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A VERY GRAVE MATTER.

Crime increases in our country beyoud the proportion of increase of population. There can be no question about it. The tendencies of modern society strikers, and the desperation seem strongly in the direction of encouragement of crime, not of repression of it. The reason is not far to seek. The socialistic tendency encourages the idea that it is the right of the individuni to live, and to have what he wants, Christian religion-for the Christian religion on one side tends strongly towards the doctrine that the worthless have a right to be supported at the expense of the industrious and efficient -gives to this view powerful impulse and support.

The doctrine is virtually taught that it is hard, even wrong, to expect people to work for a living, so long as others have plenty, or appear to have plenty, that can be got at by hook or crook. Our politics, under universal suffrage, are organized on this basis. Business is beset by this spirit, which is organized into action, from every side.

So much is modern life, under this influence that it is hard for employers to hold employes, in positions of trust, up to the requirements of honesty. The jury will tell you that the employe is poor and that the employer can stand it. In most cases the money has been squandered in dissipation; but why shouldn't the poor fellow have the indulgences he wants? He gets little enough, anyhow. Virtue and industry can stand this tax for support of vice and idleness. You may not be told this in plain terms; but it is what it comes to. Moral severity, once the rule of soclety, now gets little encouragement from it. Yet it is no kindness to delinquents. On the contrary, it is "the flowery way that leads to the broad gate and the great fire."

Our economic writers are not mis taken. They support their position with undeniable statistics. The late David A. Wells, in his classical work, entitled "Recent Economic Changes," showed that within recent years crime had greatly increased. Henry M. Boies, his book, "Prisoners and Paupers, late an abnormal increase in the numbers of the criminal class. William Douglas Morrison, the noted English criminologist, refers to increase of crime, particularly in the United States, as a fact recognized and attested by

every authority. And what is the reason? Relaxation of moral severity. Pity for the offender, instead of punishment. These figures are taken from the United States census of the past five decades:

It is believed that the census figures of the present year will be even more forces of society, that produces these cago. results. It is held by large numbers and almost advocated as an axiom by a political party, that the man who has made accumulations by intelligent and painstaking industry may be despoiled, with or without form of law, for support of indolence, inefficiency or needy worthlessness. The doctrine is profoundly socialistic, and it is the source and the sign of the conditions that make so strongly for increase of crime. If not checked through revival and growth of better morals, it will land our political and social system in terrible conclusions. Look at the figures that prove the enormous increase of crime, and judge, if you can, how long this burden can increase at such ratio and yet be carried by the country. The root of it all is that men want things without working for them; and the political order, the social organization, religion itself, not only encourage the want, but support it as a more or less rightful claim.

President Thwing, of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, has

IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLE.

eration in knowledge of the Bible. He is in close personal touch with a women, is qualified to speak concernopinions concerning what they ought to | lend it again, and issue notes bearing | its people. Bitter inter-hatred is conknow. Suspecting that they did not his own signature. know as much about the Bible as they should, he proceeded to test the matter by preparing an examination paper with twenty-two simple Biblical alluwhich he submitted to the freshman class of his own college and afterward to the freshman class of a woman's college in the East. The allusions the manna in the wilderness, the striking of the rock, the branding of Cain, Jacob's struggle with the angel, the miracle of Cana, the crown of thorns and the angels at the tomb of Jesus. Yet not half the answers were right. Forty

"Joshua's moon in Ajalon." This showing softens somewhat by comparison that made by Marion Hill in the current number of McClure's Magazine in which the methods of teaching patriotism in the public schools and their effect. upon the juventle understanding are illustrated by a bright little mind of ten years who thus rendered, in neat chi-rography and faultless spelling, a verse of America:

I love the rots and chills The woods and tempered fills, My heart with ratcher thrills, Like that above.

Upon being asked why she loved "rots and chilis" the child promptly replied that she did not, "It was only the poetry that said that;" being asked what "ratcher" meant she answered that she had looked in the dictionary and falling to find the word had concluded that it was a disease similar to chills, since it said "like that above." and chills were a sort of thrills any way. This child makes a good showing both in knowledge and instruction buside the college students who had never heard of the gentle Monbitess who gleaned an ancient field and found a husband, nor yet of the angels "one at the head and the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain."

DISTINCTIONS WITHOUT DIFFER-ENCES.

