

WHEN AT THE LAST.

When at the last I lay me down to sleep,
And of the morrow's dawning reckon not.



TOM NELSON and his cousin, Harry Morton, were deeply interested in the rearing of pigeons.



THE TRAMP WAS SPLITTING OPEN A TIN SAVINGS BANK.

he kept in a cage ready to send with a note when occasion required.
One rainy day Tom Nelson, having nothing to do and finding the time hanging heavily on his hands, thought it a favorable opportunity for him to pay his cousin a visit.

instinctively feared the man, for he knew that he had not the strength to contend with him if violence was offered, and he felt sure there would be trouble when the tramp had refreshed himself.

Mrs. Nelson shook her head; she could not speak; but Tom, white to the lips, muttered hoarsely:
'You'll have to shoot, then, for I don't know where it is, and I'm glad I don't, for I might be coward enough to tell if I did,' and then shut his eyes, expecting the worst.

Mad with rage and disappointment, still he persisted, in spite of the danger of discovery if he lingered. He was in the act of splitting open a tin savings bank, a relic of Tom's babyhood, which was heavy with a weight of 1-cent pieces which Mrs. Nelson found convenient to have on hand, when a calm voice of authority was heard at the door, saying:
'Give it up, my man; it's no use. And come along with me.'

Seeing that the game was up, the man, with an imprecation, allowed himself to be handcuffed and followed the constable in sulky silence.
Harry, who had followed the others, soon discovered the prisoners by the very vigorous blows and sounds in the kitchen closet and released them.

It Looks Like Celluloid.
A substitute for celluloid is now being produced from untanned leather boiled in oil, which is said to resemble celluloid in every particular. It is known as marloid and shows a texture similar to horn, while it can be made flexible and elastic or hard and unyielding.

