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We congratulate the Times upon its decision to conduct upon its part a clean and dignified local campaign, and trust that it will have the moral courage to live up to its promise.

### Measures Up to His Opportunity.

A tribute so just and true is paid to the Republican nominee by the Lancaster New Era that we offer no apology for reproducing it herewith. "No man," that excellent journal observes, "can attain the prominence in this country that Major McKinley has attained without being a person of far more than the average range of ability, as ability is rated among our public men. His speeches in congress and out of it during the past ten years have shown incontestably that he is a man far beyond the ordinary. But notwithstanding the high estimate in by his fellow citizens, for ability, patriotism and broad gauge statesmanship, it may be questioned whether many of our people ever estimated this man at his proper worth. It is only since his candidacy for president on the Republican ticket and his numerous utterances to the scores of delegations of all classes of people representing almost all the industries in the land, that we have reached a correct appreciation of the man's true character and power. He seems to have lifted himand statesmanship than it had been supposed he could occupy. His addresses have in them a mental reach which places him side by side with the ablest men this country has ever pro-

man's mental vigor, of his originality, of his general ability than the manner in which he deals with the many kinds of persons who call upon him, each representing a different cause or industry, and each demanding a peculiar aptness of speech and understanding. Under such trying conditions the commonplace man quickly finds his level. He cannot open his mouth without putting his foot into it. He either says something he ought not to say, the wrong thing at the wrong moment, or makes a dunce of himself straight along. In either case the weakness of the man is exposed and we arrive at the true measure of his abilities. In Major Mc-Kinley's case he has developed an ability to talk a dozen times a day to as many kinds of people, to say the right thing to them all and to say it with a vigor of expression and with a mental grasp not surpassed by either Garfield or Harrison, who have been the most remarkable examples of this kind this country has ever seen. His speeches have been models of this kind of support. There are gamblers and other speech-making. He has not made a known criminals. Were it the time or speech-making. He has not made a single mistake, but in every instance has won his hearers by the quiet dignity of his reasoning, by the cogency of his arguments and by his remarkable power of concise argument and statement."

In another respect not noted by our Lancaster contemporary Major McKinley is likewise deserving of exceptional praise. He has demonstrated the possession to a remarkable degree of what is known as reserve force of character. He knows when to talk and when to maintain silence. He exhibits rare power of self control without going at who are not permitted, if they would, to any time to the opposite extreme of of all forms of malfensance, are kept in position by political pull; justice shops that blackmail the unfortunate; that sell self-confidence which brought Grover Cleveland to political wreck. He is an approachable man, a companionable man, a man who does not impart the idea that he is a superior person hedged about with awe, and yet he never forgets his self-respect nor condescends to words or deeds which would tend to lower him in public esteem. In these particulars he is truly unique among the public men of our time, and it is

Corruption in the offices of assessors, and a county commission known of all men.

The food you eat, the water you drink, the therefore simply the truth to point to Your rights, your property, the very eduhim as embodying one of the most not-at the mercy of the spoilsmen. able cases of the man rising to the opportunity of which the later years of American politics contain any rec-

The Times wants to know "If there is

economists to be better and fairer in the long run than either gold or silver monometallism. When we say "genuine" bimetallism, though, we don't mean Bryan's spurious kind, which id operation would drive gold out and reluce us to a silver basis.

And so Dave Hill has reached the point where he considers it necessary to sneer at the newspapers. Alas, poor David!

#### As Others See Us.

While there is nothing especially new or startling in the editorial on our presidential campaign reprinted in another column from the Leeds, Eng., Morning Advertiser it is a sufficiently accurate comment to evoke surprise. It is not often that an American topic is discussed in a British journal with so large a percentage of evident understanding.

It perhaps is worthy of note that intelligent Englishmen expect to lose by our election no matter which of our parties wins. The election of Bryan would mean at least a temporary fall of American securities in English hands; that of McKinley a transfer of the manufacturing activities of the American trade from the industrial centers of the United Kingdom to those of the United States. This latter programme would, of course, no more than equalize matters, since England has enjoyed the advantage during the past three years; but neither prospect is likely to prove acceptable to the native Briton and it is not to be wondered at that he takes to both unkindly.

In one particular, though, the Leeds paper is the victim of a delusion. There has been no other presidential campaign in this country within the memory of the present generation involving so little of the so-called jingo spirit. At no prior time in our history has there been a smaller inclination on the part of the masses to encourage purely political tail-twisting. The disposition of the American people at this time is toward international peace and good will. It will not be their fault if the peace of the nations is disturbed.

