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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Peru has declared for sound money. Nebraska will follow suit in November.

The Missouri spirit has spread over Europe so that the Chinaman will be forced to show the powers if he expects them to believe the ministers in Pekin are alive.

Council Bluffs seems to be encountering as much trouble over its new high school building as Omaha. The Council Bluffs contention has not yet gotten beyond the site stage.

The prohibition candidates for president and vice president have been nomost tangible evidence they have of is going on without the consent of those of Colorado, who is under the dread whether rains fall of not, and can be calthe fact they are running.

ington, but there is a pronounced suspiciou abroad that they will look disappointing when they come back.

he was not aware how much service Only ignorant negroes are dealt with." he was rendering the editorial scissors And it is safe to predict that the amendwielders of the popocratic organs.

to dispose of promises of reform to the voters of this state are asked to discount overproduction of such promises and a chised colored Americans. paucity of redemptions.

Complete fusion seems to have been crats have turned everything over to the populists-for Bryan's sake.

The Russians have announced that immediately it is known the ministers in Pekin have been murdered the coast cities are to be shelled. Late experience shows, however, that the Chinese themselves are fairly expert at the shell game.

Hogs have been selling on the Omaha market this week on an average quotation of \$5.15, when the price the corresponding week of 1896 was down as low as \$2.83. Yet the Bryanites insist that the agricultural sections are not reaping their share of prosperity.

It has not been such a long time since the fusionists resented being called populists, but now that the founders of the party are willing to accept the name, they claim it for their own. There is good ground for the contention that the fusion option has expired.

That senatorial vacancy over in lowa promises to invest the coming republican state convention with an interest not usually attaching to off-year meetings in Iowa. - Medicine mixing has already begun at Des Moines, although advantage of the resignation in his posthe convention is not scheduled for session to appoint a new successor and nearly a week.

Colonel Bryan has just renewed his acquaintance and swapped reminis elicited from the governor still further any question. Democracy can find in Union Pacific is only a type of the proscences with his old-time elecution opprobrious opinions upon the character teacher. The colonel will have more and qualifications of his original apleisure to devote to recalling memories pointee, whose acts were then held up of his college days after the election as complete justification for removal. gives him notice that his services are Yet now in spite of all this Governor not required in the White House.

The flour trust has been forced to reorganize by scaling down its stock and bonds. The dupes who invested tively demanded in the interest of the taxpayers will stand for this fooltheir money in these inflated securities taxpayers, the public and the wards of ishness? will probably complain there is no the state. prosperity in the land, when as a matter of fact but for the present era sistencies have been concocted? The will be held as hostages against any adof prosperity the concern would have governor of a great state whitewashing vance on Pekin by the powers will not

NO ADVANCE ON PEKIN.

8.00 the reported division among the ad- dice? mirals there the prospects for a speedy .65 advance seem to be endangered unless the governments soon agree upon a supreme leader. It is an extraordinary exhibition of discord and indecision to be made by civilized nations in such an exigency.

Meanwhile doubt remains regarding the fate of the foreign ministers and the belief continues strong that the Chinese government is not acting in good faith. It is impossible to say how much credence should be given to any of the reports coming from China. whether emanating from the authorities or sent by press correspondents, but they are not altogether reassuring. The statement attributed to Li Hung Chang. that the imperial government is prepared to send the ministers to Tien Tsin under an escort that will insure their safety, if the powers will agree not to advance on Pekin, may or may not be true, but it is by no means incredible and if true means that the ministers are being held as hostages with a view to forcing concessions from the powers. If such is the case the beginning of an advance on Pekin would very likely be the signal for the slaughter of the legationers, assuming

them to be now alive. The impression in some quarters that gain time in order to more fully prepare for war is not without reason. The Chinese minister at Washington, an able man who is undoubtedly acting in good faith, regards this view as groundless, but there are circumstances that seem to justify it. At all events the situation appears to be as grave and critical as of war.

WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT.

tified of their nomination. This is the three other states the disfranchisement of the democratic party is Mr. Ehrich Artificially watered, the crops mature All the population schedules of the an amendment to the state constitution democrats will be found this year where ises to be routed in its own stronghold and Omaha census have gone on to Wash- restricting the right of suffrage. It is they were four years ago-voting for its high priest thrown down on his own When Colonel Roosevelt wrote that A leading paper of the state says: "The with the people and raised the credit book on the "Winning of the West" whites are safe under the amendment, of the nation higher than ever before,

ment will be adopted. Secretary Edgerton says Towne is the organ any word of condemnation for Sioux Falls ticket. In the interval the only one who can say whether or not this sort of thing? Has any of the members of the committee vested with the supernumerary tail to the Bryan leaders of the Bryanite party ever raised the authority to fill a vacancy, should kite is to withdraw. Since when did his voice against this wrong and in it occur, are being carefully canvassed Bryan abdicate his dictatorial powers? justice to the colored citizens in the to make sure that they would substi-Fusion politicians who are attempting They will make a great outcry in the to act. If it should be found that the them at a rulnous rate. The trouble is be not a word in behalf of disfran- for Mr. Towne to remain on the ticket

THE POYNTER-LANG COMPROMISE.

effected in Kansas on the state ticket executive of Nebraska and his appointed on very much the same plan that it was as superintendent of the State Institubrought about in Nebraska. The demo-tion for Feeble Minded at Beatrice have patched up their differences does not leave the governor in an enviable posttion before the public. On the contrary judgment.

the fight he has been making in and out | the occasion. of the courts.

Looking back over the record of this superintendency, which, according to Lang, was procured on false pretenses. No sooner had the superintendent been thus vindicated than the governor took commission him with authority to take possession of the institution. The clash Poynter agrees to waive all past objections and to hold in a most important office for another month a man whose

Could a more tangled mess of incon- The threat that the ministers in Pekin

immediate removal he said was impera-

remain inactive at Tien Tsin and the Governor Poynter the commiscration of which is equitable. latest advices say that judging from all citizens irrespective of party preju-

> GOLD DEMOCRATS DECIDE WISELY elaring it to be unwise and inexpedient man. to nominate a third ticket, affirming the Indianapolis platform of 1896,

recommending state committees of the national democratic party to preserve their organizations and to take such decided yet for which one of them he will steps as will best subserve the prin- be beaten. ciples of the party, and urging the voters not to be deceived by the plea that the money question has been finally settled. It is declared that "the and Express is correct in saying that Altspecific reiteration of the demand for geld, Bryan and Croker form the A B C the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by the Kansas City convention and the known character of all men in connection therewith emphasize the danger of this demand." The decision of the committee is emi-

nothing by a third ticket. It would tion's pledge. not thereby increase its strength or promote its principles. The national democratic party stands not alone for sound money, but also for the right of private contract, the independence of the Bryan did the most speaking in 1896, rejudiciary and the authority of the presithe Chinese government is seeking to dent to enforce federal laws-all of which the Bryanite party antagonizes. It is the hope of those who constitute the national democratic party that the democracy, will be restored to its and they realize that this can be accomplished only by the defeat of Bryanism. Consequently they are not disat any time since the beginning of the posed to contribute to the success of outbreak, while the powers are unable Bryanism by a movement that would to agree as to what should be done. It inevitably have that effect. Without is a situation that keeps the civilized a ticket of their own, those gold demoworld in a state of anxiety, but it would crats who are chiefly concerned as to seem that a decisive change cannot be the credit of the government, financial much longer delayed-that either the stability and the maintenance of pros-Chinese government must speedly dem. perity will be free to vote with the overdone during the last democratic ad- University of California, where it now is. onstrate its ability and willingness to party that stands for these conditions, repress the uprising and give protection while such of them as regard "imto foreigners, or accept the alternative perialism" as the paramount issue can support the Bryanite party.

There will of course be some disaffee tion. That was made apparent at In-"The only movement to govern people dianapolis in the withdrawal of two without their consent," remarks the members of the committee, one of Indianapolis Journal, "is that of the whom, Mr. Haldeman of the Louisville disfranchisement will carry. And yet the far better qualified to participate in clared his intention to support Mr. dreadfully in earnest to have the Declaragovernment than is the Filipino, be Bryan. His chief cause of complaint cause he has been familiar with the against the administration appeared to forms of popular government all his be that it did not invite a quarrel with life. Nevertheless the democrats in England by intervening in the South three southern states have already de- African war. Another member of prived thousands of colored men of the the committee who announced that he right to vote without their consent. In had done with the present organization precarious as that of the season's rainfali. to whom it is applied." Next month the of imperialism. But it is not to be culated on with a reasonable measure of people of North Carolina will vote upon doubted that the great majority of gold formidable foes of Bryanism, which promfrankly admitted that the purpose of the party of sound money, the party doorstep. the amendment is to disfranchise illit- which has fixed the gold standard in erate negro voters without depriving law and can be depended upon to mainilliterate whites of the right of suffrage. tain it, the party that has kept faith

