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At the beginning of his campaign Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated beyond question that it is possible to promulgate cold facts on a warm day.

An American.

NE OF THE leaders in the Bryan campaign four years ago was Hon, Jacob Stern, formerly surrogate of Erie

county, New York, and at one time the Democratic nominee for mayor of Buffalo. His prominence as a representative citizen of western New York, whose counsels have weight, especially among the Americans of German extraction who are said to be inclined toward Bryan, gives importance to his political attitude at the present time. In the Buffalo Express we find a statement by Mr. Stern which certainly makes interesting reading. For ex-

ample: "I suppose," said Judge Stern, "I am what is called an expansionist. No one, who has a spark of patriotism in him, is, or wants to be, an imperialist in its true sense. The outery against expansion comes too late. We expanded long ago. Mr. Bryan and the Demceratic senators aided and assisted in our expansion. They could have prevented the taking of the Philippines and the payment of \$20,000,000 for them. They did neither. Had they fought then as they talk now, the chances are that we would not have in the case of the prosecution. expanded across the sea. I imagine they were then afraid of the cars, There was too much patriotism in the air to play politics. Since then these from young Gates. His father sent desame gentlemen, not all of them, but most of them, have done all they could find no trace of the missing to keep the Filipino rebellion alive by

the false. Until we receive some offic- turn over attempted to lift it in proper The Scranton Tribune iai confirmation of these unofficial replace, Looking into the wagon, the sheet being up a few inches, he saw ports, I shall hope for the best." And he continues Take for instance that terrible story about the

lown his checks while he was reading the dis-atch. And now comes a telegram from a con-

the body of the young man he had seen the night before. On the boy's death of the Russian minister, his being put alive into a caldron of beiling oil, his repeated professions of faith in Christianity while under face was blood and there was blood also on the buffalo robes. Jester comthe torture, the sostaining puryers of his wile, his death in great agony, and the thal degra-dation of having his body thrown to the degra-could anything be more calculated to stir up the passions of the peoplet is it any wonder that manded nim to leave the wagon, telling him the boy was drunk and must not be disturbed. Afterward, in the Paris. Mo., jail, Jester failed to recognize Shrewsbury and told the latter there is a cry for vengeance, when such stories go the rounds of the press. It may possibly be true, of course, but I cortainly belave it is pure invention. Why? Because the report grees on to say the car of Russia was no affected by the that if he swore he was there and saw the body he would send him to the penitentiary for perjury. even of the minister's death that nears coursed

The pursuit of Jester has been one of John W. Gates' life ambitions. The steel magnate has spent a fortune on It and will not rest content until his brother's murder shall be thoroughly avenged.

patch. And now comes a telegram from a col-respondent in 8t. Petersham, saying that the foreign efficient in received no information of such an outrage against their minister, and that, consequently, no disputches of that ma-ture had been laid before the cont. That dis-credits the whole story, to my mind. Built it berrible. Isn't it wicked, that such statist should be circulated unless they are true beyond the shadew of a doubt? There was snow in Eng-ish contail who wrote a book about China. In When the average farmer shall have harvested the bountiful crops of the present season and shall have sat down lish consul who wrote a look about China, in which he said that all Chinese were liars. He afterwards modified his stat ment somewhat, but to the enjoyments of prosperity he may perhaps find time to learn through reading some some of Mr. Bryan's I suppose he must have considered himself and all Europeans superior to the Chinese in ver-acity. I have found out that it is a serious thing speeches that he is the most miserable and oppressed man upon earth, but n America to call a man a liar, unless one wants o be knocked in the head, so all I have to say just now he has no time for the calamto be known in the bran, so all I have to say is that have paper people are not very particular about verifying the facts they publish. The sit-tuation is had enough, without any additional touches of journalistic high coloring. ity business, The silence of Mr. Barker and his

friends may be an indication that the middle-of-the-roaders have concluded to boil their drinking water during the present campaign.

