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TODAY'S WEATHER.-Fair; winds mostly

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, SEPT. 27.

OUR NATIONAL FARCE.

Alabama wants protection for its iron, South Carolina for its cotton, Louisiana for its sugar. In another column is printed a collection of views showing that Southern business men disbelleve in free sliver and fear Bryan's election will produce a panic. The South entered heartily into the war with Spain. now enjoys the benefits of trade with Cuba and Porto Rico, and is anxious for such Pacific expansion as will widen the market for cotton and increase our facilities for getting it there. Yet the South will almost unanimously cast its Presidential vote for a man who is pledged to do all he can to oppose all politics cause the Rogers administration its desires and prevent the fruition of dis hopes.

Ordinarily a man's political convictions exert some appreciable influence on his vote, The Rocky Mountain region went for silver in 1896, the Pacific States went for expansion in 1888. Pennsylvania's iron regions and Ohio voolgrowers send men to Congress who will give them protection. No man who In for free trade in Canadian lumber its books are no excuse for machinacan get elected in Wisconsin; no man who is for free trade in Canadian hay and potatoes need run for Congress in Northern New York. An anti-Imperialfat wouldn't stay long in the Oregon delegation, or an opponent of Federal irrigation laws in that of Wyoming. How many Englishmen will indorse Bryan for his support of the Boers? How many Populists will knife him because he declares for "direct legisla-#Bayes**7

Cross Mason and Dixon's line and all is changed. If you are in search of first-class gold-standard and expansion Louisville Courier-Journal, now whoopanything at all, she needs Asiatic open-200,000 majority, more or less, for the in the astonishing Wagner geography. nan who advocates abandonment of all we have gained in the Pacific. The gold-standard business men of New Or- maintain a competent system of in-Mobile will vote for the candidate who | tect the state treasury from schoolomises them free silver and a panic. The Southern gentleman, cherishing the volved in the larger trust. For a Sutraditions of law-abiding and law-fear- perintendent himself to be part and paring ancestors, fresh from the studies of cel of any such conspiracy is unpardonforeir pocialism, will support the Chicago platform, with its outcries against settled vernment and its pandering to mob iots. The long staple cotton fields of South Carolina, menaced with Egyptian npetition; the iron mines and mills of Alabama, the sugar plantations of Louislana, will vote for a free trader for President. All that the South hopes for it will rive with its electoral vote to forbid. All that it fears it will strive with its lectoral vote to bring to pass. Alas, that over so wide an extent of this most progressive and independent of Nations ublic opinion should be a farce and political discussion a mere mummery! It takes 224 electoral votes to be Present. If Bryan is elected, he will get 256 of them South of the Ohio and east of Texas and Missouri. Not one of them will represent the convictions of the South upon the issues on which Bryan is making his fight to be elected. campaign is on, and reason is adessed to voters for and against issues nd candidates. But the evidence and the arguments are of no concern to the scendants of Washington and Marion. Jefferson and Sumter, Patrick Henry and Daniel Boone. McKinley's useful abors or amiable weaknesses, Bryan's mpassioned appeals or acrobatic gyraons, are all one to them. A man ould be a pretty poor feotracer who ad to be given 156 feet in 224 and then sweat like a carthorse to scratch out.

to the county, for 3000 Republicans and 1500 Democrats voted for Pearson, Prohibitionist, of whom they thought very little in 1898, and elected him. How much better success Pearson meets with in practice than Despeaux had, we shall know more definitely in 1902, when he comes up for re-election. Meanwhile we refuse positively to rejoice over the fact that Prohibition will be enforced in Portland now, without an indemnifying bond against possible wastage of emotion

There was no Prohibition nominee for 1898. But the figures on Governor show a Republican gain of 2200, a Democratic gain of 1000, and a Prohibition loss of 4000. This need not discomfusticate our friend at Albany. He can read only the returns on Sheriff. Every Prohibition-

facts he will admit to be in existence.

THE SCHOOLBOOK JOB. It is a good thing to throttle an octopus, or cripple a trust, It is a bad

thing to make a bungling job of so virtuous a purpose. Results may be sorrowful, and they may also be expensive. If the experiment of Professor Browne, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington, in his great effort to castigate the book monopoly teaches any lesson, it is that political "reformers" usually do more harm than good. The helpless children of the state must stand the consequences, and their parents must foot the bills. The "geog-

raphy" compiled by Harr Wagner is rotten with errors and absurdities; and other works, the product of home talent, are being severely criticised where they are used. For the adoption of these works the State Board of Education in Washington is responsible. If Governor Rogers, friend of the "barefoot" schoolboy, has any proper sense of his duty, he will remove the entire board at once, or those members who joined with Browne in introducing the ridiculous Wagner into the schools of the state. The friends of Browne intimate that politics has inspired the attack on the new system. Possibly. But will to throw its protecting arm around Browne, and endeavor to shield him from the consequences of his own stu-

