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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Fair and warmer; southeast winds.

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SURVIVAL OF SUPERSTITIONS.

The vague terror that pervades Christendom in contemplation of the Chinese outbreak, and revealed in fantastic cartoons and ghoulish forebodings, reminds us that superstition still stalks abroad, proof against centuries of spiritual development and scientific discovery.

NO CAPACITY TO GOVERN.

Who are the Filipinos for whom the Bryan platform demands stable government, independence and protection from outside interference? Nine principal tribes inhabit the islands, one or all of which would be the government were a government set up among them.

head-hunting, the Igorrote from his buhichery, the Tingianan from his roost, the Moro from his warfare and the Tagalogs and the Visayas from their pillage, gather them into a hall and tell them to go ahead and draft their constitution.

PERU ON THE GOLD STANDARD.

The Peruvians, evidently, do not know a bad thing when they see it. The blight inflicted upon the United States by the accused gold standard possesses no power to move them. In vain for them has the crime of '73 spread its gloom and iniquity over this smiling land, with the dread "appreciation of gold," "fall in prices of commodities," "increase of debt among our people," "prostration of industry," "impoverishment of the masses" and "general financial system which has locked fast the prosperity of an industrial people in the paralysis of hard times."

WEAKNESS OF THIRD PARTIES.

The Gold Democrats have decided not to put out a separate ticket, and probably they are wise. Our political history does not offer them much encouragement. In 1848 the Whig party, which supported James G. Birney for President, polled 63,200 votes, and defeated Henry Clay, the Whig candidate for President, the loss of the anti-slavery Whig vote giving New York State to Polk, the Democratic candidate.

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and fertile valley about seventy-five miles square, protected on the east by the Drakensberg and on the north and east by the broad and deep Oliphant's River, with Forts Oliphant and Weber. From the south the valley narrows to Lydenburg, the only gate, the transport station for which is at Nelspruit, on the railway from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay. The force inside this natural citadel would be safe so long as ammunition and food lasted; but the British can stop them by obtaining possession of the Koomatipoort, where the Delagoa Bay Railroad crosses the Portuguese frontier.

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ANGLOPHOBISTS ON THE MOVE.

The last of the "Blaine Fishmen" has gone over to Bryan. Without even a passing tear from the Tribune, Patrick Ford and the Hon. Patrick Egan simply cannot resist the "superb" Democratic platform and have cast in their lot with the Nebraska reviler of the hated Blaine. They are perfectly consistent. It is the Republican party that has changed, not the platform.

man like Hill, "birds of a feather," etc. By the way, Mr. Hill is not the owner of the St. Paul Globe, which by the way further is an original Democratic paper that repudiated Bryan in 1896, and now repudiates him again.

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could not stomach his candidacy. Now they have gone over to a demagogue who can outblare even Blaine, and in their places the Republican party is welcoming men like Mr. Fairchild, whom it attacked for English trading. It is a pretty complete change of partners; and in the disgust which the Republicans now feel for their late allies, they have a good measure of their own disgraces in every hand stopped to base arts to win such support.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Boxer contest seems to have developed into a finish fight.

There are no more standing armies. They are all on the march.

The Chinese Government has a partner like Mr. Jorkins in the Boxers.

If no news is good news, the dispatches from Peking are highly reassuring.

Candidate Woolley denies that he is leading a forlorn hope. Has he withdrawn?

Uncle Paul Kruger is still at the old stand, and seems to be doing a pretty fair business.

Equipped with horseless carriages, we should not be surprised if troops with expedition now are automobilized.

The Gold Democrats seem to have concluded that they might not elect a Presidential ticket if they nominated one.

Man wants but little here below, His needs are very small, But things are averaged, pretty well, For woman wants it all.

New Orleans, evidently jealous of the fame of St. Louis and Pekin, is coming to the front as a center of war news.

If Li Hung Chang is practicing that branch of diplomacy known as relating fairy tales, he is likely to be sorry for it one of these days.

Colonel Samuel S. Sumner, Sixth United States Cavalry, has been relieved, at his own request, from duty in London as military attaché, in order that he may join his regiment, which is now on the Pacific coast en route to Tien Tsin, China. Colonel Sumner was for several years stationed at Vancouver Barracks, and has many friends in Portland.