Results of the victory at Tien Tsin must not be undone by jealousy of the hair-splitting representatives of the

And now some persons are worrying over the prospect of a frost eight weeks hence,

Outline Studies of Human Nature

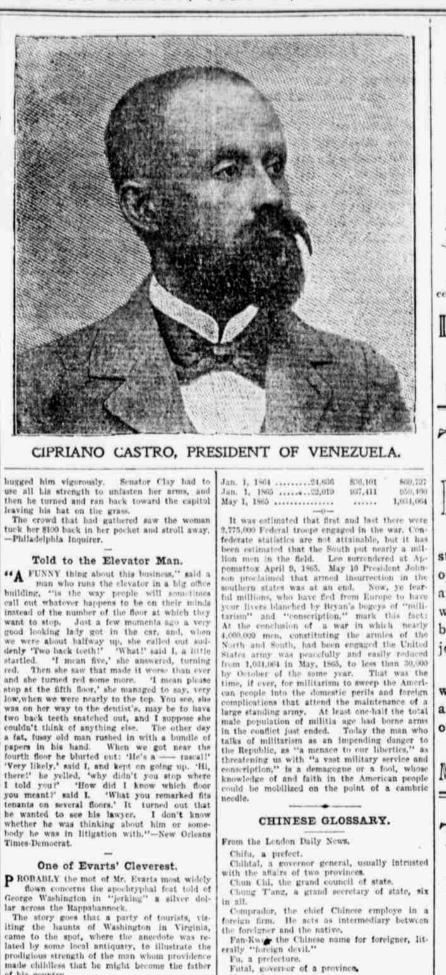
A Mountaineer's Religion.

AST summer Right Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, Episcopal bishop of Kentucky, thought he would make a journey through the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and look up the scattered members of his flock, and endeavor to get a foot-hold for his church among the mountaineers. But as he journeyed from settlement to settlement without meeting a man who had ever even lage where upon inquiry he was told that there was "an Episcopal" in the neighborhood, and so the good hishop proceeded to look him up. After introducing himself and disclosing the object of his visit, Bishop Dudley asked the mountainer if it were a fact that he was an Episcopalian. "Ob, yes," replied he, "I'm an Episcopal." "Where were you confirmed?" inquired the

"The poor man had never even heard he word, "Where, then, were you haptized?" "I know all about that," replied he, "though recious few folks is haptized in these parts, at I don't know whether I was ever baptized "Then why do you call yourself an Episcopa-

continued the bishop. 'Well, now, stranger, I'll tell ye," said he. ome five or six years ago I was summoned

a to Louisville as a witness in one of these ashine' cases, you know. Well, we was op' over Sunday, and after breakfast, as I nowed nobody thar and nebody knowed me,





tory that the wonder is it.

before .- Saturday Evening Post.

From the Chicago Times-Herald,

"MILITARISM."

One of the cheapest, most demagogical planks

of the Kansas City platform is that which erect "militarism" into a bogey with which to terrify

those bonighted citizens who have not intel

gence enough to see through its contemptiful insincerity and mendacity. It reads: "We op

pose militarism. It means conquest abroad and



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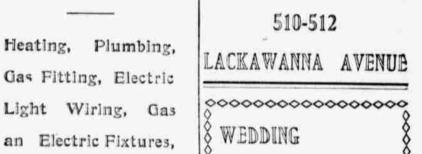
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gravers.

The remarks of the Chinese minister are pertinent to more topics than the Chinese war. Li Hung Chang's powers as a dipomat will be taxed to the limit in the

rnment in a way that will not cause his own head to be placed on a pole.

Like a Dime Novel.

REMARKARLE murder trial is that which is in progress at New London, Mo. The narrative of 1 reads like a lime novel. The story of the case, as reviewed at length in the Rochester

Post Express, may for convenience be livided into four chapters.