It is to the credit of both the head and the heart of Chicago that the journalism of the true yellow variety has hitherto found no lodgment there. It is also to Chicago's credit that the entrance there of Mr. Hearst's new paper has so far failed to capture any noteworthy material support. But the paper is making strenuous efforts to be heard. There was a chance to get in on the building strike in favor of the which the chance was clutched at is suf- NO PARTITION OF CHINA POSSIBLE. ficiently discovered in this passage: The contractor's profits go into investments, or pictures, or foreign travel, Government bonds or gowns from Paris. Every deliar that

the workingman carns goes at once into the pockets of his fellow citizens. Pay a workingwithout effort of his own, out of the so-cial organization. One side of the Christian religion—for the Christian re-tt. If he saves a little it goes the same way when the rainy day comes, or when he dies and his family full back on his hard savings. Observe more specifically the iniquity of the contractor and the service of the Infantry lost nearly a third of its entire silver will drive the independent-minded the credit of the nation to a higher pitch to yote for McKinley, dissatisfaction than that of any other nation on the contractor spend his money for clothes, doesn't he dig a hole in the ground and bury it? Fine clothes, we all know, grow on trees in Chicago, though in France they are gathered from the luscious mulberry, and in Georgia they saw that their only means of meeting ruin faction, who would rather support affect the habit of the subterranean the aggressions of foreign powers was Bryan with his dictatorship at the peanut. Their production gives no employment to weavers, factory hands, seamstresses, furriers, miners or shop and rifles and ships, and with the ald people. If the contractor would cense of educated European drillmasters and his pernicious habit of buying pictures, theusands busy now in making canvas, pigments, oils, brushes, cords, hooks has arrived. Europeans can no longer and frames could drop into a life of march up to Chinese troops in position leisure. If he would forbear the disastrous practice of travel, an army of rail-road and steamship employes could quit French regulars did forty years ago. work whether they desired to do so or not. If he would resolutely refuse to lots for the garments of China before been, they would undoubtedly have buy Government bonds, we might be its crucifixion was executed, and today found her proceeding under "third spared the trouble of resenting any and

> How different with the workingman! He also spends and saves. Every dollar he makes goes at once into the pockets of his fellow-citizens. Instead Tartars, They are still hunters, trapof buying food, clothes and Government bonds, he accumulates "hard savings," clothes and food. The dollars that go at once into the pockets of his fellowcitizens remain intact somehow for his family to spend after death.

> Here, perhaps, is the most striking contrast of the whole array. Who ever dren eagerly grabbing his estate after his death and scattering it broadcast upon the just and unjust alike? Who touching a cent of her legacy, or of a rich man's sons becoming profligates confined entirely to North China and or spendthrifts?

It is well enough, perhaps, to work and spend and save up to a certain point. But if you are unusually quickwitted, or industrious, or self-denying. beware of the yellow journal. It will hold you up to merited scorn. Alas, that any should be so hardened in this bright and beautiful world as to be a contractor! Alas, that the rich refuse to make humanity happy by living in tenements, wearing overalls and eating only black bread and codfish balls! There ought to be a law against a millionaire's making "investments" of hunstartling. It is decay of the individual dreds of thousands in yellow journals moral fiber, relaxation of the moral in New York, San Francisco and Chi-

VARIOUS MONOPOLIES. One of the telling hits of the new De

mocracy is its arraignment of the Government for giving National banks a currency. The offense against the tolling masses could not be graver if the Government should issue marine engineer licenses only to trained navigators or make mail contracts only with persons in the transportation business, The law provides certain conditions preliminary to embarkation in the business of banking in its complete sense. A bank is a place for the "custody, loan or issue" of currency (Webster), "an institution for lending, borrowing, issuing or caring for money" (Standard). One of these functions is scouted by the new Democracy, strenuously though the old Democracy used

tion of every civilized nation under the sun, and always has been. In the United States a man can start a private bank, where he is amenable tribe against the other, and along these to no law but his own sweet will; or a lines the foreign powers will be obliged recently made somewhat startling dis- state bank, where an effort, more or to move to restore China to peace and closures of the defects of the rising less pretended, is made to hold him to preserve her vast body of trade and account with the public welfare; or a bank of issue, in which the Federal Gov- raise a force of Chinese in one place to multitude of college students, men and, ernment itself reserves the right to fight Chinese in another. There is no prescribe conditions under which he Chinese nation or people in the sense

to defend state bank notes. The issue

of credit currency is a recognized func-

To withhold arbitrarily from banks parts of China meet. the right to issue circulating notes would be an act of tyranny such as no masses of China there has never been absolute monarchy would be guilty of, any effective control; there is no nasions from the poems of Tennyson If the United States attempted it under a Republican administration, the De- If there were, every foreigner in China mocracy would promptly ride into But the Government does undertake to were to things very familiar, such as say under what conditions you shall Great Britain governs India would be issue notes. There is the National impracticable through military force, bank act, and as it stands today any and even if transiently successful, it man or set of men with the requisite would be impossible to keep her pinned capital (\$25,000 in small towns) can start to the carth with foreign bayonets. a National bank. The Government will Only through native rulers resting for out of eighty-five students examined sure safe management of the bank, and dired world hope to restore peace in

the value of their money. A National bank note is as good as gold. Nobedy has ever lost a dollar from that source. Yet the Bryanized Democracy deunces these provisions for enabling banks to do a banking business and for protecting the people against loss-it denounces these provisions as the crea-

