

...ever," he remarked. I distinctly remember the illustration, for it rather took hold of me.

I have often been astonished since to hear Crane spoken of as "the reporter in fiction," for the reportorial faculty and quick transference was what he conspicuously lacked. His first newspaper account of his shipwreck on the filibuster "Commodore" off the Florida coast was as lifeless as the "copy" of a police court reporter. It was many months afterwards that the literary product of his terrible experience appeared in that marvelous sea story "The Open Boat," unsurpassed in its vividness and constructive perfection.

At the close of our long conversation that night, when the copy boy came in to take me home, I suggested to Crane that in ten years he would probably laugh at all his temporary discomfort. Again his body took on that strenuous tension and he clinched his hands, saying, "I can't wait ten years; I haven't time."

The ten years are not up yet, and he has done his work and gathered his reward and gone. Was ever so much experience and achievement crowded into so short a space of time? A great man dead at twenty nine! That would have puzzled the ancients.

LINCOLN'S LAWN FETE.

The city gave a lawn party at the F street park on Thursday evening. The guests were about two thousand. Mayor Winnett introduced Mr. W. J. Bryan, after commending the work the City Improvement society had done in making the park a real park of drives, flower beds and seats.

It was kind of Mr. Bryan just now to respond to the request of a delegate from the City Improvement society to make a speech. But he did accept the invitation gracefully and good naturedly. His speech encouraged the society in what it has done and what it hopes to do. Mr. Bryan said that he had traveled about so much that he had not had the leisure to give to Lincoln what, the beautiful city deserved. He gave to Lincoln all the credit for the smile that is never absent from his face long at a time. When he first came to Lincoln in 1887, the city and people pleased him. Lincoln made a hit that has not yet lost its force. Mr. Bryan gave a list of the city improvements that have been effected since he built his home here, paving, trees, sidewalks, waterworks, etc. This park that the women of the City Improvement society have made habitable is quite as necessary to the comfort and health of the city as the other improvements and the members were worthy all credit for their work.

Doctor Winnett, the Mayor said that the ground had been granted for park purposes by the original plat of the city but it had undergone very little improvement in that direction until the present time. The effects of the ladies' work was now evident to all. The people of the city appreciated it, and as mayor he wished to thank them for it.

The society served ice cream after the speaking while Hagenow's orchestra played the following numbers:

- March—"The Man Behind the Gun," Sousa.
 - Overture—"Popular Pousse Cafe" Boettger.
 - Xylophone Solo—"Spanish Waltz" Waldteufel, Max Adamsky.
 - Humoreske, Wheeler.
 - American Fantasia—"Gems of Stephen Foster," Tobani.
 - Waltz—"Birds' Voices" Vollstedt.
 - Coon Medley—"The Chicken Brigade," Johnson.
 - Characteristic—"Coursasser Attaqua," Eilenberg.
 - "Star Spangled Banner."
- New members added to the society's

list are: Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan, Mr. Emery Hardy, Mrs. Carl Funke, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Ruth, William and Grace Bryan, Mr. Walter Hargroaves, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Crittendon.

UNANSWERED.

(Madison Cowein, in Saturday Evening Post.)

How long ago is it
since we went Maying!
Since she and I went
Maying long ago!
The years have left my
forehead lined, I know,
Have thinned my hair
around my temples graying.

The years will change us;
yes, I hear them saying:
"She, too, grows old:
the face of rose and snow
Has lost its freshness:
in the hair's dark glow

Some strands of silver
sadly, too, are straying.
The form you knew,
whose beauty so enspelled,
Has lost the liteness
of its loveliness;
And all the gladness
that her blue eyes held

Tears and the world
have hardened with distress."
True, true, I answer,
oh, ye years that part!
These things are changed, but
is her heart?—her heart?

Mr. Bryan and a "Judge" Cartoon.

Colonel Bryan's son William brought back the fishing honors won by the party. Where his father had one bite the youth had two, and the average weight of the hooked victims was heavier. On reaching the Sherman house his first demand was for "a funny paper. He led his sire to the news-stand.

"Buy me this one," exclaimed the boy, pointing to a copy of a comic weekly on which the outside colored cut was a representation of the Nebraskan posing as a Chinese "boxer," and waving a sword whose blade was inscribed, "Political Fanaticism." Back of him was pictured a dead donkey, and over it was written, "Honest old democracy killed by 'Boxer' Bryan." "Why, it's you!" exclaimed the boy as he noticed the lineament of his sire that even the distorted pencil of the cartoonist had not made unrecognizable.

"He's used to cartoons," commented Mr. Bryan, as he drew forth a dime to pay for his son's selection; "and so am I."—Chicago Correspondence New York Herald.

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Cholly—I say, Algie, who is that vulgar person on the othah side of the street?

Algie—Weally, my deah boy, you'll have to excuse me. I'm so beaatly fatigued that I cawn't look fahther than the middle of the bloomin' street, doncher know.—Chicago News.

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