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Goldsmith's rustics were lost in wonder that one small head could carry all their...
A century from now the whole world will be wondering that one head, however large, could carry all the freaks of fancy that Mr. Bryan has welcomed.

THE LOWEST DEPTH.
We have this from a Bryan speech, delivered yesterday at Rome, N. Y.:
"Your act of infidelity... is a gross big parade in New York City next Monday... They are going to have illuminations... they are going to have bands and bands... they are going to have bands and bands... they are going to have bands and bands..."

IT IS TRANSFORMATION.
"Shall the Democratic party die?" is the head-line of a leading article in the New York World. That journal expresses the belief that the Democratic party will fall this time, the Hearst, Watson and Debs forces, uniting, will make an organization that will supersede it. Still, such party would continue the name of the Democratic party and that led by Bryan is unimportant and negligible. The transformation of the Democratic party took place in 1896, at Chicago, when it rejected all conservative counsels, insulted the conservative administration, turned to Bryan, since then it has been traveling on the borderland of socialistic theory or policy, with occasional large incursions into it.

MANUFACTURE OF CEMENT.
In a recently published report the United States Geological Survey shows astonishing progress of cement manufacture in the United States. In 1897 the total production was 2,430,000 barrels, valued at \$7,240,000. In 1907 the total production was 18,970,000 barrels, valued at \$53,952,551, at the places of manufacture.

THE PRIVILEGE OF VIOLENCE.
In pursuing the various guesses as to what the injunction plank in the Democratic platform means readers will be reminded of Dr. Holmes' famous "Wine, Man and Antiquity." That was the first young fellow John who really existed, known only to the Almighty; second, John's idea of John; and third, other people's ideas of John. Naturally these personages were all different. The same is true of the injunction plank. There is first, the true meaning of that weird incantation; second, what Bryan and Gompers think it means; and third, what other people think it means. As to its true meaning it is very clear from every-day life. The Almighty, like real John, and it is very doubtful whether even omniscience has been able to elucidate it.

JOY, NOT SUFFERING.
In introducing Mr. Taft at the Madison-Square meeting Wednesday night General Horace Porter made an amusing slip of the tongue. He said that W. J. Bryan was "suffering" from some political ailment. From that point of course this was merely what Betty Bobbett would call a "lapse of the tongue." Mr. Bryan is the possessor of numerous delusions, but he does not suffer from them. On the contrary, he rejoices in them. To him delusions are the only thing that has any value. "Bread and meat are the staff of life," remarked this philosophic female, "but tea is life itself." Thus it is with Mr. Bryan. Sundered from his dear delusions, what would he be? Nothing but a faded phantasmagoria. Like a shimmering mirage, he would vanish in the gulfs of the illimitable name. "Take away the curtain," said the guests of Pyrrhusias, "and let us see your picture." But the curtain could not be removed. Even so, Mr. Bryan's delusions are Mr. Bryan. In them he lives and moves and has his being.

TO THE HISTORIAN OF THE FUTURE IT WILL be a melancholy but interesting task to gather up the scattered fragments of the various hallucinations which one after the other have beset Mr. Bryan's imagination and reverently catalogue and classify them, just as geologists arrange the relics of extinct monsters in cases. Marvelous will be the extent and variety of the exhibi-

to the industrial development that will yield more direct and tangible returns than have ever been secured from the millions wasted on the Japanese shipping trust.
A large amount of conceit has been taken out of Bryan since his expenditures for expansion on the high seas began outrunning the revenues. There is another cause for disappointment in the failure of the Japanese "copyists," who have in a degree reproduced many American and European inventions, but in nearly every case have failed to turn out something "just as good" or even approaching the foreign article in finish or efficiency.

THEN AND NOW.
The Democratic National Committee has a full page advertisement in the last number of Collier's whose perusal stimulates various emotions. One of them is regret that the very viciousness of the advertisement is being distributed among the starving workmen for whom Mr. Bryan's heart has been bleeding for the last few weeks. His National Committee must expect the advertisement to be a great good, or a great evil, and would not have diverted from charitable uses the funds necessary to pay for it because, as everybody knows, they are very seriously in earnest about aiding the poor and relieving the unfortunate.

A plague-ship carrying fifty-two dead bodies...
Mrs. Dorcas J. Spencer, of California, charged the Winegrowers' Association of that state before the National W. C. T. U. Convention in Denver with peddling the wine, so-called temperance literature, the purpose of which is to make people believe that wine-drinking is not injurious.