The State of Oregon provides that a barber business, precisely as the bank

All there is in the cry against Nathe Government prescribes conditions the country is at liberty to go in or stay the conditions set by the Government. When he is accepted he will be a member of the monopoly of steamboat masters, a menace to our liberties of premonopoly of National banking by National bankers.

Details of the terrible fighting and severe losses incurred before Tien Tsin at the hands of the intrenched Chinese not only justify the conclusion that an has been recorded since the most declearly is not a corpse inviting dissecpredicted in 1880 that when the Chinese to organize an army with improved organizers would create a formidable army. The day predicted by Gordon or in defense of a position and sweep

The powers of Europe began casting likely to wear its own clothes a good all indignities foreign nations might put many years to come before they are ing population of China consists of the Manchu tribes, who are originally is larger and they are more robust light steam. than the peace-loving Chinese. They retain their pride of race, and have a munications on the Amur River, and thus seeking to postpone the Russian the military caste of the Manchus, nevertheless the work of crushing his upforces are as well armed, as skillful and steady under fire as were the Chi-

nese troops before Tien Tsin. The foreign army of invasion not only will be compelled to encounter an enemy that is disposed to fight with desperation, but the difficulties of transportation and commissariat, which are ormous. The Pet Ho River is very shallow; the railroad has been utterly road is in an execrable condition. The surrounding country has no beasts of burden that can be collected for transportation service. Unless Prince Tuan's its own weight, he is likely to prove a very hard nut to crack. But even his China. temporary success will prove of farreaching consequence in its influence throughout China. It will not soon be regulars before Tien Tsin. The knowlpartition of China among the powers of Europe as baseless as the fabric of a forces. vision.

The powers of Europe will be obliged to employ craft, as well as force, if they expect to keep their present footing in China. They will be compelled to rule at Pekin by making common cause with the Chinese faction opposed to Prince Tuan, prop up the crumbling imperial throne with their bayonets, and place a puppet of their own upon it and keep im there, just as Great Britain was obliged to do in Afghanistan in 1881. General Crook's Indian policy was to "make dog eat dog" by playing one commerce to the world. It is easy to shall receive the money of the people, that we speak of the United States and spicuous when Chinese from different

Over the heterogenous and conflicting tional army or navy or civil service. would be driven into the sea in ten power on an appeal from the outrage, days and her ports sealed against their return. To divide and govern China as

China among the powers defles execution by military force. Preservation of her vast body of present and prospective trade with foreign markets will be a victory of statesmanship rather than of war.

Eastern Democrats of candor and intelligence admit that if Bryan is to be elected the West and South must do it. barber must pass an examination and It is reported that the Democratic manpay a fee before he can practice his agers do not expect to carry any state trade. That creates a monopoly of the east of the Alleghanies and north of Maryland; that they believe that their act creates a monopoly of banking. The best fighting chance is in Michigan, state provides an examination and li- Wisconsin and Minnesota. Four years cense for all doctors. That creates a ago the leading Democratic newspapers monopoly in medicine. Before acting of Detroit were supporting McKinley as Postmaster a man must get an ap- and the leading Republican newspapers pointment. There's a monopoly of post- Bryan. Governor Pingree, a nominal masterships. There is a monopoly of socialist Republican, has been elected banking enjoyed by the whole tribe of largely by Democratic votes. Four bankers, and a monopoly of National years ago it was acknowledged that banking by the National bankers. It without the Gold Democratic vote Mcmakes no difference to the Bryanites Kinley would have lost Michigan, which that banks are constantly giving up gave him over 56,000 plurality. Daniel their National charters and others are J. Campau, the Democratic National taking out new ones. That is the fact | committeeman, is confident that Michiand upsets their pretense, and they gan can be carried for Bryan this year want nothing to do with it. upon the "general dissatisfaction issues," chiefly in regard to the lumber tional bank monopoly is the fact that industry, in which Canada has successfully trumped the Republican tariff under which banks of issue may be trick. Many Germans in Michigan are established. Every separate \$25,000 in anti-imperialists; many Hollanders are aggrieved because the Republican party out. If it goes in, it must comply with did not openly declare sympathy for the conditions. Every man has the the Boers. There are many old-time privilege of being a steamboat pilot greenbackers in Michigan. Den M. open to him. But he must comply with Dickinson, Postmaster-General in President Cleveland's second term, supports these predictions of Mr. Campau. Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, says that the Germans hold the balance of power cisely the same gravity involved in the between the parties in Wisconsin, and that if 75 per cent of them vote for Bryan he will carry the state. In Minnesota, the present Governor, John Lind, is a Democrat, and it is expected that his support of Bryan will carry with him the Scandinavian vote.

