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to about 64,000 men, we have a population of 1,774,000. In 1814, when our Army was 10,000 strong, we had a population of about 8,000,000. Today, with our regular Army of 64,000 men, we have a population nine times as strong as it was in 1814.

LOGIC INSUPERABLE. I call upon you to witness, says Mr. Bryan, that the income of the apple grower is less than the income of the trust magnate.

As a reformer, the new woman is a bait for the arrows of Mrs. Moody's sharp pen. The new woman is believed to be the average woman, under like temptation, would do very differently from the average man.

ABLE POLITICIANS RATHER THAN STATESMEN. The great State of Ohio has been exceedingly prolific in men of conspicuous talent and taste for public life, but it is a notable fact that the eminent men of Ohio, while they include a very large number of men of brilliant political talents, do not include a single man who was a great statesman as distinguished from an astute politician.

MARKETS FOR LUMBER. The fact which strikes out most prominently in the lumbermen's appeal to the Northern Pacific for lower rates is the necessity for more markets. Within the past twelve months the number of sawmills in the State of Washington has increased nearly 25 per cent.

THE BUGABOO OF MILITARISM. In 1798 the Army of the United States because of threatened war with France was increased from 4150 to 14,231. In 1799 it was increased to 51,631. By the act of May 18, 1802, the President was authorized to reduce the Army to a "peace establishment" of 5,287.

THE NEW WOMAN. Mrs. Helen Waterston Moody classified mankind in three divisions—man, woman and the unquiet sex. By the unquiet sex Mrs. Moody means the new woman as distinguished from the old type, that was not only content, but proud to be nothing but the guardian angel of the home and the honor of the man.

but all the rest of the Republican leaders were either supporters of the limited college of silver authorized by the Bland-Allison act or were international bimetallicists. Such statesmen as men like Bayard, were almost unknown in public life. This fact illustrates that the average man of talent in politics is always an opportunist, not a statesman.

Dr. J. Austen Kelly, of Brooklyn, has organized a society for the purpose of establishing a hospital for consumptives in Northern New York. Twenty thousand deaths from this malady in its various forms took place in that state in 1888, and the State Board of Health is authorized for the statement that it is increasing to an alarming extent.

Boas Croker's son has just entered the law school at Cornell University, under conditions thus described by that able and impartial Democratic organ, the New York Tribune. The course of study at Cornell's Law School covers three years.

The Populism preached by Bryan is very old stuff, for in the plays of Aristophanes, which diverted Athens in the time of Socrates, the poor man complains of the rich, but it is not wealth he covets so much as power.

It may be remembered—or ought to be, if it isn't—that two or three months ago Brother Pennoyer intimated in a letter printed by The Oregonian that Mr. Bryan was too fond of the "bait" of his own words to be defeated by talking too much.

On the bench, Mr. Chase had no temptation not to be a statesman; and he yielded to it. He was tempted to be a statesman, and he yielded to that unpatriotic impulse. He was tempted to be a statesman of Grant in 1868 and was ready to accept the Democratic nomination for President against Grant that year, and only lost it by the refusal of the Pendleton, Vallandigham, Voorhees and Ewing copperheads and greenbackers to accept his candidacy.

There is a weak spot in this contract between the Nebraska demagogue and the Tammany boss. It is that the latter cannot "deliver the goods." He cannot make his city illegal majorities large enough to overcome the honest majority for McKinley in the next election.

How Men Are Mistaken. Providence Journal. Mr. Perry Belmont is expressing some singular Bryanite ideas from the rear of cars in New York. It is not the first time that the Belmonts have indulged in unground ranting upon public questions. When August Belmont was working to defeat Lincoln in 1864 he said to one of his aides:

DEATH OF JOHN SHERMAN. John Sherman is dead, in his 79th year. He began his public career at Washington December 3, 1855, when he took a seat in the Hall of Representatives as a member of Congress from Ohio, and from that time until April 28, 1888, when he retired from public life, he was a man of prominence in National affairs.

Mr. Sherman was the candidate of the Republicans for Speaker of the House and was conceded to be the foremost man in that body. He came within three votes of election, but his refusal to declare that he was not hostile to slavery lost him the votes of the Southern Whigs and brought him defeat. As chairman of the ways and means committee, he provided for the edict of the Treasury by the issue of Treasury notes in 1850, on March 4, 1851, Mr. Sherman took his seat as Senator from Ohio. Through his efforts the notes of 1852, issued after the suspension of specie payments, were made legal tender. This was our fundamental monetary error, the source of all difficulties since that day.

