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Men who work as hard and incur as much risk as the volunteer firemen of Scranton did on the Fourth of July deserve to be paid for their labors.

Bryan Captures Tammany.

The conversion by ex-Governor Hoeg, of Texas, of Tammany's carefully prepared Independence Day dinner, at which it had been planned to spring a Van Wyck presidential boom, into a pandemonium of applause for William Jennings Bryan is a natural consequence of the prevalent hysterical condition of the Democratic party.

The Democratic party of today is not the Democracy of history standing for clearly defined principles of government and presenting its case with ability, sincerity and a fair show of logic; but a conglomerate thing swayed mainly by the rancors of Populism; a party staking its all upon the discontent which it can stir up among the people and turn to political account on the day of election.

This episode of the Tammany dinner confirms the previously widespread belief that Bryan's renomination, barring death or disability, is inevitable one year hence. The thinking leaders of Democracy, such as are left, do not want Bryan. They know that while he is in the foreground party defeat is certain.

Under normal conditions the conservative leaders of the Democracy could secure from a Democratic national convention respectful consideration of these views; but there is no hope for them under the conditions which now exist.

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The local demise of base ball makes doubly necessary the improvement of Nay Aug park, the largest remaining source of popular recreation.

The Future of Protection.

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The "excessive harshness" here referred to has reference, of course, to our high protective tariff. The schedules of this tariff may have seemed harsh to the producers and exporters of European goods who have found in them barriers to control of the American market.

But there is more in his reference to the "extraordinary development" of American industry than to the so-called harshness of the American tariff. We have, indeed, under the impetus of the protective policy helped by great natural advantages, developed the majority of our industries to a point where they have less need than formerly of tariff protection, considered solely as protection.

Every story has two sides. Let us hear the defendant's version of the Howell-Phillips controversy.

Ex-Mayor Matthews, of Boston, is doing his best to undo the impression that the Hub is the hot-bed of anti-imperialism. Mr. Matthews, in a few more addresses of the character of his

grown to vigorous and self-protective maturity; and while in new lines of industry there will long remain a field for protective legislation more especially, the general aim of our lawmakers in future seems likely to be to develop our export trade and push to the utmost the advantages which our merchants are now so rapidly winning in the recently entered markets of the world.

A change of this character involves no abandonment of the principles of protection as these have figured in the politics of the past, but is rather an indisputable vindication of them. It is possible that if a protective tariff had never been enacted in the United States the superior natural resources of this country might some day have permitted our manufacturers to win their way forward to supremacy both at home and abroad.

We need not accept the French minister's accusation of excessive harshness nor concede that there has been anything inequitable in the American policy of protecting American industry and labor, yet we cannot so easily accept the truth of his allusion to the political aspect of our tariff outlook. A little war has transposed the whole relationship of the United States to the outside world, heretofore so carefully regarded in the formulation of our projects of government.

It can be truly said of July 4, 1899, that the din of its celebration echoed 'round the world.

Voluntary Arbitration.

The frank refusal of the German government to go into any international agreement for compulsory arbitration is creditable on the score of candor, for it puts into words the real intentions of all the powers at the peace congress.

Arbitration ought to be voluntary. It ought to rest on the free will and the intelligent judgment of a self-respecting public opinion and not on brute force. To base it on the coercion of the weak by the strong, upon the mere preponderance of numbers or of arms, would be to perpetuate the very bullism which the peace congress aims to ameliorate.

Voluntary arbitration is the civilized way. Recourse to the courts among individuals in civil issues is not compulsory. It is and it should be voluntary.

Cincinnati, after a glorious saengerfest, finds a deficit of \$55,000 and the notes of the art divine have to be endorsed by purse-proud plutocrats. It was ever thus.

Better street car facilities for frequenters of Nay Aug should be arranged for without delay. The people demand them.

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Fourth of July oration, can persuade the country at large that there is still hope for Boston.

The Filipinos who want peace are, unfortunately, not the ones who carry the mauler rifles. When Uncle Sam's representatives get possession of the shooting-irons it is probable that the entire population will be Amigos.

Those Ohio neighbors of the president who gave the glad hand to Major General Miles should understand that they confer a severe pain upon the esteemed New York Sun.

In the proposed war on the banana trust the public hopes the assailants will reap the fruits of an early victory.

Mr. Pinglee was not a success as Mr. Alger's sparring partner.