What a commentary it is upon Democratic mismanagement that while army of at least 50,000 men must be as- Chairman Babcock, of the Republican sembled before the allies can hope to Congressional committee, claims Mcfight their way to the occupation of Kinley's election by a majority as large Pekin, but they make it plain that as that of 1896, he half expects the loss the partition of China is not to be of the House of Representatives to the thought of. The Ninth United States Democrats! Why? Because while free force, a greater per cent of loss than to vote for McKinley, dissatisfaction with Republican methods will nullify pictures, travel or anything? Why structive battle of our Civil War. China that consideration in the vote for memis in no danger of partition, for China bers of Congress. If the Democratic party had righted itself on main issues tion. Gordon, who fell at Khartoum, at Kansas City, it might have swept the country. It is in the hands of a rule-orthe aggressions of foreign powers was Bryan with his dictatorship at the price of defeat than nominate a man weapons, then they would buy guns like Olney or Cleveland, who could be elected.

> The Deutschland, the fastest steamship in the world, broke another record on her first outward trip from New York, by crossing the Atlantic in a little over 51/2 days, after encountering a "heavy fog for two days" of the voyage. There were no luckless sailing ships in the path of the big flyer, but had there China declines to be crucified and is steam," or "half steam," as was the case with the Campania when she struck the Embleton. It is to be hoped stripped from its dead body. The fight- that the Deutschland will have a few clear days on some of her passages, in order that she may show the world what she can do when it is unnecespers and fishers. Their average of size sary to proceed with caution under

The wages of some of the striking warlike bearing. They hate the for- dock hands in this city are reported eigner. Prince Tuan is reported to to have averaged from \$60 to \$65 have summoned these tribes of Man- per month for the past year, and with churia to arms, and he has shown de- the amount of wheat in sight there is heard of a rich man's widow and chit- cided military talent in putting them in steady work for another year at least. Here seems to be an opportunity for some of the industrious and faithful bridge-tenders who are about to lose \$55 ever heard of a rich man's widow advance from the north. Assuming and \$60 per month positions. The that Prince Tuan's insurrection will be bridge-tender must spend a good portion of his time exposed to the weather, but the dockman works under cover, and can worship any kind of a political rising will be very difficult, if all his god he sees fit without fear of dis-

charge. ___ The Constitution confers on the President of the United States the power enjoyed by the "grown" in England to use the Army and Navy when and where it was needed in emergencies which call for fighting but are not war, President Cleveland used this power in his first term when he landed marines destroyed by the enemy; the wagon at Panama and Aspinwall and held the port and the Panama Railroad and protected American property against any plunder by revolutionists or through "contributions" by the regular authoriinsurrection breaks down suddenly of ties. For a number of days the United States did all that it is doing today in

The assurances from Pekin may be correct, but it is worth noticing that monopoly of issuing credit banking forgotten by China that her troops were this second word from Conger also able to give battle with credit to an speaks of the besiegers as "Chinese solarmy of 20,000 European and Japanese diers." There is no government there, he says, but the attacking army. · Ceredge that China is in possession of this | tainly this does not look much as if the fact makes all further thought of the throne were in control or even a formidable sobstacle to the anti-foreign

The Administration's luck has not deserted it. We shall come out of the China episode with added prestige abroad and with exceptional friendship with the empire itself. The graver the situation is in November, the more votes will be cast for McKinley and Roosevelt.

NUTS FOR J. HAMILTON. To Be Shown Up as a Scrub in Decent Papers Fills His Aching Void.