The man who doesn't peruse the speeches of Major McKinley from day which Major McKinley has been held to day is missing some mighty good reading.

### An Alderman's Sermon.

The limit of th unexpected may be said to have been reached in Chicago last Sunday in the occupancy of a prominent pulpit of that city by a member of the municipal board of aldermen. When it is recalled that a Chicago alderman corresponds in most respects to a Scranton common councliman, the novelty of the reported his extraordinary mental grasp and phenomonon requires little further elucidation. The intrepld pulpiteer in point was none other than Alderman William Kent, of Chicago's Thirty-second ward, a man already celebrated for his trenchant blows at municipal illdoing. His subject was "Practical Politics," and we wish we could reprint all that he had to say concerning it. But we must be content at present with "There is, perhaps, no better test of a only a few picturesque extracts.

Starting with the unassailable general proposition that corrupt municipal politics must inevitably corrupt the politics of the nation, and that they exist in obedience to the rule that while good citizens are vigilant and determined once or twice in a generation, the vicious classes are vigilant and determined 365 days every year, he drew some specific pictures of corruption within his personal knowledge which are well calculated to give the indifferent citizen a voltaic shock. For ex-

I wish I were capable of drawing two companion pictures of the results of muni-cipal neglect. The first would delineate the machines you permit to manage the politics of this city, and the second would show the officers placed in nomination by the machines and elected by you, the agenthrough which you are misgoverned the grace of your own stupid votes. The first picture, the machines, would show three groups of figures-two Republi-can factions and one Democratic. There are in them, as leaders, the worst of our aldermen. There are franchise Jobbers and there are brokers in corruption. Ther are men who never had a visible means of place, I would heap up against these men a list of charges that are as clearly proved as human evidence can prove them, crit nal charges, penitentlary offenses; alas, they could not be clear enough to be effectual in a state's attorney's office, the function of which has been for years, with but few intervals of decency, to shield public brigandage.

Another specimen: Here are franchises worth millions given away by a shameless majority of the council, sometimes vetoed and sometimes roll scandals; frontage frauds and forgeries; every form of violation of civil service laws; highway robberies every suppress public gambling; and who, in spite ning in prohibition districts on payment of blood money; a drainage board given over to spoilsmen; park boards who have to heed machine clamor in employing men; judges whose tenure of office depends upon complying with machine demands, a board of education still a victim of jobbery, though nobly striving to clin out of the mire; revenues delicient from tax dodging on the part of citizens and

"And yet." he continued-The politicians have but rushed in to fill a vacuum caused by the neglect of the honest and competent. They are not so much sinners against us as our embodiemidst of his self-seeking does more for the enough of gold money in the world community than the citizen who is too fine

why have all the civilized nations of the earth been trying for years to come to an agreement for the greater use of silver?" Simply because genuine bimetallism is believed by most economists to be better and fairer in the most shameless corruption that can be the most shameless corruption that can be conceived. I have heard it made a jest by men who should wear prison stripes for selling their constituents. I have heard it

lightly discussed by men of capital who should adorn the stocks and whipping post, if the prison is good enough for the commodity they have purchased. Lecky has said: "There is one thing worse than corruption—it is acquiescence in corruption," The young look up to some one in the community to financial success of tion." The young look up to some one in the community, to financial success or to official position. Shall we choose the street car magnate, who has debauched public officials and repudiated private obligations; or the city official who has betrayed his trust, as the model for our children to follow? When so much of socalled success is the sequence of moral failure, we have chosen a hard school in which to bring up our children.

There is no escape from this arraign-

It is argued that the vote that controls our local politics comes from the saloon, that it is drunken, sodden and ignorant, What an admission! Do the drunken, the What an admission? Do the drunken, the sodden, the ignorant, manage the private business of this community? Public control must come from some source. It might come from the counting-room and the pulpit. By the very meaning of the word the competent may rule if they will, and will to rule justly; for men must have leaders, and the neglect of the intelligent and honest is the opportunity of the dem-agogue. If those who should take the lead in Israel hang back from their duty, let them hall even the rule of the saloon as better than anarchy. Do the bribe-givers come from the saloon? Are they the dregs of Europe? Are not many of them of the best blood of this nation? What should the verdiet be for him who, from the raised latform of education and intelligence, ceeking only to play the game of gread, lebauches government and perverts jus-You say the task of reformation is mon decency in government is an intess-cent dream. A change is a matter of vital necessity; it is betterment or abso-lute ruin, just government or revolution, common sense or chaos. Politics is not to complicated for the worst among us. Are you unequal to the problems solved in their own way by the saloons and the slums?

