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TODAY'S WEATHER -Fair and warmer; portberly winds.

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The property-room of American history is richer since yesterday, through accession of the "breeze-swept veranda of Sagamore," as our Teddy's plazza is characterized by the rhetorician to whom was assigned the Oyster Bay notification. Whether warm or chill these breezes were, whether "airs from heaven or blasts from hell," was either forgotten or lost in transmission. But when we remember the vigorous re-Sistance Governor Roosevelt made to his nomination and the ominous character of the influences that forced him on the ticket, when we observe his in-bored encomiums of McKinley and note his confessed regret at "leaving the men with whom I have endeavored and worked for civic decency and righteousness and honesty in New York," the performance bears undenlable traces of a frost. Of course, regret at his enforced absence from the work he characterizes so approvingly is not the sum total of the Governor's sorrow. He

beenly resents the enforced retirement and seclusion of the Vice-Presidency. The prospect of his political interment there measurably justifies Mr. Wolcott's apostrophe beginning, "You are still a young man," with its unmistak- for a straight Republican victory. If mischief, except by new and positive able suggestion of obsequies. Roose- the Fusionists hold the state (and it is legislation, which would be impossible velt's discernment in declining the hardly conceivable that they can lose it so long as the United States Senate rehim than was his subsequent consent, it is not likely that Dubois can succeed a gold majority. under pressure of Platt's assurance that if he refused the Vice-Presidency he tempt by many Populists and Demo- do all that Professor Loughlin argues meedn't expect the Governorship. The crats, and there is a well-defined senti- be could do? There is no reason for Oyster Bay ceremony is the fitting seguel to the sacrifice

The fact is, no first-class man wants the Vice-Presidential nomination or election. Added to these complications Bryan is a man of fixity of purpose, a will take it if he can help it. Hill had is the fact that Idaho is prosperous man of persistency and courage in a the strength to put it away, and so did and there is nothing on which to base bad cause. He is not a weak or vacil-Carrier Harrison. They want first place in 1904, and they object to premature burial. Stevenson has no higher ambition, and is too weak to resist if he of 1896 are merely ridiculous reminis- 1. It was through his personal influhad. But Hill and Harrison are politicences. The silver-or-bust crowd are ence that the plank as adopted preical stars of the first magnitude. One thoroughly discomfited, and cannot re- valled over the policy of simple reaffiris at the head of his profession, a de. peat the vigorous fight of four years mation of the Chicago platform. To bater without superior and perhaps ago. But they are struggling valiantly Bryan is due the fact that the supreme without a peer, a popular idol, a man against an adverse tide, and are mak- issue of the campaign of 1896 is to be of brains and intellectual convictions, ing Idaho's campaign an interesting the supreme issue of the campaign of efficiency, a successful man of affairs, a leader who knows how to provide the may well applaud, but it will have waiting for the aid or consent of any himself with followers. They knew to temper its rejoicing with regret that other nation." Free silver is the genuenough to fight shy of second place. The only thing that could have forced citizen as Governor Steunenberg will wins, it is certain that he will not hexieither of them on the ticket was the in that event be relegated to private tate to put into practice all that he has affection and approval of Bryan, and life as the reward for doing his duty to preached. this Providence or their own cunning his state and holding his party to suphad denied them. There is only one port of law and order. thing more fatal to a political career an unsuccessful run for the Vice-Presidency, and that is an election to it. In a popular government and in these hurrying times the Vice-President drops out of the battle because all the posts on the firing line are occupied by others. Somebody else. is Governor, somebody else is in the Senate, somebody else is in the Cabinet. There are no messages for him to write, no bills to veto, no measures to debate, no appointments to make orders to issue, or conferences to control. He is wedded to silence, inactivity, inanity. Oratorical climaxes come along but another seizes them; crises arise but another snatches from them victory and a name; great acts and epoch-making decisions are ripened by circumnces, but the sickle is in another's hands, while the Vice-President can only look on speechless and inactive.

