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NEW YORK'S vice presiden. tial candidate, William Jay Gaynor, is one of the most eminent ju-

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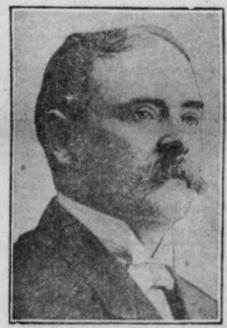
rists in the United States, and his opinions on public ques tions have been widely quoted. He is a justice of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York state

WILLIAMJ. GAYNOR and was born at Whitestown, Onelda county, N. Y., in 1851. He was educated at the Whitestown seminary and in Boston, and in 1873 settled in what was then the city of Brooklyn, working on Brooklyn and New York papers and in the meantime studying law. He was admitted to the bar in 1875. He became judge advocate on the staff of General McLeer, Second brigade, national guard, in 1890. and shortly afterward became nationally known for his work in breaking up rings within the Democratic party and his action in securing the conviction of John Y. McKane of election frauds. He has declined proffers of nominations for the court of appeals of the state of New York, for mayor of New York and for governor of the state. Judge Gaynor has given much study to the subject of railway rate reform and has made many addresses on the subject.

He supported Mr. Bryan in his two previous campaigns.

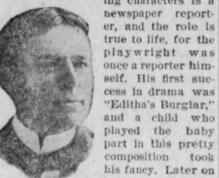
Judge Gaynor married Miss Augusta Cole Mayer and has several children. He lives in the fashionable residence district of Brooklyn borough known as the Park Slope, where he has a handsome and tasteful home.

One of the prominent figures at the Democratic national convention and one of William J. Bryan's closest friends, Norman E. Mack, proprietor of the Buffalo Times, has occupied a post of responsibility in the party management for the past eight years as member of the national committee.



Youngest Bryan Generation-Augustus Thomas.

better known as playwright than as politician. He has for some years been one of Mr. Bryan's most ardent admirers and will take the stump for him in the coming canvass. He was prominent in the welcome given the Nebraska statesman on his homecoming from foreign travel two years ago. Playwriting is his profession and polltics his pastime. In his latest success, "The Witching Hour," one of the leading characters is a



he saw that she AUGUSTUS THOMAS. obtained a good

education, and after she had graduated from Vassar college he married her. Among Mr. Thomas' best- known plays are "Alabama," "Arizona" and "The Earl of Pawtucket." He was in Washington one day while the capital contained a delegation of statehood boomers from the territory of Arizona and ran against one of the party.

"So you are the author of, 'Arizona,' are you?" asked the man from that territory.

"I am," said Thomas.

"Well," commented the boomer. "'Arizona' is a purty good play, a purty good one. I saw it once. But 1 want to say to you it has one great fault."

"Is that so?" asked Thomas. "What is it?"

"Why, it ain't true to nature "

"Not true to nature? I am surprised at that. Where does it lack?" "Lack?" shouted the critic. "Lack? Why, cuss it all, man, they sin't an argument for or against statehood in the hull blamed caboodle."

The trip to Denver taught the New York delegation one thing-fame in New York does not mean fame west of the Mississippi. A New York man dining with J. Sergeant Cram, Lewis Nixon and Daniel F. Cohalan asked the manager of the restaurant who JOHN MILTON AND CHRIST COLLEGE, CAM-Charles F. Murphy was.

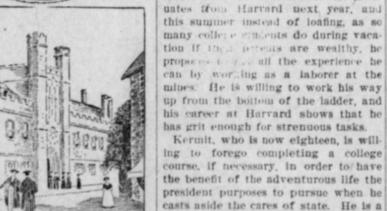
"I don't know who he is," was the ed one of his most beautiful sonnets.)

### THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, BELLEFONTE, PA. JULY 16, 1908.

### MILTON TERCENTENARY. Celebrations In Honor of the Great English Poet.

The tercentenary of the birth of John Milton, which is being celebrated this summer in England, serves to call attention to the difference in the financial rewards of a literary career in the time of this great poet and in our own era. Milton received £5 from his publisher for "Paradise Lost" and a promise of £5 more when the sales should have reached 1.300. Yet there is perhaps no greater name in English literature than his. Milton was born In London on Dec. 9, 1608, but some of the principal observances in connection with the tercentenary are taking place this month, Cambridge university being the scene of several of the most important. Cambridge is intimately associated with the name of Milton, for it was at Christ college, Cambridge, that he studied the higher branches of learning, and in a venerable, musty volume the entry of his name can still be found. In his honor the fellows and masters of the college planned this month the performance of the masque "Comus" in the Fellows' garden, which contains the famous Milton mulberry tree to which so many pilgrimages have been made by admirers of the poet. One day in the programme of the Cambridge celebration has been devoted to the memory of his second wife, Catherine Woodcock, to whom the poet was passionately devoted and to whom he dedicat-





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reply. "He has been eating here for She is the subject of a memorial wind

# President's Sons.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and His Brother Kermit The Latter's Luck In Being Invited on That African Trip. J.

OST boys would think that Kermit Roosevelt got the best of his elder brother, Theodore, in obtaining the consent of his distinguished father to accompany him on that trip to Africa in search of lions and elephants and other big game. While Kermit is belping his sire to shoot or capture wild beasts in the jungles of the dark con-



THEODORE ROOSEVELI, JR.

content himself with climbing up the

ladder which leads to fame in the

world of engineering, for young The-

odore's ambraion is to make a name

for himmelf in a field quite different

from that in which his father has be-

come eminent so that the world cannot

taunt him with insignations that his

rise is due to the president's influence

rather than his own merits. He grad-

One of Hook's Practical Jokes. Theodore Hook forged 4,000 letters to 4,000 tradesmen and others requesting them to call on a certain day and hour at the house of a wealthy widow, Mrs. Tottenham, in Berners street, London, against whom he had conceived a grudge.

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There were 100 chimney sweeps, 100 bakers, fifty doctors, fifty dentists, fifty accouchers. There were priests to ad-

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minister extreme unc in and Metho-dist ministers to of the last prayers. There were fifty confectioners with wedding cakes, fifty undertakers with coffins, fifty fishmongers with baskets of cod and lobsters. They pushed, quarreled and fought, and the police were called out to prevent a riot. Finally among the hoaxed ones came the governor of the Bank of England, the royal Duke of Gloucester and the lord mayor of London, each lured thither by some cunning pretext. A police investigation followed, but the perpetrator was not detected.

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NORMAN E. MACK.

representing the state of New York. The Times stood by Mr. Bryan in 1896 when his journalistic supporters were few and far between, and the Buffalo editor has been with him ever since. through thick and thin, and enjoys the confidence of the Nebraska statesman in an unusual degree. He and Mrs Mack were entertained at Fairview by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan on their way to Denver, where Mr. Mack was among those who were talked of in connection with the vice presidential nomination. and it is predicted he will occupy an important-post under the administration in case of Mr. Bryan's election Mr. Mack celebrates his arrival at the half century mark this month and next year will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Sunday Times in Buffalo. The Daily Times came into the field four years later.

Mr. Mack has attended in an official capacity every national convention of his party since that of 1802 and in iate years has wielded no small influence in the party councils.

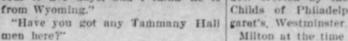
William H. O'Brien, who, as treasurer of the Democratic national com



mittee, handles the coin collected for use in the canvass, succeeded August Belmont in that post last January Mr. O'Brien was chairman of the Democratic state committee of Indiana for several years and is an intimate friend of Thomas Taggart. Lawrenceburg. Ind., is his resi-

WILLIAM H.-O'BRIEN. dence, and as he is a banker by occupation he is con sidered to have the proper gualifications for acting as custodian of the funds of the committee.

Augustus Thomas, who prepared a most eloquent tribute to Mr. Bryan to deliver when the latter's name was placed in nomination for the presidency at Denver, but who gracefully gave way to other orators, is perhaps



"Any what?"

