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lection on "the anxieties and burdens of the Presidential office" will acquire fresh significance. In return for this he will be able to devote his entire time to the Administration's measures...

IN IDAHO. Idaho's political campaign this year promises to be unusually interesting. Many men who left the Republican party on the silver issue are returning to it...

Portland, Saturday, July 14. The property-room of American history is richer since yesterday, through accession of the "breeze-swept veranda of Sagamore" as our Teddy's piazza is characterized by the rhetorician...

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CUBAN TEACHERS' VISIT. The visit to the United States of between 2000 and 4000 Cuban school teachers has called the attention of the people of the educational centers of the East to the condition and requirements of the public school system of Cuba...

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There is only one chance in six, therefore, that Governor Roosevelt's nomination was a good investment for him, for his party and for the country. Whatever we think of his impulsiveness, his belligerence or his poses, he has been a most efficient Governor and a contributor of infinite picturesque material to our political life...

better qualified than before to expound the lessons of civilization to their people. The fact should not only impress upon the general mind of the country and the scope of our institutions of public learning, but it should also be the means of impressing their pupils with the fact that this country is the friend of Cuba along the higher lines in which help can safely and intelligently be bestowed...

BRYAN'S CHANCE FOR MISCHIEF. There are thousands of Gold Democrats who voted against Bryan in 1896, and who are still for sound money, but believe Bryan, if elected, could do nothing to make it unbound. A Milwaukee German storekeeper recently answered a Republican, who urged that Bryan is for free silver: "What of it? He can't make it free." This popular belief that Bryan, if elected, could do nothing to upset the stability of values is a platitude based upon imperfect knowledge and information in the judgment of no less man than Professor J. Lawrence Loughlin, of the University of Chicago...

Notwithstanding the tremendous efforts of humanitarians in raising and systematically disbursing "country week" and "fresh air" funds for the benefit of suffering infants and young children, the appalling mortality in the infant mortality in these cities continues to be appalling. In the first six days of July, a period of unrelenting heat, day and night, in New York, the death list of children under 5 years of age in that city ran well up into the hundreds, while the mortality in this class in other cities was proportionately large...

Colonel A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, makes this surprising statement concerning the election of 1896 in his book, "Our Presidents and How We Make Them," recently published in New York: "Considering the complications which confronted the candidates for the Presidency of his own household, and an open split on the Vice-Presidency, he (Bryan) made the most memorable Presidential campaign of the American Republic since the days of Washington and the exception of California and North Dakota..."

AN IMPORTANT RULING. Judge Furman, of the New York Supreme Court, recently made a ruling in an important case, which binds in all places a check upon a growing industry, the product of which comes extremely high to the taxpayer. The case before him was that of an alleged conspiracy to deprive the stocks of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and an attempt was made to introduce certain handwriting of the accused as evidence. This was refused by Judge Furman declaring that he read the law as "being to the effect that expert handwriting evidence cannot come into a criminal trial, unless the handwriting itself is in issue, as in forgery cases; otherwise, handwriting evidence can be introduced in civil suits only..."

Platform difficulties are eyed up by the discovery that the incense-fax plank was lost, strayed to the incense-fax city. A note from this article in the matter is of no concern to any one. Both the platforms would be improved by striking out all after the preamble. Lord Roberts seems to have been entirely within the facts when he reported no troops could be spared from South Africa. For the needs reinforcements almost as badly as Seymour does.

Shipments of coal from the various ports of the Atlantic to the different countries of the world have steadily increased in volume during the past three months. The middle week in June was the record-breaker in the dispatch of coal to foreign ports from Newport News. Twenty-one thousand tons went to Austria, France and Brazil, while the week following contractors began a shipment of 60,000 tons to Russia. Nearly all of this coal was taken from the mines of West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. The vast abundance of the supply from which these shipments were drawn forbids any anxiety as yet concerning a possible overdraw upon a product that is nowhere on the face of the earth being replenished. The only feeling is one of satisfaction that our black diamonds have at last found a demand in foreign markets, and that the supply is being pushed forward with characteristic American energy.