There is the gambler's chance. The President may die in office. Roosevelt always been lucky, and they say McKinley smokes seventeen \$1 cigars day. But this is not enough to attract first-class men to the Vice-Presimey. Unreasoning veneration of the Vice-Presidency, among other things, is imperfectly devised. A man fit to be almself from the opportunities of usefulness and emolument which private life supplies, merely on the chance of one to six that upon its shoulders will to the United States should be made as inexpensive to them as possible. Have event, this decision will serve to place a check in the New York courts, where he paternal role clearly a check in the New York courts, where to have been entirely within the facts when he reported to the paternal role and the paternal role clearly a check in the New York courts, where make the Vice-Presidency worth havthe Secretary of State first in the suc- when a request for transportation was cession. Neither Sewall nor Stevenson made for them, but promptly put its is fit to be President. Many think Mr. transports Burnside, McPherson. Mc-Hobart was not fit. What is certain is that our present system is dangerous, White House, in case of accident, a rel," or else by having no enemies. And clai Summer course has been arranged the public man that has no enemies for them at Harvard, and instructors certain to have lived to very little ригрове.

There is only one chance in 6%, theredency is not the field for the exercise transports. of his peculiar gifts. Whether its quiet

flection on "the anxieties and burdens of the Presidential office" will acquire fresh significance. In return for this plis. The visit should not only impress he will wage vallant warfare in defense of Administration measures, as his exuberant championship of the President and the Republican machine abundantly demonstrates. As President, if it comes to that, Mr. Roosevelt will be everything that Mr. McKinley is not. The "Congressional President," with all his caution, suavity and exasperating tentative, method, will give place to the "King President," all de termination and dash, reformer and rough rider, set teeth, buildeg jaw and sombrero. Jackson and Cleveland will be restored. As with all restorations, the blessings will not be unmitigated. The best of us are but human.

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; many who are still wedded to "16 to 1" are favorable to expansion, and are disgusted with the humbug cry of "anti-imperialism"; many who want to support Bryan are yet for law and order, and cannot accept him as a candidate on the riotous Sloux Falls platform; others cannot overlook the been kept from indorsing the Coeur d'Alene dynamiters only by the strenuous exertions of Governor Steunenberg and his earnest friends. Auditor Bartlett Sinclair, who was the Governor's representative in the Coeur d'Alenes been disgusted with the Lentz-Sulzer element of the Democracy, has renounced his allegiance to Bryanism and condemned us for trying to sustain the each other, it provides no means of law against the assaults of dynamiters executing this order. and anarchists," whereas he declares law and order in Idaho and everywhere demption purposes is to redeem greenelse." Governor Steunenberg pursues a backs and Treasury notes of 1830. The different course and keeps up the fight latter notes, however, are soon to be in his party for the supremacy of the retired as rapidly as possible, and their law-abiding element, with good pros- places filled with sliver certificates, afpect of success. He thus renders his for which the only currency that the state great service in giving the sup- Secretary is required to redeem in gold port of his strong personality to the is the greenback. Professor Loughlin home county of Canyon stands by him with a solid delegation to the state con- Treasury, such as George Fred Willvention at Pocstello, and "indorses his lams, could bring silver to the front splendid record for economical admin- again to unsettle values. A hostile Secthe laws,"

Shoup and many others are awake and vote for Bryan as a man powerless, Shoup, for he is held in merited conment in favor of recognizing Steunen- doubting that Bryan, if elected, would berg's great services to the state by do his obstinate and vigorous utmost tendering him the Senatorship in case to put his financial faith into instant the Fusionists win in the November money and expansion succeed, the Na- silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, "without so stanch an executive and good a ineissue of this campaign, and if Bryan