"Tammany Hall men-men from Tammany Hall." "No such place as that around here."

was the innocent reply.

When William J. Bryan was first nominated for the presidency at Chicago in 1896 he was but thirty-six years old and in the campaign which followed was often called the "boy orator of the Platte." That was twelve years ago, and now that he is running for the presidency a third time he is still in the full vigor of cent reorganization of the cabinet, has manhood, but he is getting baldheaded. and is a grandpa There will not be





RUTH LEAVITT.

many references to the "boy orator" in this campaign. Mr. Bryan wears his honors as a grandparent gracefully. He is never happier than when trotting on his knees Ruth and Bryan Leavitt, children of his daughter Ruth, now Mrs. William H. Leavitt. The two youngsters are not-quite old enough yet to appreciate the bonors their grandpa has received, but they are very bright and interesting children and are at present the most lively members of the Bryan family, and and Manchuria. His name became their popularity is not altogether a terror to the Chinese, who called bad fall, but pluckily pleked himself bounded by party lines.

four or five days, and I think he is dow erected by the late George W. Childs of Philadelphin in St. Mar-

> Milton at the time of his graduation from Cambridge was a very handsome young man it was not until he was about thirty-two years old that his eyesight began to fail. After blindness finally overcame him his two daughters became his eyes.

### VISCOUNT KATSURA.

Veteran Warrior and Statesman at Front Once More In Japan.

General Viacoust Taro Katsura, who has come to the front in Japanese politics again in consequence of the reseveral times been prime minister of Japan and is one of the greatest sol-

diers of the empire He has the reputation of being a strong friend of America. The viscount was born in 1849. is of samural family and belongs to the Choshin clan, hailing from the province of Nagato-the birthplace of about nine out of ten of the country's great men. He began his fighting carer in 1807 in the cive war which resulted in the overthrow of the old order of things and the adoption of western civilization. He was only a subaltern then, but Japan rang with stories of his remarkable skill and courage in leading men. After the civil war was over and Japan had begun to adopt western ways his government sent him to Germany to study



GENERAL VISCOUNT TARO KATSURA.

military matters, and thus it came about that he had a great deal to do with putting the mikado's army on a modern basis. He rose rapidly until be reached the rank of lieutenant general, and in the war with China commanded the third division of the Japanese army, marching through Korea his troops "the ever victorious army."

ps at Washingt called. Before its renovation and enlargement President Roosevelt found the White House rather cramped quarters for a large family. With one or two of the little Roosevelts off at boarding school, there were enough beds to go round, but pone to spare. The president once entertained a foreign envoy of age and rank at the White House over Sunday. He was put in Ethel's room, and Ethel, when she came back from school Saturday, went up to sleep with Alice, but unfortunately Kermit did not know of it.

tall, loose jointed youth with clear eyes,

It was Kermit who perpetrated a

prank in his younger days that is still

the subject of laughter in the diplo-

soft voice and pleasant manners,

So when early morning came, mindful of hfs strenuous inheritance, he crept to Ethel's room with a pitcher of water and, softly opening the door without awakening the slumbering



KERMIT BOOSEVELT.

ambassador, dashed forward and threw the ky water over the bed shouting: "Get up, you old lazy bones, get up!"

Then, when a gray head was lifted from the pillows, dripping and slarmed, the astonishment was mutual and the departure of the youngster instan taneous, without his pitcher. Kermit is somewhat taller than his

brother Theodore, though both are well "put up" and have followed their father's plan of developing their physiques so as to make the most of nature's endowment. Theodore is very manly and decisive in his looks and bearing. Kermit is only a boy still, but a boy with an adventurous spirit ed for the rough life of the hunter's camp and the success he has met in shooting bears. He showed some of the skill be possesses as a hunter and horseback rider when a guest over the Fourth of July at the home of Major W. A. Wadsworth at Genesee, N. Y. —ALSO— He participated in the sports of the Genesce Valley Hunt club and in the manikin race, which his father won fourteen years ago. He sustained a up and went on with the sports.

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