pid folly-if folly only it is? We know something about the operations of the book trust in this state. Its methods are not admirable. But the intrigues and machinations of the trust to cajole and persuade and influence educators into its way of thinking about

tions and intrigues and corrupt jobs by its enemies to deprive it of its business and build up a little monopoly of their own. These things, or something very like them, were done in Washington. Superintendent Browne aided the formation of the Westland Publishing Company, a local concern, which depended entirely upon his official favor to establish it in business. Browne is directly charged in some of the Wash-

ington newspapers with being financially interested in this concern. This allegation he denies; but he is "proud of his efforts to encourage local publiarguments, consult the files of the cation, and has no apologies for his record." In any event, this publishing ing it up for Bryan. If Texas needs concern is his creature, and its organization was an essential part of the great ings for her cotton; but she will give job whose fruits are chiefly to be found Browne's highest duty, and his only duty, to the people of his state is to ans and Charleston and Atlanta and struction in the public schools. To probook jobbers is a collateral duty, in

ed last time, was evidently displeasing the far-sighted moderation of Bismarck after Sadowa and Sedan. Bismarck knew human nature so well that he always shrank from driving a high-spirited people to extremities. He urged Congressman in the Portland district in pulse Germany. Germany will be

> DOLLAR AND DINNER PAIL. What shall it profit a man to assist

Aguinaldo to a throne and lose his own ist reserves the right to select what job: McKinley proposes to establish order in the Philippines, set up a stable government with local self-government and

United States sovereignty. Bryan proposes to establish order in the Philippines, set up a stable government with local self-government and a United States protectorate. Is the difference great enough to pay a man to vote for 16 to 1, bring on hard times and throw himself out of work? The idea is to return to the Republi-

canism of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. The idea is, if we can't have "consent" in the South or with the Indians or in Alaska or Porto Rico, anyhow we must give it to Aguinaldo, even at the cost of a financial and industrial revolution here at home. It's a pretty hard proposition.

Let us elect Bryan and the silver Congress that will go along with his victory. Let us get up a scare in business, abandon Pacific expansion, encourage riots, get a few anarchists in the Supreme Court, shut up the factories with threats of free trade, break up a few banks with fear of the silver basis, tell the world that four years of prosperity at home and honor abroad don't suit us. and have a change all round. It will be a tough dose, but Altgeld and Tillman will be happy and Aguinaldo can blow his silver whistle undisturbed. You tell me that I must do the hand-

some thing by Aguinaldo. Well while I am taking care of Aguinaldo, who will be taking care of me? Who is going to buy my goods if my customers cancel their orders? Who is going to get my money out of the savings bank when it closes up? Who will pay my income tax if one is enacted? Who is going to

work? Bryan says it is monstrous to talk about the dollar in the pocket so long as Aguinaldo is unsatisfied. He says it is disgusting to talk about the full dinner pail, just as if a man had no ideas above his dinner pall. But if a man is thinking of doing without both the dollar and the dinner pail, he wants to know where he is going to get off. It would be pleasant living for the Bryans, doubtless, at the White House. It would be agreeable to Aguinaldo issuing proclamations twice a week to his minions in Manila. But the average man is not going to think so much about what will happen to Aguinaldo as to forget to think about what will happen in this country.

give me a job if I am thrown out of

We go on the principle in this country that if a man doesn't look out for himself, nobody will look out for him. A good many people think highly of selfpreservation. That is what Aguinaldo when he took \$400,000 of Spanish coin and sailed away, leaving the sacred cause of freedom and "consent" to its own resources.

CROKER, BRYAN'S PARTNER.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1900.

divert wheat from Portland territory to Puget Sound ports. Portland has done much for her shipping since 1890. The channel has been deepened so that publican, that the religious weeklies are a lighterage is no longer necessary; comunit in support of McKinley. pulsory pilotage has been abolished, towage rates reduced, extensive docks equipped with the latest improved ma-As Pertinent, Anyhow, as One Tha chinery for cheap handling of grain have been completed, and numerous New York Tribune. Mr. Bryan has spoken at last on North Carolina. He has addressed himself to a marck is absent from the councils of other improvements have been made. The fine showing produced while suffering under a handicep which has now consideration of the suppression of the negro vote in that state and to the conbeen removed is a guarantee that the sequent imposition of government with good, long lead we now hold will show a out the consent of the governed. He has done so with the fullness, the frankness, proportionate increase in the next ten years. Tacoma and Seattle will increase their wheat shipments as new

territory is tapped by railroads terminating on the Sound, but there is no reason why Portland's increase from now on should not be proportionately greater. -