New York Tribune. For a long time certain "anti-imperial-ists" have been charging that at the be-ginning of our war with Spain, the Pres-ident pledged the nation not to acquire any territory as a result of the war, saying that to do so would be "criminal aggression." Of course, they know, and have known all along, that the President never did anything of the kind, and that their statement that he did is a violent distortion of a statement of utterly different meaning. ferent meaning

Now comes James H. Lewis, formerly a representative in Congress from Washington and a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination at the recent Democratic National Convention, and declares that the President is responsible for the attacks upon Americans in China, cause of "the announcement made this Government, through its different apokesmen, that the United States Intended to enter into the division of China, participating in its distribution." Of course Mr. Lewis knows perfectly well that the exact contrary is the truth and that all the "announcements" made by the Government on the subject to the contrary of th this Government on the subject have been to the effect that it did not intend to join in the partition of China, nor to parnot half the answers were right. Forty on the state of th of Ruth, and sixty had never heard of absolutely guarantees to all noteholders trade from destruction. Division of Mr. White, our Ambassador at Berlin.

speaking in the German capital on Independence Day, said there were laid upon his table every day "piles of cuttings from the European Continental press which, taking up calumnies manufactured for the home market, dish them up for the market abroad." The evil of which he complained is a monstrous one, as the cases we have cited, demonstrate. In the present critical state of affairs in China, while American soldiers are losin China, while American soldiers are losing their lives to save American men, women and children from worse than death, what will be the effect of publishing in China, on the authority of a great American Mandarin, who has been a member of Congress and a candidate for Vice-President, that the American Gov. Vice-President, that the American Government means to enter into the partition and spoliation of China? The Chinese populace will not understand that it is merely a "calumny manufactured for our home markets." They may believe it to be true just as the Filipinos believed it to be true that, as the "anti-imperialists" told them, if they would hold out until after election they would be allowed to

have their own way.

What a patriotic thing it is to embar rass and cripple the hands of the Gov-ernment abroad by inventing and circulat-ing such calumnies concerning it!

GOOD CAMPAIGN DOCUMENT. Favorable View of President's Recent Speech of Acceptance. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

President McKinley's speech in reply to the formal announcement, through Senator Lodge, the chairman of the Re-publican National Convention, and the notification committee associated with him. of his unanimous nomination for a second term by that convention, will arrest public attention by its concise and telling presentation of the issue before the country. One of its most striking passages is that wherein he quotes from his speech of acceptance made on the same spot four years ago, in which he outlined the weighty tasks which the Republican party had before it in rescuing the honor and the credit of the government and the currency of the people from the perils which assalied them; in establishing them upon a sound and enduring basis: in winning back our domestic and foreign trade which had been lost by unwise legislation; in restoring the industrial prosperity of the country and giving employment to the millions of workingmen then idle as the consequence of Democratic threats and policies, and then in showing how the Republican party had not only accomplished all, but more than all it had promised or set out to do. It has given the people sound money, estab-ilshed the gold standard, and thus raised globe, so that we are refunding our debta bearing 1, 4 and 5 per cent into 2 per cent gold bonds at a premium on the latter. and have already refunded \$300,000,000 of these at that rate.

Meanwhile ample revenues have filled to overflowing the Treasury, which, under Democratic rule, yawned with repeated deficits, which could only be filled by selling United States bonds at high rates of interest. The millions of unemployed are now at work with high wages. Money, instead of being scared into hiding places by the threatened debasement of the money standard, has become plentiful at lower rates of interest than were ever known. Panic and depression have given place to confidence and to a degree of prosperity never known before. But the Spanish War was not foreseen when Mc-Kinley made his speech of acceptance in a woman. Mr. Aster promptly turns him

war itself, and which, though reluctantly undertaken, he prosecuted with such vigor and marvelous success that in little over three months our fing floated triumphantly over the West Indian and Philippine Islands, which we had rescued from the cruel rule of Spain. But he leaves no room for doubt as to his policy and that of the Republican party in regard to the responsibilities entailed upon us as the result of that war. "Cuba," he says, "has been liberated and our guarantees to her people will be sacredly executed. A beneficent government has been provided for Porto Rico, The Philippines are ours, and American authority must be supreme over the archipelago. We will fulfill in the Philippines recognize American sovereignty as the symbol and pledge of peace, justice, law, religious freedom, education, the security of life and property and the wealth and prosperity of their several communities." This is the President's imperialism-the imperialism of the Republican party— the imperialism of the American people.

The President goes beyond the words, although not beyond the implications of the platform when he says that the Re-publican party reasserts its early princi-ple that Congress has full power over territory belonging to the United States, subject to the fundamental safeguards of liberty, justice and personal rights. Upon this issue and upon the issue of the policies based on this doctrine, the President has full faith that he can trust the American people. On the 6th of November next the American people will show that they are willing to trust him.

A SOUTHERN LYNCHING.

And a Southern Democratic Newspaper Comments on It. Memphis Commercial (Dem.).

