be short-lived. The first frost will kill him.

The public debt of China, which is principally held in Europe, amounts to \$500,000,000 in round figures. In this lies a potential argument against the partition of the Chinese empire.

The official census figures give Chicago a population of 1,689,515, which ts 310,485 short of the mark set by her "Two Million Club." As the gain in 10 years is 54.44 per cent. the "Windy City" has still much reason to be proud.

A recent arrangement of the relies in the agricultural museum in the University of Illinois brought to light the old ox yoke made by Abraham Lincoln, and presented to the university in the early 70's. By order of President Draper the yoke was incased in a glass topped case, made at Springfield.

Rider Haggard, the author, in a recent public address delivered in London said that athletic training is a most desirable preparation in the life of a missionary, because nothing in a missionary impresses the savage so much as to find himself equaled or surpassed in strength and agility by the stranger.

The young king of Spain was recently asked by a visitor from England if he liked golf. He replied, with a patriotism that has delighted all Madrid, that he did not: that he preferred bullfighting, "the chosen amusement of his own country," to anything Imported. Wise lad! He knows the hearts of his people!

In the course of a long article dealing with the growth of cotton production and manufacture in the United States the London Times says: The United States as a producer will be able to command a universal market at remumerative prices. It seems unlikely that the manufacturing branch will be able to do more than to supply the home demands. These make it the most valuable single market in the world, and the maintenance of the monopoly is likely to be assured." American progress, the article points out, is largely due to the quick adoption of perfected machinery, much of which has been devised in England.

The New York Sun says; New Jersey has disbanded the ambulance corps of its National Guard, and hereafter will rely on its regimental corps. In New York the best opinion favors a state corps, though there is no such organization in our National Guard as yet. The experience of the Spanish war supports the division of state corps, the plan of creating such a corps temporarily by drawing on the regimental corps having been proved bad. It simply concentrated the medical supply at the divisional hospitals, leaving the regiments lacking needful

In the backwoods of Ohio, in the days of When religion was religion, not a dressy fashion show, When religion was religion, not a dressy fashion show, When the spirit of the Master fell as flames of living fire, And the people did the singing, not a trained artistic choir. There was scarcely seen a ripple in life's gently flowing tide. No events to draw the people from their

- No events to draw the people from their daily toll aside.
- Naught to set the plous spirit of the plon-eers aflame Bave upon the rare occasions when the circuit rider came.
- He was usually mounted on the sorriest

of mags. All his outfit for the journey packed in leather saddle bags. And he'd travel with the Hible or the hymn book in his hand

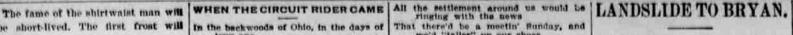
- hymn book in his hand Reading sacred word or singing of the happy Frontised Land. How the toiling wives would spread. And how many a hapless chicken or a turkey lost its head

By the gleaning chopper wielded by the hand of sturdy dame. For it wasn't very often that the circuit For It

old forget their cares,

rider came.

TALE OF MISTRESS MARGARET



That there'd be a meetin' Runday, and we'd 'taller' up our shoes, And we'd brush our homespun dress suits, pride of every country youth.

- pride of every country youth. And we'd grease our hair with marrow illi it shone like golden truth. And the frocks of linsey-woolsey would be donned by all the girls. And with heated old fire pokers they would make their corksorew curls;
- They were searcely queens of fashion, ut were lovely just the same,
- they always looked their sweetest when the circuit rider came. And they
- As a preacher, holy Moses! how he'd swing the living word, How he'd draw the pious "bretherin" " yet closer to the Lord. And he'd raise the hair of sinners sitting on the backmost seat With his flery, hurd pictures of the ever-lasting beat!

- We have sat in grand cathedrais, tri-umphs of the builder's skill.
- in great palatial churches 'neath the organ's mellow thrill,
- But they never roused within us such a

reverential flame As would burn in that old schoolhouse when the circuit rider came. -James Barton Adams in Denver Post.

REPUBLICANS FLOCKING TO

THE DEMOCRATIC STANDARD.