Mr. Bryan occasionally refers to prosperity in a sneering way, but he has never undertaken a straightforward discussion of the facts. In 1894 there were 1,424,966 depositors in our Na-Carolina tional banks, 502,756 in state and private banks, 205,368 in loan and trust companies, and 3.413.477 in savings banks. In 1899 there were 1,991,183 depositors in National banks, 966,394 in state and private banks, 443,321 in loan and trust think you will find it ever so much more interesting than anything I could say about 15 to 1." Again, some bad boy will companies, and 4.254.516 in savings banks. Here is an increase of 2,109,547 in the number of depositors in banks. demand, "How about packing the Su-preme Court?" And the candidate of Popocracy will reply: "I am delighted The value of deposits in 1894 was \$2,874,-528,406. In 1899 the amount was \$4,608. 096,005, an increase of \$1,733,506,599. The average deposit in banks was \$520 in you to 1894, and \$602 in 1899. As if in direct answer to Mr. Bryan's insinuations, the figures in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and the Dakotas are particularly sig-And when at the last some son of Belial nificant. The increase in deposits in North Dakota is over 100 per cent, or from \$2,275,795 in 1894 to \$5,050,000 in In South Dakota there has been 1899. an increase from \$2,958,463 to \$7,042,915, or an increase of \$4,084,452. In Nebraska there has been an increase from \$22,428,240 to \$35,726,105. In Kansas there has been an increase from \$17,147,160 to \$33,605,101, or an increase of \$16,407,941. In view of these figures, the Chicago Inter Ocean trenchantly remarks that "when Mr. Bryan tells the people of any of these states that their condition is as bad under Republican rule as under the administration was at home, and to do so by givin him "an equivocal answer." Dennis di of Cleveland, the men, women and children with their savings in bank will did it. rise up against him."

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follows:

aents of prosperity

Among those thrown out of employment in the anthracite coal district by the strike in and around Hazieton is an army of "breaker boys," 2000 strong. Most of these are too young to realize what stopping work means to them and to those to whose support they contribute. "Barefooted, grimy-faced," says a correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin, "they scampered down the rickety stairs as the boom of the knockingoff gun sounded the glad tidings of a long and jolly rest." One cannot wonder that these little wage-earners welcomed the strike. Earning money means toll to them over the wet or dusty chutes through the cold Winter mornings and throughout the livelong, shivering day. The breaker boy is a wage-earner who never sees the \$1 60 or will assuredly decide to let well enough alone 22 a week that he makes. His parents and have four years more of business done on trade at the company store, and his a sound financial basis, which is one of the trade at the company store, and his wages go into the general account. He has no time for school. His father was a breaker boy before him, and recelved no schooling. In these coal mining districts the compulsory education law is a dead letter. It is circumvented by the unwritten law of necessity. Very

the paramount issue is striking terror into the hearts of the Bryanites. Free sliver is turning the whole of the East young children go to school, but after the miner's son is ten years old he must join the black-faced army in the great coal breaker and pluck out his living There is little doubt about the fact of from the never-ceasing flow of anthrathe illicit deal between Bryan and Crocite. Expecting nothing else, the lot is accepted, if not cheerfully, with indifference, except as to its monotony, a break in which was gladly welcomed by the breaker boys when the early knocking-off gun last Saturday announced that the strike was on.

to induce the conductors of the religious newspapers to join the crusade. Of course, agitation led to investigation, and the re-SOUTHERN VIEWS OF POLITICS. New York Evening Post. sult is, according to the Springfield Re-

SOME PERTINENT REPLIES.

Bryan Recently Made.

The full returns of the Arkansas elec-tion are decidedly unfavorable to the Democrats. The vote of the state for Governor in 1900 thus compares with the corresponding election in 1898:

vote has increased about 14 per cent, while the Democratic has fallen off nearly 3 per cent. But this by no means expresses the Democratic loss, for most of the Populists have always been Demothe courage and the philosophic caim which were to be expected of him after his bold and exhaustive discussion of the currency question in his Indianapolia crats, and when the vote of that party sinks from 13,590 to 3641, the Democratic should have increased by 7000 to 8000. On the basis of the division in 1998, therefore, speech of acceptance. This interesting episode occurred at Fort Scott, Kan., and the Democrats have really lost something this was the fashion of it: Some one asked him about North Carolina and the race question in that state. "I am glad you mentioned North Carolina," said Mr. over 10 per cent, as against a Republican gain of 14 per cent. There have been charges of fraud against the dominant party by the Republicans in each election, Bryan. "Now, I want you to read the Sulu treaty, and, having done that. I think you will blush until election day but they may be considered to balance each other, and so do not affect the comand never have time to think of North parison. The showing is what might have been expected after the indications of Most admirable Crichton! Now, we suppublic sentiment in the South during the lice trust. pose that presently some impertinent heckier will ask him, "What about free last few weeks. That section has lost its