# CUBAN TEACHERS' VISIT.

The visit to the United States of between 3000 and 4000 Cuban school teach- place a check upon a growing indus- allied forces at Tien Tain. Casualties ers has called the attention of the peo- try, the product of which comes exple of the educational centers of the East to the condition and requirements of the public school system of Cuba. Spiracy to depress the stocks of the While the cause of education in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and teaching the teachers, and in this teach- Fursman declaring that he read the any event is slight. The hope of the ing object-lessons are considered of the law as "being to the effect that expert slilled forces now is apparently not so of a visit of six weeks' duration to the of force in civil suits only." academic shades of Harvard was advanced by Mr. Alex V. Frye, a graduate of that institution, and now Su-perintendent of Public Schools in Cuba. of certain evidence of handwriting ex-Of the 3000 and more Cuban teachers, three-fifths are women, and up to this time there is no discrimination between the sexes as to payment for similar service performed. Heretofore no examination as to their qualifications have been made preliminary to their though they have no recognized degree appointment as teachers, but, following or diploms, and, indeed, no special Constitution involves the corollary that appointment as teachers, but, following its fainders could do no wrong. But their return to Cuba, such examination school or system of instruction, has been will be required. This will certainly made, by the admission of their evilight of experience shows that the be a distinct gain, since upon the fitness of teachers from an educational, moral and executive standpoint de-President cannot afford to withdraw pends the value of the effort put forth in schools.

It was desirable, and, indeed, necessary, that this visit of Cuban teachers which, as precedent, future decisions toward the Island and its people, the clearly a check is needed, upon loose Government was not found wanting Clellan, Crook and Sedgwick at the service of the committee of arrangemasmuch as it operates to put in the ments, and upon these vessels the Cobans made the voyage from Havana man qualified only by having a "bar- to New York, free of expense. A speconversant with the Spanish and English languages have been secured. Longings in the vicinity are provided fore, that Governor Roosevelt's nomi- student's programme is completed at pation was a good investment for him, Cambridge, the Cubans will be confor his party and for the country, veyed to Washington, Chicago, Niag-Whatever we think of his impulsive ara Falls and New York, where they

These teachers will be stupid, indeed,

better qualified than before to expound the lessons of civilization to their puthem with the greatness of our country gently be bestowed, and that, as such affection.

BRYAN'S CHANCE FOR MISCHIEF. There are thousands of Gold Demo crats who voted against Bryan in 1896. and who are still for sound money, but believe Bryan, if elected, could do nothing to make it unsound. A Milwaukee German storckeeper 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 standard of value is a delunion based upon imperfect knowledge and information in the judgment of no less man than Professor J. Lawrence Loughlin, of the University of Chicago, who, in the current number of the Journal of Political Economy, affirms that the currency act of March 14, 1900, does not establish the gold standard, alfact that the Bryan party in Idaho has though the House bill would have done The Senate finance committee's

bill, which was enacted as a substitute for the House bill, does not, affirms Professor Loughlin, provide for the payment of the bonds of the United States in gold, except so far as they during the troubles there, and who has may be refunded into I per cents; It does not provide for the redemption of silver dollars or silver certificates in gold, or the payment of private debts proclaims his intention to support the in gold, and, although it makes it the Republican party, because "the Demo-duty of the Secretary of the Treasury cratic party in Congress unanimously to keep all kinds of money at par with executing this order.

The only authority which the Secre "the Republican party is the party of tary has to accumulate gold for rebetter element of the Democrats. His points out that in event of Bryan's election a hostile Secretary of istration and fearless enforcement of retary could immediately pay the interest on the bulk of the bonded debt Meanwhile Fred T. Dubols is seeking in silver dollars if he should choose to succeed Senator Shoup, and is try- to do so. Accepting Professor Loughing to hold the silverife Republicans lin's construction as correct, it would to the Fusion cause in the hope of serv- be a very great mistake for that honing his own ambition. But Senator est Milwaukee German storekeeper to nomination was far more creditable to after their immense majority in 1896), mains, as it is today, in the hands of

But would Bryan, if elected, dare to practice. Whatever else he may be, ie to follow. If the forces of good 1900-the free and unlimited coinage of

