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This is the last week of what has been the greatest political campaign the country has ever witnessed. Even right here in our own little state it has been and is very warm and exciting, and Waterbury has not been backward in furnishing its share of the excitement.

That disgusting and silly cartoon in the New Haven Leader Saturday night will probably lose several votes for the republican party. The publication of such a cartoon on the occasion of the visit of such a man as William J. Bryan to the Elm city, was to say the least, pretty cheap politics, and it should and will act as a boomerang. Politics is politics, but mud slinging is dirt.

The people of Paterson are up in arms now against four young men whom it is alleged caused the death of a woman in that city. It is the old story of locking the barn after the horse is stolen. It seems to be generally understood that the men implicated in this murder needed watching until a murder brought them, as well as the people of the town, to their senses.

Should the reception planned for Bryan at New York to-night materialize, and it probably will, let no man deceive himself with the idea that it is all "gilt and glitter." There are votes, and many of them, in that gathering.-New Britain Herald.

It materialized all right, Editor Vance, and the voters were there by the thousands. It is presumed that the g. o. p. is not so sure about carrying New York to-day. The trip of Bryan through the state last week was one continuous oration to the man who will be our next president. You must have felt it in your bones when you penned the above extract.

At present the demand for coal by the world's great industries is ahead of the supply, says a writer in the New England Engineering Magazine. How long it will keep so remains to be seen. Certainly the period will be shortened, so far as Great Britain is concerned, if American coal can be imported at a sufficiently low price. In other words, when American ship-owners, or failing them, coal owners themselves, find it worth their while to build ocean colliers on a sufficiently large scale. The average cost of coal per ton at the pit head in the United States is given on a computation based on the returns for 1896, as 4s. 0 1/2d. per ton, as compared with 5s. 10 1/2d. in the United Kingdom, 6s. 1 1/2d. in Germany, 7s. 7d. in Belgium, 8s. 8d. in France, 5s. 9d. in New South Wales, 10s. in New Zealand, and a fraction over 5s. in Japan. If, therefore, American coal owners can scarcely yet hope to break, with any profit to themselves, the proverbial record of "sending coals to Newcastle," they have still other countries open to them. As competitors, British coal sellers are already beginning to feel more severely than may be pleasant the presence of American coal in markets in which English coal has hitherto been supreme.

Bank examiners that can detect fraudulent manipulation of bank books by crooked employes is a needed reform which has been emphasized by the news of a \$700,000 defalcation of an employe of the First National bank of New York city. Secretary Gage was inclined to treat the matter rather lightly when asked why the bank examiners employed at high salaries by his department had not discovered the big defalcation in their examinations of the bank's books. He said, nonchalantly, as though it were a matter of no consequence: "Our examiners cannot be expected to discover an old defalcation when the bank officers themselves have not found or suspected. The First National bank can stand it easily, with a surplus of \$6,000,000." These few words of Secretary Gage are a strong indictment of the national bank system, as it is now run. If the bank examiners "cannot be expected" to find crookedness until it is pointed out to them by the bank officers, pray how do they earn their salaries? If the people elect Mr Bryan president he will get a secretary of the treasury who will expect more of the bank examiners, and will see to it that they are men with knowledge and skill enough to meet his expectations. This particular bank has been such a prey of republican secretaries of the treasury, since 1877, when it jumped into prominence as one of the most successful New York banks, through favors given it by the treasury department, that the bank examiners may have been afraid to look too closely into its books.

Mr Bryan lost his overcoat while in Washington, and it worried him considerably until it was found and returned to him. It is described as a valuable one and lined with silk. We wonder how many of the workmen whom Mr Bryan is so anxious to protect from the trusts ever saw, to say nothing about wearing, a silk-lined overcoat. Mr Bryan appears to be a plutocrat in the matter of dress, whatever he may be in the matter of mouth.-Ansonia Sentinel.