TO HAVE A JURY TRIAL TO decide whether a court should issue an injunction or whether an injunction should be issued...
If you wish to show your neighbor on election day, by fair statement and argument, how you think he could and should vote with advantage to himself and to the country, there is no reason for you to fear punishment under the unenic "corrupt practice act." You may just exercise your right of free speech, and of free printing, too, and let the world know what you have to say about Bryan at the Oregon City canyon go hang.

THE SUBSIDY SYSTEM IN JAPAN.
The eminent Pacific Coast booster for a ship subsidy are about to lose one of their stock arguments. For several years we have been threatened by an invasion of Japanese ships, which were expected to handle all the traffic of the Pacific at rates so low that no American vessel could compete. This argument of the Japanese was all credited to the liberal subsidy that was reached by the Japanese government to the shipowners. But Japan has now reached the end of her financial tether, and it has become necessary to practically all of the ship subsidies are to be withdrawn. The only payments being made are those which are for mail steamers. There was from the beginning of the Japanese ship-subsidy policy a considerable amount of national pride and patriotic sentiment in our country best described as "the old flag and an appropriation."

Banker Ross and Banker Scriber could keep each other company in the Oregon penitentiary, by swapping experiences.
It may surprise many persons to know that a land-fraud trial has been in progress in the Federal Court-house.

CHAIRMAN MACK'S PREDICTIONS.
No Variation This Year From Pre-Election Figures Furnished in 1896-1900.
PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—In your columns of yesterday morning, Mr. Norman E. Mack, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, is quoted as declaring that "the landings in the West are already heard in the Eastern states, and today I can confidently predict the election of Mr. Bryan—that a landslide in the West will extend to the shores of the Atlantic. It means that the Democratic National ticket will carry every doubtful state, and that Mr. Bryan will have at least 20 electoral votes, or 59 more than is necessary for a choice. This comfortable majority will be increased rather than decreased when the vote is counted. In addition to the 166 votes of the solid South—and in this I include Maryland—I am confident that Mr. Bryan will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, Indiana, Ohio, Delaware, Kansas and South Dakota, etc." In a postscript this morning, Mr. Mack also adds Wisconsin, Iowa, Utah, Oregon and Washington.

ROOSEVELT'S PLURALITY.
PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—(To the Editor.)—You will confer a favor on many of your readers by publishing a list of the states carried by Roosevelt in 1904 and the plurality over Parker in each. The pluralities that gave him a electoral vote.

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Farmer Temple Tells of the Days of '94-'96.
Once a Democrat, Then a Populist, He Saw the Error of His Ways, and Now He's for Taft—How a Thrifty and Sensible Man Learned a Few Things in the School of Experience.

He said he could and that he had noticed that every Populist who had money in the bank always wanted gold when he took it out.
"Say," said William Temple yesterday, as he entered the Tribune office with a letter in his hand, "what do you think of this? And he exhibited a letter dated Lincoln, Nebraska, October 18, addressed to him and signed by Mr. William Jennings Bryan.

Interview in Pendleton Tribune with William Temple, one of Umatilla County's farmers.
"By the time 1900 rolled around I had bought and paid for 2700 acres of as good wheat land as there is in the United States, had a good bank account, the size of which I won't mention, retired from my farm, built a nice home in Pendleton and ever since have had a good time looking after my interests. "Why do you know that in those times my wife sold eggs for 6 cents a dozen, butter for 15 cents a roll and I sold many a good cow for \$15.

"I saw many a 1200-pound horse sell for \$250. You know they were sent to the cannery in those days to make food for the people who were glad to get it. "I have seen hundreds of horses sell for \$20 that would now readily bring \$250. I drove a lot of fat hogs to Pendleton in those Democratic days and sold them to Bill Daugherty for \$2.25 a hundred. "Oh, you can't talk to me about Bryan. At that time I had a man working for me who I was paying 75 cents a day for his work, and he was begging for the job at that. Do you know that four years ago that same fellow rented a big farm and in that time has cleaned up \$43,000 profit on another man's land.

"In 1894 I was a slave. Actually a slave. I worked almost day and night and my family skimped in a way that I would now be ashamed to say how much. I was in debt \$21,000. I actually once drove a \$250 gold piece for some coffee that I had saved for several years. I had no money and couldn't give a cent. Today I wouldn't have my big automobile for all I was worth then. "Now I want you to know that I am not boasting at all, for what I have since done and made, any other man could have done. The opportunity was open, that was all. And you can bet I won't turn down a friend that has done this for me. No, sir. I will stand with the Republican party which knows how to do things, and believes in opening up markets and keeping industries going that employ laborers. "Now isn't that a good deal of a letter to send to me? Bryan is off, that's all. And what is more, he always is."

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