The first chapter opens in Middle Brove, Mo., thirty years ago. Gilbert Gates, 19 years old, was traveling in a prairie schooner from Fort Scott, Kan., to his old home at Decatur, Ill. Somewhere along the trail he happened upon Alexander Jester, a veteran of heard of the Episcopal church he grew mome-the civil war-"half preacher and half what discouraged. At last he carse to a vilthe civil war-"half preacher and half mountebank"-who was making his way by wagon to Indiana. Jester owned a buffalo calf which he had taught to perform tricks, and he exhibited the animal in the towns

through which they passed. At Middle Grove he gave a highly successful xhibition, and from this place young Gates wrote home a long account of his traveling companion, described his personal appearance, and detailed minutely his strange personality dwelling particularly upon Jester's trained animal and the exhibitions they gave in the country towns. This trick buffalo plays an important part

The second chapter opens at Decatur tuk a walk down the street from my lodgin's, and directly I saw everybody goin' into a great big time church, and set I to myself, I'll go, too. III. After the letter dated at Middle Grove, Mo., no word was ever heard went in and sat down, and in a little while the bell it stapped a jinggling; that was some kind of big music rolled around, and then it tectives to the Missouri town, but they oped, too, and a feller in a long white gown got up at the other end of the room from boy. The father himself then took the d something or other I couldn't hear. case in hand, and was more success nd then every man, woman and child in that ful. At Middle Grove he found sevom got down on their knees and see they: Lord, we've dun the things we ortn't to dun, and we ain't dun the things we orter Gates and Jester, who had seen them ha' dun,' and sex I myself, that's me 1°m no of them very kind of fellers, and when we The spot where the two wagons had all cum out I asked a feller what kind of a hurch that thar wux, and sed he, 'It's an Episopal church,' and so, stranger, I've called my camp in the hills where the two were off an Episcopal ever since that trip to Louisseen together was located. A farmer -New York Evening Post. was found who said that he saw Gates and Jester enter a large belt of woods A Deacon with a Scheme. and another farmer testified that "O PPOSITE the railroad depot down in Virginia there was a grocery kept by a ored man, and as we had some time to wait the train, three or four of us crossed over ok at his stock," said a commercial travel-Business was very brisk with the merchant, though all his customers were colored. We noticed that sugar, tea and codfish seemed to well above all clee, and during a temporary full the colonel approached the battered scales on everything was weighed and picked up ome of the weights. The hollow in each one had been filled with lead, and when quite sure that the pound weight would balance twenty identified as the property of the missa at least, he said to the old man; " I see you have filled your weights with "''Yes, sah: yes,sah," he replied as he rubbed is hands together. "What was the idea?" " 'To keep de dirt out o' de holes, sah. Can't a dirt git in dar now?" " 'Was it your own idea?" No, sah; I never should ev got dat idea if it hadn't bin fur Deacon Williams. De deacon said it was de way dey did down in Twenty-nine years clause between Greenville, an' he fixed 'em up fur me widout "The denoon buys all his groceries here, lovan't he? " 'He does, sah; yes, sah, he boys 'em all yere, an' he was tellin' me only dis mawning dat he nebber did see de beat o' how dem growrites held out." "He was advised to take his weights over o the cotton warehouse and have them weighed, and he picked them up and in a slow walk and when he returned it was on the run and his eyes hanging out, and as he reached the ro he exclaimed: 'No wonder I was gone into bankrupley fo'teen times an' had to sell my mewls and hogs an' make de ole woman go bar'fut! Dat air people, was arrested. He admitted pound weight weight twenty-tow ounces, an' overy time Deacon Williams has bought two pounds o' sugar an' codfash, he has took away three pounds an' a half! Shoo, but Fize gwine ander Jester, that Cornella Street was and protested his innocence of the She Hugged Senator Clay. The fourth chapter in this tragedy opened last week in New London, not the Jester who committed the murder. Over 400 witnesses have been and gestured and motioned as if in debate. A big, strapping woman, well dressed and somewhat excited, stepped in front of him and solid: "Why, Senator Clay, I'm very glad to see yon. Now you can go and get me that place you promised me. I'm Mrs. Williams, "I can't get your own town, you know." successively a laborer, farmer, showman, book agent, auctioneer and patent medicine hawker, on Tuesday gave He tried to walk along, but the woman stood in front of him. "Oh, yes you can," she said, You can go right along now and get me that place, and I'll go with you." sensational testimony. He was selling books in the vicinity of the murder at the time of its commission. He dis-"But I can't get you a place offhand," the tinctly remembered Jester and the nator persisted. The woman reached into her pocket and took butfalo calf. He talked with young nut a roll of bills. "Oh, that's all right," she said. "I know Gates, who told Shrewsbury he was "Oh, that's all right," she said. "I know what you want. Here is a hundred dollars I'll give you if you will get me a place." I hundred states consisted of 16,000 officers and men, while the militia of the various dates what you want. Here is a hundred contains a transmission of the various give you if you will get me a place." men, while the militia of the various ""What do you mean, masam?" inquired the numbered 3,070,087. Then let him study the following report of the men in the Union ser-Jester at that time and identified him. fesses that he has been reading | He described both the prisoner and the senator sternly. "Ob, you can all be bought. Take the money vice at certain periods of the great war: now and get me the place." Senator Clay was furious. "Woman." he shouted, "this is an insult. Get out of my The next day he met Jester in the lane. "It is," says he, "impossible now to The prisoner was on the ground near Instead of getting out of the senator's path