Mr. Towne is to have plenty of time Has anybody ever seen in a Bryanite advisable for him to withdraw from the south? If so we are not aware of it. tute the name of Stevenson if called on campaign about "consent of the gov- committee is opposed to accepting Steverned" in the Philippines, but there will enson it would be a powerful argument rather than to give way to some populist of the Tom Watson stripe. This is the significance of Mr. Bryan's declara-The compromise by which the fusion tion that he wants no joint debate with with him.

American troops serving in China are winning the admiration of the other powers, and they deserve it. The Ninth it places him in the attitude of confess- infantry not only held its position under ing his own weakness and utter lack of most trying circumstances, but saved one wing of the army from being outgovernor had charges preferred and of the Japanese, the Americans were whom he adjudged untit to act in an the only ones not guilty of looting. official capacity is to have his tenure af- Europeans have called the American firmed and his salary vouchers paid up army undisciplined, but every emerto August 15 on condition that he drop gency has found its discipline equal to

The anti-imperialists who have called disgraceful controversy the vaccilation a mass convention to meet at Indianof the fusion governor stands out in bold apolis next month want to give immerelief. The appointment of Dr. Lang diate independence, not only in Cuba made Governor Poynter his sponsor, and the Philippines, but also to Porto When complaints were made, in order to Rico and Hawaii, although Hawaii was evade responsibility that would have to acquired by the United States by anbe shared by the appointing power, the nexation on petition of the Hawaiian governor brought in a whitewashing re. government. Next thing we know the port giving Dr. Lang a clean bill of program will be extended to include health, yet at the same time exacting giving back Alaska to Russia, California from him a written resignation from the to Mexice, the Louisiana purchase to France and Florida to Spain.

Democrats cannot see why it is that men who do not endorse the republican policy in its entirety can refuse to vote with them. One good reason is that they know what the republican party will do on all questions and they do excuse for doing anything or nothing.

The promoters of the fake county fair gotten up for the purpose of raiding business to their hippodrome horse races. Does the county board think

ondemning him for refusing to accept Aside from the doubt that the ministers Still no advance on Pekin. Still no the order of removal and finally agree are alive, the world is not in a mood to response by the powers to the appeal ing to keep him on the pay roll for a accept a threat from the Chinese. In of the legations besieged in the Chinese stipulated time-all for political effect. International law, as in common law, capital for felief. The allied forces Should not this spectacle command for he who seeks equity must first do that

Democrats of New Orleans are again at work showing their consideration for the negro by raiding the negro district The national committee of the gold in quest of a lynching bee. Democrats democrats unanimously decided not to in the north, however, are pushing their put a presidential ticket in the field. claims for negro votes with protesta-The committee adopted resolutions de- tions of undying friendship for the black

Fred White Indecided.

Chicago Record. Quite a number of offices are to be filled in Iowa this fall and Fred White has not

Democratic Alphabet.

Chicago Trib Assuming that the valued New York Mail of the democratic party, it may be taken for granted that the D E F is defeat.

Sad Day for Anti-Imperialists. New York Tribun

It is a sad day for the anti-imperialists when they see the president preparing for constitutional government and freedom in nently wise, since the political ele- Cuba. They have all along charged that ment which it represents could gain the bad man never meant to keep the na-

> losses were in those localities where Mr. publicans are not unwilling that he should go about Indiana as much as his engage-

Republicans Not Objecting.

After noting that the largest democratic

ments elsewhere will permit. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Admiral Dewey is naturally tired of politics, and does not receive with favor the former position in American politics mention of his name as the presidential candidate of those who can vote for neither McKinley nor Bryan. He is represented

as saying he did not intend to get into another political "muss." Shun Dinner Pail Arguments.