It may be said that this is mere rhetric, yet if it is, no one can deny its truth. It is a kind of rhetoric which sounds practical in the pulpit of a live

Idle car tracks laid simply for the 'salting" of franchises certainly deserve to be taxed roundly.

## Jones Gets Facetious.

Chairman Jones has given out an estimate of Bryan's strength which is worth reprinting in the humorous department. These are his figures:

Electoral

	Electoral	
States.	votes.	Major
Alabama	11	G
Arkansas	8	7
California	9	3
Colorado	4	1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia		7
Idaho		1
Illinois		4
Indiana		7
Iowa		3
Kansas		4
Kentucky		á
Louisiana		Ä
Maryland		1
Michigan		3
Minnesota		3
Mississippi		5
Missouri		6
Montana		ï
Nebraska		2
Nevada		
North Carolina		4
Ohlo		25
Oregon		10
South Carolina		60
		10
South Dakota		- 4
Tennessee		
Texas		7
Utah		
Virginia		2
Washington		- 7
West Virginia		10
Wisconsin	13	3
Approved the second second	orn agreement	Carlo Company

These estimates give Bryan 35 out of the 45 states, with 207 electoral votes. Jones also claims that New York and New Jersey will give their electoral votes to Bryan. Jones evidently wants to laugh his case away.

Everyone knows that the United States is seeking foreign trade. Evryone knows that our dealings with the other great nations are increasing from year to year. Shall we be so shortsighted as to adopt a money standard which they all, after due trial, have discarded as unsatisfactory? Can we do this and continue to hold our own with them?

General Harrison's decision to make no more speeches this campaign will occasion regret; but the one which he did make was of sufficient value to cancel any claim which the party may have had upon him. Besides, the general doubtless feels that his services can now be spared without endangering the ticket's success.

The administration of William Mc-Kinley will have only two things in common with that of Grover Cleveland. It will unflinchingly sustain the national credit and it will resolutely uphold the law. In other respects it will he directly opposite to the present low

It is reported that the prospect is excellent for sending a solidly Republican delegation to the next legislature from Luzerne county. Well, if Luzerne will

The claim of the Popocracy that it is going to capture the labor vote seems to be compounded of the same materials that compose Bryan's speeches-mere wind and assumption.

Now that the Buffalo convention, at Senator Hill's orders, has made a laughing-stock of the Democracy of the Empire state, what will Dana do to Hill?

It is, we think, generally conceded that Mark Hanna ought to recognize Pitchfork Tillman's services to Mc-Kinley with at least a bouquet.

Mr. Merrifield's "golden altar" is picturesque, but it looks lonesome without Bryan's "crown of thorns." Is it not just a little bit cowardly in

William J. Bryan to try to disown his own free trade handlwork? The merit of those Canton addresses

is, they all have something in them.

## An English View

From the Leeds Morning Advertiser. The presidential election continues to b the chief object of interest in America, and the extraordinary character of the forthcoming contest naturally makes it much more exciting than these struggles usually are. With the selection of Mr. Bryan as the Democratic candidate it was made tolerably apparent that Mr. McKin-ley, the Republican nomines, would be the winner. But that has by no means diminished the activity of politicians, least of all on the Democratic side. The truth is that the Democrats have never been in such a hopeless condition since they first came into existence as a great political party. Owing to the unwritten law of the American constitution, which derives its force from the practice of George Washington in refusing a third nomination, President Cleveland was debarred from standing for a third term. Even if he had, It is not clear that he would have been elected, in view of the silver craze which prevails at present in the more numerous section of the Democratic party. But putting President Cleveland on one side, there is no one man on the Democratic side who towers head and shoulders above his fellows. Mr. Bryan, the nominee of the convention, was quite unknown outside the boundaries of his own state before he made that rhetorical and flashy appeal against those who wanted to "cru-

clfy humanity on a cross of gold."

