

William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska is a sincere and patriotic young man, mistaken about some things, as most of us are, but thoroughly earnest in his desire to serve his country. The partisan attempt to belittle Mr. Bryan's purpose to serve his country on the field in time of war is petty and unwise as a matter of politics. The people believe in fair play and know it when they see it. It is worth noting that Col. Bryan is making good headway in his military studies. It was observed while he had his regiment on exhibition at the Omaha exposition Saturday that "Bryan's close study of tactics was manifested by the orders he gave and the grace with which he handled the regiment." The performance of his soldiers is indifferent as yet, but the colonel "rode a magnificent black charger." Whether Col. Bryan did wisely to give a show parade is a question of taste—it was a matter of environment and doubtless a great favor to the managers of the exposition, who are in crying need of attractions that will attract. The exposition is playing against war and this brought something like war to their side of the game. The late democratic candidate for the presidency and his Nebraskans will know more about real war later on. They have gone to join Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's command at Jacksonville, Fla., en route to Porto Rico. The news reports from the Porto Rican campaign will not neglect the doings of Col. Bryan, and the good wishes of the American people go with him—Springfield Republican.

THE CONSERVATIVE, J. Sterling Morton's new paper, made its appearance last Thursday. It assumes a magazine form, will be printed each week and will prove successful. Mr. Morton's reputation is as broad as the land itself, and while all people do not agree with him, his learning and disposition to take the subject matter under discussion at the wrong end in many instances, will make his paper exceptionally interesting. THE CONSERVATIVE declares for free trade and free shade and opposes the 16 to 1 proposition. It will defend the rights of the individual citizen as well as the rights of the de-individualized corporations, whatever that may be. The paper will be valuable in transmitting the legends, traditions and history of the primitive prairies and chronicling the data that has made Nebraska the equal of any state west of the Mississippi. The initial number of THE CONSERVATIVE holds the reader's attention through twelve neatly printed pages and we believe succeeding issues will accomplish the same result.—Hastings Record.

Emotional patriotism feels. Practical patriotism thinks. And he who is honest and just in all the relations of life is the best promoter of the welfare of his country. "The just man walketh in his integrity; and his children are blessed after him."

It has been suggested with pertinence by a great New York newspaper as a lesson of the Bourgoigne disaster that there should be a compulsory boat drill at least twice on every voyage of an ocean passenger liner. The dexterity and discipline which come of practice might easily become of inestimable value. We believe that this was at one time the habit of the Cunard line, if it is not today. It ought to be carried out in every ship which undertakes the responsibility of crowded human life.

The latest amusement fad among the British aristocracy is that of driving small domestic creatures, such as cats, pigs, peacocks, hens and the like, to compete in a race for a prize. Each racer carries special colors, and the jockeys, from archbishops and peers down to plain M. P.'s, handle the reins with great zeal. The women share in the sport, and the result is the wildest fun and hilarity. After all, true dignity does not impeach itself in condescending to innocent folly.

The regulars, who fought with the Seventy-first, New York volunteers, in two terrible charges, resent as bitterly the charge of cowardice made against the latter named by a certain New York paper as if made against themselves, if the statements attributed to them are half way true.

The first fruits of Hawaiian annexation crop out in the desire of our new countrymen to enlist in any service under the stars and stripes. There is a fascination in feeding at the public crib, even to the extent of shouldering a rifle.

The reports from Havana imply impending starvation, so effective has been our blockade. If this is the case, we shall not have to wait for active resumption of hostilities in the field to secure surrender of the Cuban capital. Famine is a more terrible foe than enemies armed with guns and bayonets.

The American surgeon general, as was predicted, has seen fit to revise his dictum against the woman nurses of the Red Cross. Now that yellow fever has attacked our soldiers about Santiago he is as anxious for those gentle and devoted assistants as he was before averse.

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