states. McKinley carried them by the following pluralities respectively, 50,000, 20,000, 50,000, 100,000. Before Mr. Bryan set out for Madison Square Garden, he looked upon Iowa, and said that state would surely be had. He traversed it two or three times, and it gave McKinley a plurality of 72,000. Ohio, that's one of the first states that seemed to attract Mr. Bryan's attention. He canvassed the state thoroughly, and it will be remembered that he was greeted everywhere by immense crowds. Well, McKinley carried Ohio by 70,000. Mr. Bryan did not appear in Colorado, Arkansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, Texas, Utah, Washington and other states that gave him pluralities. Kansas and Nebraska went scanty for Bryan, but Mr. Bryan's personal efforts in these states were inconsiderable. Mr. Bryan made in all 600 speeches during the campaign. McKinley carried twenty-four states, or an average of one state for every twenty-five speeches Bryan made. I believe Mr. Bryan is reported to have travelled 20,000 miles. That's a mile for every vote that went to make up the republican plurality in New York city.

This might be carried on to much greater length. It all goes to show that it isn't the number of miles that a candidate travels, or the number of speeches that he makes, or the quality of his oratory, or the seductiveness of his smile that wins the most votes. Greeley learned and now Mr. Bryan has learned that you can't measure votes by the number of people who hear you talk. Major McKinley hardly stepped off his porch in Canton, and yet the people yoted him into office by a tremendous plurality. So, it would appear that Mr. Bryan would do quite as well to stay at home the next time he assumes the role of a man of destiny.

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A PLAGIARIST.

The Evening News has just made the startling discovery that the fight for mayor is now on, and Wednesday evening the "political editor" of said paper attempted to define the political situation with fragments of articles which have been published in the Courier three or four weeks ago. But even with the Courier's explicit statements before him, his endeavor in this direction proved a most dismal and ridiculous failure in many respects. His effort to authoritatively enlighten the people of Lincoln on questions of political import would have been comprehensive, reliable and logical had he copied the Courier's articles verbatim instead of garbling them as he did with the hope of giving his "prophecies" originality. It is admitted by every one that the Courier is pre-eminently the political authority on city politics, etc., and that its productions should be swiped without credit constrains me to protest most vigorously against such a practice. Every statement of the article printed by the evening paper—except those which seemed prompted by imbecility or a sad lack of knowledge or common sense—were all printed in these columns some time ago. It was the Courier that first advised L. L. E. Stewart to call an early meeting of the city republican central committee. It was the Courier that first suggested amendments of various kinds to the Crawford county system; and the Courier, in enumerating the names of the gentlemen who aspire to the mayoralty chair, published a complete list of them, and not only a few, as did our contemporary.

Our contemporary avers that Ed Sizer and John P. Maule will antagonize Mayor Graham to the last length, and further alleges that Dr. E. L. Holyoke, Sam Melick, Roy Stewart et. al. will oppose Mr. W. A. Woodward. Since when has the cautious man in politics been divulging his sentiments prematurely, especially to a reporter? Or has the reporter in question been made the confidential adviser to the gentlemen named? There is absolutely no truth in these assertions. If Ed Sizer, John Maule, Dr. Holyoke and the others here named were asked whom they will or will not support for mayor next spring they would refuse to answer such a question; at least at this time. How, then, can any one assert, that which is only vain imagining on their part.

Frank Graham, like any other man who holds office, has alike many friends and enemies. If he had none, it would signify his unfitness for office. Mr. Woodward has done nothing to incur the displeasure of those who are said by the News to be against him. Why, then, so much buncombe from this source? There is, however, no longer any doubt but that Mayor Graham, O. W. Webster and W. A. Woodward, are candidates for mayor, as are J. D. Parker and Barr Parker.

The News also declares that the ministerial association will try to smother Graham's ambition. Is there any legitimate proof for this allegation? It is not believed that the ministers of Lincoln have as yet expressed any opinion on this subject, nor is it likely that they will for some time.

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Woman's Clubs.

Sorosio junior met Friday afternoon, November 6, with Miss Corbett, at the capitol building. Mrs. Geo. Meissner as leader presented an account of the history and the principles advocated by the Tabitha society of London. A discussion of modern socialism followed. Current events were given in response to roll call. The next meeting of the club will be led by Miss Louise Pound, and entertained at the home of Miss Kirker, 635 South Seventeenth street on Saturday afternoon, November 21, at 3 o'clock.

NORFOLK, NEB., Nov. 13: Editor of COURIER—I thought possibly you might like to hear something from the Woman's club of Norfolk.

We are having a very pleasant year. Our membership is enthusiastic and wide awake.

Last Monday we enjoyed a rare treat. Miss Pierson of England who is visiting relatives in Nebraska, has recently returned from a three year's sojourn in

South Africa. Upon our solicitation she gave the club a talk of two hours on the home and social life of the Boers and Kaffirs. The talk was illustrated by pictures and personal ornaments of these people, and was extremely interesting.

Although a stormy afternoon, fifty ladies were present to enjoy this opportunity for obtaining information not available from our usual source of research.

MISS CORA A. BEELS,
President Woman's Club, Norfolk, Neb.

YORK, NEB., Nov. 13.—Out from the realms of thought, borne on the wings of desire, has come the arena progress, a new organization, bearing upon its banner the "Review and Art Club." This represents fifteen cultured ladies who will spend the present club year in the study of Robert Browning, Emerson's essays and art, with reviews of some of the new books and magazines. The first regular work was October 24, when Andrea Del Sarto, from Browning was studied and Marie Corelli's "Ardath" was reviewed. Following is the program of November 7.

Mrs. Peattie's life and works. The biography of Mrs. Peattie, by Mrs. Robert McConaughy.

Review of the "Mountain Woman," by Miss Irene Haggard.

Mrs. Charles Gilbert sang "Lingering Love Dreams," after which Browning's "Home Thoughts From Abroad," "The Lost Leader," and "How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix," were studied.

A familiar talk on early Italian art, with illustrations, led by Mrs. Robert McConaughy, special attention being

given to Raphael, Michael Angel and Leonardo Da Vinci. This is the first of a series of talks on art, to be continued throughout the year.

The last period was spent among the "Home and Heart" poems of James Whitcomb Riley. Mrs. L. W. Snow, our president, gave a reading from Riley, "Our Hired Girl," which so captivated her hearers that her ability in this direction will be called upon many times in the future. This is the fourth club in York and among its members are some of the oldest club workers in the city.

GOURIER PRIZE CONTEST.

A number of stories have been sent to "The Courier" and entered in the competition for the prize. The editor reserves the right to print any or all of the stories sent in whether they receive the prize or not. This notice will be printed in the paper until the announcement of the prizes. Any who may object to the stipulation may withdraw his story from competition at any time before November 30.

The judges are John H. Ames, W. F. Summers and the Rev. H. Percy Silver. The manuscripts are to be handed to the judges without any names written upon them and the prizes will be awarded to a letter or to a number.

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