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TODAY'S WEATHER-Fair and continued

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Some of the most cherished traditions of the antis were ruthlessly dispelled by the speakers at the Bryan and Stevenson ratification Friday night. Mr. Holman came out for expansion and showed conclusively that what we call issues are negligible quantities, so long as we stand for what is labeled Demohowever Democrats may disagree as to ples, shouting for the Democratic party, voting for the Democratic ticket. Inyou believe in Democratic principles "as I understand them." This is the platform on which all true Democrats have long united. Gold or silver, expansion or anti-expansion, free trade with Mills or protection with Randall, income tax with Bryan or anti-income "Principles" are the thing, simply Democratic principles, "as you understand them." The Democrat who cannot be satisfied with that must indeed be hard to please. "This 16 to 1," said nothing. There's nothing in them figform and a Democratic ticket. See?" He had the correct idea of Democratic "principles."

can have no colonies" he dexterously shattered, with citations from history that cannot be put down. His further of Roman, Dutch and English administration, which he correctly viewed as the sort of colonial methods the United States should forego, His obvious error lay in concluding that in treattyrannies and barbarisms ever inflicted istration of these accessions of terrius, we can deal justly or unjustly, for the songs he sang. But she was a and "Stonewall" Jackson bore the brunt wisely or atroclously, and the activity woman. Altgeld Sulzer, Holman and Wood will help make us consider well our ways. But open to us. We are perforce limited who believes this must have a wavering faith in Providence and a vigorous dis-He should trust of his countrymen. have proved his case from the history of the past two years in Cuba and Porto Rico, and in the pacified parts of Luzon. He should, in particular, have shown us how we are to help matters by turning over the Porto Ricans to their own helplessness, and the Filipinos to the tender mercies of Aguinaldo,

The sordid side of colonization Mr. Wood eschews. Base commercialism he creetly avoids reference to the material interests of the Pacific Coast in Oriental development, and climbs to the higher and nobler plane of spirituality and ethics. As he himself modestly confesses, the moral aspect of the question is his hobby. His clincher here is dishonest as an individual." Nothing more, manifestly, remains to be said. Let all imperialists, who have hitherto steadfastly maintained that dishonesty on the part of a nation is the only true who have been counseling highway rebbery as a command of the decalogue will kindly pause at the sockdolager of anti-imperialism that "no nation ever reaped permanent benefit from a great moral wrong." No sterner rebuke to President McKinley and his Cabinet. who have consistently urged great moral wrongs as the true greatness of nations, could be devised. It is regrettable, perhaps, that Mr. Wood did not it has been demonstrated a failure. take the trouble to show that the process of our acquisition of the Philippines through conquest and purchase was theft. But he doubtless recognized that in addresses to a popular audience, begging the question passes for argument.

Observe that Mr. Wood says it makes no difference what Dewey or Anderson said to the Filipinos. Oh, no, it makes no difference now, because the cockand-bull stories manufactured by the antis for evidence have been exploded. It made a great difference then. It was almost the all-in-all of anti-ism, as Hoar and Pettigrew conceived it, that Dewey and Anderson promised Aguinaldo independence. But the lies were crammed down their throats, so now, of course what Dewey or Anderson said makes no difference. Nothing that is for National dignity and assertion makes any difference. Anything supporting isolation and pusillanimity is gospel truth sonant with Democratic "principles" and "the moral side of the ques-

Mr. R. A. Miller may not have any reputation for truth and soberness to has, or thinks he has, he should forthwith submit for publication any evipapers, that they will soon begin to Hawaii." The assumed gayety of the sots, 24; New York, 23; Michigan, 21; bors, many of whose eminent and re-a moral purpose behind it.

people are ignorant, and to beware of rankies beneath. The whole disidea that great newspapers should at- ulous. tack or discredit country people is an astoniahing product even of Colonel Miller's always extraordinary intellect.

