THE WORLD'S ILLS

It is an Active Principle, Which Constantly, Works for the Welfare of Body Mind and Soul.

Dr. Talmage is now traveling in Norway, where he has been deeply interested in the natural phenomena and the quaint social life of that wonderful land. In his discourse this week he argues, contrary to the opinion of many that religion is an active principle which works constantly for the welfare it would become more and more signific- awful. Horses and riders bent and of body and mind and soul. Histex: is Luke xiv, 34, "Salt is good."

The Bible is a dictionary of the finest similes. It employs, among living creatures, storks and eagles and doves and unicorns and sheep and cat tle; among trees, sycamores and terebinths and pomegranates and almonds and apples; among jewels, pearls and amethysts and jacinths and chrysoprases Christ uses no stale illustrations. The lilies that he plucks for his sermons are dewy fresh; the ravens in his discourses are not stuffed specimens of birds, but warm with life from wing tip to wing tip; the fish he points to are not dull about the gills, as though long captured but a-squirm in the wet net just brought up on the beach of Tiberias. In my text, which is the peroration of one of his sermons, he picks up a crystal and holds it before his congregation as an illustration of divine grace in the heart when he says, what we all know by experiment, "Salt is good." I shall try to carry out the Saviour's

idea in this text and in the first place say to you that grace is like salt in its beauty. In Galicia there are mines of salt, with excavations and underground passages reaching. I am told, 280 miles. Far under ground there are chapels and halls of reception, the columns, the altars and the pulpits of salt. When the king and the princes come to visit these mines, the whole place is illuminated, and the glory of crystal walls and crystal ceilings and crystal floors and crystal columns, under the glare of the torches and the lamps, needs words of crystal to describe it. But you need not go so far as that to find the beauty of salt. You live in a land which produces millions of bushels of it in a year, and you can take the morning rail train and in a few hours get to the salt mines and salt springs. And you have this article morning, noon and beauty of the snowflake and water foam to the naked eye, but under the glass the white tree branches and the splin-

Peter's. it smooth out wrinkles of care from the mon discovered its therapeutic qualities when he said, "It is marrow to the bones." It helps to digest the food pulses and quiet the spleen, and instead of Tyndal's prayer test of 20 years ago, putting a man in a philosophical hospital to be experimented upon by prayer, it keeps him so well that he does not need to be prayed for as an invalid. I am speaking now of a healthy that sits for three hours on a gravestone reading Harvey's "Meditations Among the Tombs"-a religion that prospers best in a bad state of the liver! I speak of the religion that Christ preached. I suppose when that religion has conquered the world that disease will be banished and that a man a hundred years of age will come in from business and say: "I teer ured 1 think it must be time for me to go, and without one physical pang Leaven

But the chief beauty of grace is in and cold and repulsive and makes it all over again. It pours upon one's nature what David calls "the beauty of holiness." It extirpates everything that is hateful and unclean. If jealousy and pride and lust and worldliness lurk | ing back with disappointment! about, they are chained and have a very small sweep. Jesus throws upon of God is like the salt to its preservative Kansas City; secretary, Wm. George the soul the fragrance of a summer garden as he comes in, saying, "I am rose of Sharon," and he submerges it with fuses them with brine, which preserves the glory of a spring morning as he says, them for a long while. Salt is the "I am the light." Oh, how much that great anti-putrefactor of the world. grace did for the three Johns! It took Experimenters in preserving food. John Bunyan, the foul mouthed, and have tried sugar and smoke and airtight made him John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer. It took John Newton, the in- the world stands Christ's words will be negro's name was. He was variously fidel sailor, and in the midst of the suggestive, and men will admit that as called Smith, Davis or some other hurricane made him cry out, "My a great preservative "salt is good." mother's God, have mercy upon me! It took John Summerfield from a life | would have become a stale carcass long | freight train and jumped off just as the of sin and, by the hand of a Christian | before this. maker of edge tools, led him into the preservative of laws and constitutions and was killed. His head was crushed pulpit that burns still with the light of and literatures. Just as soon as a gov-that Christian eloquence which charmed ernment loses this salt of divine grace thousands to the Jesus whom he once it perishes. The philosophy of this death by jumping off the train while despised. Ah, you may search all the day, so far as it is antagonistic to this stealing a ride. The railroad company of God fashioned and hung in eternal