Wellington, Egan, Davis, Monett, Schurz, Olney, Wilson and Hundreds of Others of Like Prominence Cannot Endorse Imperialism.

Not a day passes that the press is not called upon to record the fact that from a dozen to a score of prominent men who voted for McKinley in 1896 have announced their intention of voting for Bryan and Stevenson this year. While there are among these many gold Democrats who voted the Republican ticket four years ago, and who are returning to their former allegiance, there are still hundreds of lifelong Republicans who have consistently supported the Republican ticket ever since they reached their majority, but who now find it impossible to cept the Republican platform adopted at Philadelphia. The list includes business and professional men, bankers, educators, historians, jurists and the like, and in itself presents a forcible argument in favor of the Kansas City platform and the ticket nominated at the Kansas City convention. The reason given for their conversion by these recent additions to the Democratic ranks are many. The gold Democrats, who left the party four years ago because of its attitude on the money question, declare that this issue is not the paramount one in this campaign; that the questions of imperialism, militarism and trusts are of immensely more consequence to the

country, and upon these questions they cannot support the Republican party.

Why They Support Bryan.

The many voters of foreign birth who are leaving the Republican party give as their reason for doing so that they are opposed to its policy of itsperialism. Many of them, also, differ with the present administration in regard to its colonial policy, and believe that the constitution is being ignored in the conduct of the administration towards Cuba and Porto Rico.

Still others give as their reason for coming over to Mr. Bryan that they believe, in a crisis, the country would be safer in his hands than in the hands of the men who dictate President McKinley's course of action. In view of the continuance of the war in the Philippines and the complicated condition of affairs in China, they be lieve that there is grave danger of a crisis to successfully carry this country through which will require a clear head and mature judgment, such as Mr. Bryan possesses.

Democratic the Jeffersonian article with imperialism. His announcement came as a

Great Names In the Van.

At the head of the list of converts to Democracy since the Kansas City convention stand such names as Webster Davis, late assistant secretary of the interior under Mr. McKinley; G. L. Wellington, senator from Maryland; Patrick Egan of New York, who was minister to Chile under President Harrison; Thomas Wentworth Higginson of Boston, soldler, historain and litterateur; and a score of others equally as prominent. The Republicans, in their desperation, are announcing conversion after conver-

sistency, his manifest sincerity, his brilliant defense of the principles of elf-government have filled me with increasing admiration and confidence

in his statesmanship." William Birney, son of the old liberty party's dead leader, has declared

that he will support Bryan in the present campaign.

Great New York Publicists. Bourke Cockran of New York, fa-

mous as lawyer and orator, who has been classed as a Republican ever since he made speeches for General B. F. Tracy, the regular Republican candidate for mayor of New York City in 1897.

General Robert Avery of New York, a life-long Republican, who says: "My devotion to the principles of the Republican party taught by Lincoln, Seward, Greeley, Summer, Chase and others compels me to vote for Mr. Brynn.

P. Tecumseh Sherman of New York. son of the late General W. T. Sherman, who has served a term in the board of alderman as a Republican. He cannot longer affiliate with a party that condones the Alger and other army scandals.

Henry F. Keenan, a well known author, who wrote "The Money Makers." L. W. Habercorn, who was chief of

the Republican national committee's German bureau in the campaign of 1896, leaves his party on the issue of imperialism.

It would require several pages of this paper to publish the names of all prominent Republicans in all parts of the country who are now working for the success of Bryan.

ENEMY OF LABOR.

Theodore Roosevelt now pleads for the vote of the laboring man. On Labor Day be stood upon the same platform from which Mr. Bryan spoke and said nice things to the "horny. handed some of toll." Mr. Bryan volced the laboring man's complaint gealest the Republican doctrine of "Government by Injunction." and in a roundabout way "Teddy" volced the same contiments. Of course, Roosevelt is a sympathy with the laboring man. ife is opposed to "Government by Infunction"-at least he says he is; he s a candidate for vice-president now, ou know. There is, however, food for thought in an article published in the "Review of Reviews" for September, 1896, and written by Theodore Roosevelt, at that time not a candidate for vice-president. In that article, page 295, Mr. Roosevelt sald:

"The men who object to what they style 'Government by Injunction' are, as regards the essential principles of government, in hearty sympathy with their remote skin-clad ancestors who lived in caves, fought one another with stone-headed axes, and ate the mammoth and woolly rhinoceros.