will surprise no one who is familiar with his iron will, his whole-souled de- the increase provided by recent legislaotion to any cause in which he embarks, and the liberality with which his Oregonian congratulates this young purse responds to any deserving object. man upon his exceptional good fortune basis of hope to defeat the desire of the best fundamental education that is this danger, hence we quote from Procitizens generally to see him in his old possible in the United States. No matseat in the Senate, for which his ca- ter what life calling this young man pacity fits him, and to which his public may adopt, whether the military proservices entitle him, it has a merited fession, for which he is specifically answer in his declaration to stand for trained, or another, his West Point eduthe office and to devote his best energies | cation is the best fundamental education to the struggle, and to the community that he could obtain, for it sends him he will represent in case of his election. What reward will the people of Oregon bestow on Mr. Corbett for his lifelong unless he has a sound body, and he efforts in her commercial and industrial cannot stay in West Point unless he has interests, his unflagging services to respectable brains backed by considsound principles in politics, his generous erable industry and application. Of benefactions to struggling institutions of every race and creed, his countless gifts of friendship, money and counsel to the needy and the unfortunate on every hand? Will it be to honor him teem, or to strike him down in his old age with calumny and distrust?

Mr. Bryan is again reported as soand he well may be. How complete an impairment of his political capital would ensue upon his vocal collapse, one hesitates to compute. One of the staggering reflections of politics is the prepon-Memories of the National conventions tellectual convictions on subjects at man of prudence and reflective powers intest master of modern warfare. issue then are of no material import- sits helpless by, and probes his gray ance, as he so clearly shows. Be a matter for expedients to minimize the a writer of sound English, it is not the Democrat, and you are all right, for orator's errors and subsidise another fault of West Point, and he is also in- be sent to market over a new route. phia or Croker and Gorman after Kansas City, and summarize with the ac-curacy of an algebraic equation the self-command, that is indispensable to saved enough of the Spring grain to tax with Hill-makes no difference. The Voice is a tremendous resource for young man that to fill the requirements a Tammany man in the Coates House that they can hear what he says. To training of mind and body for the courat 3 A. M. one convention day, "is be one in an attentive and satisfied ageous and upright discharge of the ures. It might just as well be 1100 to L. man, reasoning being though he pre-The point is, this is a Democratic plat-tends to be, is rejuctant to forego. The The effective Iconoclast, however, was demonstration—this is the very ecstasy mander of an independent army in the Mr. Wood. The image that "republics of popular deliberation. We understand field of 50,000 men, says that the eduthrough the investigations of the new service consisted in pointing out errors caping their thralldom as ever. The thinker and an efficient outdoor execubronchial tubes are still the palladium tive. of our liberties. The statesman without a voice may be sure of descent to the level of the boss, unworshiped and unloved. Your true patriot swears alment of its dependencies the United legiance to the man with the speech. States is compelled to repeat all the In one of Ouida's novels the young and beautiful wife of a terrible Russian upon provinces of republics. The more falls a victim to the charms of a romanobvious inference that we should seek tio tenor, whose throat the offended to profit by the mistakes of others husband slits in rage. It is all over seems to have escaped him. In admin- with the poor singer, from whom all the great armies on both sides in charge honors and applause slip away, save tory the Spanish War has brought to only the devotion of her who loved him the opening day at Bull Run, when Bee

urate a system of periodical arrest and Mr. Wood's idea is that no choice is fines for gambling-houses will send a shiver of disgust and fear through that to every form of robbery and outrage portion of the community who, realizing devised by ancient despots. The man the misery and shame of vice, have no patience to weigh practical measures for its control. We say control advisedly, for the man who proceeds on the theory that vice can be eradicated by is, to speak with all moderation and kindness, a fool. The fact is that in a city the size of Portland gambling thrives, paying for its existence either by bribing officials or else by stated contributions to the municipal treasury in the form of licenses or fines. The more hidden gambling is, the more rascally and predatory its mode. Under a license system the gaming-places are kept in order under police pressure, and officers of the law support the better class of proprietors in keeping minors and drunkards out of their establishments. On the other hand, legal recognition of the dangerous and destructive vice of gambling in any form cannot fail to give a shock to the moral sense that "a nation guilty of theft is just as of the community. It can never in any case plead justification except as a choice among evils. Matters of this sort must be carefully adjusted to the demands of public opinion. In this situation, The Oregonian is disposed to and righteous course, have a care. All think the only way to find out what is most practicable for our peculiar local conditions and nearest in accord with local sentiment is through experiment. As experiment, therefore, a fair trial may be asked for the announced programme. It is reasonable to presume that the District Attorney and the Chief of Police are sincere in their conviction that the plan will produce good results A good time to condemn it will be when