A feeling of horror that amounts to a shudder is produced by reading the re-port of the lynching of a negro at the usually peaceful town of Ripley, Tenn. In the lynching of the negro named Louis Rice we read in vain for any justifying, or even irritating, cause. The story as it comes to the Commercial-Ad-peal is that a white man named Duncan Goodrich had been playing in a crap game with some negroes when a row ensued. Goodrich drew his pistol and some one took it away from him. When disarmed Goodrich ran toward a whisky-boat that was moored at Plum Point, and, while running, some one shot him, and a negro named Henderson House was arrested convicted of the crime, and sentenced to be hanged. Louis Rice, his partner, interested himself very much in House's defense. He drummed up witnesses. He talked. He endeavored to influence public opinion. He worked to influence public opinion. He worked to save his friend's life, as did the able white lawyers for the defense. When his partner was convicted he procured new evidence, no doubt with the indorsement of the lawyers for the defense, and when a new trial was refused and an appeal had to be taken to the Supreme Court, Rice began to drink and express his opinion about the trial, and the next morning his body was found hanging from a limb four blocks from the town square of Ripley. This is the gruesome story, shorn of all its dressing. It is not a pleasant story. It is not a creditable story. It is nothing of which the mob that operated in Ripley should be proud. It is a story of which the good people of Ripley should be ashamed, and they should bestir themselves to seek out and bring the culprits to justice. They can not secure the conviction of any one, but they can vindicate the good name of their community by making an effort to do so. The lynching is so unprovoked and cause-less that it should stir the community to action.

New York Journal of Con The more the Kansas City platform is examined the more it looks like a crazy-quilt. The denunciation of what is called imperialism, with which the document starts out, is most impressive until its force is broken by a declaration in favor of all the expansions that have been com pleted, leaving the opposition only to ex-pansion which is progress as to which no substantial change in the actions of the Government is promised in the event of the election of Mr. Bryan. An exten-sion is given to the Monroe Doctrine not at all warranted by the text of the docu-ment, or the conditions under which it complished in at least 50 modes.

was formulated, or the expositions of it by its contemporaries. And then the platform proceeds to meddle with affairs in a distant part of the globe by declaring sympathy with the Boers, and it was said on the platform of the convention, by men who put Mr. Bryan in nomination, that if he had been President of the United States last year that precious pair of South African Republics would have been saved from the rapacious British iton. What kind of a Monroe Doctrine is it which withholds us from the Philippines, but sends us to South Africa? As the vital principle of Boer Government politics was the exclusion of "uitlandera" from participation in the government the sympathy of the "uitlanders" in the United States with the Boer oligarchy is one of the things that give pleasure to persons who do not wish to take serious views of public affairs.

THE HALF-CENT.

How It Would Compare With the Small Coins of Other Nations.

Washington Star, Ind.
A report has gained currency of late that the Treasury Department is contemplating the renewed issue of the half-cent plece, discontinued as part of the metal money output about 50 years ago. This project is in response to a demand by both the offerers and the purchasers of the "bargains" which form so large a part of the retail trade in large cities at present.
In many European countries these

small fractional coins are in wide circu-iation among the lower classes, some of them very artistic in design. Among these of current use are the bagattino, Venetian, worth one-eighth of a cent of our money: the Italian centesimo, worth the polushka, also Russian, worth one-sixth of a cent; the maravedi and cuarto, Spanish, worth respectively, two-fifths and three-fourths of a cent; the ore, Danish, worth one-quarter of a cent; the as a practical coin which are not pre-sented in the currency system of the older countries.

The present penny is considered by many as small as a coin should be, and a coin half as large would be of inconand the half-cent of a baser metal, with a slight difference in their sizes, might suffice if the colors of the two were suffice if the colors of the two were sufficiently distinct to prevent confusion. There need be no argument against the introduction of the small bit of money on the ground that it would encumber the pockets, for it would probably never find its way into the pockets that would not welcome it as an evidence of economy.

Much Ado About Little.

New York Commercial Advertiser. Mr. Astor's case shows how hard it ts to pick up good breeding when you are getting on in years, even though you are a millionaire with social ambitions. No matter how long and expensive the training, the natural man is apt to break out. A man whom Mr. Astor did not know appears at an entertainment at his house by invitation of one of the guests. The President says very little of the out. The man writes a letter of apology, but Mr. Astor is not to be balked of his revenge. He exposes him in the Pall Mall Gazette as having come to his party with-out an invitation. But the man happens to be the friend of Dukes and Princes, and society knows him, and society gets angry. Appeal is taken to the power that holds the destiny of millionaires with so-cial ambitions in the hollow of his hand. cial ambitions in the hollow of his hand.