"They are interesting as representing a geological survival, but they are dangerous whenever there is the east chance of their making the priniples of this ages-buried past living factors in present life.

"They are not in sympathy with men of good minds and gound civic norality."

A CANDID CONVERT.

The administration press has loudly proclaimed the "conversion" of Mr exhuming of bodies from the Connell Thavannes, editor of the Des Moines graveyard, which ground was turned Bryan on the money question in 1896. Mr. Chavannes has returned to the fold, however; has been elected a Re-publican precinct chairman. fold, however; has been elected a Re-publican precinct chairman, and his paper advocates the election of Me-Kinley and Roosevelt this year. In an interview with the Omaha World-Her-ald, Mr. Chavannes gives the following candid reasons for supporting Mc-Kinley this year: "I am a Republican and I do not have any faith in the Democratic party. I am giving the Republican national ticket my support now for the reason that I believe the election of McKinley means imperialism. By imperialism I mean just what the Democrats mean when they call Republicans imperialists." He is supporting McKinley because he believes in imperialism; wants imperialism; and knows what ticket to support in order to get imperialism. A candidate who is getting converta because of their avowed belief in imperialism can hardly assert hereafter that imperialism is a "bugaboo."

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

To Restora School Appropriation-Counterfaiters Arrested in Clearfie'd County. Big Oil Voll Near Titusville.

Among those granted pensions last week were: Thomas Mitchell, Burn-side, \$6: Daniel Kilheffer, dead, West Fairview, \$12; Alonzo H. Paxton, West Fike, \$50: Catherine Kilheffer, West Fairview, \$8: Cordelia Westover, Sylvis, \$8: Flora Sanders, Indian Head, \$8: Sarah A. Hamilton, Bellevue, \$8: James Whittaker, Bellelonte, \$6: George B. Rodgers, Ulater, \$12; Edward M. Reilly, Fayetteville, \$6: James M. Kelly, Smiths Ferry, \$6: John D. Carey, Homewood, \$6: Harry M. Glazier, Erie, \$6. Eric, \$6.

The seventh annual reunion of the survivors of the Sixth Pennsylvania heavy artillery will be held at Tarentum on Thursday, October 18,

The project to utilize the power of the Ohiopyle Falls, in the Youghiogheay river, has been declared feasible by the engineers who made an inspection of the falls at the instance of John K. Ew-ing, of Uniontown, and New York capi-talists who have been interested in the scheme. Their examination shows that scheme. Their examination shows that a fall of 110 feet in a distance of 2,000 feet is possible with a race or flume, and that 15,000 or 20,000 horse power may be obtained with the stage of water in the river, which is lower now than for 30 years.

Governor Stone's purpose to restore the million dollar reduction in the school appropriation with the aid of the achool appropriation with the and of the next Legislature is cordially endorsed by the friends of the public school sys-tem throughout the commonwealth. Even his political opponents are in ac-cord with his plan. The governor has received a large number of telegrams from school directors and educators in the Grate communities his produced as the State commending his proposed ac-tion and promising their extract sup-port in helping to elect legislators who will help him execute his plan.

Evan Evans, who for eight years has owned and conducted one of the largest owned and conducted one of the largest machine shops in Butler, has transferred all his real estate, machinery, stock and patents to the Evans Manufacturing Co., a limited partnership, for \$35,002.20, Mr. Evans becomes chairman and the heaviest stockholder. The charter of the new company was filed Tuesday, and is to run twenty years. The busi-mess of manufacturing engines and oil well supplies will be continued. The tast two menths Chartfield control

The past two months Clearfield county has been flooded with counterfeit money, mostly silver dollars and half money, mostly silver dollars and half dollars. Secret Service Agents W. J. Flynn, T. F. Berryman and L. F. Gam-mon have arrested James N. Wilson, Verd Wilson, J. W. Bigler and James Wynkoop. A few counterfeit dollars were found at Wynkoop's place, togeth-er with moulds and other necessary nearshermalia paraphernalia.