The "most unkindest" cut of all, in connection with the triumph of "16 to 1" at Kansas City, so far as the Baltimore Sun is concerned, was evidently the part of Hawali, whose single delegate, whom they call a Prince, determined the result in the platform committee. "It appears," says the Sun "that Hawail was generously given representation on the committee, its spokesman being Prince David Kawauauskoa, a statesman never heard of on this continent until he arrived at Kansas City. Prince David seems at first to have voted against a silver plank, and the committee was then evenly divided. Anon, the Prince must have heard of that dreadful ultimatum from Lincoln, for he suddenly changed his position and voted for the silver declaration. Thus a party which represents nearly 7,000,000 American voters finds itself committed to a suicidal polley through the action of a dusky statesman from a Pacific Island." The Sun, therefore, is deeply aggrieved that the "party has been placed in a ridiculous position when it allowed its poiloy to be determined by a Princelet maintain in this community, but if he from a Pacific Island. Surely, a political organization which dates back to Jefferson ought to have been able to dence in his possession in support of define its principles without the assist-his accusation against the great news-ance of a scion of the royal house of figures: Ohio, 34; Indiana, 25; Minne-the ancient Hebrews and their neigh-

"teach the city people that the country Sun III conceals the displeasure that country people." Mr. Miller can serves to set the "16-to-1" episode out either produce his evidence or tacitly in a most ludicrous aspect. Compared admit his remarks were to be construed with Bryan's tragic pose, the descent only in an anti-imperialist sense. The is almost from the sublime to the ridic-

THE VALUE OF A WEST POINT EDU-

CATION.

Among the cadets for West Point ap-

pointed during the past week under tion is a young man of this city. The the damage suit against him has any in obtaining an opportunity to acquire body. He cannot get into West Point passes. only all the mathematics that are essentheir way with the multitude, while the of ancient Greek tactics, down to the

If the young soldier does not become voice to repair the breaks. Platt and structed in French and Spanish. But, Quay could sit down after Philadel- better than all this, West Point teaches not much likelihood of any extended the young man the habit of self-remistakes of Wolcott and Lodge, or those who expect to be able to com-Dockery and George Fred Williams. mand others. West Point teaches the its possessor, but a necessary evil for of an officer and a gentleman, he must the organizer. Mr. Bryan does well to speak the truth as fearlessly as he take care of his throat, for therein lies would be expected to face the fire of stock from the previous crop. Not only his heaviest asset. Thousands crowd the enemy. Of the exceptional excelto hear him for no other reason than lence of Wst Point as a fundamntal body of listeners is a delight which duties and responsibilities of life, hypnotic state of a vast crowd, the de- General Schofield, writing in his 64th firium of cheers and excited gestures year, after a career which had included of approval, the concerted succession every military command from that of of breathless attention and abandon of a Second Lieutenant to that of comsomething of these phenomena now, cation at West Point is easily the best that any boy can get in America to psychology, but we are as far from es- make him at once both a scientific

The quality of West Point training been by General Scott's confession during the Mexican War. The armies of ber of civilian political Generals lifted without any preparation to high comof the children of West Point. From of the fight for the Confederates, to the BUMAN SACRIFICES IN MINDANAO. last battle, when Sheridan's energy closed the last door of escape for Lee's army, the story of the Civil War is eloquent testimony to the practical superiority of West Point as the breedingplace of able American soldiers. When Appomattox arrived the North had got rid of Fremont, Banks, Dix, McCler-