Two American Emperors. If the issue be Imperialism, Bryan and Croker Must Be Rebuked. Chicago Times-Herald. Such absolute control of a great political organization by one man as Bryan has exercised this week has never before been seen in this country. The candidate thus forced his own issue upon a reluctant convention by an exhibition of personal power which recalls the sway of Andrew Jackson two generations ago...

Boiled Down. Hartford Courant. Let us brush aside the rhetoric and verbiage of the Kansas City platform and see what are some of the other things Mr. Bryan stands for this year. The repeal of the gold standard legislation, of course. The substitution of treasury notes for banknotes as our paper currency. The new protective tariff doctrine, according to which Porto Rico, Kanaka, or Tagalog, once brought permanently under the flag, is wrought also and immediately under the protection and the cognate doctrine that the United States cannot acquire new territory by conquest or conquest without the consent of the inhabitants of the territory. And no surplus in the United States Treasury. Citizens to whom this programme seems good and wise will, of course, give their votes to Mr. Bryan.

Cleveland Expresses Regret. Chicago Record. Bussard's Bay—Former President Cleveland, at his summer home, Gray Gables, last night expressed his opinion of the Democratic platform, as followed by a most ardent hope and desire that the platform to be constructed at Kansas City would be consistent with the professions of those in charge of the management of the ticket that heralding discordant sentiment in the party was an object of supreme importance. In these circumstances, the importance of the platform is, of course, a great surprise and disappointment.

The Situation is Connected. Springfield Republican. Connected in this campaign is evidently to be forfeited again by the Democrats because of the silver plank. Neither the Hartford Times nor the New Haven Register, which used to be regular Democratic newspapers, will support Mr. Bryan so far as now appears, and without them there is practically no Democratic press in the State.

Cannot Retain to the Fold. Philadelphia Record. The contention over the silver plank has demonstrated clearly that the break in the Democratic party that existed when Bryan was nominated in 1896 still continues, and still makes it impossible to maintain the platform of 1896 and elect the Democratic candidate. The Record does not agree with Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform.

Men and Women. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, is making a bad campaign, and is spending much of his vacation in the cultivation of some exceptionally fine pineapples. Among the few Congressmen who have been unanimously re-nominated, John R. Kechem, of New York, holds the record, having been chosen by acclamation 16 times. General Charles A. Woodruff, who is to be Chief Commissary of Subsistence under General MacArthur, will be greatly helped in his new work by his thorough knowledge of Spanish, which he has spoken like a native since quite a child.

Gold Democrats and Bryan. New York Journal of Commerce. In committing itself to the ratio of 16 to 1 the Democratic party renounces Jefferson and Jackson. In denouncing Jefferson and Jackson the Democratic Presidents from Jefferson to Polk. Its cognate idea is a mixture of folly and dishonesty, obvious to reason and unrefuted by fact. Its attitude toward mob law is that of open encouragement. It promises, if it shall have a chance, to destroy the independence of the judiciary, the conservation of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence and civil liberty; it proposes to make the courts reflect the passions of the hour and execute the decrees of the mob.

Secretary Hay's demand for connection with Minister Conger had a welcome sound, but so did the ultimatum to the Sultan. The Oriental mind is hard to rouse to speedy action. Gold Democrats and Bryan. In committing itself to the ratio of 16 to 1 the Democratic party renounces Jefferson and Jackson. In denouncing Jefferson and Jackson the Democratic Presidents from Jefferson to Polk. Its cognate idea is a mixture of folly and dishonesty, obvious to reason and unrefuted by fact. Its attitude toward mob law is that of open encouragement. It promises, if it shall have a chance, to destroy the independence of the judiciary, the conservation of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence and civil liberty; it proposes to make the courts reflect the passions of the hour and execute the decrees of the mob.

from its ranks and Mr. Bryan has succeeded in keeping himself before the public with a speech showing more skill in phraseology and little knowledge of facts and still less ability to reason correctly. Two years ago he played at being a reformer, but he has since then been a self-seeking politician who sought in the presentation of his bust to the convention at Kansas City. He has been little in public life and his career is simply that of a campaigner with a pronounced gift for appealing to ignorance and cupidity.