Mr. Sherman returned to the United States Senate, and served there continuously until the beginning of the present Administration, when he entered President McKinley's Cabinet as Secretary of State.

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ANOTHER INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT

The Boston Herald's Forecast of the Coming Election. No doubt any man who knows about newspapers, if asked to name the two greatest in the United States, would name the Herald of New York, and the Herald of Boston.

The present trend of affairs in the political world is so unmistakable as to leave little doubt in any intelligent mind as to the result of the presidential election of next November. The Democrats are the party of the future, and the Republicans are the party of the past.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

Something seems to have interfered with the rush of missionaries to China. Bourke Cockran's throat is sore, but not so much so as his audiences. McKinley was advance agent of prosperity in 1896, but it is now with the show.

There are fewer new popular songs this year, probably because most of the new crop are not bad enough to be hits. The Democrats are still stinging for Grover Cleveland, but Grover will allow the fish to do the biting this year.

Kwang Hsu is more fortunate than Aguinaldo in one respect. He is not planning any faith to the great Democratic party. There are yet a few doubtful states, but as Bryan is to speak in all of them, they will soon be safe in the Republican column.

Adlai Stevenson thinks the Democrats will win. Judging by his speeches, that is all the thinking Adlai has done this campaign. Figures won't lie, perhaps, but they give a pretty good imitation of it when they get into the hands of James K. Jones, of Arkansas.

A man who can stir up a good lively strike just about now ought to have no difficulty in getting the promise of any position in Bryan's staff. A French commercial traveler was expecting a large order from a country tradesman, but had the misfortune to arrive in the town on a fete day.

Among recent visitors to the capitol was an old man from a near-by provincial district who took a deep interest in the conversation provided for the people's servants. "I tell you what it is," he said to one of the doorkeepers, "Congressmen have a mighty easy time of it, don't they?" "Yes," admitted the doorkeeper, "they do. They are washed free, shaved free, fed free, ain't they?" "Inquired the visitor, "Yes, yes," answered the doorkeeper, "and they are lodged free, too. Do you see that big building?"

Instead of asking for a revision of the Westminster Confession, the Presbytery of Strabon, V. I., proposes the General Assembly to formulate a new creed, to be "as short as is compatible with a statement of the doctrine 'most surely believed among us'; more silent than the Westminster Confession on the deeper and darker mysteries of revelation; better suited to the understanding of the average inquirer; that it be eminently simple and Scriptural; that it be expressed in the thoughts, forms and terminology of our time as distinct from those of two and a half centuries ago; and, most of all, that it make suitable change of accent and give the right proportion between the sovereignty and fatherhood of God, thus more fully setting forth God's love for sinners, as expressed in the Gospel. We believe that fatherhood, and not sovereignty, as now should be made the determining or regulative principle of the new creed."

PLEASANTNESS OF PARAGRAPHERS. Useful—"Say, that hunting dog is no good; I wouldn't have him around." "Yes, you wouldn't keep him to hunt." "Burglar-proof doors, we've very glad to have them, but they're not burglar-proof. Yes, the country's freed from shackles, through the Bryanite tactics, and the liberating process cost fifty fifty plunks per plate."

GENTLE reader, do you ask: "Are those plunks out of Damascus? Are they any better than the ones that were in ancient Rome?" "Yes, they are better than the ones that were in ancient Rome." "Plunk" is but a term for the dollar here at home.

"TWO" seems quite transcendental in the room so Oriental, where the Moorish decorations lent an added joy to life; where the cracked-ice smile of Croker showed that he was not a jester when he deprecated eating pie or pudding with a knife. "OH! they feed a foolish gizzard when he hummed a wicket war song (which will rhyme); oh! patient reader, if you'll give me the President's address, I'll give you the French who most bravely, and gallantly and gravely, said 'pass the menu entry,' and called for an 'eating list.'"

AT the start the noble Bryan, foreign influence, would have nothing whatsoever that was known as "concomitant"; and he paralyzed a scullion who suggested he'd try to get a "concomitant" in the very next issue. If you think of it that way, there were extremes and pates, pomme de terre and potatoe—that is, there were dishes that were better than their names would indicate. But the country was in danger, so each gastronomic ranger did his duty by the Nation, all for fifty plunks per plate.

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