Furleses as "Bob" Toombs. The excellence of West Point is shown also in the fact that its fundamental training does not chill the pupil's capacity for other work than that of the military profession. Our most brilliant, original humorist, George H. Derby, was a brilliant graduate of West Point ranking No. 7 in a class of fifty-nine members, which included Generals Mc-Clellan, "Stonewall" Jackson, Reno, Foster, Couch Wilcox and Pickett. West Point did not impair the fine literary faculty of Derby, any more than it did that of General Sherman, whose speech at Dartmouth College commencement after the war bore away the palm for admirable English, superior in its purity and nervous force. West Point training did not injure Halleck for success as a lawyer, nor unfit General I. I. Stevens for the field of civic administration. The training of West Point has enabled more than one of its graduates, like Maury, to win high reputation among scientific scholars.

In the field of large business organi-George W. Cass, Horace Porter, N. J. T. Dana, Francis V. Greene, James H. Wilson, William B. Franklin, have won high distinction. The eminent civil engineers of the country include West Point graduates, such as Haupt, George S. Greene, John Newton. Harvard College faculty once included Professor Eustis, a West Point graduate, a General in the Civil War, and General A. S. Webb, a graduate of West Point, was for many years president of the College of the City of New York. The ranks of both the Protestant and the Roman Catholic pulpits have been represented by graduates of West Point. These facts are worth reciting in illustration of our argument that for sound fundamental training of both mind and body for any calling, whether it deals with the victories of war or those of peace West Point is the best school in our country, for it takes the pupil from his text-books into the field and trains his eye and his hand. Its outdoor education is an enemy to physical indolence. Its education to habits of personal responsibility and executive habits of digof day-dreaming and spineless specula-

The Government Weather Bureau lightning in this country in 1899. The as the early Romans learned to do, with total is 586, the largest death list from the annual sacrifice of dolls thrown into this cause in a single year ever offi- his angry flood. The records show that

Massachusetts, 11. There were very few deaths from this cause in the Southern States, Louisiana having only 8, and Florida 3. In this casualty report the Pacific Coast does not figure at all, not a single state west of the Rocky Mountains having lost a life from this cause last year. While in past years several deaths have resulted from lightning stroke in Eastern Oregon, no such fatality, as far as we now remember, ever took place in the middle or coast sections of the state, these being exceptionally free from thunder storms and their accompanying pyrotechnic display and danger. It is well, however, for every one to have knowledge of the simple precautions that insure against

ualty report, as follows: Persons in a house during a thunder storm Persons in a house quring a tuniday. The should avoid chimneys and open windows. The middle of the room is probably the safest part. In the open, persons should never seek the shelter of trees. Wire fences and livestock should be avoided. If on horseback, it would out into the world sound in mind and be well to dismount and wait until the storm

THE WHEAT PROSPECT.

July wheatin Chicago closed yesterday course, West Point cannot make a man at 76%c, a decline of nearly 12 cents per out of every boy that enters its halls, bushel from the highest point reached but it at least gives the boy the best less than thirty days ago. These figchance to make a man of himself ures confirm the reports of a marked through its training of any school in improvement in the crop situation in with fresh tribute of confidence and es- the country. The young man is not ex- the Middle West. "Distance lends enposed to that peculiar vice of the ordi- chantment to the view," and the farther nary college, indolence and the habit of the crop-damage reports traveled from day-dreaming. He is taught both in the points where they originated the theory and practice all that is essential less baleful they appeared. In close licitous for the weifare of his voice, to make him a thorough soldier in mind touch with the affected district, Chicago and body. He learns to row, to ride, to naturally became very much excited swim, to fence, to shoot; he is taught over the situation, and elevated wheat how to build a bridge, a road, a fort, a to a figure out of all proportion redoubt; to handle a battery in action; to that of other markets. It was this how to marshal infantry; how to put a unnatural situation which started recratic. Mr. Holman makes sure that derant gravity of Voice over Brains. squadron in the field; he is taught not ports that wheat would be shipped East by rail from interior points in Oregon ideas and policies, they are Democrats are fresh enough to remind us that tial to a military engineer, but he mas- and Washington. The failure of the still, believing in Democratic princi- empty heads with strong lungs and ters the history of the art of war from Liverpool market to respond to the abwell-constructed vocal chords can have the time of Epaminondas, the founder normal advances in Chicago, together with unusually high ocean freight rates, from the Pacific Northwest, for a time made it appear probable that a portion of the Pacific Coast wheat crop might