Notable Speech by Cardinal Vaughan

London Cable in the Sun.

A DECLARATION of immense importance concerning the fate of the Philippines and all Asia was made by Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, at the Independence Day banquet given by the American Society in London.

"I have in my heart the deep-seated and mature conviction that the welfare of the Christian world, especially those portions which have not yet been brought into the pale of civilization, depends in a great measure on the good feeling and co-operation that shall exist between the American and English peoples.

"The question that presents itself constantly to my mind—I do not know how it will strike your minds—is this: Which power in the future of the world shall be predominant over the great continents yet unreclaimed by Christian civilization? Shall it be the great despotic power that looms north of Asia, or shall it be the power of the liberty-loving nations represented by the English-speaking peoples? It is a question of which the two extremes in modes of government shall prevail.

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SENATOR CHANDLER'S JOKE.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record.

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Chandler groped around for some form of amusement. Finding nothing better to do he prepared a practical joke for Mr. Blaine. In a letter to his wife he discussed with great freedom Mr. Blaine's political position and policy, his treatment of certain Republicans and his interference with federal appointments in New York, and expressed his regret that a man of Mr. Blaine's strong character and great intellect should allow himself to be dominated by a woman like Gail Hamilton, in whose judgment Mr. Chandler said he had no confidence.

Of course his idea was to make Mr. Blaine think he sent him the wrong letter and expected Mr. Blaine to read it and forward it to his wife. He thought such an indirect way of pointing out the errors of his public career would be received by Mr. Blaine in any way or month.

GREAT LAKES FISHERIES.

From the New York Sun. The census report for 1900 of the great lakes fisheries is expected to contain surprises in respect to the extension of the fisheries during the last ten years in the great lakes of Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario.

Since 1890 the increase in the number of fishermen, in capital invested in these fisheries and in the amount of fish taken has shown a ratio even larger than prior to 1890, and it is for this reason that some important surprises are expected in the next national census.

Two singers there were, and one was like To a queen in her royal gown— With stately step, and pride gleaming In the deep of her eyes of brown;

One was a singer of great renown Now stirring the blood with a note, Now charming the ear with cultured tones That came from her shapely throat;

And the singers who sang are not: But memory holds to a little song, And the other—forgot! forgot! —John Howard Todd, in Boston Transcript.

A MOSLEM EPISODE.

"A party of Bedouin Arabs recently attacked a convoy of Egyptians, with the Holy Carpet of Mahomet, between Mecca and Medina."—London Mail.

The hold had Bedouin set out with sinister intent, And pounced upon the pilgrims who in grave procession went; Mahomet's sacred carpet (precious relic) to convey "Twice Mecca and Medina in the customary way.

She made him beat the carpet till his good right arm was tired; He heaved and he pummeled it; he puffed and he perspired.

She made him tack it down. Of course the sequel had to come, The pilgrims saw him kneeling as he pulled and naved the air.

In confidence they sought him, since such ploy he showed, He folded up that carpet saying: "Take it and be bowed."

Of the marvelous conversion which Mahomet's carpet wrought. —Philander Johnson in Washington Star.

KIPLING ON AMERICANS.

From Sea to Sea.

Let there be no misunderstanding about the matter: I love this people and if any contemptuous criticism has to be done I will do it myself. My heart has gone out to them beyond all other peoples, and for the life of me cannot will they. They are bleeding raw at the edges, almost more concited than the English, vulgar with massive vulgarity which is as though the Pyramids were coated with Christmas cake sugar-works, Cocksure they are lawless, and as casual as they are cocksure; but I love them.

I admit everything. Their government's provisional, their law's the notion of the moment; their railways are made of hairpins and match sticks, and most of their good luck lives in their woods and mines and rivers, and not in their brains; but for all that, they are the biggest, finest and best people on the surface of the globe: Just you wait a hundred years and see how they'll behave when they've had the screw put on them and have forgotten a few of the patriarchal teachings of the late Mr. George Washington.

He'll be the finest writer, poet and dramatist, specially dramatist, that the world has seen since the days of Shakespeare. By virtue of his Jew blood, just a little, little drop, he'll be a musician and a painter, too. At present there is too much baloney and too little romance in the life plays of his fellow citizens.

THE GENERAL VIEW. Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. An administration is always embarrassed when any member of it becomes a competitor with other members in good standing of the party for an important office.

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