Again, grace is like salt in the fact those paths across the western prairies? I know a great many speak of it as a live; that which has it not will die. I mere adornment, a sort of shoulder strap proclaim the tendency of everything adorning a soldier, or a light, frothing | earthly to putrefaction and death-the part of the banquet of life is over, or s

MIGHTY ANTISEPTIC which we can float shoreward. It is supplies, the ladder, and the only ladder, on be with the ladder, and the only ladder, on be with toy arrows, but with sword It is a positive necessity for the sou'. You can tell very easily what the effeet would be if a person refused to you through, I think he will. But take salt into the body. The energies would fail, the lungs would struggle with the air, slow fevers would crawl through the brain, the heart would flutter, and the life would be gone. Salt

Again I remark that grace is like salt in abundance. God has strewn salt in vast profusion all over the continents. Russia seems built on a saltcellar. There is one region of that country that turns out 90 000 tons in a year. England and Russia and Italy have inexhaustible re-Sweden, white with snow above, white with salt beneath. Austria, yielding 900,000 tous annually. Nearly all the natio-n rich in it-rock sal', spring salt, world, when he uttered our text, knew worked and the crystals were gathered. So the grace of God is abundant. It is for all lands, for all ages for all conditions. It seems to undergird everything. Pardon for the worst sin, comabout the salt lakes of Saratoy there are 10,000 men toiling day and night, and yet they never exhaust the saline treasures. And if the 1,600,000,000 of our race should now ery out to God for his mercy there would be enough for the murderer standing on the drop of the gallows. It is an ocean of mercy; and if Europe and Asia, Africa, North and South America and all the islands of the sea went down in it today they would have room enough to wash and come up clean. Let no man think that his case is too tough a one for God | to act upon. Though your sin may be deep and raging, let me tell you that earthly piers, but suspended and spanning the awful chasm of your guilt, one end resting upon the rock of eternal promises and the other on the founda tions of heaven. Demetrius were a robe so incrusted with jewels that no one after him ever dared to wear it, but our King, Jesus, takes off the robe of his righteousness, a robe blood dyed and heaven impearled, and reaches it out to the worst wretch in all the earth and "Put that on! Wear it now! says; Wear it for ever."

Again, the grace of God is like salt in the way we come at it. The salt on the surface is almost always impure-that which incrusts the Rocky mountains and the South American pampas and in India: but the miners go down through the shafts and through the dark labyrinths and along by galleries of rock night on your table. Salt has all the and with torches and pickaxes, find their way under the very foundatious of the with durability added. It is beautiful earth, to where the salt lies that makes up the nation's wealth. To get to the you see the stars and the diamonds and | best saline springs of the earth huge machinery goes down, boring depth beters and the bridges of fire as the sun low depth until from under the glints them. There is more architect- very roots of the mountains, ural skill in one of these crystals of the saline water supplies the salt than human ingenuity has ever aqueduct. This water is brought demonstrated in an Alhambra or St. to the surface and is exposed in tanks to the sun for evaporation, or it is put