> From present appearances there is movement in this direction. The belatprevent a total crop fallure, and the immense deficit in the output of Minnesota and the Dakotas lost much of its terror for the world at large, by falling at a 14,000, while Roosevelt had but 18,000 time when there was a large carry-over plurality for Governor. The Republiwas the carry-over stock so far above Democratic gains reported that year the normal as to offset much of the loss, came from New York City, and were but in many other portions of the due to incompetent direction of the Re-United States the crop now being har- publican organization there. Brooklyn, vested was far above the average. Un- it is reported, is certain to give a Reofficial figures now place the 1900 wheat publican majority, for there the opcrop at about 540,000,000 bushels, and as position to the principle of free silver this amount has been exceeded but coinage in the Democratic party is intwice in the history of the Nation, it is tense. In New York State the battle apparent that the recent bulge was not will be fought out, and as goes the Em-

These figures are slightly above those carried New York has elected the Presindicated by the Government, which is ident, with the single exception of 1868, so conservative that its estimates be-fore harvest are invariably much too and accomplished and popular man, low. condition estimates, however, figure out The loss of New York cost Henry Clay a crop of approximately 500,000,000 bush- the Presidency in 1844. The loss of was thoroughly tested during the four els, and this figure has been reached New York defeated Hancock in 1880. years of our Civil War, and its superior- but six times in the past quarter of a The change of 700 votes would have ity established beyond dispute, as it had century. With war and rumors of war given New York to Blaine in 1884 and in all quarters of the globe, there are elected him President. The loss of New certainly elements of strength in the York in 1888 would have defeated Harthe Union at the outset included a num- wheat situation, but the advance, if an- rison. New York State has a populaother should occur, must have for its tion of over 7,000,000 people, with probfoundation something more stable than ably 1,500,000 voters. These voters rep mands, but the end of the war found a partial crop failure in a section which resent the highest intelligence of the is carrying over a big surplus from a great working classes of the country, former year.

parts. Of savagery there are three stages, of barbarism three stages, while civilization falls into a class by itself. In Mr. Carpenter's interesting letters from the Philippines these divisions are hopelessly jumbled. He talks continually of savages, though he has so far nand, Butler, Schenck, Sigel; and the described, however briefly, no single South had retired such Bombastes tribe in all the archipelago that is not possessed of some quality of barbarism, and his references to their "civilization" are totally unjustified, except in isolated cases where devices of language, etc., have been appropriated bodily from the Mohammedans or Spanlards.

Perhaps nothing so positively fixes the Mindanao tribes, described in Mr. Carpenter's letter of a week ago, in the middle status of barbarism, as their human sacrifices. Here is a well-defined step in the development from the brute to the orthographer. The last few years have witnessed research in racial annals so extensive that when we meet the human sacrifice we know exactly to what stage of development the worshipers belong. To get upon the same plane with these Mindanao barbarians we must go back in America to the Aztecs of the day of Cortez, in Asia to a time prior to or contemporaneous with Abraham, and in Grecian Europe to the near predecessors of Agamemnon.