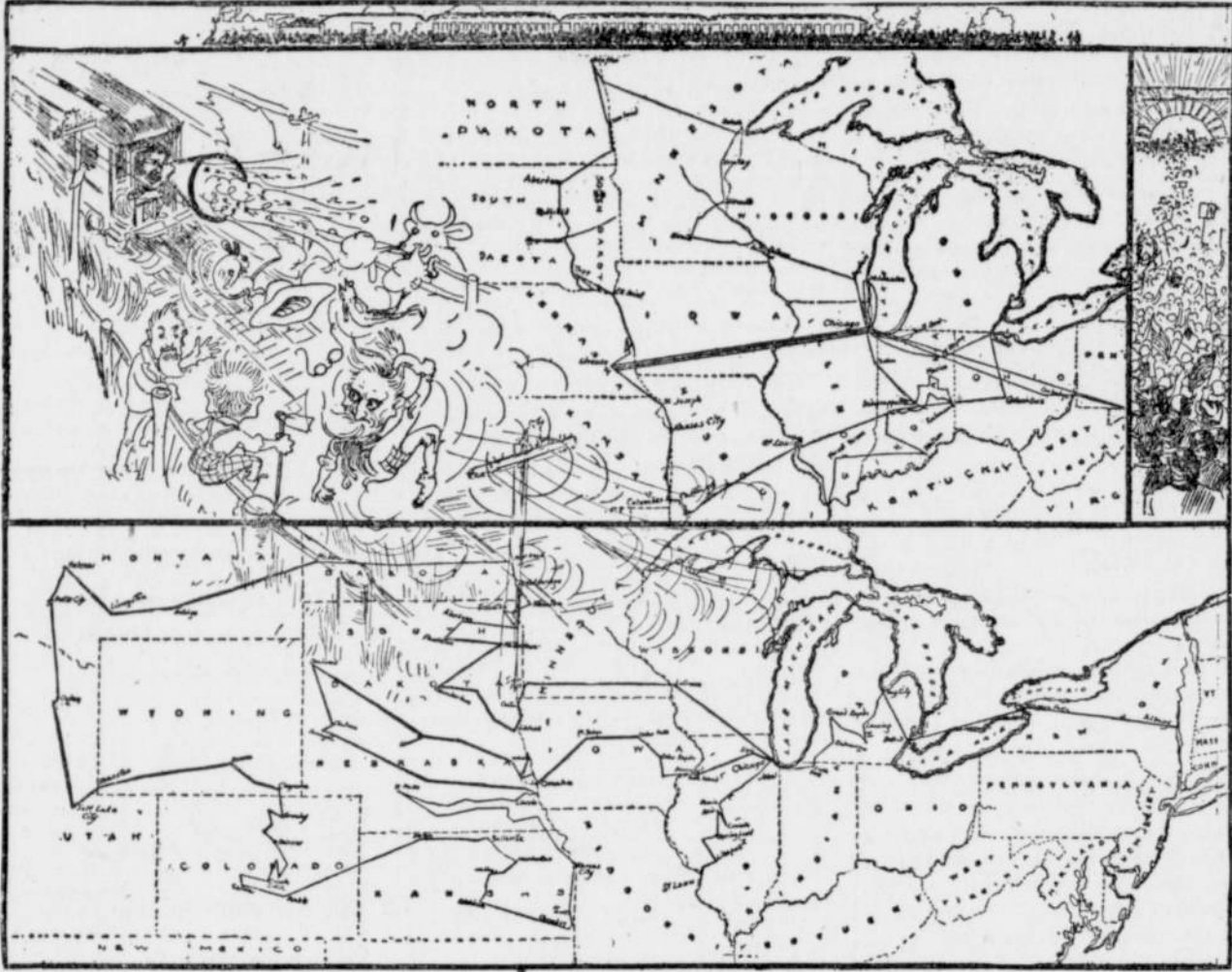
GREAT RECORDS MADE

TRAILS LEFT BY BRYAN AND ROOSEVELT.

Hundreds of Speeches Have Been Made During Journeys of Thousands of Miles—Remarkable Physical Endurance Shown by These Two Candidates

In the trails which William Jennings Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt have left upon the map of the United States are evidences of the intricate civilization which each would represent. These itineraries are only the evolution of the methods which in early days prompted a candidate to saddle his horse, throw a pair of saddlebags in front of him, and to ride into a neighboring county to feel the pulse of the people.

SPEECHMAKING AND TRAVELING RECORDS OF BRYAN AND ROOSEVELT



of miles of muddy or dusty roads have become the thousands of miles of steel-bound road-bed over which these palace trains thunder with the swiftness of a carrier pigeon.
That 'there were giants in those days' has become accepted of the past, but that the old-fashioned orator of the circuit-riding days of Lincoln and Douglas could have stood the strain of the modern inter-state canvass is impossible in the opinion of physicians.

Bryan's Active Work.
Bryan's first active work began on Aug. 31, when he visited Chicago for a conference with the national committee. His letter of acceptance had been weighing upon him, but in response to call he went South and East as far as Cumberland, Md., back through West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana, to Chicago.

ern states. These were only preliminary movements. His campaign proper began at Papillion, Neb., on Sept. 24, full three weeks after Governor Roosevelt's special train had pulled into Detroit, Mich., for the opening speech of his campaign.
As an example of just how many duties devolved upon these candidates, some of the figures from Mr. Bryan's tour of Indiana have been gathered. They show:

How to Choose Good Meat.

Let us imagine ourselves before a butcher's block having on it four pieces of beef presenting faces from the round or sirloin. One is dull red, the lean being close-grained and the fat very white; the next is dark-red, the lean loose-grained and sinewy and the fat white and shining; the third is dull red, the lean loose-grained and sinewy and the fat yellow; the fourth is bright cherry-red, the lean smooth and medium-grained, with flecks of white through it, and the fat creamy—neither white nor yellow.

work was in excess of the general Western average, but even with that allowance the figures are significant of the demands made upon the physical and mental sides of these men.