Harper's Weekly. If the pitiable condition of the Democratic party today is the result of Bryan rule, and that it is so undeniable, what would be the condition of the United States at the end of four years of that domination? We have here an object-lesson plain and patent before our very eyes. It is so obvious that no clear-seeing eye can fail to discern it. Where once was strength and conscience and principle, Mr. Bryan has brought ruin, and the question now before the electors of this country is as to whether they are to call for a similar wrecking of this magnificent National organization, the Republic of the United States, at the very moment when it is taking its place among the nations of the earth and is upon the threshold of new fields of power and influence. In other words, shall we succumb to Bryanitis, as the poor old party has done, and become forever lost? Or are we going to put our strong will-power against the winds of this distressing disorder and tread it out, and kill it before it destroys us?

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Personal Utterances. In an interview in the Chicago Times-Herald, James H. Eckels, Mr. Cleveland's Controller of the Currency, comes out for McKinley. He repudiates utterly what he calls "Populish filth" through the channel of Bryanism. B. Hagemann, president of the German American Savings Bank, of Burlington, Ia., says: "I am a Democrat, but not a Populist. I was voted for almost any good Democrat, on a Democratic platform. I am opposed to free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and I will not vote for any man or with any party that favors such a scheme. In New York such a prominent and consistent Democrat as Alexander E. Orr, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, says that the Chicago platform—that embodiment of financial immorality and revolutionary violence—and the renunciation of it as "the leader of the Democracy of the sane, the moral, the courageous and headstrong man," forces him to give his support to the Republican National ticket. Mr. Orr declares that the currency issue is the paramount issue, "no matter what certain Democrats who have not the courage of Mr. Bryan say to the contrary." And in regard to "imperialism" he has this to say: "I am one of those who believed that when Dewey smashed the Spaniards we should have been content to grab and hold our coaling station in those islands. But I am not so blind that I cannot see that it is impossible for us to recede from the position that we have taken there without such a reputation of words and deeds without such loss of prestige, without such injury to our own people as would render it a wrong step for the Nation to take."

INDEPENDENT REJECTION OF BRYAN. New York Evening Post. Such absolute control of a great political organization by one man as Bryan has exercised this week has never before been seen in this country. All authorities at Kansas City agree that a large majority of the delegates were opposed to having a 16-to-1 plank in the platform. A majority of the committee on resolutions went into the meeting on Wednesday evening determined not to allow such a deliverance, and this majority included the representatives of every Northern State east of the Mississippi in the "tidal wave" of 1896—New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, as well as Ohio, which was so close that Cleveland secured one of the electoral votes. Almost every leader of any consequence regarded a separate silver plank as fatal to the party's chances of success. In short, the conditions were such as apparently to assure the defeat of the scheme. But Bryan had made up his mind that there should be a 16-to-1 plank, as emphatic as language could make it; he made his influence felt in the committee-room, and the majority shifted to his side; and the same influence caused all opposition to his policy to die out among the mass of the delegates. The candidate thus forced his own issue upon a reluctant convention by an exhibition of personal power which recalls the sway of Andrew Jackson two generations ago.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Have you forgotten to buy that monument button? It is time to begin to rest up for our Summer vacations. Wheat continues to keep out of reach of Bryan's eloquence. Soon will each city, town and burg And hunger for peace. Because we can't keep track of it Unless we learn Chinese. Thus far no wild currents of convention lightning have coiled with Sylvester Penney. We're awfully of this dreadful war And hunger for peace. Because we can't keep track of it Unless we learn Chinese. Kentucky politics are getting so quiet that train robberies down there are being sent out as news. He made two conquests at the shore. And sighed because he'd made no more. Until that Fall they bore their fruits In ten big bush-crate-prime suits. As soon as England has time to send a few brigades of Major-Generals to China the work of crossing the Yangtze Kiang will begin. Old Bobe way down in Africa Is up against it yet. Which we can't tell because he still Reports things with regret. It is one thing to make a success of a strenuous life and quite another to make a go of a strenuous refusal of the Vice-Presidency. Though Bryan is a real live boss, It's well that we remember That, though he's it, and it is he, He'll never be our President. A dead one next November. Governor Roosevelt will have to be pretty strenuous from now till next November to make up for the annul of the Vice-Presidential duties. Sing a song of gold dust Upon the heels of Bryan. And sing it now, for soon you'll be A-singing Home, Sweet Home. A Mite writer on educational subjects advocates the abolition of the classics, algebra and all college preparatory studies from rural schools, and substituting in their place something to reveal the beauties of farm life; studies of nature and elementary studies bearing upon agriculture and rural life. "Open their eyes," he says, "that they may see and feel something besides the work and monotony of the farm. The boy who knows how the seeds sprout, how trees and plants are made to grow, where the wild flowers bloom, the names of the birds and where they nest, is happy and contented. Such a boy will not long to leave the farm. Too much of interest to him centers there."