Briefly to indicate the grand divisions of social development, there is the first zation graduates of West Point, like status of savagery, when man subsisted on the things laid to his hand and formed the rudiments of articulate speech and of this epoch there is, obviously, no record. In the second status of savagery man caught fish and made fire, till he learned the use of the bow and arrow, when he passed into the third stage of savagery; then by invention of pottery, primitive agriculture and domestication of animals, into the lower status of barbarism; then through discovery of irrigation and rude work metals into the middle status of barbarism; then through smelting of iron into the third status of barbarism, and, finally, through invention of a phonetic alphabet, into real civilization and the production of written records. These are the classifications laid down originally by Mr. Lewis Morgan, and adopted with acclaim by scientists everywhere. Their application to early America has been most fascinatingly made by Mr. John Fiske in his "Discovery of America."

It is the conclusion of Mr. Herbert Spencer that human sacrifices grew originally out of camibalism. Certain and self-restraint are destructive it is that it begins where cannibalism is about to end, and passes away when a little more enlightenment enables the worshiper to compromise with Delty upon the basis of a lamb, for example has collected the statistics of death by as Abraham did, or appeare the Tiber, cially reported. A large percentage of cannibalism was induced by scarcity of the fatalities occurred in August, a food, and eventually discouraged by the total of 133 being reported for that rise of slavery, when agriculture created Pennsylvania leads in this list a steady demand for human labor. At with 56 deaths. Illinois comes next with the transition time the buman sacrifice

vered leaders "caused their children to pass through the fire to Moloch," and in Mexico, where the traveler's eye fell upon tall pyramids on whose tops men, women and children were sacrificed to
the gods. The desperate straits into
which divine disfavor threw the poor
fanation of overse land, from Marion to
fanation of overse land, from Marion to fanatics of every land from Mexico to India, is seen in the practice of sacri- and on the band-stand steps I glowed with joy ficing children in fire or flood, and may sadly remind us what crimes have been committed in the name of religion, not forgetting the inquisition of Spain or

The really important thing is to observe how faithfully Mr. Carpenter's I me'er know rapture till I heard the Smallamateur researches in the Philippines enforce the conclusion of science that man has risen everywhere in the same way by the same steps. Go back to the proper period of time in Egypt or Mesoootamia, in Britain or Hindustan, in Mexico or Peru, and you will find these same phenomena grouped together which Mr. Carpenter meets in Mindanao. The primitive garments of woven grass, the rude ornaments of metal, wood and bone, the siaves brought home from successful campaigns, the polygamous marriages, the human sacrifices at annual feasts, the tribal enmittes the communal houses, the rudimentary agriculture-all these existed in Mexico and Peru about the time of the Discov

Mr. Carpenter's investigations are of little technical value, and for specific conclusions, especially for disclosure of how peculiar local conditions have operated upon the aboriginal mind in the Philippines, as Indian corn, for example, operated in America, and domestic At animals in Chaldes, we must await the trained ethnologist. But so far as his testimony goes, it is of importance. "Different races in similar stages of development," says Str John Lubbock, often present more features of resemblance to one another than the same race does to itself in different stages of its history." And Mr. Fiske's conclusion is yet more specific: "Human minds in different parts of the world, but under the influence of similar circumstances, develop similar ideas and clothe them in similar forms of expression." It is in these living and breathing evidences of the logical and orderly process of human development that the mind is most profoundly impressed with the unanswerable hypothesis of evolu-

In the New York election of 1838 the aggregate Republican majority on the vote for Congressman was only about can leaders point out that the great justified by the crop situation in Amer- pire State probably will go the Union. Since 1868 the political party that has The Government's acreage and beat Grant in New York State by 10,000. and the motives which sway so great a body of these classes in a Presidential election are likely to prevail with the same working classes throughout the country, so that knowle drift of political opinion in the working classes of the Empire State thirty days before election would be a fair clew to the verdict of the country.

