bar of the State before he was rled into politics. He wa guized as a very good jury law. to listen to his arguy they liked of his lucid method of prese beause He came method of presentation wo terms in congress with his practice somewhat demoralized, but in the two years between then and his nomination for the presidency he had more than regained the lost ground. Since 1896 he had done very little law work, and he definite ly abandoned it in 1897.
The colonel's ability as a moneymaker was demonstrated, atter hin, book. Additional evidence of given when he began the publication of his newspaper

With sublime confidence in his own powers, he disdained the advice to secure a practical newspaper man as his business manager. He installed his brother in that post, but he himself has been the man behind the project. Without the aid or counsel of men experienced in news paper circulation departments he secured a paid up circulation of 25 ,-
ooo weekly before the first issue was printed. When it came out he had almost doubled that number.
Since then each month has seen a steady growth. Predictions to the effect that his success would be ephemeral were disregarded and time has proved his wisdom. He insisted then that the demand for
his paper would not abate in years to such an extent as to compel it:s abandonment. He argued that there are enough Democrats interested in what he considers the vital principles of Democracy to preserve to him a sul

## or jears.

His business far-sightedness was that he at once put in the scheme as soon as success was assured. As editor of the paper hedraws a salary of $\$ 5,000$ a year. The remainder of the profits of the enterprise are invested, largely in government securities, in what he calls a trus: fund for his subscribers.
The purpose of this is to provide the paper with an income permanent in its character, so as to insure its life for an indefinite number of vided for the eternal publication of The Co .mmoner without any drain upon his other resources, even if the st
thing

Thirty-five or 40 persons are employed upon the paper, principally printing plant. His type is set at another office and the paper printed at still another.
The Commoner office occupies the entire lower floor of a big business block on one of the side ,treets. The business office occupics art of the floor space, and three ?urths of it is used for mailing purises, several dozen pretty girls
isonally seeing to it that the enissue of The Commoner is disited properly.
While the denand for his services ilecturer has dwindled since his ntrance into that field, he stil most as many engagements as meet. His income from this is estimated to be $\begin{aligned} & \text { tro,000 a } \\ & \text { nd it enables him to carry on }\end{aligned}$ jects w thout impairment of -mmoner income
irview his home is conducted oad lines of a manof wealth. aids are employed to keep
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a bedroom suite of solid mahogany man.
that set the colonel back some $\$ 1$, 200. Each of the mantels in the Ling materials brough to Lincoln and especialiy selecter.
Great mirrors and fine furniture Great mirrors and fine furniture
we in the parlors, and the library a splendid collection of volumes. Mr. Bryanh has fitted up a stretch of woodland near by as a public park, and it was this that he dedicated last Fourth of July with the aid of Mayor Tom Johnson.
Mr. Bryan took his work as edit or much more serionsly at first than he does now. He is rarely at home for longer periods than a few weeks. When he is here he reduces his ediorial labors to a minimum.
In his earlier days of speech-making writing was irksome to him; ank as he has never cared to master
the intricacies of the typewriter, most of his work is done by die tation. He has one experienced newspaper writer constantly employed. The man does the paragraphs and the summarizing of white away to send in his ordinary stint, the work is done by R. I Metcalfe, editor of theOmahaWorld Herald, under whom Mr. Bryan took his first lessons as a newspape

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Mrr. Bryan is able to extract com siderable enjoyment out of life. He
His traveling and living expenses. are large, but he dresses plainly and does not expend any great proportion of his income
Tle does not worr any about his political future, and he comes and roes among his fellow-citizens in his old unostentatious manuer. Hi removal outside the city lianits has withdrawn him from but a portion of the city's life, and he really stands higher in public esteem than when he was a candidate for high oflice. He has won success, and lic receives
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