# AN IMPORTANT RULING.

Judge Fursman, of the New York Supreme Court, recently made a ruling in tremely high to the taxpayer. The case island is making noteworthy and pro-gressive strides, it is deemed that the tain handwritings of the accused as work will be greatly facilitated by evidence. This was ruled out, Judge first importance. These lessons could handwriting evidence cannot come into naturally be presented nowhere else so a criminal trial, unless the handwriting well as in the United States, the home litself is at issue, as in forgery cases; is in voluntary subsidence of the Chiof the public school system. The idea otherwise, handwriting evidence can be

When it is remembered that in recent years numerous important murder of certain evidence of handwriting ex-perts, human life in many instances having hung upon the shading of a letter the importance of the ruling will be recognized. The importance of the deductions of men who claim to have made a special study of handwriting, school or system of instruction, has been dence in court, equal to that of scientific experts in surgery, engineering or law. This point will not, of course, be settled by one decision, but it is something that a learned and careful jurist has laid a foundation upon rulings upon this point.

KINGS OF INDUSTRY. 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 conby public subscription, and when the tractors began a shipment of 600,000 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 ness, his beligerence or his poses, he are expected to use their eyes in the which these shipments were drawn forhas been a most efficient Governor and interests of civilisation. From the late bids any anxiety as yet concerning a a contribution of infinite picturesque- ter port they will embark for Havana, possible overdraft upon a product that ness to our politics. The Vice-Presi- the Government returning them on its is nowhere on the face of the earth the hour and execute the decrees of the being replenished. The only feeling is one of satisfaction that our black dia-

of peace and war. The commercial, inand the scope of our institutions of dustrial and financial interests of the public learning, but it should also be world demanded what he alone could the means of impressing their pupils bestow, and his favor was courted by with the fact that this country is the the Government for years at the exfriend of Cuba along the higher lines pense of the dignity of the Nation is which help can safely and intelli- and in mockery of its pretense of uniand in mockery of its pretense of universal liberty. War came, and the a friend, it deserves their loyalty and freecy King was for a time dethroned, only to assume a place among the industrial powers of the Nation under brighter auspices, with the result that today cotton is King in a modified but more powerful sense than ever before. Wheat, though from a variety of causes occupying an unsteady throne, has now and again been hailed as King, and has briefly extended a powerful scepter over a wide area of our National domain, while King Corn has been for many years in evidence in the pork and whisky output of the country. Lately King Iron has wielded a powerful scepter, and, in conjunction with King Coal, has established an industrial kingdom, the foundations of which reach the very basis of our productive life, Bullding, whether of modern structures that hive whole battalions of workers in the arts of peace, or of battle-ships that attest our power as a Nation at home and abroad, depends upon the bounty of Iron, and he, without Coal as a moving force, would be but a sleep-

ing giant. Each of these elements is a power in the moving, growing, widely sustaining life of the Nation, and, as is befitting a Republican King, each is a serwant of the people-a servant in livery, powerful only when harnessed to the public needs.

Notwithstanding the tremendous efforts of humanitarians in raising and systematically disbursing "country sek" and "fresh air" funds for the benefit of sweitering infants and young children in the stiffing tenement dis-tricts of the great cities of the Atlantic seaboard, infant mortality in these cities continues to be appalling. In the first six days of July, a period of unremitting 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. Of course, it is impossible to tell how much greater the sum of infant mortality would have been but for the efforts of philanthropists to keep it down, but it is clear that applied assistance, so to speak, cannot successfully stem this fearful tide of infantile suffering and death. A pitifully belpless host must continue wall out its brief day and perish as long as thrift and sobriety and personal accountability are unknown elements in the ordering of a multitude of numan lives. Perhaps it is better so, and that Nature, even when she seems cruel, is most kind in setting a limit the store of vitality in these helpess little ones, that permits them soon to reach the end of an existence which is without promise of health, happiness usefulness.