Editor Fletcher, formerly of the Salem Independent, writes a lengthy letter from Cane Nome to a Salem friend, under date of June 17, telling frankly the unpleasant conditions prevailing there, and concluding as fol-

lows: I wish to say to my friends who may co template coming to Nome to stay where they are, for the present, at least. Many are al-ready returning. The whole country is now in control of looters, thugs, mine-jumpers sharks and thieves. People who bought claims last Winter find they are now occupied by armed bandits, and they bid the owners defiarmee bandee, and an it goes. A few good mines are not going to furnish employment to 40,000 laboring men. The Salem people here are all well, and only one expression is heard from every lip, "Oh! for a month of British law!" There is no law here.

Mr. Fletcher was one of the sincer Republicans who supported Bryan in 1894 on the silver issue; but if we may judge from his longing for British justice, he will not be led astray by abuse of England and flatulent declamation about the humbug issue of imperialism.

It is unfortunate that the impropriety

courred in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, whereby doubt was cast on the secrecy of the questions for the August examinations. It is creditable to Superintendent Ackerman that he has taken steps to correct the error by recalling those lists of questions and preparing new ones. Still, irremediable harm has been done in tainting a branch of the public service that should be above suspicion, for the virtue of it depends wholly upon the good faith and honor of the officials who administer it. A small indiscretion here will justify stern reproof. It is to be hoped that future events will show the entire good faith of this transaction, and remove all ground for further criticism. Hon. James F. Ganley, of Roseburg

has often displayed his profound knowledge of finance by talking glibly for 16 to 1, and now, as County Clerk of Douglas County, he adds to his reputation for grasping the money question by sending the Douglas County Commissioners a bill for \$191 50 for "extra work in the matter of registration." The bill, of course, was not presented promptly after the "extra work" was done, but, to forestall any possible unkind remarks about a grab, or graft, was considerately deferred till after the June election.

Kansas Democrats are taking the nomination of Stevenson very much to heart. They should be consoled. Towne could never have carried that state, with its enormous wheat crop.

The boasted civilization of the Chinese is receiving some rude shocks. Chris tian nations do not torture with such wantonness. Even the Inquisition had SLINGS AND ARROWS.

The Smalltown Cornet Band.

I could not speak. alto born, the clarionet, the telescope

The great base been that now and then would vent a rhythmic moan,

When Smalltown churches gave their "feeds" to buy a pulpit chair,

Or help to raise a building fund, the Small-town Band was there. They stood outside the door and formed a cirele in the street. And tunefully they called us all to come down there to eat.

They breathed forth sacred medleys full of rev-

Suggestive in a high degree of red plush pulpit For music of all sorts and kinds was right at their command, Prepared for all occasions was the Smalltown

erential airs,

And when the Fourth came round with all its wild chaotic joys.
The Smalltown Band came out to give the cannon points on noise.

bright blue uniforms they marched shead of the parade, The grandest feature of the day, and how like mad they played!

And sometimes to our great surprise they'd blare out loud and clear A brand new merch or concert piece they'd practiced all the year. night before the fireworks they'd play down in the stand;

The Fourth would not have been the Pourth without the Smalltown Band. Old Patsy Gilmore had a band worth half your

life to hear, It pays to wait for Sousa, though you wait alheard the Thomas Orchestra, and gave up five therefor, 've listened to big German bands, and for-

eign bands galore, But all the music that they played somehow turned out to be A little short of what it ought, and sounded flat to me, And I would give whatever cash I have just

Smalltown Cornet Band, Answers to Correspondents. Humorist-We would not like to be the ice man. We would like to be the hang-

man, however, when we open your communications. Admiral D-w-y-There are no more conventions this year.

General R-b-rts-You are doing very well where you are. Ag-l-o-What do you want with an aunobile? They only run 100 miles at a stretch.

Summer Girl-Nearly any pawn broker can tell you whether or not it is genu-Doctor-\$1000 is a little high. Try him

with \$906. Li H-ng Ch-ng-Peacocks may be had in this country for about \$10 aplece. Plumber-You can spend a good deal of it at the Paris Exposition.