The power decides against Mr. Astor, and Democratic crater. "On election day Bryan Mr. Astor apologizes in a sulky, per will have all the whites with him. "And functory way, but only in regard to the the next day," cried a voice in the crowd, man. Not a word yet about his dis
"he will have the blues."—Philadelphia Press. will forgive. It certainly will. Society is reasonably indulgent toward the occasional slips of the millionaire in his efforts to pick up good breeding. see him struggling "in conspicuous misery," and says he was right in recogniz-ing that he was no fit person to remain in this country, where men are not afraid to be real men. The comments on both sides of the water show what a surprising number of people can become intoxi-cated on very small beer.

> A Disgusted and Unbappy Citizen. The New York Evening Post, talking about McKinley and Bryan, gets vitrotolto. Evidently it thinks each of these candi-

dates worse than the other. Look over this and see if you think it could be beaten for "bot stuff"; On the one side we have Mr. By-Ends reincarnate, smugly asserting, like Bunyan's pro-totype, "I will never desert my principles, since I find them to be both harmless and profitable." For leader of the people we have offered us, in him, a man whose pole-star is

the party caucus, and whose conscience is party regularity; whose one rule of private action is that a rich man can do no wrong; who awallows his own words with the gusts of a gourmand putting away a dainty, and who invents moral sentiments only to trample upon them, when the time comes, without the flicker of an syells. Opposed to this com-pound of gelatine and hypocrisy is a firebrand. Without personal dignity; cheapening the august office which he seeks by his clamor pursuit of it; inconstant as the moon; a pro-fessional agitator; a silverite, and heaven knows what else; a President in whose hands the civil service would be looted and the per-sonnel of the public service degraded. Mr. Bryan would drive thousands of voters to the arms of McKinley did not that gentleman's imperialistic policy deter them.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Admiral Dewey proves the falsity of the old belief that a saller is not at home on a horse. The Admiral is an excellent horseman, and rides often. Both John D. and William Rockefeller carry

comparatively small sums in life insurance. Frank, who is not nearly so rich as his two New York brothers, carrying more than either of them. Dr. George E. Morrison, the Pekin correspondent of the London Times, has lived in the Celestial City for nearly three years. In 1862,

when only 20 years old, he crossed Austra When Robert Herrick, the novellst and pro-fersor of English in the University of Chicago, married his first cousin he had to go to Milwaukee to have the marriage perfor Illinois laws forbidding the marriage of cour There has been found in London a letter

written by Gladatone which leads to the belief that the only reason she former premier did not accept a title was because he insisted upon becoming the Esri of Liverpool, which was successfully opposed by the Jenkinson family. Professor Stuart, of the University of Sydney, Australia, has made an artificial larynx for a man who lost the use of that portion of his anatomy through disease, and has suc-cessfully inserted the same in its proper place. The new largest can be so regulated as to make the voice sogramo, tenor, controlto or base at the will of the owner.

According to the London Woman's Weekly, Li Hung Chang's wife, the Marchioness I.i., is reckoned a great beauty, and she is also one of the cleverest women in her country. She must be considerably over 50 or 50 sense age, but she looks scarcely a day over 50, and her tollets evoke the admiration of all who see them. Her garments are calculated to be not less in number than 3000 to 4000. Her fur robes are wonderfully beautiful, and comprise 500 made from the finest skins. Not the least extraordinary and varied part of her tollets is her bairdressing, which can be acNOTE AND COMMENT.

The Boer war is almost out of print. How would you like to be the Boxer

It is nearly time to begin to bet on Portland's population.

Just remember that you haven't bought that monument button yet.

Perhaps men now living may yet read the dispatch which tells what is doing in Pekin. If the British will not give Admiral

Kempff enough guns, he ought to make up the deficiency with his own. "There is no place like home, thank

heaven," observed Governor Taylor, as he laid down the handbill offering a reward for his capture.

When hotly shines the sun on high We wish the clouds would fill the sky, But when the sky is cloudy, then We wish to see the min again.

Sportsmen are much interested in the question discussed at the last meeting of the Fish and Game Association, in regard to whether it is advisable to favor the introduction of black bass into the waters of this state or not. There is a wide difference of opinion among sportsmen in regard to this matter. Those who have been brought up in sections where the black bass was the most gamy fish, and one-fifth of a cent; the deneshka, Rus-sian, worth one-third of a cent; the Rus-to consider them so. The few who have the best of game fishes, are still inclined sian kopek, worth two-thirds of a cent; had any experience with these fish here acknowledge their gameness, but see no other specially good points about them. although they fairly bristle with points and sharp ones at that. Some suggest Moorish floor, worth one-sixth of a cent; that the bass be planted in Sucker Lake, the grano of Malta, worth one-sixth of a at Oswego, connecting with the Tualatin. cent; the heller and the kreutzer of Austria, worth one-quarter and one-half a cent, and a large number of tiny Persian coins of varying denominations.