A stock company has been formed at Ellwood City to build a 25-foot dam over Connequenessing river for the pur-pote of utilizing the water power. It will be located near the town, and will furnish 1,500 horse power. The com-pany expects to sell the power to manufacturing plants in the town. The river has a heavy fall and several dams may be built if the first one is a success.

The one hundredth anniversary of the irst Presbyterian Church of Mead-First Presbyterian Church of Mead-ville was served with special services which opened Sunday and continued until Tuesday. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, of Baltimore, ex-moderator of the general assembly and for 30 years pastor of the Central Church of Baltimore, and Dr. E. P. Sprague, of Salem, N. Y., were present. present.

The borough auditors of Connellsville have reimed to allow the \$2,100 which the old school board paid out for the view. The necessary machinery for sinking oil wells will be purchased and operations will begin immediately. The Citizens' Reform league of Day phin county held its annual convent at Harrisburg and nominated the lowing ticket: Senator, W.S. Thor lowing ticket: Senator, w. 5 Thom of Harrisburg; assembly, First dist B. M. Nead, Harrisburg; Second trict, George Budd, Williamstown; F. wood Hummell of Hummellstown and John W. Klineline of Middletown.



believe, would be by no means unwil-

The opportunity came when my

sweet lady's father was called away

to fight for his king and country, King

.Charles and Bonnie England, I, who

longed to fight for king and country

also, dared the laughter and the jeers

ling

Sir Reginald had never forbidden my gold with old Simeon in order that visits-he was too wise a man to tempt he might be properly forgetful of all fate in such a manner; he had merely taken care that I had no chance of solitary speech with my dear lady. I knew now that the Lady Eleanor Blewett, who filled, as best she might, the place of the dead lady of the manor to her daughter, Mistress Marget, favored not my suit, so I sought not to have speech with her or with my lady. Old Simeon I had been friends with ever since, as a child. I had played in the gardens with sweet Mistress Marget. I knew he was my friend and would help me. I knew also that he might speak with his lady when I might not unwatched and unguarded. To old Simeon I told my story, and trusted him for his aid. And there was the chink of gold between us when we parted, albeit my lack of gold was the reason why Sir Reginald had said me nay, upon my asking for his daughter's hand. And for gold-next to his love for pretty Mistress Marget-old Simeon would do more than most of us would do for the sake of life. That evening I happened to be walking in the lane just as old Simeon also came out to take the air. And a note passed between us. Old Simeon also instructed me as to where I could find certain implements and tools-a ladder and a stout stave among them -which I might need later on, perchance. And I gave to Simeon the package of a certain drug, which my friend, the chirugeon, had given me. distress Marget was to see that this drug was dropped into the flagon of ale sent up for the Lady Eleanor's supper. Then, later, she was to lean out of her casement and signal to me. waiting outside in the lane. And later still Parson Dabney, who loved us both and sympathized with us rather than with Sir Reginald, was to make pretty Mistress Marget my wife. And so it all happened, without let or hindrance, save when my body servant's horse was mired in the slough waited in the lane proper, but he thought he heard voices and sounds and shoot, etc., arose out of too crowd-ed a city. A proclamation to the same effect was also issued by James 1. of horses' hoofs coming, and, knowing that he must not be found there, he imaged his own steed over the hedge and into the slough. We had to wait

ing down the ladder that I feared she would hear it and think me timid loved her better than all the world. But pretty Mistress Marget was not Yet had I courage to claim a kiss as for me, or so, at least, her father had we neared the bottom, insisting that informed me. As for me, I had long she pay it me before 1 set her down; since decided to abide by this decision and I do 'not think she noticed the only so long as circumstances comrapid beating of my beart after that pelled me. Whenever fate offered me even had she noticed it before. Her the shadow of an opportunity I meant own heart heat rapidly then, as the bright color coming and going in the to steal Mistress Marget and run away with her. Mistress Marget, as I had face which looked so fair and sweet every reason-save spoken words-to

