

Bryan Might Easily Have Won.

An examination of the figures of last Tuesday's vote results in some very curious and interesting revelations. It will be remembered that The Post, from the very first, insisted that Bryan's chances were good, that at any stage of the campaign his election was a possibility, and that McKinley's election, although we regarded it as highly probable, depended after all upon a very narrow and uncertain margin. As unanswerable proof that we were right in this, we now call attention to the following table, showing how a change of little more than 25,000 votes, distributed over nine States, would have elected Bryan, notwithstanding his big majorities elsewhere:

States.	Electoral votes.	Majorities.
California	9	5,000
Delaware	3	2,500
Indiana	15	22,000
Kentucky	13	500
North Dakota.....	3	5,000
Oregon	4	3,000
South Dakota.....	4	300
West Virginia.....	6	12,000
Wyoming	3	200

Total electoral votes, 60.

Total McKinley majorities, 50,500.

Now, suppose there had been these changes from McKinley to Bryan in the different States respectively:

California	2,510
Delaware	1,255
Indiana	11,100
Kentucky	251
North Dakota	2,510
Oregon	1,505
South Dakota.....	151
West Virginia.....	6,010
Wyoming	101
Total.....	25,393

These changes would have given every one of the nine States to Bryan, and, adding their 60 votes to the 167 he got elsewhere, would have made his strength in the electoral college 227—three more than he needed to make him President.

It is a serious reflection that the changing of only 25,393 votes—as a matter of fact the change of 25,026 votes would have accomplished the result—is all that stood between the election of McKinley and the election of Bryan. We commend this reflection to the gentlemen who are throwing up their hats and screaming themselves black in the face with nonsense about landslides and similar absurdities. Mr. McKinley got tremendous majorities in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois, but in the rest of the country he has a mighty narrow escape from defeat.