There might be difficulties in the way of re-establishing the American half-cent ter fish than themselves. In view of the fact that a fine four-pound black bass was captured in a shad not at Oregon City a short time ago, it is too late to talk about introducing them into the Willamette. They were introduced in a small venient size. The manufacture of the way a dozen years ago, and are here penny of a different metal than bronze like the carp and the catfish to stay. like the carp and the catfish-to stay, The committee to whom this matter was referred will make its report at the next meeting of the association, and will also report on the matter of allowing salmon trout to be fished for with hook and line at all seasons, and the limits within which this should be allowed, and this report will serve as a guide in efforts to secure legislation on those subjects.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS First Attendant at the Restaurant.-That's

a funny looking duffer that just came in. Second Ditto-Yes; all things come to those who wait.-Boston Transcript. Indisputable. "I toll you the Weekly Ban-ner is dead right on the Chinese situation." "How many men does it say we ought to send?" "Says we need an adequate force."-

More Information,-Tommy-Say, paw. Mr. Figs.—Well? "What is a fiopper?" "A flop-per, my son, is a man that leaves his party because he cannot take it with him."—Indianapolis Press.

"Most children," said the old schoolmaster, "are very much like postage stamps." "In-deed?" said his friend. "Yes; they have to be licked to make them stick to their letters."-Philadelphia Record.

the obligations imposed by the triumph of our arms and by the treaty of peace,

. The people of the islands delivered from anarchy, pillage and oppression,

One heavily sareastic article tells

The Golf Fever.—"So you can't play with me on the 20th!" said one young goling man be on the 20th!" said one young goling man to another over the telephone. "Don't see how I possibly can, sid man. But, I say, leave the peace of the country of the said one young goling man be on the 20th!" said one young goling man to another over the telephone. "Don't see how I possibly can, sid man. But, I say, leave the peace of the country of the count ing away," they say with some bittering away, "they say with some bittering away," they say with some bittering away, "they say with some bi change, so that I can have a round with

The Unusual.-"Close the doors of th' airtight bulkheads!" shouted the captain, for the ashen pale, with starting eyes and chattering teeth, came staggering up the companionway.
"The doors!" he shirished, in abject terror.
"They are actually all right! They close readily." "Merciful heavens!" gasped the captain, and lost his head.-Detroit Journal.

Lots of Lines.

Baltimore American There are thrilling tales from Shanghat, And some yarns from Tien Tsin, too, Then, again, comes word from Pekin That the stories are untrue. But the fakers are not always in some foreign country born. We have read some first-class fibbing, Telling us of Kansas corn.

All the cables are kept busy Bringing news from far Hong Kong. First a rumor, then another Saying that the first is wrong. And we talk of "Chinese llars," While our truthfulness we boast, Till we read of big sea serpents Splashing on the Jersey coast.

Canton, China, keeps us guessing With its contradicting news. All the rumors are so varied We believe which e'er we choose Every Spring from old New Hampshire, Or the region of the lakes, Comes the tale that some backwoodsman Finds a ball of frozen snakes.

All the world is full of liurs, And their tricks are just the same, And their stories only vary With the bigness of the game. We should give a chance to China, For her liars are just found, While our home-grown native liars Keep in trim the whole year round.

T. Martin Towns in Chicago Tribune. Throw up your hats with a shout, boys, Shout for McKinley and Teddy; This is a team well matched, boys-Spirited, splendid and steady. McKinley the trusted and tried, With Teddy the brave by his side, Will sail the old ship with never a slip, Hip! Hip! For McKinley and Teddy. This is a ticket to win, boys, We're longing to vote it already; We'll make Bryan dumb when the time shall

To vote for McKinley and Teldy. Cheers for McKinley, the statesman, Roosevalt fearless and dashing. Remember the tireless "Rough Riders," How into the fight they went dashing. McKinley the trusted and tried, With Teddy the brave by his side, Will sail the old ship with never a sitp, Hip! Hip! For McKinley and Teddy.

"I Hoped These Girls Would Jangle," R. K. Edwards in Chicago Tribuna. By what vile method of intrigue What dark work underhanded Was this sweet bimetallic league

Why could the women not be kind, In caucus and convention, and work with singleness of mind Sans weakness and dissension?

So bitterly disbanded?

It grieves this tender heart full sore, My soul it fairly blisters To think that we shall hear no more From our free silver sisters.

In flerce debate from now to Fall I hoped these girls would jangle, But silence will pervade the ball Where they were wont to wrangle,