Milwaukee Sentinel The tax on the workingman's dinner pail is not a subject of democratic discussion this year. Even the time-serving poliministration.

Disfranchising the Negro.

Indianapolis Journal The democratic legislature of North Carolina passed a Goebel election law which puts

Formidable Foes of Bryanism.

Philadelphia Press. Irrigation in Nebraska, at a cost of \$1 an acre, has spread prosperity all over the state, no longer linked with conditions so certainty. Prosperity and abundance are

Stephen A. Douglas on Expansion.

Chicago Tribune Stephen A. Douglas, in his joint debate with Al. aham Lincoln at Freeport, Ill., on June 17, 1858, expressed his views on the question of expansion is a manner which should engage the attention of democrats and which is worth special consideration at to consider the question whether it is this time. The Little Giant, whose democracy no one will question, told his hearers It was idle to assert that this country had ierritory enough. It had sufficient at that time but this is a growing nation. "It swarms as often as a bive of bees, and, as new swarms are turned out each year, there must acts. be hives in w. ch they can gather and make their honey." "I tell you," said Mr. Douglas, with emphasis, "increase and multiply and expand is the law of this nation's existence. You cannot limit this great republic by mere boundary lines, saying, Thus far shalt thou go and no further." In closing this part of his speech he said: "Just so far as our interests require additional territory, in the north, in the south, or on the islands of the ocean, I am for it." And were the Little Giant alive today he would candidates running on the same ticket be for expansion and condemn Bryanism. The bogy of militarism would not affright that great western democrat.

NOMINATIONS TO BURN. Many Perplexities Are Confronting

Philadelphia North American Mr. Bryan appears to have more nominations than he knows what to do with. One By the terms of this compromise as flanked by the Chinese. When the city set of populists nominated him some time given out the man against whom the of Tien Tsin fell, with the exception ago, but he has not accepted yet because it will be necessary to make a speech to them that would not be available for use in accepting the democratic nomination. speech for the democrats will not do for the populists, but that cannot be postponed or

The middle-roaders have no sympathetic consideration for the perplexity of the universal candidate, and they are threatening to roast him with resolutions and to denounce the Kansas City convention and all its works. If they carry out their program fusion goes glimmering, and Mr. Bryan will be severely strained in the attempt to straddle the breach.

Mr. Bryan is in a position to realize the disadvantages of playing for popularity with so many different sorts of people. He has nominations to burn, and before he gets through the campaign he will wish he had burned some of them.

LET THE GOOD TIMES GO ON. Few Parallels for the Prosperity

New York Sun. Our Bryanite contemporary, the Louisville ourier-Journal, has just told conspicuously the very interesting story of the Union Pacific railroad, a recent instance of regeneration of a great prostrate property that has few parallels. "And yet," continues between the contesting superintendents not know what democracy will do on this follower of the Nebraska wrecker, "the its own platforms of various years an perity reported by nearly all the railroads of this country.'

Only a type! All are prosperous. Millions of dollars are being distributed by the railroads throughout American bank accounts because of the healthy state of the county treasury will try to take business. If Bryan were elected and free one soup tureen. The total weight of the advantage of the musical festival and silver, Bryanism's supreme promise, were the Ak-Sar-Ben demonstrations to draw enacted, this railroad prosperity would go to smash, for the reason that receipts would beyond the power of the railroads to raise passengers who had enjoyed a momentary advantage of halved fares would wish that they had paid double.

OUR CONSTITUTION IN CHINA. How it Came to Be Translated and

esponsible government of China is, in some respects, different from that of any other is confusion and chaos. In the future a tions. During his residence in Washington he formed a close friendship with Dr. Edward S. Holden, then one of the astrono mers of the United States naval observa-"And how is a treaty "No, nothing more than this." more ?" well, was totally ignorant of the treaty-President Grant had arranged for the ces-Santa Cruz had formally voted to accept American citizenship.

Taken Home for Study.