It is only natural that such a man and such a programme as he represents should be distasteful in the extreme to those members of the party who have not entirely lost all common sense in currency matters. It is quite possible that an in-dependent Democratic convention, composed of those in favor of sound money. may be summoned for the selection of another candidate. Such a step would be a remarkable one, for in the United States political parties are usually more com-pact than those in our own country, and hard, that it is too complicated, that com-it is not easy for a man to secode from his mon decency in government is an irides. party. Still there are instances in Ameriparty. Still there are instances in American political history where considerable numbers of politicians—"Mugwumps," as the are called—have disregarded party ties and voted with the other side, just as the Peelites did in 1846 and the Liberal Unionists in 1886. On the present occa-sion, too, there is no hard and fast divis ion between the Republicans and the Democrats, Some Republicans, like Sen-ator Teller and his friends, are in favor of Mr. Bryan's candidature, although he labels himself a Democrat, because they care more for silver than for the tariff, as represented by Mr. McKinley. Some Democrats, on the other hand, will doubt-less vote Republican, because they dis-approve of the currency theories of Mr. Bryan. It will thus be an election such as the United States have never seen in all their history.

> The real fact is that the old party designations in the United States, as in some other countries, have become somewhat obsolete. The Republicans are identified with a higher tariff than their opponents, but both parties are apt to wobble upon many important questions of the day. The appearance of the Populists as a third party has rather upset the calculations of those political wirepullers who used to divide all Americans, as all Englishmen used all Americans, as all Englishmen used formerly to be divided, into two, and only two, parties. The Democrats of Mr. Bryan's section appear to hope that their man will be supported by the Populists, whose views are about as wild and extreme as his, but it is by no means clear that this will be the case. The Populists do not want to be extinguished as a sepcrate organization by being merged in the Democratic ranks, and will probably in-sist on their pound of flesh—the nomination of a Populist as vice-president in place

It seems tolerably certain that which-ever side wins Europe will not benefit. The victory of Mr. McKinley would certainly mean a very high protective tariff against European manufacturers, while the success of Mr. Bryan would greatly injure European investors in American securities, which are now largely held in this country. Mr. Cleveland, although he has not been particularly friendly to Eng-land during either his first or his second term of office at the White House, has not at any rate, associated his name with a policy which would cripple our export trade to the United States. The outlook is, therefore, not a very bright one. What-ever folly the Americans commit, we shall have to pay for indirectly. The wonder is that a nation so shrewd and so astute should be misled by the transparent claptrap of the politicians. But it has long since been observed that on questions of tariff and currency men of the greatest ability and judgment will go wrong and become absolute fauatics. Currency ques-tions have from the early part of the century been the corner-stone of American politics, for of purely political problems, such as agitate us, the United States have very few. We could wish, however, and the wish has been also expressed by American men of business, that these presidential elections came less frequent-ly. The French system, which makes seven years the term of a president's office is much better than the American, for trade and the amenities of international intercourse that a country should be convulsed so often by exciting controversies, during which political capital is apt to be made by addressing very big words to foreign Powers, like Great Britain over Venezuela, or Spain over Cuba,

## THE POPULISTIC UPRISING.

From Whitelaw Reid's Letter. We have had the four years in clover which our friends, the enemy, promised us in 1892. The people are quite satisfied that they have had enough of it. On the old lines this campaign was already won. Voters were absolutely resolved to go back to the point where they turned off four years ago, and get into the path again which from 1888 to 1892 had led them for the greatest and most widely diffused presperity this country ever enjoyed. As serting the power of the common people they put forward as their candidate th man whose very name meant to every one of them the policy of those four pro Then burst out the Adullamites. Every unthinking or unscrupulous man that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was disontented, gathered themselves together They captured the national convention of a historic party and degraded it and hu-miliated the country by asking the American people to vote that they would not obey the eighth commandment.

Now, when a question is submitted to a popular vote people must infer that there ers two sides to it and that they have a right to vote on whichever side their judg-ment or their interest inclines. But there are two sides to the moral law. No man. no party, has a right to put the eighth commandment to a popular vote, to decide, through an expression of popular Jesire at the polls, whether this nation shall cheat its creditors by paying its debts at the rate of 53 cents on the dollar, and whether every private debtor shall be at liberty to cheat to the same extent the man who has trusted him. To propos such a vote and such a decision is itself a crime, but, having proposed it, the plain people of the country will sustain the great commandment by a vote which will surprise those who would break it.

## JOHN WANAMAKER.

A Democratic Picture. Harrisburg Patriot: "Mr. Wanamaker has had extensive business experience and has amassed wealth. Brag has been his chief capital and it has yielded him immense returns upon every investment Politically he is an artful dodger. He soft-soaped himself into Mr. Harrison's good graces and then glided into his cabinet over Mr. Quay's shoulders. In the capacity of postmaster general he was a fallure. He made no practical improvements of the service but instead made

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of the postal department by Mr. Wana maker was more inefficient than it had been known to be in modern times. Mr. Wanamaker is not a statesman. He is not a fair politician. He is not a pro-found thinker. He is not a man of un-usual patriotism. He is not an orator, not even a pleasing speaker. He has nothing to commend him as Cameron's successor if the requirements of this lofty position are to measure the man who fills it.

