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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { The "Greatest Statesman" of the De- } \\ \text { mocracy and General Blair. }\end{array}$ |} Tas comments apon the Demooration nomina-

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 nals, as in doty bound, affirm that nothing
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ary upon the position and condoct of their
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| sollowed, we will have the State by 50,000 majority. $\qquad$ |  |
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| Literature and the Drama. <br> Ir has reently teoome quite the fastion to bewail the decline of literature and the drama |  |
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| This is no new thing under the sun, for Goldsmith made his vulgar lady from town ex- |  |
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| olaim in heart-rending tones that "there is nothing coming out now but the most lowest stuff in nature," and the aame ory has been |  |
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| heard from time to time ever since. If it is, indeed, true that the general tone of popular |  |
| literatare is lower than formerly, it is a matter of such importance in its besring apon the minds and morals of the people that it should |  |
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| minds and morals of the people that it should be serionsly constdered, rather than dis. missed with a llippant and superfoial oriticism. |  |
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| In instituting a comparison between the condition of literature in the present and the |  |
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| past it should be first remembered that a great change has ocourred in the reading pub- |  |
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| great ohange has ocourred in the reading publio. Addison and Steele wrote their editorials |  |
| leisure, who oonstituted the pablio of that |  |
| dsy, while the same olass, or rather the corresponding olsss in our day, is more fally supplied by the vast array of periodioals |  |
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| But this body of students does not now con. stitate the only public; a vast republic of readers has been reoently oreated, embraoing |  |
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| larger number of intelligent readers than ever weloomed the weekly issue of the Spectator |  |
| Spectato or Tattler. This is the largest and most ap. |  |
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| demand a severe style, and has not yet |  |
| learned the great literary fact that "adjeotives are the greatest foes ot substantives," let us rejoice in the abundance rather than in the |  |
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