The relation of the United States to the

Out of this conversation grew a project to translate the constitution of the United States into the Chinese language. For many months the Chinaman and the American met daily. Each provision of the constitution was carefully explained and discussed and then written down, with a commentary; on a subsequent day the Chinese translation was rendered back into English and again discussed until all was clear Doubtful points were referred to Frederick W. Whitridge, esq., of the New York bar, in writing, or occasionally to Mr. Justice Bradley of the supreme court. Finally the document was completely and satisfactorily translated with a marginal commentary and sent as an official dispatch to the tsung li ticians can remember that the work of yamen in Pekin. A copy of it was deposited lightening the dinner pail burden was by President Holden in the library of the On Tsai's part it had been a labor of love and on his return to China it won for him he could not possibly be as bad as he wanted official advancement in rank and place. His American coadjutor was glad to give a portion of his time every day for nearly a Bryan cause. "Scares" of the kind they year to this public service, which has rethe counting of the votes in the control of sulted in making the high officials in Pekin the democrats. That, however, was not understand the United States of America enough, so they are to vote on disfranchis- as they understand no other country. They ing the negro. As they do the counting, the are themselves a literary people and are used to relying on the written word. They steer clear of such "scares," at least while democrats in the south. The negro is Courier-Journal, not unexpectedly de- men who silently approve this crime are know the organization of Great Britain or of Germany in a very different way from The way to avert "scares" is to smash Brytion of Independence applied to the Fili- that of our own country and we are, accordingly, trusted as no other country is. thing which will be done in November.

Our opportunities at the present crisis are unique. Every European government is distrusted by all the high officials at Pekinby those friendly to foreign inventions as well as by those who hate and despise the foreigner and all his works. When the time comes to adjust a final and lasting settlement for the future it is in the power of America to take a high stand. The con- ing the evil worked by Christian missionastitution of our government is understood It is known that we desire no territorial acquisitions. We desire and we mean to have the freest opportunities for trade and above all things the fullest protection for our citizens in foreign parts. It may be necessary for our troops to join with those of Europe and Japan in a punitive expedition. It may even be necessary to raze the walls of Pekin to the ground, to plough the site and to sow it with ealt, as the Tartar Chief Jenhiz Khan was used to do with the rebellious cities of Bokhara and Turkistan. All this will be undergood as a deserved punishment for acts which even the Chinese cannot defend. But in the final adjustment of relations America may hold a unique place, and this position of moral vantage should be safeguarded in all our

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Senator Caffery's unvarying summer outfit a suit of linen homespun, a Panama hat and a green umbrella.

J. Pierpont Morgan, while a student at the English High school in Boston, took the mathematics prize for three years in succession. Senator Hoar attributes his good health

o the fact that nearly every day for several years he has taken a two-mile walk before breakfast. Ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney is as expert an automoblist as he is a horseman and delights in running one

of his own automobiles. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Aus trian heir presumptive, is one of the best shots in Europe. He is credited with having killed over 480 head of game in an

hour and a half not long ago. General Diaz, on learning of his re-clec ion as president of Mexico, said: "I must repeat what I said some months ago. ther my age nor, my capabilities qualify me

to continue ruling the country.' M. Pichon, the French minister to Pekin in his youth intended to be a physician, but was prevented by his failure to pass the to whom they minister and to the nation examination for a degree. He drifted into the diplomatic service from editorial work. The people of St. Paul and Minneapolis are raising a fund to pay off a mortgage

husband, Major Wilkinson, was killed in the Indian outbreak at Leech Lake, Minn. in October, 1898. Prof. Thomas I' Norton of the University of Cincinnati, who was recently appointed to establish a United States consulate at Harpoot, Turkey, will have the honor of representing this country at its

on the home of Mrs, M. C. Wilkinson, whose

furthest inland consulate. Colonel John W. Geary, the last alcalde and the first mayor of San Francisco, has been invited to take part in the semi-centennial admission day celebration. Francisco's first city charter was adopted on May 1, 1850, and Alcalde Geary Is elected mayor under its provisions. He refused re-election and in 1852 left the Pacific coast for Pennsylvania, where he is now

Work has been begun in Baltimore of the silver service for Rear Admiral Win field Scott Schley to be made from the silver coin captured on the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon. The service will consist o ladle, four vegetable dishes, one game platter, one fish platter, one entre platter and silver is 2,000 ounces and the cost when completed will be between \$7,000 and \$9,000.

