

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

PEKIN, Nov. 3.—Although advised to deprive Li Hung Chang of his office, the emperor has substituted for this punishment the loss of a year's salary. A dispatch to the Associated Press on October 29th announced Li Hung Chang had been appointed minister for foreign affairs and at the same time an Imperial edict was ordered that the Chinese statesman be punished for presuming to enter the precincts of the ruined summer palace while visiting the dowager empress of China.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The returns from the entire country, although incomplete in some states, are of a nature to insure the election of McKinley. A sufficient number of states have declared for the Republican party to make certain 264 votes in the electoral college for its leader. The states whose votes are sure for him are as follows:

California	9
Connecticut	6
Delaware	3
Illinois	24
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Maine	6
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	15
Michigan	14
Minnesota	9
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	10
New York	36
North Dakota	3
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	32
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Vermont	4
West Virginia	6
Wisconsin	12
Total	264

The returns show some interesting features, and in some respects have been a surprise to leaders of both political parties.

The New England states have, as was expected, given heavy pluralities for McKinley without exception. The Republican ticket was successful in Massachusetts beyond what was claimed for it by the most enthusiastic prophet of Republican success.

New York and Pennsylvania vied with each other for the largest plurality, and the figures at hand do not indicate which one of them has surpassed the other. Each state has given the Republican candidate a plurality of between 275,000 and 280,000. To these states Illinois is a good third in its plurality for the winning candidate. If the percentage of gain over the presidential election of 1892 that has so far been maintained continues to the end it will give a plurality of not far from 175,000. In the gubernatorial race Altgeld has been badly beaten, but is not hurried so deep, and is probably about 60,000 ahead of the Democratic national ticket. There has been evidently a large vote cast through the state for McKinley and Altgeld.

In Indiana, if any of the rules for estimating the vote of a state which previous to the present election held good, are still to be relied upon, there is no justification for the Democratic claims of having carried the state. If the ratio of Republican gains continues to the end of the count, McKinley

will have approximately 20,000 plurality in the state.

In Iowa, as far as can be seen from the returns at present, the Republican plurality has been very large, not far either way from 75,000.

POCATELLO, Ida., Nov. 4.—From partial returns the following is the result in Bannock county: Bryan, 494; McKinley, 98; Gunn, 308; Borah, 356; Morrison, 109; Steunenberg, 468; Budlong, 82; Lewis, 325; Durran, 293; Garrett, 84.

SALMON CITY, Ida., Nov. 4.—Three precincts in Lemhi county, including about two-thirds of the vote of Salmon City, McKinley, 121; Bryan, 375; Judge, Quarles, 299; Stanrod, 146; Wilson, 80. Legislative ticket, People's Democratic party, 301; Republicans, 133. Dubois ticket, 73. For governor, Steunenberg, 272; Budlong, 92. For congress, Gunn, 23; Morrison, 91; Borah, 39. Count progressing very slowly.

Vote for Bryan, 140; McKinley, 20. For governor, Democrats, 100. For Congress, Morrison (Rep.) 23. People's Democratic party ahead in this precinct 3 to 1.

PARIS, Ida., Nov. 4.—Paris, Ovid, Liberty, St. Charles, Bloomington and Dangle precincts give the following votes: For senator, Spence (Rep.), 51; Wright (Rep.), 31. Senator, Clark (silver-Rep.), 92. Representatives, Shepherd (silver-Rep.), 224. Patton (silver-Rep.), 118. Demo-Populist, Senator, Rich, 264. Representative, Puzmire, 241; Wallantale, 219.

MINIDOKA, Ida., Nov. 4.—Entire Demo-Populist electoral, state and legislative ticket elected in Cassia county.

The Demo Pops will carry the three members of the legislature in this county, and they are all pronounced anti-Dubois.

MONTPELIER, Ida., Nov. 4.—Of 1,092 total vote-cast in Bear Lake county, 225 were for McKinley. Populist-Democratic fusion elected the entire state, legislative and county ticket. Gunn has an enormous majority.

CALDWELL, Ida., Nov. 4.—Canyon county gives Bryan 1,111, McKinley 277. Gunn, for Congress, 637; Borah, 452; Morrison, 298; Steunenberg, for governor, 1,076; Budlong, 501; the entire Populist-Democratic county ticket is elected with the exception of probate judge.

Wapi precinct, Blaine county, 9 votes polled. Bryan electors 8; McKinley, 1. For governor Steunenberg, 8; Budlong, 1. For Congress—Borah 6; Gunn, 2; Morrison, 1. Remainder of ticket run with Borah according to the vote above. For woman suffrage a tie.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Senator Dubois telegraphs to the Associated Press from Blackfoot, Idaho as follows:

"Owing to the great distances, returns are coming in slowly. About one-third of the state has been heard from, indicating with tolerable accuracy that McKinley will get about one vote in every seven in the state and that Borah, silver Republican will be elected to Congress against the combination candidate for the Democratic and Populists. I will carry the legislature against a combination of Demo-

crats, Populists and gold Republicans. There will not be a McKinley Republican elected to the legislature in the entire state, and the McKinley Republicans will not elect an officer in the state."

PARIS, Nov. 3.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the minister of foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux, made an important statement regarding Armenia, in the course of which he said:

"The powers have done their duty, and accord has been established between the powers, who recognized that isolated action must be avoided and that common action would not affect the integrity of Turkey. During the czar's visit a precise exchange of views occurred on points before the parliament. United Europe will be able to show the sultan that he must give his subjects prosperity and peace."

M. Hanotaux also said that united Europe will make the sultan understand that not only Armenians but Catholics and Mussulmans are suffering, and will show him the force of these evils. It will indicate the means to establish order everywhere, without which the country cannot continue to exist. It will demand the execution of his promises and the enforcement and extension of reforms already granted; it will open the prisons and will also bring home to him that the powers hold him responsible for the safety of Europe.

Afterward the Chamber of Deputies voted a million francs for the relief of sufferers by the floods.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—An unusual proportion of government officials in the higher offices remained in Washington and did not vote. The list included President Cleveland and Private Secretary Thurber, who were at the White House most of the day; Secretaries Olney and Carlisle, who lost his vote by a technicality of the law, and Morton, Solicitor-General Holmes Conrad of Virginia, Assistant Attorney-General Thomas, Assistant Secretaries Rockhill, Dabney and Simms, and a number of bureau chiefs, some of whom, however, have lost their votes by reason of their long residence in Washington.

Among those who did vote were Secretaries Francis, Herbert and Lamont, Postmaster-General Wilson, Attorney-General Harmon, Assistant Attorney-General Whitney of New York, Assistant Attorney-General W. W. Baldwin of the state department, Assistant Secretaries Hamlin, Curtis Comptroller Eckels, Assistant Secretary Reynolds and Land Commissioner Lamoreaux of the interior departments and Assistant Postmaster-General, Jones, Craig and Maxwell.

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 5.—W. W. White & Co., one of the largest and oldest cotton buying firms in Texas, filed a deed of trust late last night. The liabilities are near \$200,000; the largest creditor is J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, who have claims of \$108,000 secured with 3,000 bales of cotton. Local banks were hit hard. Six sections of land in the Pan Handle and numerous shares of stock in local elevator companies are conveyed for the benefit of creditors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Information received at the treasury department shows that large amounts of gold are