That's just where the shoe pinches. Mr Bryan would arrange matters so that workmen can have silk-lined overcoats. His mouth is all right, and so are his lungs, as well as his ability to endure hard work. He has proven that in the way in which he has gone through the campaign just drawing to a close. Republicans who attended his meetings found this out when they hurled questions at him, as the man in New Haven did Saturday, when he hurled a question about silver at him. Bryan's reply was as follows: "I am done, but I am going to stop long enough to answer that gentleman. I have been talking to those whose ideas emanate from the head and not from the pocketbook. I will now talk to those whose ideas cannot soar higher than the pants pocket. I want to remind the man who wants to know about silver that you do not have to ask questions to find our policy on the money question. If the gentleman can read he can read a platform that states that party's position so that even a republican can understand it, and if he has not had time to read the platform and knows anything of me he knows where I stand, whether there is a platform or not. When the money question was paramount we talked about it and the republicans wanted to know about the tariff, and now, when the republicans assail the principles of government instead of defending the policy of imperialism, they want to talk about the money question. The money question can be settled at any time. The question of government must be settled now. You can live under any kind of a money standard, but you cannot live under a doctrine of an empire and believe in free government."

The actions of the men who first kicked the late John Sherman out of the senate to make room for Hanna, and then kicked him out of the cabinet, where he had only been a figure-head while Day performed the duties of secretary of state, over the death of Mr Sherman, which occurred in Washington this week, is about as disgusting an episode as the political world has seen on this side of the Atlantic. It was killing a man and then praising him for his many virtues. Mr Sherman was not a political paragon. He belonged to the school which follows the motto, "The end justifies the means," and he left a long string of his political friends in the ditches he crossed in his extended political career, but it is certain that he never treated any of them as badly as he was treated by the Hanna-McKinley crowd. Some think that Mr Sherman died from a broken heart, but there is no evidence that his heart was the kind that breaks. That he had been a soured and disgusted man ever since his failure to capture the presidential nomination of his party everybody knows, as he advertised the fact in his book of recollections; but as he always was glacial and ungenial it is not likely that disappointment shortened his life. He was 78 and he had been a hard worker. That is enough to account for a death from natural causes. Speaking on Sherman's death the Boston Pilot says: "Another of the few eminently great men of the civil war period, the Hon John Sherman, ex-secretary of the treasury, and for forty years at the front of public affairs in one position or another, died last Monday at the age of 77. His history, therefore, is largely the history of his country during those years. He and

his brother, the famous general, were men of mark, through the most important crisis of the country's destiny. Not even his enemies could deny his genuine greatness, but alas! it was Sherman's fate to suffer rather at the hands of his friends. Garfield jockeyed him out of the nomination for the presidency, after having enthusiastically promised to secure it for him. McKinley forced him out of the senate to make way for Hanna, and after giving him the portfolio of state, so insulted the venerable statesman through the month of an underling that John Sherman, old in years, thwarted in his honorable ambitions, and all but broken in heart, retired from public life a disappointed man. His party had used and abused him, and when, during his all too brief term as secretary of state, he championed his country's rights as an American, he was made to understand in emphatic language that the administration had no use for patriots of his kind. This is not the place to dwell upon his defects as a politician, though he had his share of them. It is enough to say that if he did not always deserve well of his country he deserved better than he ever received of his party."

HEARD IN PASSING

The point is sorely put that the Harrison managers were as confident of victory at this stage of the campaign of 1892 as the McKinley directors are now.-New Haven Union.

The wreck of the Maine is to be removed, but the spot where the noble ship went down will always be one of the reminders of the happening which did so much to change the destiny of the United States.-Meriden Record.

The crop of thieving bank tellers has received an addition in the person of William H. Beckley of New York city. By comparison with Alvord the new recruit is an amateur. His stealings amount to the paltry sum of \$6,400.-New Britain Herald.

A rural resident of Fairfield county took a ride into Danbury the other day with his wife and there they got their first glimpse of a passing automobile. "There goes one of them hellish things now, Maria," the husband ejaculated, and Maria said: "Well, I should say as much."-Hartford Post.

November 8 the industrial commission will resume its investigations on labor arbitration and relation between capital and labor and industrial conditions. Invitations have been extended to such prominent authorities as Bishop Henry C. Potter, President Stenbock of the National Building Trades Council, President John Doe of the Building League of New York, Professor John Graham Brooks of Harvard university and officers of the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia, to present testimony before the commission on the subjects enumerated. A preliminary report on the subject of labor arbitration will be presented to congress at the coming session.-New Haven Register.