The Maryland Historical society is making come in in fifty-cent dollars. It would be an effort to obtain possession of several books and papers recently discovered in the rates so as to meet the cut in the the Custom House at Baltimore which revalue of their receipts. There would be late to the early colonial days of the state. such a general crash that the thousands of Among the papers is an agreement between a "committee of the town of Baltimore and the commander of the galley conqueror authorizing him to go on a voyage of con It will be better to preserve the national quest. Permission for the transfer of the

BRYAN AS A PANIC PRODUCER Without Congress He Could Do Much to Injure Credit of Country.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Some of the gold democratic renegades who are supporting Bryan-but, happily, the nation. At the present horrible crisis all Bryanite honest money men are notably few are pretending that his election would lasting settlement is to be made. It will make no difference to the money skuation, be full of difficulties, but America holds a after all, because nothing short of the pasplace of vantage. The following paragraphs sage of a 16 to 1 act could precipitate the explain, in part, why this is so-why the country to the silver basis. Bryan, as preshigh officials of China understand us better ident, they acknowledge, could pay out silthan they do any nation of Europe. When ver for any demands against the governthe first Chinese legation to the United ment except in the redemption of green-States settled in Washington it was accou- backs and treasury notes of 1890, and for in panied by a very intelligent and cultivated terest on the new 2 per cent bonds. But attache, by name Tsai Sih Yung. He came they declare there is only a small amount of an ancient Chinese family, one of whose of silver in the treasury which would be members had been prime minister of the available for the current needs of the gov empire-a very unusual post for a pure ernment, most of it being held for the re-Chinese to hold under a Manchu Tartar demption of silver certificates, and this can dynasty. He was a graduate of Dr. Martin's not be used for any other purpose. All the college at Pekin and had also taken his mischief of this sort that Bryan, as presibachelor's degree in the Chinese examina- dent, could do to the country would be to "create a financial scare." This sort of a "scare," it is needless to

tell intelligent persons, would be a pretty serious thing for the United States. A tory. In one of their conversations Tsai "scare" in the early months of 1803, just was asked the object of the coming of his after Cleveland went into office the second legation. "Why, it's to make a treaty with time, precipitated the panic of that year, which lasted till after the republicans enmade?" "It is a written agreement between | tered power in 1897 and put the government your president and our emperor." "Nothing in charge of a party which could keep it on a basis of financial soundness so long as it It transpired that Tsat, and his minister as remained in control. It should be remembered that in 1892, when the democracy, for making functions of the senate and they the first time since 1857-9, was in complete tist, is pleasant only as a reminiscence. For were thrown into consternation when they control of all branches of the government, lavish display, abundance of floral decoraheard the story of the rejection of the the democrat who was president was an tions, orginiality of customs and uncatable treaty with Denmark by the senate after honest money man, who coaxed or coerced edibles a Chinese dinner has no countersuch rotten money advocates as Dan Voor- part. sion of the Danish West Indies, and after bees to aid the republicans in repealing the the confiding Danes of St. Thomas and silver purchase clause of the silver builton deposit act of 1890, though the same democrats went over to free silver immediately afterward. In the case of Bryan, however, a fanatical bogus money champion would be in power, and he would use the patronage of his office and all the influence and the "pull" which his post gave him to put his silver, notions into operation, even though he should lack the complete power to force a law through congress which would put the finances of the country on the silver basis immediately.

A Bryanite "scare" would be disastrous for the country. The moment that Bryan's secretary of the treasury started to pay out silver to meet the government's current demands a wave of apprehension might sweep over the country which would send gold into hiding as in 1893, runs on the banks might ensue, mills would be likely to stop and a panic, made unpleasantly familiar to the country in the case of the democratic acces-"on." The honest money democrats who are apologizing for Bryan and declaring that to be and as he would try to be, are doing themselves injury and are not helping the concede Bryan's election would precipitate are the things which shut the doors of banks, which lock up factories and which send millions of wageworkers into enforced idleness. The American people are going to the memory of that of 1893-7 is in mind. anism at the polls, and that is the very

SOME GOOD IN MISSIONS.

Promote the World's Progress in Science, Literature and Commerce. Philadelphia Ledger.