> down, and hand in hand we raced across the greensward, over the foot bridge old Simeon had managed to leave open and unguarded for us, and out into the lane. There, lifting her dear form in my arms, I swung her up before me, and away we galloped, after the short interval of waiting for my servant, of which I have spoken. Half an hour later we stood before Parson Dabney in the gray old vicarage, and a few moments afterward I had the right to call pretty Mistrees Marget my wife. Then, a hurrled kiss, a tear or two on Mistress Marget's part, and we were on our way back to the hall, where Mistress Marget was to live on, the same as ever in all stout stave that had served our turn so well far from me into the thick of the hedge, and I once more clinked

of my comrades to stay behind a little and steal my lovely lady, if it so pleased fate. And no sooner had her father ridden away, at the head of his men, then I made for the hall and sought out old Simeon, the gardener.

things save that slender gold band on her finger, until my return from the wars. And then-ah! sad for a man to leave his wife on the wedding eve -my body servant had summoned my variets and they waited for me outside in the lane. I could but kiss my darling once more, ah me! but so tenderly and lovingly, see her safely up the ladder, withdraw it from beneath her window, wave her a last tender

farewell-and now, beshrew me! but mine own eyes were wet- and take my departure. But before I crossed the foot-bridge once more I threw the

in the moonlight testified clearly, At the foot of the ladder I not her

Ex-Secretary of State Olney has written a letter declaring himself for Mr. Bryan and advising all patriotic citizens to support the candidate. Mr. Olney has always been

an expansionist but has not confused

bomb shell into the Republican camp.

"The young forget their fancies, the some minutes for him, when we would fain have hurried onward. But When pretty Mistress Marget comes this was after I had placed the ladder underneath my lady's window, mountsmiling down the stairs." Nobody who once looked upon Mised it, pried off the guarding bars with tress Marget-protty Mistress Marget the stout stave which old Simeon had almost everybody called her-could help loving her. I, Thomas Dawtry, furnished me, and received my darling in my arms. My heart beat so in goa plain and simple squire of the realm,

medical attendance. New Jersey has been one of the leading states in National Guard matters; its medical service should maintain its standard.

The Hartford Courant thus presents the other side of a much discussed question: "It would be interesting to know how many men, women and children have been killed because the horses behind which they were riding had not 'docked tails.' Nothing makes a horse behave uglier and more unreasonably than to get his undocked tail across a rein. Down goes the tail, and the more the tail presses the more annoyed is the horse, Off he goes, kicking and running, and whoever is behind or in front of him is in for trouble. The situation is full of danger. 'Dumb Animals' may not be especially interested in the fact that human beings are imperilled, but some consideration should be had for the horse."

New York's laudable desire to be the biggest city in the world is in striking contrast with the ambition of London in the last years of the sixteenth century, when the decree of Nonesuch forbade the erection of buildings where none has existed in the memory of man. The extension of the metropolis was deemed to encourage the plague, create trouble in governing multitudes, a dearth of victuals, multiplying of beggars, and inability to relieve them; an increase of artisans more than could live together; improverishing other cities for lack of inhabitants. The decree asserted back of the lane. He should have that lack of air, lack of room to walk and shoot, etc., arose out of too crowd-

that had happened that night. Then able to present a list containing such the soft darkness of the lane, with the a formidable array of names of namoon well under a kindly cloud, a sharp command to the waiting variets a tearing gallop until morning, and we were well up with Sir Reginald and his men, and nothing but wars and fighting before us for many long months,

But my heart was brave and lightsome within me, even though I had left my dear wife of an hour behind me. For it is easier, perhaps, to leave one's wife than one's sweetheart, especially when the sweetheart's father favors a richer man, and I knew, also, that I was a brave and skillful fighter, and I hoped that before Sir Reginald or I saw pretty Mistress Marget again his heart would have warmed toward me on this account. For Sir Reginald loves a brave man and good fighter always. And in the end it all turned out even as I had hoped. -Chicago Tribune.

On the Writing of Comedy. Bouccicault, quite at the beginning of his career (and he wrote plays almost as a body), used to get £300 for a five-act comedy. He stated the fact on oath in a court of justice, and the sum was considered so immense that the counsel who was examining him exclaimed:

"Do you mean to tell me, sir, that if I were to write a comedy for the Haymarket theater the manager would give me £300 for it?"