Was the epistle to the Hebrews written by a woman? Is the novel question raised by the brilliant church historian of the Berlin University, Professor Harnack, to which he gives the equally surprising answer that in all probability this is the case. His discussion of this problem, which constitutes the piece de resistance in the first issue of the new Zeitschrift für neutestamentliche Wissenschaft, is a skilful combination of the condition of affairs as presupposed by this anonymous letter with what we know of the character and history of the noteworthy couple, Aquila and Priscilla. He concludes that this letter is the product of their pen; the wife in all probability, chiefly on account of the total suppression of the author's name by even the earliest literature, having been the chief factor in the composition. Harnack does not pretend to have discovered any data in the literature of the apostolic period that would directly or indirectly connect the name of Priscilla with the authorship of Hebrews. His argumentation is entirely along the line of inner literary and historical criticism, and is a most judicious and skilful kind of analytic and constructive research. The author frankly heads his article "Probabilia."

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHS. Jess—Is she really an awfully homely? Tess—Well, I should say. The girls who graduated with her would not allow her to figure in the composite photograph of the class—Philadelphia Press. Gaswell—Are you familiar with the acts of the Peace Congress, held at the Hague? Mr. Dukane—To some extent. Mr. Gaswell—Did that body forbid the use of dynamite for the purpose of the Fourth of July? Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. Far From It.—What did Scummins say when you told him of our scheme to make him a candidate for the Presidency? He said: "I took him clean off his legs," said the faithful benchman. "He wanted time to think about it." "If a quandy, he said 'No,' he was a 'No' man." Bighead—Isn't it strange the way the nations are acting? Americans express sympathy with Kruger, Canadians with Aguinaldo, and the English with the Boers. "Oh, I don't know. That is about as close as Christendom nations can get to the divine command. They love one another's enemies." Poole—Judge—So the prisoner hit you on the head with a brick, did he? McKinley—Yes, your honor. Judge—But it seems he didn't quite kill you, anyway? McKinley—No, but I was hurt, but it's nothing. What?—Oh, I don't know. That is about as close as Christendom nations can get to the divine command. They love one another's enemies. Poole—Judge—So the prisoner hit you on the head with a brick, did he? McKinley—Yes, your honor. Judge—But it seems he didn't quite kill you, anyway? McKinley—No, but I was hurt, but it's nothing. What?—Oh, I don't know. That is about as close as Christendom nations can get to the divine command. They love one another's enemies.

When Webster Davis Spoke. Baltimore American. Then rose Webster Davis. And added to the roar. And gave his belated answers His lecture on the Boers. Then he sang in "Old Hundred" In plaintive melody. "Oh, William Bryan Jennings Is the candidate for me. "No, no, I don't mean Bryan—I suffer from the heat— But winning British Bryan— I saw him from defeat. "For with him as our leader Our march shall never cease. Hail! Hail! Hailing Bryan Jennings And his see-ree-ree-ree. "Hurray for Oom Kraal Fuger, Who has our sympathy. And while the plaudits echo his ears Who'll march to victory." As on and on he rambled, The delegates would exclaim: "It seems that Webster Davis Has kicked in his speech."

The Proud Hero. Chicago Times-Herald. He rode in state before the crowd That lined the thoroughfare. He heard the cannon booming loud. He saw the music in air. He heard the music rising high. He saw the flags above. He heard the people rend the sky Hurrahing out their love. He rose, responsive to the cheers, And bowed his stately head. And while the plaudits echo his ears Below his breast he said: "They greet me with huzzas today, And should I then be proud? Ere night some newer hero may Be worshipped by the crowd. "Ay, but there's one at home whose eyes Are dim with happy tears—" And, proud, he heard his constant sighs Above their rickles cheer.