That undue importance has been given to the representations of travelers who have made disparaging statements respectries in China, can scarcely be doubted. The value of such testimony depends not only upon the character, but the spirit of the witnesses, and just at this time there appears something less than fairness in the

current publications. Travelers who take no interest in the religious operations of the churches at home are not likely to furnish impartial and trustworthy accounts of the Christian work done by the missionaries in the foreign countries they visit. People see wha they go to see. Those who are in intelligent sympathy with missions to heathen people are not likely to give the close and unprejudiced attention to the results of missionary labor which would make their estimate of it valuable. This bears closely upon the affairs in China and public opinion is likely to be misled by careless talk about the responsibility of the missions in producing the present unhappy conditions. Without claiming infallible prudence for foreign missions there are important facts which go far in opposing the frequent charges of injudicious zeal made against them by unfriendly critics. The missionaries sent out by the churches are not ignorant fanatics. They are earnest, intelligent and thoughtful men and women who have been selected by competent judges of character and they have been trained for this work It is to their interest to pursue the most conciliatory course toward the people they seek to convince and win and it is a grave mistake to regard mission work as merely a system of proselytism. Independent of and addition to the spiritual and religious influence on personal character the most

competent authorities join in tifying to the great value rendered to the cause of human civilization and the progress of the world in science, art, literature, commerce and philanthropy. It is in this clear light that we must consider the missionaries' labor and the con clusion thus reached is that a deplorable error is made by those who sweepingly con-

demn missions and missionaries as factors working always for evil results to the people that sends them on their sacred errands.

THE GERMAN VOTE.

Dr. Prectorius of Westliche Post of St. Louis Out Squarely for McKinley. Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Westliche Post of St. Louis is one of the German newspapers which, on account of its anti-expansion sympathies, has been counted on to support the Bryan ticket. But its editor, Dr. Prectorius, fol ows Senator Hoar in coming out bold for McKinley and Roosevelt. He says:

"I have not abandoned my views, nor do consider it necessary or possible for any man to shape his principles to full conformity in order to support a candidate or platform. . . Especially am I opsed to free silver and 16 to 1. No more dangerous political heresy has been promulgated in recent years and the West liche Post will look upon it as an imperative duty to fight it until it is squelched Expansion is comparatively an academic question; free silver is practical. 'As to the declaration of the two plat-

forms on the South African war, I understand that it is necessary for the republican party to take a conservative position, being the administration party. As far as this government is concerned, i cannot actively interfere in that contest and the only thing that can be done by it or any party is to give the Boers mora support. It should be remembered that was President McKinley who offered the good offices of this government in set-

tling the quarrel." In addition to the interview with Dr Prectorius, from which the above is taken, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat also pub lishes interviews with six other representative Germans, every one of whom declares that the German vote of the country will be cast for McKinley, on pracBITS OF CHINESE GOSSIP.

There is a saying that a Chinese soldier "eleven-tenths thief."

Chinese regiments are recruited in the same manner as British regiments. Twice a year, in the first week in April

and October, the Chinese carry food to their dead. Coal is worked so easily in China that in

Shansi it sells at less than 1 shilling per on at the mines. The demand for candles in China is very

large, owing to the fact that they are used at all religious ceremonies. The Chinese empire includes one-twelfth of the land surface of the world and one-

fourth of the world's population.

Chinese soldiers live on rice and cabbage Within the last five years 480,000 stands of rifles have been exported from Germany to China.

Minister Wu Ting Fang is having a very embarrassing time of it in Washington, but t is probable that Minister Conger would gladly exchange places with him. The horseshoe in China, as well as in

other countries, is looked upon as a harbinger of good luck. For that reason Chinese mandarins, when buried, have horseshoe graves. No greater crime is known in China than that of desecrating a graveyard.

graves are found everywhere in China, the first railroad built there had to fellow a very circuitous route in order to avoid them. A Chinese dinner, like a visit to the den-

The policemen of Pekin are armed prinipally with small drums, which they beat oudly in order to let lawbreakers know they are coming. All night long the guardians of the peace beat a tattoo in the

streets and, as a consequence, are said to make few arrests. The blind also use drums to announce their coming and to warn other people to get out of their way. One of the best known American consuls in China is Rev. Samuel L. Gracey, D. D., who is at Foo Choo. Dr. Gracey was born in Philadelphia in 1835. After obtaining an education he was for thirty years paster of Methodist churches of considerable prominence in and about Philadelphia, Wilming-

ton and Boston. He was twice elected to the Massachusetts legislature from Salem. Dr. George E. Morrison, the Pekin correspendent of the London Times, has lived in the Celestial city for nearly three years. In 1882, when only 20 years old, he led "The his side. The spearhead was cut out of his body in Edinburgh in July, 1884, when he entered the university as a medical student.