Vocal Exertion.
In considering the campaign work of a man, the voice is the one thing that gives uneasiness to the speaker and his friends. With voice gone, his work is at an end, and it is known that the voice is more likely to give away than any other physical necessity in a campaign. If hand-shaking be thrust upon a candidate until the bone and tissue of the hand are a pulp, the public will still come and will respect the fact that the man's right forearm is in sling. But if he cannot talk, most of the attractiveness of the candidate takes wing.

Nerve tax and the consequent loss of tone in the system are regarded as having a direct and vital influence on the voice. Dr. Oscar A. King, neurologist and professor in the medical school in the University of Illinois, has found a most subtle relation between the nervous system and the voice.

two things which most do this are excitement and the sense of opposition in an audience which every political speaker has to face.

Gets Little Rest.

'Physically, too, the work of a great campaign on the railroads tells upon a speaker. There is a loss of sleep at ways. Towns through which a train may pass in dead of night often turn out crowds who at least awaken the candidate. Then the exigencies of an itinerant force him to get up early and go to bed late.

Names Spoken in Full.

Familiar Abbreviated Nicknames Have Been Disappearing for Years.
'Have you observed,' asks a correspondent, 'how the Jims, Sams, Bills, Toms and other old-time abbreviations

of boys' front names are disappearing from among the youths of the present generation, together with the diminutive Jimmy, Sammy, Billy, etc., which time out of mind prevailed among masculine youngsters? For some reason the boys have largely discarded the free and easy way of addressing one another that comes natural to ingenious youth, substituting for the more rollicking Tom, Dick and Harry, sanctioned by immortal usage, a stiffer form of address which does not match well with the freshness of boyhood.

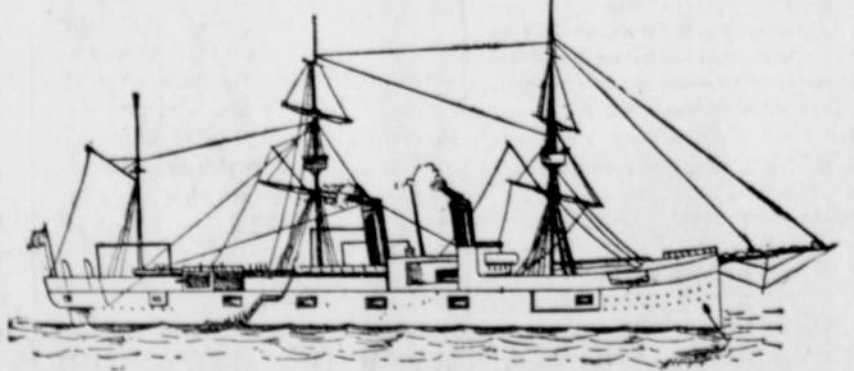
The Practical Side of It.

'There is so little money in literature,' said the wife, 'that I think you would be wise to choose some other profession. Why, the man who runs the ice wagon makes more than you do; the butcher goes out driving every Sunday; the baker wears a heaver and a linen collar, and the real estate man has three diamonds in a white shirt, to say nothing of the coal man, who goes to sleep in church on a velvet pillow every Sunday the Lord sends!'

Oysters Have Many Foes.

The oyster appears to be the most perfectly protected creature in the sea, yet it falls a victim to the soft and apparently helpless starfish. The method of attack is curious but effective. The starfish clasps the oyster in its five arms and quietly waits. Presently the oyster opens its shell in order to get food. This is the chance that the starfish has been waiting for, and it promptly injects into the shell a little reddish fluid.

WHERE THE GUNBOAT NASHVILLE WENT WHEN SHE LEFT ST. LOUIS IN 1899.



When the United States gunboat Nashville visited St. Louis in the spring of 1899, the demonstration attending her reception marked an epoch in the city's history. The Nashville was the first ocean-going war vessel that had ever steamed up the Father of Waters to the metropolis of the Mississippi valley.



THE VESSEL MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE CARRIED MERCHANDISE AS IMPLEMENTS OF WAR.