work of giving good advice to his govpowers.

their constant fire on the administration, and I believe with many others that their conduct has caused the death | eral persons who remembered young of many of our soldlers and sailors. Now they talk of the terrible sacrifice traveling together toward the east. of lives in the Philippines. It is enough to disgust the hardest kind of left the main road was found, and the a Democrat. Better, far better, another four years of McKinley than putting such men into the saddle.

"The general course of the present Administration in the Spanish-American war and since its close meets with when the two wagons came out of favor in my heart and conscience. the woods Jester was alone. This cor-Until these difficult matters are settled roborative testimony convinced the the remarks of the great Lincoln about elder Gates that his son had been mur-'swapping horses in the stream' are dered, and that Alexander Jester was very applicable. With the end of the the man who committed the crime. rebellion to our lawful authority in the After a long search, Jester was finally Philippines comes the question of what located at Wichita, Kan., and arrested. is best for all concerned, and then we In his possession were a watch, cap, ought to do the right thing in a manly ring, bowie knife and vest that were liberty-loving, American fashion. The making of this subject a football in the ing boy. It was also discovered that political arena is, in my humble opin- he had sold young Gates' team and ion, contemptible and outrageous. The wagon in Indiana. Before he could be difference between Mr. McKinley and brought to trial, Jester escaped from Mr. Bryan is that the former is con- the jail at Mexico, Mo., and though the servative and the latter radical. The country was searched from one end former gave no indication of dominat- to the other, not the slightest trace ing the Republican convention, but Mr. of the fugitive was found. Bryan, with a boldness unheard of, absolutely controlled the Democrats. chapter two and three. The sheriff of When a man ascends so high and be- Sedgwick county, Mo., received a letcomes so powerful and assumes the dic- ter from a Mrs. Cornelia Street, who tatorship of a great party, then it be- wrote that Jester was her half brother, hooves the people to go slow and think that he was guilty of the Gates murseveral times before placing in his han 1 der, and that he was living in Shawthe greatest of all powers-the presi- nee, under the name of W. A. Hill. dency of the United States. Then I The sheriff communicated with the believe, too, that this country is hig Gates family, and Jelin W. Gates, of enough to maintain an army of 100,000 Chicago, a brother of the murdered soldiers and a correspondingly large man, took charge of the case. Hill, a navy. It is ridiculous to say that minister of the gospel at Shawnee, there is danger to our liberty. There and respected highly by the townsis no sense in the cry of militarism. And the talk of citizen and subject that he was formerly known as Alexlogs not appeal to me as it does to some Democrats. Neither does it af- his half sister, but emphatically defeot my faith in the continuance of nied any knowledge of Gilbert Cates the Republic."