He was graduated in 1887. One of Li Hung Chang's coffins was recently put up at auction in Marseilles, but there was no bidder. It will be remembered that during his tour of the globe in 1896 LI carried with him wherever he went a coffin in which, in case of his death, his remains were to be sent back to China. Upon embarking for home at Marseilles the Celestial satesman concluded that it was unnecessary to take the coffin with him, and left it at the hotel. The hotel proprietor turned it over to the customs officials and it has just figured in the periodical sale of unclaimed property.

Prince Sheng, the director of telegraphs of the Chinese empire, has played a somewhat conspicuous part in the communications by cable between Pekin and the powers. He is said to be one of the most capable, intelligent and broad-minded men of China. He has had charge not only of the telegraphs, but of the railways also. He is the head of the Imperial bank, a position akin the secretaryship of the treasury."

Contre Admiral Bendemann of the Ger man navy, who has been placed in command of the east Asiatic squadron to represent Germany in the Chinese Imbroglio. though little heard of heretofore, is one of the oldest and most experienced commanders in the German navy. Prince Henry, the German emperor's brother, requested to be given the command, but the emperor refused, undoubtedly because the critical situation requires a man of experience and ripe judgment.

LIGHT AND LIVELY.

Philadelphia Press: "My boy," said the first proud papa, "has a bad habit of in-terrupting me when I'm talking. Your kid isn't old enough for that yet."
"No," replied the other, "my boy con-tents himself with interrupting me when tents him

Indianapolis Press: First Rabbit—That town boy has been around here nearly a week and never once tried to kill us. Second Rabbit—Yes; he seems to be de-vold of all human attributes.

Detroit Free Press: "You said I was the biggest fool in town," excusined in the citizen to his neighbor, "and you've got to "All right, all right," responded the of-ender. "I'll apologize. You are not the siggest fool." And still the man was not

Chicago Record: "Hot weather is a great "What do you mean?"
"When it is hot we feel justified in put-ting off unpleasant work till it grows

Chicago Post: "What would you do if I should kiss you?" he asked.
"Coward!" she cried scornfully.

Philadelphia Press: "Whoever runs this paper," remarked the walrus, who had picked up an old copy of the New York Diurnal, dropped by a polar relief expedition, "is a lobster."
"What's the matter," asked his mate "Why, he says: "Under no circumstances should you get into the water after a meal." Where are we to get it then?"

TIMELY WARNING TO CHINESE.

Baltimore American. Oh. all you Chinese warriors, you'd best lay down your arms; You'd better stop this whooping things with warfare's grim alarms. You'll find it's wise to quiet down and try your focs to please, For shiploads of Missouri mules are coming hipponus seas, so'er the seas, some fine day you'll wonder what the earthquake was about...
Missouri mule will kick you And so

If you Don't Watch Out.

The Miss

Of all the foreign devils he's the worst one And you'll regret acquaintance with his rapid-firing feet. He'll kick you in the afternoon, and when the ground you seek il find you've landed somewhere in the middle of last week. So, stow away your firearms and choke off your battle shout-The Missouri mule will kick you If you Don't

Watch Out.

He does not care for arguments, nor under-He does not care for arguments, nor under-stand reproofs.

He's a most bloodthinsty Boxer with his battery of hoofs.

He'll strew your land with "much-a-hi's" and funny Chinese shoes.

And like as not he'll picnic on the rem-nants of your cues.

Yes, make your peace, or else you'll soon go swiftly up the spout.

The Missouri mule will kick you

If you Don't Watch

He's quite a carcless fighter, and a veteran as well.

He's served his time in Africa and thrilling tales they tell.

Of how his kicks with mighty force in
every way are sent.

And how one mule can polish off an entire regiment.
Now, quit, unless you wish your land to be a scene of rout.
The Missouri mule will kick you

Don't Watch

and then demanding his resignation. ful settlement of pending difficulties. money standard intact. Stick to he money and let the good times go on.

been unable to survive the first interest his own appointee from grave charges tend to improve the chances of a pence-

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