"I think it most improbable," replied Bouccicault .-- From "Personal Recollections," by Sutherland Edwards.

Exports from United States.

Exports from the United States during the past fiscal year increased to every section of the globe. Next to European exports, the largest increase was in exports to other parts of North America.

No Word for Patriotism

There is no word in the Chinese language that conveys an intimation of what we term public opinion; nor is there a synonym for patriotism

ion to McKinleyism, but th tional reputation as the above,

Webster Davis, who resigned his position as assistant secretary of the interior and cast his lot with the Demo crats, did so because he had visited South Africa and had become convinced that the attitude of the present administration towards the struggling Boers was un-American and unjust. He had been making speeches for the Democratic ticket ever since he announced his conversion at the Kansas City convention, and his work has been the means of changing hundreds of votes from McKinley to Bryan.

Former Lieutenant Governor Jones of New York, who was an enthusias tic supporter of Mr. McKinley in 1896. says in announcing his change of sentiment: "I believe the country would be safer, in the event of any possible crisis, in the hands of Mr. Bryan, a man of unswerving firmness, integrity and ability, than under the control of Mr. McKinley."

Frank Monnett, who, as the Republican attorney general of Ohio, enforced the law against trusts so diligently that they sought to bribe him with half a million dollars. He is out for Bryan now.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s President.

John J. Valentine, president of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, says: "Believing that between the claims of freemen, that all men are entitled to equal political rights, and the dogma of tyranny, that might makes right. there is no middle ground, I favor the endorsement of Bryan and Stevenson and the straight support of the Democratic nominees."

Edward Osgood Brown, a prominent Chicago attorney, says: "I believe Bryan honest, able and right on the only real issue of the campaign. I support him because I think opposition to imperialism my first political duty."

Sigmund Zeisler, a prominent attorney of Chicago, says: "McKinley's arrogation of unconstitutional powers his yielding to sinister influences, his constant wabbling, his hypocritical cant, filled me with gradually increasing disgust. Bryan's courageous con-

Two Silent Statesmen-

Kansas City Times: The alcofness of Thomas B. Reed and Benjamin Harrison, the two bravest and most distinguished leaders of the Republican party, from participation in the canvass for the re-election of William Mc-Kinley cannot fail of having a telling influence upon the action in the forthcoming election of a very large number of voters belonging to that political organization.

Imperialism Past and Present.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Imperialism first destroyed the Roman republic and then ruined Rome. Imperialism killed two republics in France and is waiting its opportunity to assassinate a third, Imperialism is a menace to the American republic as it was the destroyer of the great republics of ancient and modern Europe.

Slow but Steady Squeeze

Boston Globe: The price of sugar has been raised almost a cent a pound since May 22, in eight different advances. The only thing that can be said in favor of the trust is that it has apparently tried to break the bad news gently.

John Grant, master mechanic of the Sharon Steel Company, who went to Scotland three weeks ago, committed suicide by shooting himself. His wife is at Sharon.

The Italians of Connellsville and Fayette county generally are getting into political line. The Royal Italian Democratic club of Fayette county has been organized.

An extensive coal mining project is about to be undertaken near Rimerton, on the west side of the Allegheny river. John L. Murray, of Mossgrove and Ja-cob Merwin, of Adrian, who opened the coal mines at Cowansville, have secur-ed options on a large amount of prop-erty between Rimerton and Templeton.

A too-barrel well was drilled in Fri-day night on the J. B. Duncan farm, two miles east of Titusville. Charles Pal-mer of that city is the lucky operator, and has a lease of several hundred acres. The well is nearly a mile from other producing wells. producing wells.

The fires have been in the Bellefonte furnaces and 250 men have gone back to work, after an idleness that has lasted since June 26, when the plant went out of blast for repairs.

There is considerable excite Connellsville and Springfield to excitement over the arrest of many pronumber is a well-known p Elliott, of Springfield.

A big pressure of natu A org pressure of name discovered at Big Bend, end great excitement p will be piped to Green distant, if the pressu strong, holds out, burg. The young The inner of End The jury at Unio 850 damages to Jo the township of W sustained in an ac Hager claimed \$5.