Anxious Mother-Don't worry about him. He has probably only gone out to fight Boxers. W. J. B.-The state of your prospects

is the most doubtful one in the Union.

There is surely something doing somewhere down about Pekin Which may prove of passing interest when returns are fully in: There is also talk of trouble in the busg that's

called Tien Tsin, Where the victims lose their heads without much warning.
There has been some tall blood-letting in the
district of Che Foo,
Where the natives seem inclined to think the

igners won't do. And the Hoxers have been slaughtering we do not know just who,
And we'll know still less about it in the

All the correspondents down there seem to feel the news they're telegraphing reads

Meisterschaft Chinese. And we gather from its tener that the are up in trees, Or the pillories or gallows are adorning. It is rumored that the King, Kwang Hs either quick or dead,

The Downger, if not alive, is murdered, it is And Prince Tuan, if not insane, h And we'll know still less about it morning.

seems certain that the Boxers, M they Are marching on to victory or s

But these the correspondents all as the Chinese news, To feel that we need credit just such po

though we think we're mixed up now by with as we peruse, We'll know still less about 19 to the

Fatal Joke.

The pallid moonlight streamed through

the trees, casting a ghastly light on the tombetones. Two gentlemen of leisure sat beside a broad, low slab, and contested at seven up, for the ownership of a bottle of strong drink which one of them had found by climbing through the transom of a saloon in the town he last visited. The moonlight was still streaming when the game was ended, but the whisky remained corked. It had ceased to be community property. Suddenly a gurgling Votce gozed up from beneath the marble. With blanched faces the gentlemen of leisure listened. "That was won on me," said the Voice. The golden rays of the morning sun revealed two still figures by the side of the marble slab. There are times when a joke is more deadly than corrosive sublimate.

On a New Platform. Mr. Bryan believes this year in the free and unlimited bossing of the Democratic party, without the consent of any other boss on earth.

Didn't Knew Whom He Was Talking to-

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the Washington haberdasher, "but can't I sell you a necktie a little more in style than the one you are wearing?" "Sir," exclaimed the custon

James Hamilton Lewis." "Oh," stammered the storekeeper, "I trust you will excuse me. Do you know where I can order a dozen gross of the same kind?"

Vacation Time. Weather's gettin' kind o' hot, Work is sort o' draggin' out, Don't care if we est or not, Don't much want to get about;

Everything seems dead an' slow, Can't find nothin' bright or new Can thin nothin tright or well.

Grass looks like it needed rain,
Folia all seem veneered with rust—
Needin's somethin, that is plain.
Feel as if we'd like somehow Just about vacation time

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MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE-XXII

A Vision of the Messiah-Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion. Thy God

reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they singt for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his hely arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of ber; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, or go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward.

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be wery high.

As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men; So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is n beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a

man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised and we esteamed him not Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem

him stricken, smitten of God, and atfitcted But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon

him; and with his stripes we are healed,

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and

as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his gen-eration? for he was dut off out of the

land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wick ed, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neithes was any deceit in his mouth.

Tet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalk make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall protong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul,

and shall be satisfied; by his known shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a p

with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye

to the waters, and he that hath ne money; come ye, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for

which satisfieth not? hearken dill gently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight tree!
in fatness.
Incline your ear, and come unto most

hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and co

er to the people.

Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unte thee, because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near! Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, either are your ways my ways,

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your For as the rain cometh down, and the

snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and make eth it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the So shall my word be that goeth forth

Bo shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper is the thing whereto I sent it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall

come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an lasting sign that shall not be cut off. Who is this that cometh from Edor with dyed garments from Boscah? this that is giorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save, Wherefore art thou red in thine appar-

el, and thy garments like him that tread-eth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury: and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my gar-

ents, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is And I looked, and there was none to

help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine own arm rought salvation unto me; and my fury, And I will trend down the people in mine anger, and make them drur

fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. I will mention the loving-kindn the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bee

stowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie; so he was In all their affliction he was afflicted

and the Angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.