interest in Bryan's free-silver nostrum, silver?" And the great man will say "I am very glad you mentioned free sli-ver. Now, I want you to read what Jefferson said about Louisiana, and I while it has no heart in his campaign against the imperialism in which it belleves. Some light upon public sentiment in

other parts of the South, as well as in Arkansas, is cast by a canvass of bankers in dozens of country towns throughout that section just made by the Balti-

to hear you mention that. Now, I want you to commit the whole of Tupper's more Manufacturers' Record. They were asked for their views upon the present Proverbial Philosophy' to memory, and when you have done that I think you will be so dead to the world that you will not even know there is a Supreme Court." conditions of business interests in their neighborhoods, and were also invited to express their opinions as to whether the

business interests of the country will be inquires, "How about the income tax?" the would-be reincarnation of Lincoln will best served by the election of McKinley or of Bryan. Many of the bankers make austerely reply: "It just warms the cock-les of my heart to hear you mention the dear old income tax. Now, I just want no reference to politics, which is in itself not without significance as indicating a widespread lack of enthusiasm for the you to say 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers' until you can say it forward and backward at the same time, Democratic candidate, and while a number would like to see Bryan succeed. and then it will be dollars to doughnuts there are many who are outspoken you won't know an income tax from a hole in the ground." against him. Thus the cashier of a bank Truly, it is a great scheme. Only, with at Fort Smith, Ark, writes that his secall reserve and respect and reverence, we are not sure that it is quite original. tion never before enjoyed so great a degree of prosperity as now, and adds: For it is written of the late Dennis "We are well satisfied with McKinley's O'Toole that he was once instructed by his master to get rid of an unwelcome caller who had inquired if the master Administration, and for my part I apprehend that a change would prove most disastrous to every business enterprise." Dennis did Three or four other expressions may be Later his master asked him how he worth quoting:

"Sure, I gave him an equivocal ""But what did you say, Denanswer." "But what did you say, Den-nis?" "Well, sorr, he asked me was Yer Honor at home, and I says to him, From Eminence, Ky,-It is my opinion that the election of Mr. McKinley will be for the business interest of the country. Imperialism sure, says I, 'was yer grandmother a is only a scare that we care nothing about. I am a Democrat, but I am convinced it is to our interest to make no change in the Presi-

From Coal Creek, Tenn -- While I was a Democrat and voted three times for Cleveland, I do not see what could be done-from a mere The Philadelphia Ledger has been trying to forecast the situation on March 5, 1901, in case of the election of Mr. Bryan, human standpoint-that would be more disastrous to the business interests of the coun-try, and therefore to every interest, than the election of Brysh. The gold standard of and also in case of the re-election of Mr. McKinfey, and it sums up the matter as money must be maintained, impreialism or no

We cannot speak with as much certainty about what Mr. Eryan would do on the 5th of March, 1901, if he should be elected, as we can about what Mr. McKinley would do under From Blairs, S. C .- The average business man believes that the election of Mr. Bryan to the Presidency of the United States would cause a money panie. From Bertram, Tex.-While a very large masimilar circumstances, but we know enough of his vagaries to be assured that he would do a great deal of mischlef and very little good. The paramount issue is the financial pro-gramme of the two candidates for President,

jority of people in this section will vote for Mr. Bryan for President, because he is their party nominee, still the honest conviction of the best business men is that they would really prefer to see Mr. McKinley ro-elected, believing that such re-election would the bet-ter tend to insure continuance of present pros-

When lifelong Democrats are in such a frame of mind as this, it is not strange that the Arkansas election should show As it shows up unfailin'ly in Presidential Democratic losses and Republican gains. The unanimity and vigor with which the people of the United States recognize that base money and not flag-furling is No candidate for the Presidency was ever treated with such contempt in the To wreck an' ruin on the rocks, jest like four section where he was supposed to be

strongest as is Bryan by the South in Oh! the ship o' state's in peril, where it frethe Potomac and the Ohio Rivers, with The Bryan howlers all can hear her keel gratesible exceptions of West Virginia

While the South has thus cooled to

wards Bryan as the advocate of a finan-

ing up in this campaign opposition to ex-

pansion, and for his championship of "the

consent-of-the-governed" principle. The

"Surely nobody who has read the record

can pretend that the Democratic party

Politicians Who Can Manage.

Atlantic Monthly.

Will Find His Joah on November 3.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Bryan's topic was free trade in

1892, free silver in 1895, and it is Absalom

ample.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The coal outlook is very black. The sample of weather submitted yesterday is just the thing for the Fail

style. Bryan's admirers say he ballaves every word he says. He must be a man of re-

markable credulity. Von Waldersee is getting ready to land the allies, and Li Hung Chang is posparing to lead the German.