If Bryan is elected, this Baltimore and Ohio order for 1,200 new freight cars will not be given"-so says an official of that road. The order is probably a fake, manufactured for political use. Republican papers contain many of similar kind. If the order is not a fake, the alleged intention of withholding it is assuredly one. If the Baltimore and Ohio road now needs 1,200 new cars, it will need them as much on November 7th, whoever may be elected president on November 6th. The west will ship as much grain and other products under Bryan as under McKinley, and it is the roughest nonsense to assert otherwise. This B. & O. official evidently rates the intelligence of the American voter very far below par.-Bridgeport Farmer.

RACE FOR CHINESE MARKET.

It would be tedious to explain at length how it has come about that the British shipper finds it a positive disadvantage to be 2,000 miles nearer the Chinese market than his chief competitors, says John Ford, the secretary of the American Asiatic association in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly. It may suffice to say that the regulating influence of the Pacific routes has had something to do with this apparent anomaly. The distance from New York to Shanghai, by way of San Francisco is only 9,920 miles, or 2,440 miles less than that by way of Suez. It is needless to say that over the period of this which is continental, there can be no effective competition with ocean rates of transportation. The full rate between New York and Shanghai, by way of Suez, would not be sufficient to carry freight overland from New York to San Francisco. But merchandise destined for China does not come to New York, unless for some sufficient reason, and when a great trans-continental system is ready to collect it at all points of production nearer the Pacific port and to make very moderate rates on it by pro-rataing with Pacific steamship lines, the eastern route must meet the cut or lose the traffic. As a matter of actual experience, the ships traveling the eastern route find no difficulty in underbidding their rivals on the Pacific, and unless where time is an important element, or the freight is especially valuable, very few goods manufactured on this side of the continent find their way to a Pacific port for shipment to China or Japan.

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KWANG HSU A SPOILED CHILD.

When Kwang Hsu was a young man I was depository of the North China Tract society and librarian of the Peking university. For some weeks a eunuch from the palace came every day to secure a new book. Nor would he be put off without one. Something must be given to him, were it only a leaflet on a religious topic. At last we were forced to take the Chinese medical books from my wife's private library to satisfy him, writes Prof. I. T. Headland, in Analogue.

The emperor gradually made a study of all kinds of religious books, books on chemistry, physics, medicine, the science of government, international law, political economy, mental and moral science, astronomy, physiology, mathematics—all books, in fine, that had been prepared or translated into the Chinese language on subjects relating to foreign science. It began to be rumored among the Chinese that Wan Su, 10,000 years (the Chinese way of speaking of the emperor) was going to become a Christian.

The child had become a man, a self-made, self-educated man. Never did anyone secure a liberal education under more difficult circumstances. Shut off from all the world, he learned about all the world. Born in the most conservative of empires, confined in the palace with two foggy old women, without any examples of liberalism among his ancestors, and without guidance save his own, he became the mainstay of the liberal party of his country.

Yet it must not be supposed from what I have said thus far of his majesty that because he was studying Christian books he was therefore becoming a Christian. The Chinese did report that he played at Christianity with the eunuchs, standing them up in classes and catechizing them from the books he had read. As for instance: "What gods do you worship?" "I worship Buddha." "No, you don't." "Oh, I worship Jesus and the God of Heaven." "Correct."

But it takes more than the mere reading of books and the bias in favor of Christianity to make a Christian. As a matter of fact, the Chinese idea of the emperor is that he is nothing but a spoiled child. They used to say: "The empress dowager ought to take him over her knee and spank him. It is told of him that once when he did not get what he wanted he grabbed a fine Swiss watch from a table in his range, dashed it to the floor and stamped it into smithereens.

On another occasion the emperor had ordered several of his eunuchs to come to him: "Only one of them put in an appearance." As the eunuch prostrated himself to kotow, the emperor, in a frenzy of vexation, kicked his slave in the mouth. The man who told me of this incident got his information direct, and exclaimed after he had related it to me: "What kind of a man is that to govern a country?"

Spoiled child Kwang Hsu is, without doubt, and he is by no means a Christian, yet he is the only hope of China-men to-day. Indiana Raising Wheat. The Crow Indians of Montana, who raise much wheat, have entered into a contract with the United States government to supply the Cheyenne Indians with flour. They are rich in farms, flocks and herds. This is the first time a government contract was ever let to an Indian—at least to a "blanket Indian" of the mountains.

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