According to Major A. E. C. Marshall, a British officer, the fighting forces of China are classed as follows: Manchurian field force, 20,000; Manchurian irregulars, 20,000; fighting braves, 12,000; and Chinese, or disciplined troops, 10,000. The reserves under arms he described as: Peking field force, 18,000; banner troops in Peking, 7,000; banner troops in provinces, 8,000; and the Lu-Hing or green standard regiments, 50,000. The militia reserves could not be calculated, but each Victory has a certain number of more or less trained troops under his personal control for local service. The armament of the infantry is for the most part the Mauser rifle, and the artillery has a large number and great variety of weapons, comprising ordinary breech-loaders, quick-firers and machine guns. The cavalry is the least effective portion of the Chinese Army.

Only one man in a hundred on a farm is worth a cent; What's the use to split a farmer, jest to make a President?

Now there's Bryan, down to Lincoln, doth most uncommon well; Raisin' garden truck an' such like where he once was raised —

Windmill whirrin' in his meadow where his neighbors never run; From his stoop he keeps 'em goin', speakin' on to 10 to 1.

Folks that buy their produce of him has to pay their money fast; For the farm's so Democratic that it's strictly anti-trust.

Stittin' in his porch young William is the pleasure of content; What's the use to split his farm'n' jest to make a President?

There is silver dollars growin' on his 45-cent trees; An' 'bout 'em 'em dromes the hummin' of the presidential bees; William sits an' listens to 'em, with his hard-set face relaxed; Never thinks the man that keeps 'em may be jest the one that's warded.

Mornin' he will dig fur hours where the beets is growin' red; Notin' with great satisfaction every one of 'em is dead; Fur dead beets repudiation very patly represent; Who would split so great a farmer, jest to make a President?

Every plant around the garden's tightly tied up with a band; So there's not the slightest danger any of 'em can expand; All the coves down in the meadow wears an-circlet of their horns; Rosebush halos, which, examined, proves to be a crown of thorns; And at sunset, when the lambskins all come streakin' to the fold; On the neck of each an' every, you will see a cross of gold.

Only one man on Nebraska's got a farm that's worth a cent; What's the use to split this gent, jest to make a President?

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS.

Paying the Freight—Johnny-Paw, when a man expresses an opinion, can collect express charges on it. "Paw" is said to be a lawyer—Baltimore American.

The Philadelphia-Jen't mud on this street a trifle deep? (Chicagoan proudly) "Deep" is a noun, and it means to any saved in the world—Indianapolis Press.

Invald (to sympathizing caller) "My dear, I have laid nearly all my hair. Lateral Child-I know where it is, mamma; I saw it in your dressing-table drawer—Harper's Bazar.

"Papa," said Benny Beechwood, "what is the highest position in the army?" "The command of the balloon brigade," replied Mr. Beechwood promptly.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Tribune.

Chestnuts—"No, mamma," we replied, "we shall not pull your chestnuts out of the fire!" "Then I shall laugh at another one of your unbecomingly facetious remarks," exclaimed Britain butly.—Detroit Journal.

"De man dat's disatisfied an' shows it by workin'," said Uncle Eben, "kin be credited wit' his cadaverous good ploddin'." "I know it by talkin' an' nudin' but a plain kicker."—Washington Star.

His Chronography—"Isn't the armless wonder original?" "In what?" "Why, when he gave me his autograph, he wanted to know if I didn't think he wrote a handsome foot."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Taking the Census—Jones—(Great Scott) has that man been in an explosion or a railroad wreck? Brown—Nathier. He's a census enumerator who showed up a smaller population in his town than it had 10 years ago.—Detroit Free Press.

The Able Speaker.

Of all the tantalizing things which he is best, The man who makes an 'able' speech, he is the toughest yet. The people stand and whisper, "Be as quiet as you can; You can't interrupt him. He's a very able man."

And the boys get tired and wriggle, And the girls get bored and plodding, And I see his chain of logic and go drifting into doubt.

It really must be a most depressing mental strain For a man to have an "able" reputation to keep up through.

And now he dare not dally with an anecdote or two.

To keep us all from wishing who would hurry and get through.

And just when I am doing, And in comfort am proposing, To yield my own opinions to this-wondrous able chap.

His monotone he changes, And through wild crescendos ranges, In a series of explosions, just to jar my little nap.