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 conof his own household, and an open split on the Vice-Presidency, he (Bryan) made the most memorable Presidential campaign of the Re-public, and swept every state west of the Misdisappl with the exception of California and North Dakota.

Colonel McClure is woefully mixed up in his geography. Oregon, Iowa and course, give their votes to Mr. Bryan. North Dakota, which are trans-Mississtates vote to McKinley, and so did Minnesota, the greater part of which lies west of the Mississippi. California gave McKinley eight electoral votes, and Bryan one. Bryan swept much of the West four years ago, more than he will this year.

Less hope remains, as the days go by, for the safety of the Pekin Legations, and their fate, ominous though it is is dwarfed into insignificance by the an important case, which bids fair to greater portent that hangs over the ceed the greatest possibilities at Pekin, Kiao Chou is in danger, and reinforcements seem difficult of withdrawal from engagements elsewhere. Details the chance of successful advance in much victory as escape. It is a melancholy prospect. The only present hope nese uprising. Effective punishment at the hands of Europeans is a long way

The Dundee Advertiser speaks of the Empress Dowager of China as "a masterful old lady who is carrying on a flirtation with the forces of disorder." This is not bad. Indeed, when we re-flect that a fiirt usually falls, in the end, into a pit of her own digging, we may regard this presentment of the platform. masterful old Chinese woman as at once clever and consoling:

Pintform difficulties are evened up by the discovery that the income-tax plank was lost, strayed or stolen at Kansas City. Aside from this artificial interest, the matter is of no concern to any one. Both the platforms would be improved by striking out all after the preamble.

forcements almost as badly as Seymour does.

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.
New York Journal of Commerce.
In committing itself to the ratio of 16 to 1 the Democratic party repudiates Jefferson and Jackson; in denouncing ex-pansion it discouns the Democratic Presi-dents from Jefferson to Polk. Its coinage idea is a mixture of folly and dishonesty, obnoxious to reason and contradicted by all experience. Its attitude toward mob-iaw is that of open encouragement. It promises, if it shall have a chabite, to de-stroy the independence of the judiciary, the cornerstone of Angio-Sexon jurisprudence and civil liberty; it proposes to make the courts reflect the passions of

popular assembly.

Mr. Beyan is identified with nothing dignity will be improved by admixture of his martial and uncompromising made is at least open to question, and if he carries his pugnacity into administration councils, Mr. McKimisy's re-

boasts a number of Kings. Once King from its ranks and Mr. Bryan has sucception held the stage and dispensed orders upon which hung the balances of peace and war. The commercial inand still less ability to reason correctly.
Two years ago he played at being a soldier for a little dramatic effect. like that sought in the presentation of his bust to the convention at Kansar City. He has been little in public lite and his career is simply that of a campaign speaker with

a prenounced gift for appealing to ignor-ance and cupidity.

It will be very difficult for gold Demo-crats, no matter how they feel about expansion, to support Mr. Bryan. We should express utter lack of confidence in the intelligence and character of the American people if we believed the result of the election were in any doubt, but we recognize fully that there are millions of roters controlling many states who will voters, controlling many states, who will vote the ticket nominated at Kensas City, and that the rescue of the United States from the control of such men as made up the convention involves earnest efforts and hard work well directed.

## TWO AMERICAN EMPERORS. If the Issue Be Imperialism, Bryan

and Croker Must Be Rebuked. Chicago Times-Herald. Such absolute control of a great political or-ganization 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 rejuctant comvention by an exhibition of gersonal power which recalls the sway of Andrew Jackson two generations ago.—New York Evening Post.

chine power in the Philadelphia convention, but no National gathering of either party seer witnessed such a display of brute force ex-erted to satisfy personal grudges as Croker's performances at Kansas City. - New York Evening Post. This is a fitting recognition of the two

Emperors of the Democratic National Convention, Emperor William of Emeoin and Emperor Richard of New York and

When Emperor William spoke, no Gold Democratic dog in Kansas City dared to raise an opposing whine. Even the everlasting and peripatetic Hill bowed his bald head to the dusty plain and acknowledged that the Emperor's word was law, and that is sliver plunks, or six, or three, were equal to one gold one, if Emperor William of Lincoln only said so.