> The frost will soon be fallin' From the cold November sky, And the mellow golden punkin' Will be ready fur the ple.

If New York hadn't repealed the Horton law it might have secured the Chinese-German war as a Winter attraction.

mummy raised his head, and spoke; They listened for his words, and lo! Ha cracked the same time-rine ned joke We hear at every minstrel sho

If Oom Paul finds time hanging heavy on his hands he might buy a little cheap excitement by getting a few shares in the

Persons desiring a job lot of paramount issues dirt cheap will do well to communicate with the Democratic party about November 7.

The death of a millionaire is viewed with suspicion by the New York police. If he had been an office-holder the suspicions would seem more reasonable.

Bryan has not yet announced where he will eat his Thanksgiving dinner, but he will be safe in inviting his friends to the little white-washed cottage on the farm.

The editor of the London Times is a rather august personage in the eyes of most Englishmen, and few public men care to run the risk of incurring his displeasure. Lord Brougham was not of that number, however. He was the author of a rather sharp practical joke, the victim being the dreaded "Thunderer" Itself. The editor of that paper was a particular enemy of the great statesman and it occurred to the latter that it would. be a good joke to give out that he was dead and see what kind of obituary notice the great London newspaper would give. Lord Brougham was traveling in the provinces at the time, and the report of his death was soon circulated. A representative of the Times called at his lordship's residence to verify the rumor, There he was assured the report was indeed true, and in proof was shown the

coffin and pail, which had already been laid out. The next day the Times appeared with a notice of Brougham's death, in which the statesman's life and character were depicted in the most virulent terms. It was very small satisfac tion to Lord Brougham when, a few days later, he exacted an abject apology from the editor.

Oh! the ship o' state's in peril, where shars

often been bef She's driftin' with her rudder gone upon a ruck-bound shore;

The cyclone of calamity is rearin' overhead, An' on the smached an' battered decks all hope is igin dead. The ship o' state's in peril, an' the day o'

wrath is here,

It never fails to come around a Presidential year.

Ohl the ship o' state's in peril, an' the snakearmed octopus Is reachin' out its silmy colls to grab an"

swallow us. Its awful, fear-compellin' form above the

wave appears;

An' if the grand ol' ship keeps on she's cer-

years ago.

kently is found,

They see the signal of distress a-flyin' at her and Kentucky, are conceded to him by mast. everybody, and yet in all that region An² watch to see her swallered up amid the there is scarcely any sign of warm suphriekin' blast. port, while leading Democratic newspa-But they'il be disappointed, fur the crew sets pers do not hesitate to sneer at the nom up a cheer, An' puts out in the nick o' time-each Prestince of their party. Take as an illustradential year. tion these remarks by the Montgomery

Emperor William I after Sedan to treat for peace with any party or dynasty that represented the French people, so that peace might come and French pride be saved. The good sense of Bisthe German Emperor today, who evidently seeks to humiliate the Chinese to the dust. He will not succeed. The Chinese will rise as a nation and re-

obliged to retire or fight a ten years battle of doubtful issue.

REJOICE, BUT IN MODERATION.

A generous and truthful man of Alny, J. P. Hackleman by name, and evidently possessed of all the sweetness disposition and fairness of debate which characterize the ideal Prohibiionist, sends us, on a postal card, this relbute of disinterested benevolence:

Have you heard anything about the election the Prohibition candidate for Sheriff in and, Maine? The total vote of the Pr ion party in that county two years ago only 041, while the Republican vote was , and the Democratic vote 5136. The plu of the Republican nomine into that year was 6358 This a changed this year into a plurality for the ition nominee of 400 or 500 votes. The tland Press, a Republican paper, says: as result is simply amazing." Come, let us te result is simply amazing." Come, let us dee together. You won't have to worry any re over the nonen ent of the law in dand, Maine, at least. Come now, can't

The Oregonian always rejoices to s to gentle lambkins play, and would not nowingly detract from any human ng's happiness. Our correspondent, e doubt not, is impervious to any disfiting facts; consequently his joy Ill not be impaired by any quotations m the election returns of Cumberland County, in which Portland, Me., is tuated. Its vote for Governor, Repcontative in Congress and Sheriff in 1998 and 1900 stood thus:

Geverbor- Rep. 1808	Dem. 4,8/17 5,879	Pro, 5,490 1,306	
808	4,850 0,070	1,355	
1806 T.290 1900 5,052	5,100 4,435	941 6,425	
man Transhillate and Deal	hills in a	manuel	

ses for Sheriff this year wore the same as in 1898. Mr. Despeaux, who was electable and shameless. _

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original terms.