Naturally a man holding such opin- crime charged. tons could not be expected to support the Kansas City platform. Judge Storn is an American. He is for his where Jester, old and decrepit, vergcountry and his country's flag. He is ing almost on senility, was brought to not afraid to uphold that flag wherever trial, his defence being that he is it floats. He does not believe the slanders which are in circulation with reference to it, especially the slander that summoned by the presecution who, in it will mean injustice and oppression splite of the lapse of time, are willing to the law-abiding Filipinos. He is a to swear to their recollections of Jesbeffever in his country, an optimist as ter's early companionship with Gates. to her institutions and her future, and One of these, William W. Shrewsbury, his proper place is in the Republican party.

There seems to be a question just now as to who is the Doyen of the Democratic Viceroys of Scranton.

Wu on Yellow Journalism.

T IS NOT surprising that Minister Wu's head aches and that he en route to his Illinois home. He saw cannot sleep at night. He con-

the yellow papers and the wonder is deceased as he saw them that day. that he has escaped suicide.

know what reports to believe and what the wagons. Shrewsbury went up to to discredit. The newspapers seem to the wagons and thinking the last

intimidation and oppression at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions. It is what million citizens have fled from in Europe. pose upon peacedoving pecule a large standing army and unnecessary burden of taxation and constant menace to their liberties. A small standing army and a well disciplined state militia are unply sufficient in time of peace. This republic has no place for a vast military service and conscription." What is this "militarism" that bodes "intimi dation." "oppression" and "conscription?" What is this "vast military service" that means "conquest abroad," that threatens to be "fatal to free institutions" and that will be "a constant menace to our liberties"? Behold it in all its hideous proportions bestriding the liberties and security of the republic with the awe-inspiring immensity of a blue-bottle fly on the Washington monument. By act of congress the army of the United States is limited to 100,040 men, including all branches of the service, composed as 100.000 or this total the adjutant general reports that there were in the Philippines on June 30, 1900, 63,420 officers and men, of whom almost exactly half, or \$1,605, were volunteers. Moreover, the net providing for the increase of the army limits the service of the increased regular and volum teer force during the necessity therefor and not later fluan July 1, 1901. It may be well to riddle this bogey of milltarism once for all by presenting a comparative table of the population of the United States and cost of the army from 1790 to date, including the highest cost of the army during emergen-Cost of the Population. War Dept. 1790 3,929,214 \$ 0.001.50 20,250,80 2,680,1 4,767.12

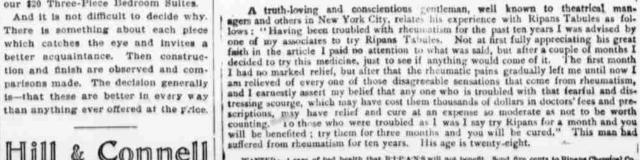
cles:

If there is a man of the "millions of our cit If there is a man of the "minious of our crit-zens" who, according to the Kunasa City plat-form, "have fled from Europe" that cherishes a dread of "militarism," "conscription" or any of the statfed Bryanism of that document, let him cut out the foregoing table and paste it in his hat as a sure charm against poporatic tregrinus and shudders. Let him observe how the United and shudders. Let him observe how the United States has always risen to emergencies as they occurred and then has reduced its military establishment to a peace footing always below the line of menace to its institutions, its finances or its liberties. Let the shivering pessimist who sees militarism written big across the anti im perialist sky consider the fact that at the out

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