William of Lincoln only said so.

Emperor Richard also put his foot upon
the Hill and leveled it with the plain as
the foundation for the frozen image of
an ice trust which he with congealed frony set up in the face of a hot and helpless multitude.

According to the Democratic platform, "imperialism is the paramount issue of the campaign." According to that grand old American,

Noah Webster, imperialism is "the power or character of an Emperor; imperial authority." And an imperialist is "one who serves an Emperor; one who favors imperialist. rialism.

The only simon-pure Imperators in the United States are William and Richard, and the only blown-in-the-bottle imperialists are their worshipers and servitors of Kansas City and Manhattan.

### Boiled Down. Hartford Courant.

Let us brush aside the rhetoric and ver-biage 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 logislation, of course. The substitution of treasory notes for banknotes as our paper currency. The ex proprio vigore trine, according to which Porto Ri Rican, Kannka, or Tagalog, once brought per-manently under the flag, is brought also and immediately under the Constitution and clothed with American citizenship. The cognate dootrine that the United States cannot acquire new territory by cession or conquest without the consent of the inhabitants—a doctrine unknown to those minful old imperialists, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk. Idependence and then a perpetual American protectorate for the Phipinos.

# Cleveland Expresses Regret.

Bussard's Bay.-Former Cleveland, at his Summer home, Gray-Gables, last night expressed his opinion of the Democratic platform, as follows: I most ardently hoped and desired that the platform to be constructed at Kansas City platform to be constructed at Kansas City would be consistent with the professions of those in charge of Democratic management to the effect that harmonialing discordant neutiment is the party was an object of supreme importance. In these circumstances, the incorporation of a specific demand for free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is, of course, a great surprise and disappointment.

On the basis of such declaration the method by which the party is to be harmonized and Democracy is to gain the confidence and support of our thinking and reflective citizens is beyond my comprehension.

Springfield Republican. Connections in this campaign is evidently to be forfelted again by the Demo-crats because of the silver plank. Neither the Hartford Times nor the New Haven Register, which used to be regular Demo cratic newspapers, will support Mr. Bry an so far as now appears, and without them there is practically no Democratic press in the state.

# Cannot Return to the Fold.

Philadelphia Record.

The contention over the silver plank has demonstrated clearly that the break in the demonstrated clearty that existed when Bry-an was nominated in 1896 still continues, and still makes it impossible to maintain the position of 1896 and elect the Demo-cratic candidate. The Record does not agree with Mr. Bryan and the Chicago

# MEN AND WOMEN.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, is making a fad of gardening, and is spending much of his vacation in the cultivation of some exceptionally fine pansies.

Among the few Congressmen who have been unantmously renominated, John B. Ketcham, of New York, holds the record, having been its, eays: chosen by acclamation 18 times.

General Churies A. Woodruff, who is to be Chief Commissary of Substatence under General MacArthur, will be sreatly helped in his new work by his thorough knowledge of Spanish, which he has spoken like a native since quite a child.

Captain Drerfus is still at the Villa Hau-terive, at Colleny, near Geneva. There is a wonderful improvement in his appearance since his freedom; he seems to have quite regained his normal state of health, which it was at one time feared would be impossible. Clara Butt, the English contraito, is to be married to Kennerley Rumford, himself a well-known baritone, this mouth. They have frequently sing together, and their dust singing has been very popular with musical London. They are new arranging a concert tour which will take in America and possibly Australia.