#### THE ARKANSAS VOTE From the Times-Herald.

Instead of being the largest Democratic majority in Arkansas for years the official returns show it to be the smallest, The gubernatorial returns for the last three eletions were as follows:

	1892.	1894.	1896
Democrat	20,115	74,809	71,645
tepublican		26,085	26,410
Populist		24,541	11,280
Prohibition	1,310	1,551	1,643
Tetal			110,978 45,235
It will be seen from hough the Popocrat	vote	has ab	sorbed

one-half the Populist vote of 1894, and about two-thirds of that of 1892, it lacks over 2,000 of being equal to the vote of 1891, and is 18,459 less than the Demo-eratic vote of 1832. If this rate of decrease in the Popocrat vote from the com-bined Popullst and Democrat vote is to be kept up all over the country Mr. Jones might as well pack up his headquarters in his little grip and return to the hayfields of Arkansas. It means that no com bination that can be devised will defeat

## WORTH FIFTY CENTS.

From the Times-Herald. With the latest fall in the price of silver bullion to 65 cents an ounce the silver in a standard dollar is worth just 50 cents. Backed by the gold guarantee it passes for 100 cents. Lucking that guarantee, as it 190 cents. Lacking that guarantee, as it would under the Ayan 16 to 1 free coinage plan, it would buy just 50 cents' worth of plan, it would buy just 50 cents' worth of merchandise.

## THE ONLY WAY.

He had a worried look on his face, and remarked, with a sigh: "I suppose there is no use in expecting that everybody will ever be satisfied."

"No," replied the man with campaign buttons all over him; "not unless this government makes arrangements to have two or three vice-presidents."-Washing

#### WHEN AT HIS BEST. From the Washington Star.

Like Mr. Platt. Mr. Hill is at his best in the game of politics when playing on the home diamond.

## MARS.

It may be there are forms of human life Upon old continents of shrouded stars; It may be there are men grown mad with Among the fields and woods and hills of

Some day, perhaps, we shall look on the face Of one who dwells within that sister sphere, And wonder if his soul has sweeter grace Than any soul of ours that sorrows here

If he has loved, as we may love, in vain: If he has striven in cruel coils of hate; If loss with him has been the end of gain; If he had learned to live-and learned to Yet it may be that this new brother dwells

In ways more gentle than terrestrial That night brings peace to him and halcy on spells That dawns are harbingers of golden days:

and it may be that he is patient, brave, Fraternal yet forgiving, strong yet meek, And that his world is like the dream we -Buffalo Inquirer.

## AGAIN, THE NEW WOMAN.

"I think Miss Tenspot is trying to be a new woman," said Skidds to Darley, "Why?" "A friend of mine who is a clerk in a shoe store says she insists upon get-ting shoes large enough for her."—Judge "Take my word for it," said one gen-tleman to another; "the new woman only comes from one county," "Which is that?" asked the other. "Middlesex."
Ah! Why so?" "Because she has not yet
become a gentleman, and is certainly not
a lady."—London Spare Moments.

"What do you think of this new woman movement?" "It's a good thing," "How do you make that out?" "Well, my wife fittends so many clubs and public func-tions and drinks so much stuff at them that she's seldom able to smell my breath when I get home."-Boston Post.

"Sir," said the woman of the determine jaw, "woman's sphere is enlarging, and you must admit it!" "Well," said the cynical bachelor, "while I am not exactly prepared to concede that woman's head is exactly a sphere, still there is no doubt that it has been swelling at a great rate in the last few years."-Indianapolis Journal.

"What I object to about the new we man," said the appreciative man, "is that she pushes ahead too fast." "Oh! I don't know," replied the man in the cycling suit.
"She wants to do as much work as a man "You're wrong. You get a tan dem ride up a hill with one of them, and you'll find out your mistake."—London Answers.

"No." said the woman of the future, "I cannot marry you. Much as I love you, would not ask you to abandon your bril liant prospects in life for the daily drudg-ery of household cares." The young mar-burst into tears of mingled disappointment and gratitude. It was clearly ap parent that the spirit of the age was geared up to about \$0.—New York Press.

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