THE CHINESE SITUATION.

ker. The Tammany boss offers to sell The agreement of Great Britain with Bryan New York for all the state's Federal patronage and a Cabinet position. the answer of the United States to the German note was to be expected, for the He wants the latter for his faithful friend and creature, Edward Murphy, English mind is of common-sense quality. Great Britain knows that the Chi- the beer king; the spoils he will disnese situation must be met as a conditribute where they will do the most tion, not as a theory. Great Britain good among his mercenaries and paraknows that the dismemberment of sites. Bryan is not entitled to the ben China would be an awful mistake from efit of his lame denial of the stories a commercial point of view, and would about the corrupt bargain. Croker is a calculating dealer in political dry be an almost impracticable proceeding goods. His masterly activity is never as a military performance. The Kaldisplayed for nothing in any cause. If ser's demand that the "few" persons he bets \$80,000 against \$250,000 on Bryan. who have proved to be the original and real instigators of the outrages against it is because he can afford to lose, and he has larger game in view. In this international law which have occurred case his aim is to raise a mighty corat Pekin be delivered up to the foreign ruption fund from the saloons, gampowers for punishment, before any peace negotiations with China be blers, lawbreakers, politicians, Tamopened, is so extreme that our Govern many appointees and other municipal ment naturally declined to approve it, favorites. The \$80,000 is merely an earand Great Britain has indorsed our renest to them that they are to get a run for their money. Perhaps they will. Nevertheless, Germany means to per But it will be because Croker, with his

boodle in hand, thinks it worth his own sist in a course of aggression. Her demands are clearly aimed at the Emwhile to spend it for Bryan. To carry the election is with Bryan a press Regent, who is the lawful ruler of practical, and not a sentimental, ques-China, and who is described as the original and real instigator of the outrages tion. It is his purpose and his business to make himself President, if he can. at Pekin. Lord Salisbury, however, As Croker was his most powerful ally shows his English common sense in declining to insist that the punishment of at Kansas City, so is Crokerism to be the guilty ones who were in authority the most influential instrument in his shall precede negotiations for settlefinal success. Thus he stoops to conment. He knows that the Chinese will quer and dirties his fingers by striking never consent to surrender their Emhands over an iniquitous deal with the press Regent to foreign powers to be most wicked, unscrupulous and dangerous trafficker in public morals and offi-

punished as those powers may choose cial consciences the country has ever for offenses which could only be proved after impartial investigation. And there known. is something to be said on the Chinese Now Bryan is going to New York to side of the case. It is true that attacks help out his partner, Croker. It may were made upon the foreign Legations be supposed that his presence there will at Pekin, but the foreign fleets had albe a certain guaranty that McKinley ready bombarded and taken the Chiwill carry the state. The sure effect of this visit will be to alarm the lukenese forts at the mouth of the Pel Ho. As a matter of self-respect, the Chinese warm, stimulate the indifferent and arouse the slumbering antagonisms will never surrender their Empress Re gent, and Germany has a ten years' that have not as yet appeared in efwar on her hands if she insists on her fective measure during the campaign. Many Democrats have been intending

to vote for Bryan because their suspi-The Chinese have legitimate griev ances against foreigners, and especially cions and fears have been allowed to subside through the absence of the against Germans. No nation with a semblance of pride could consent to degreat agitator. Contact with Bryan is the best possible advertisement of Brytermine one of the leading subjects of negotiations before negotiations had anism, and it is Bryanism that the great majority of voters in New York commenced. The German Government abhor. Croker they can tolerate, beproposes to the various powers that cause he is simply an ugly excrescence, 'the Cabinets concerned should instruct their representatives at Pekin to india dragon that does not have to be slain. but to be paid, to make him innocuous cate those leading Chinese personages from whose gullt in instigating or perand the alternative of Croker is Platt. petrating outrages all doubt is exclud-But Bryan and Bryanism New York in

that the greatest effort was made to

ed." This means the trial of an indefito kill off. nite number of Chinese by a "star chamber court" composed of a few for-eigners who are in Pekin as the diplo matic agents of foreign governments.

current season will be the largest on The German note is couched in terms so severe as to make a settlement with record for a corresponding period. Fig-China impossible. Germany a few ures printed in Tacoma correspondence years ago, as a reparation for the death in another column show that Portland of two missionaries, exacted from China has not only held her own in this busithe seaport of Kiao Chou and practiness, but within the past ten years has cally the whole province of Shan Tung. made a decided gain over the Puget Her present purposes are doubtless in Sound cities. It is during the ten-year line with that mischievous proceeding. period for which the figures are given Emperor William ought to remember

Whittier sang the story of Chicago's disaster by fire in 1871 in the words: On three-score spires the sunset shone Where ghastly sunrise looked on none. And, never losing sight of the divine

principle in man or slighting an opportunity to record an expression of it, he added to a recital of the city's woes a

But underneath the threat'ning wave The world, full handed, reached to save.