By the elevation of Sir Richard Webster to the office of Master of the Rolls, England is left unrepresented in the great law offices of the kingdom, as the new Attorney-General, Sir Robert Finlay, is a Scotchman, and the new Solicitor-General, Sir Edward Carson, is an Irishman. The latter is the first man who has been Solicitor-General both in Ireland and in

William Ashmead-Bartiett Burdett-Coutts, whose letters from South Africa describing the neglect of soldler patients in hospitals have stirred the tory ranks of England, is American born, having Plymouth, Mass, for his birthplace. He is now 49 years old. After he made England his home he was educated at

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 Mississippl which was carried for the Democrats in the "tidal wave" of 1830-Con necticult, 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. 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 rejuctant convention by an exhibition of personal power which

## Harper's Weekly.

generations ago.

recalls the sway of Andrew Jackson, two

If the pitiable condition of the Demo cratic party today is the result of Bryan rule, and that it is so is 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 fall to discern it. Where once 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 up our strong will-power against the inroads of this distressing disorder and wear it out, and kill it before it destroys us?

### Charlotte (N. C.) Observer. We cannot support the candidate nomi-

nated or the platform promulgated at Kansas City. . . . We are opposed to the free coinage of silver and gold at the | him centers there." ratio of 16 to 1. . . The saying that the anti-imperialistic plank presents the paramount issue does not make it do so, and, moreover, the issue does not appeal to us. This country had no business in a as a consequence certain territory fell under its control. It cannot shirk its obligations in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, if it wanted to.

## St. Paul Globe, Dem.

The control of William J. Bryan, which under threat of withdrawal forced the free-silver falsehood down the throat of the Kansas City convention, points to a pathway already traveled over in the journey to Democratic defeat and disaster. This pathway the Globe refuses to follow. It refuses to support the candl-And no surplus in the United States. Treasury. Cilizens to whom this pro-gramme seems good and wise will, of dates of a convention which seeks through cowardly evasion to win the support of those whom it feared to openly challenge,

The one idea that has united these three National conventions upon a single candidate for President is silver. That alone gives vitality to the Bryan canvass. The talk about anti-imperialism is bosh. It is fulse pretense. It means a National union against the National flag-s paradox, It is against the free-silver array, therefore, that the Republicans and all honestmoney men of all political colors must stand together and stand fast.

The Chicago convention was radical and revolutionary, but at Kansas City, under the controlling will and firm hand of Bryan, the convention of 1900 has gone to the extreme of folly and of madness. . The Times will use its influence to bring about the re-election of McKinley to the office he has well administered.

# Washington Post.

A dead issue may be fatal to the party that insists on carrying the corpse. The Post does not see the way clear for the Democracy, bearing that sliver cadaver, to carry New York, and without New York, how can that party hope to win?

We risk nothing in declaring that not in years has a National ticket been received with such unmistakable signs of fatigue and indifference. One can almost believe the election is already over.

# Personal Etterances.

In an interview in the Chicago Pimes-Herald, James H. Eckels, Mr. Cleveland's Controller of the Currency, comes out for McKinley. He repudlates uttorly what he calls "Populism filtered through the channel of Bryanism."

E. Hagemann, president of the German-American Savings Bank, of Burlington.

I am a Democrat, but not a Populist. I would have voted for almost any good Dem-ocrat, on a Democratic pratform. I am opposed to free silver at the ratio of 15 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 con-sistent Democrat as Alexander E. Orr, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, says that the "reaffirmation of the hideous Chicago platform-that embediment of financial immorality and revolutionary violence"—and the renomi-nation on it "as the leader of the Democracy of the same voluble, shallow, falla-cious and headstrong man," forces him to give his support to the Republican Na-tional ticket.

Mr. Orr declares that the currency issu 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
Descry smashed the Spaniards we should have
been content to grab and hold one 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 injustice to our own peo der it a wrong step for the Nation to take,

# Oregon's Military Horsemen.

Salem Journal.

Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse would not, of course, apply to any of the mounted officers of the National Guard at grand re-

## NOTE AND COMMENT.

Have you forgotten to buy that monu-

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 Assert with indignation The consus mun did not begin To count its population.

tion lightning have collided with Sylvester Pennoyer. We're aweary of this dreadful war

Thus far no wild currents of conven-

And hungering 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 ten conquests at the shore, And sighed because he'd made no more, Until that Fall they here their fruits In len big breach-of-promise suits.

As soon as England has time to send a few brigades of Major-Generals to China the work of crossing the Yangtse Klang will begin.

> Old Bobs way down in Africa is up against it yet, Which we can 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, Despite his power he will be A dead one next Novemb

Governor Roosevelt will have to be pretty strenuous from now till next November to make up for the ennul of the Vice-Presidential duties.

Sing a song of gold dust

Upon the beach at Nome, And sing it now, for soon you'll be A-singing Home, Sweet Home. A late writer on educational subjects

advocates the abolition of the classics, algebra and all . college preparatory studies from rural schools, and substitut. ing in their place something to reveal the beauties of farm life; studies of nature and elementary studies bearing upon agricultural and rural life. "Open their eyes," he says, "so 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

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 Harwar with Spain, but it got into one, and nack, 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 know of the character and history of the neteworthy couple, Aquila and Priscilia. 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 spostolic period that would directly or indirectly nect the name of Priscilla with the authorship of Hebrows. His argumentation is entirely along the line of inner literary and historical criticism, and is a model specimen of this kind of analytic and quastructive research. The author frankly heads his article "Phrobabilia."

# PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Jess In she really so awfully homely? Tess—Well, I should say. The girls who graduated with her wouldn't allow her to figure in the emposits photograph of the class.-Philadel

Mr. 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 dum-dum firecrackers on the Fourth of July 7-Pittsburg

onicle-Telegraph. Far From It. - What did Seu For From it. what die Scheme to make him when you bid him of our scheme to make him Alderman?" asked the political leader. "It took him clean off his legg," said the faithful teachman. "He wanted time to think about it." "Is a quandary, was he?" "No; he was in a saloon."—Chicago Tribune.

in a saloon."—Chicago Tribuna.

Bighead—Isn't it strauge the way the nations are acting? Americans express sympathy with Kruger, Canadians with Aguinaldo, and Russians with Coon't knew.—Oh! I don't knew. That is about as close as Chris-

don't know. That is about as close command. They have one another's enemies. Puck.

Judge-So the prisoner hit you on the head with a brick, did he? McGinty-Yes, yer honor. Judge-But it seems he didn't quits kill you, anyway? McGinty-No, bad 'cess to him; but it's wishin' he had Oi do be. Judge-But it wish that? McGinty-Becory. -Why do you wish that? McGinty-Begorry, thin Ol would have seen the schoundrel hanged for murther!-Tit-Bits.

# When Webster Davis Spoke.

Baltimore American. Then up rose Weister Davis, And nedded to the rears, And gave his helpiess hearers His lecture on the Boers. Then be sang to "Old Hundred"

In plaintive melody, "Oh, William Jyan Brennings In the candidate for me. "No, no: I don't mean Brennings

I suffer from the heat— But Wenning Brilliams Jyan— I'll save him from defeat. "For with him as our leader Our march shall never pauss. Hall! Jilliam Bryning Wennans

And his see frilver cause. "Hurrah for Com Kraul Puger, Who has our sympathy,

And Willing Jynam Brenans, Who'll march to victory." As on and on he rambled, The delegates would acreech: 'It seems that Debeter Wavis Has kopjes in his speech."

The Proud Hero. Chicago Times-Heraid. He rode in state before the crowd

That fixed the thoroughfare; He heard the cannon booming loud, He saw the hats 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 bared his stately head. And while the plaudits smote his ears

Below his breath he said: They greet me with hussas today.
And should I, then, be proud?
Ere night some newer hero may
Be worshiped by the crowd.

"Ay, but there's one at home whose eye Are dim with happy tears"-And, proud, he heard her constant sigha Above their fickle cheers.