An exemplification of the quick response of generosity to the call of sore distress might well be recorded in the same lines in the case of Galveston. The humane instincts excited by this calamity are confined to no race or na tion. The French were among the first to respond to the call for aid, and very early in the fray a generous subscrip tion was forwarded to the Mayor of the stricken city by the Chinese of New York.

Reports of the needless abuse to which horses were subjected while being placed aboard the transport Lennox indicate that it would pay the Government in such a case, from a standpoint of economy, to hire a humane officer with full police powers to see that its horses are properly handled. While perhaps none of the creatures were seriously injured by being persuaded or shipboard with clubs vigorously applied

to their backs, shins and haunches, it can hardly be said that their value, either for docility or endurance, was en hanced by this treatment. There are certainly other and better ways to manage horses that would give them the advantage of starting on a long and necessarily trying sea voyage with whole hides and unbruised bodies.

All for McKinley.

The Springfield Republican finds, in running over the editorial pages of its re-ligious weekly exchanges, that they are all supporting McKinley, yet it is pointed out that And Bryan active church member good and regular standing. There was a time, only a few months ago, when desperate efforts were made by a few intemperate and clamorous temperance reers, whose headquarters appear to be n Washington when Congress is in ses-

of which was not generally well under-stood. Because the President chose to follow the Attorney-General's legal inerpretation of a law of Congress rather than their own, these people planned a systematic campaign of abuse and de-traction against him. His personal habits were misrepresented, and he was assailed on account of the liquor traffic in the lippines, the facts in regard to which were distorted and exaggerated. The campaign was carried into some of the great religious assemblies and conventions of the year, and strenuous efforts were made

and all of the Middle West against Bry-an, as it did in 1896. The protection of the 100-cent dollar is the vital issue with the wage-earners all over the country. Chairman Jones said in September, 1895, that the characterization "50-cent dollar party." which the Republicans hurled at the Bryanites at that time, did the latter more damage than any other epithet that hit them. The designation "45-cent dollar party," which is flung at the Bryanites ent dollar party," which is flung at the bryanites in 1900, will damage them more than did Advertiser, the most influential journal in Alabama, upon Bryan's recent claim Its predecessor.

The Immediate Issue.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What Will Happen March 5.

MEN AND WOMEN.

On the nomination of Lord Roberts the Duke of the party, we wish Mr. Bryan would of Westminster has been appointed Second Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards. The stop making such statements. Mr. Bryan knows that such coinage has absolutely Duke's service in South Africa was short, but nost creditable. no connection with free coinage at 16 to

Professor R. Means Davis, of South Caro-1. There's no excuse for such statements." added to a recital of the city's woes a laudation of human generosity that they invoked, saying: It is evident that the sentiment of the South regarding the financial issue has changed greatly, and that the business if he yields to the general wish, a history of the state at large for use in its schools men of that section are now in no mood

Alexander Ramsey, the first territorial Gov-ernor of Minnesota, the first Mayor of St. Paul, ex-Senator and former Secretary of War, has refused persistently to add to the biographical notes he has already made pubfor tampering with the gold standard. This is one reason why the South is cool towards a candidate who is committed to the overthrow of that standard. lic, although he has received many flattering offers from magazine editors.

The new Queen of Servia has many personal attractions which ought to endear her to her subjects, notwithstanding the opposition to her marriage. One who knows her well says she is a tall, graceful brunstie, with beautiful hazel eyes, which at times betray a high-strung temper. Her voice is agreeable, and even musical. She speaks French and German with pract functors the is mill unstand to cial revolution, a large proportion of its people are indignant against him for tak-South is the section of the Union which has always most strongly favored expanwith great fluency. She is well versed in French literature, and reads the papers atsion. As the Galveston News, the leadtentively. ing newspaper of Texas, recently put it:

Lady Currie still signs "Violet Fane" when she publishes a poem. This she has just done in the pages of the Lalian Review, a maga-zine printed in Italy in the English tongus and advocating many of the reforms, espe-cially in laws and usages relating to women, which are associated particularly with the Anglo-Saxon race. The new magazine, which Queen Margherita joins the British Ambaseairess in fostering, is edited by Madame Zan pini Salasar, who is now on a visit to London

Our Dead Soldier.

Thomas M. Farquahar in New York World. A khaki-covered soldier had made the last retreat. warrior soul was marshaled before the

judgment seat. A foreign, silent rice swamp had welcomed

him to death, And o'er him moaned the night wind with sultry, fretful breath.

While throbbing through the waving reeds their melancholy tune, The ebbing battle guns die out in weird and

should feel inclined to switch off to the walling croon, And he whose eager ear hath heard them boom anti-trust issue.

on Luzon's plain Will never more thrill at their sound nor fellow them again.

A faint and far-off bugle call, a humming, distant drum, The night bird's plaintive crying, through the

clinging marsh mists come; rice dyke's gloomy groaning, straining 'gainst the sodden surge The

In sullen, savage music sobs the soldier's only

dirge. The slow lament, so sweetly sad, that bursts from martial band,

Will not be thing, oh! soldier, in thy grave on foreign strand.

But twice ten thousand warriors from storied, strenuous past Acclaim thee, from dead battlefields, a hero of

the last.

But, soldier, where thou liest there shall be thy native land;

government shall keep the soll selzed by thy daring hand, For

The flag shall droop above thes with weight of battle-lore, And sleeping in its glory thou shalt follow it

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

The Only Way,-He-What would you do if I should kins you? She-That is for you to find that the coinage of silver dollars by the McKinley Administration is a vindication out!-Puck. of the "16 to 1" doctrine: "For the sake

A Clever Turn.-"What a pretty Fall hat that is of Mrs. Flypp's." "Yes. That's her Summer hat turned around with the back to the front."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Papa has looked you up." "But, dearest, are you going to let that make any differ-ence?" "Or, no! There is no reason why we should not still remain engaged."-Life.

Mother-Tommy, what makes you so latef Tommy-Had some words with the teacher, and she kept me in after scholol. Mother-You had words with the teacher? "Yos, mother. I couldn't spell 'em."-Tit-Bits.

mother. I could t speat em. -rit-stas. Near Enough.-Tommy-Pa, what does "dis-agree" mean? Pa-Well, when two people think allke they are said to arres. Now, you can guess what "disagree" means. Tommy-Oh, yes! that's when only one people thinks allies'-Philadelphis Press. The Savage Bachelor.--"I do believe that

young pair have come to an understanding at inst." said the landlady. "If they have, they are the first couple in love that ever exhibited any signs of possessing understanding." said the Savage Bachelor.-Indianapolis Press.

The Abaurdity of It .- "I tell you." said the practical citizer, speaking with emphasis, "the secret of permanent roads is---" "How did you get the idea that I was interested in the subject of permanent roads?" interrupted the paying contractor, with a frosty smile .- Chicago Tribuns.

has ever opposed this policy. The very grandfathers of the party stood on this foundation, and in this very doctrine the Let There Be Light. organization found life and power." As Robert Kidson in Brooklyn Eagle for the theory that the superior race Can you not see, my borthers, how great this Nation grows, need bother about getting the consent of Emerging from its century of toil and martial the inferior to the government of the latthross? ter, representative Southern journals rid-How in the year of miracles, the fateful icule the idea and reject it with scorn. ninety-eight, With little effort it became the peer of any The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, for instance, admits that "we of the South are unconstate; The equal of the greatest, with ample power stitutional with regard to the negro, and to grow? expect to continue so right along." and Then cease your petty wranglings and let disdeclares that "such a modification being sensions go. necessary in the South, it will likewise When this great century was young, with form be necessary in the new possessions." In every hand, let not well enough alone, but needs must view of the developments regarding anti-Wa let imperialism in the South during the past then expand; To rest content with thirteen states was not month, it is not strange that Bryan our lucky star, We raised them up to forty-five, and, thank Gud! here we arm; And here we mean to stay, my boys, right at the same old stand. And no American now lives who says we've too much land. A boss is not only a partisan politician. we crossed the Rocky Mountains, now wa that is, one concerned with partisan politics, but he is a political machinist, one concerned with the machinery of political breast the surging waves, For the islands God has given, sacred with parties. Many politicians are not political machinists. In England, indeed, while nearly every public man is a partisan polour heroes' graves; As we fought to free ourselves, boys, now we fight to free the world, With the same old flag above us, by Proviitician, few of the leading public men are political machinists. Mr. Chamberiain Chamberiain dence unfurled; For we are strong enough by now to help s, or is supposed to be, a rare exception to the general rule. In this country across the sea. And God intends it shall be done; so, brother, to the general rule. In this country Messrs. Reed, Edmunds, Biaine, Bayard, let it be. Thurman, all partisan politicians, and none of them wholly ignorant of partisan There's anti-this and anti-that, but old Time rolls along.

political machinery, yet were not political machinists, as was Mr. Tilden, for ex-And Uncle Sam is marching to Expansion's glorious song; The Nation's prosperous through light, must

hold together fast, Nor longer be divided by the hatreds of the

The advocates of isolated selfishness are blind; The more United States there are, the better for manirind.

an sheer self-protection must fight and aid sion, to array the religious press against President McKinley on account of the "Army canteen," the practical operation Wheat and flour shipments from Portland for the first three months of the