in boilers mightily heated, and the fringment upon eternity, for an angel water evaporates, and the salt gathers many distinguished educators from all of God to tell one-half the glories in a state bottom of the tank—the work is salt crystal. So with the grace of God. completed, and the fortune is made. many valuable papers were read on king. But we live in a land where the many valuable papers were read on king. It is perfectly beautiful. I have seen | So with the grace of God. It is to be profoundly sought after. With all the brow. I have seen it make an aged concentered energies of body, mind and man feel almost young again. I have soul we must dig for it. No man stumseen it lift the stooping shoulders and bles accidentally on it. We need to put sparkle into the dull eye. Solo- go down to the very lowest strata of carnestness and faith to find it. Superficial exploration will not turn it up. We must strive and implore and dig | Francis W. Parker, Illinois; sixth, L. and to purify the blood and to calm the until we strikk the spring foaming with living waters. Then the work of evaporation begins, and as when the saline waters are exposed to the sun, the vapors float away, leaving nothing but the pure white salt at the bottom of the tank, so, when the Christian's soul is eposed to the Sun of Righteousness, religion-not of that morbid religion the vapors of pride and selfishness and worldliness float off, and there is chiefly left beneath pure white holiness of heart Then, as in the case of the salt the furnace is added. Blazing troubles, stirred by smutted stokers of darkness, quicken the evaporation of worldliness,

Have you not been in enough trouble to have that work go on? I was readiug of Aristotle, who said there was a field of flowers in Sicily so sweet that once a hound, coming on the track of game, came to that field and was bewildered by the perfumes and so lost the soul. It takes that which was hard the track. Oh, that our souls might become like "a field which the Lord hath blessed" and exhale so much of the sweetness of Christian character that the hounds of temptation, coming on our track, might lose it and go howl-

and the crystallization of grace.

But, I remark again, that the grace quality. You know that salt absorbs the moisture of articles of food and injars and everything else, but as long as not definitely ascertained what the But for the grace of God the earth

earth over for anything so beautiful or religion, putrefies and stinks. The buried the remains. - Columbia Record. beautifying as the grace of God. Go great want of our schools of learning all through the deep mine passages of and our institutions of science today Wieliezka and amid the underground is, not more Leyden jars and galvanic kingdoms of salt in Hallstadt, and batteries and spectroscopes and philo- ing to a letter received from Syaney, show me anything so exquisite, so sphical apparatus, but more of that were killed and eaten by cannibals on transcendently beautiful as this grace | grace that will teach our men of science | the coast of New Britain. The most that the God of the universe is the God of the Bible. How strange it is that were captured alive and dragged to the in all their magnificent sweep of the that it is a necessity of life. Man and | telescope they have not seen the mornbeast perish without salt. What are ing star of Jesus and that in all their experiments with light and heat they Why, they were made there by deer and have not seen the light and felt the notorious in the islands for man eating, buffalo going to and coming away from warmth of the Sun of righteousness! We who kill for food solely. The victims the salt "licks." Chemists and physicians all the world over tell us that salt our homes, in our schools, in our columntation witnessing the killing of their courseless. is a necessity of life. And so with the leges, in our social life, in our Chrisgrace of God; you must have it or die. | tianity. And that which has it will

dessert brought in after the greatest religion of Christ the only preservative. that Mr. Bryan was responsible for the occasions since that time the people of medicine to be taken after powders and lation to those who have within their it leaves out of account Mr. McKinley, ence to the political principles for which islands than there is of a soapbubble the conflict of forces began, but cermustard plasters have failed to do their souls this gospel antiseptic. This salt two-thirds of the United States senate I have been contending. I am not vain when it has burst. work, but ordinarily a mere superfluity, | will preserve them through the tempta- and the sudden outbreak of war at Ma- enough to believe that their support is a string of bells around a horse's neck tions and sorrows of life and through nila the day before the vote was taken. meant as a personal compliment. I acwhile he draws the load and in nowise the ages of eternity. I do not mean to If Bryan had more to do with ratificahelping him to draw it. So far from that say that you will have a smooth time tion than those three forces, he does devotion to the principles to which I I declare the grace of God to be the first because you are a Christian. On the not need to be inaugurated as president have been wedded. We enter this the department of agriculture will show gage in war with all the powers simuland the last necessity. It is food we contrary, if you do your whole duty, I of the United States to run the Americampaign under conditions far more the average condition of cotton on July must take or starve into an eternity of will promise you a rough time. You can people. He is, in that case, the favorable to success than those which famine. It is clothing without which we march through an ene my's country, and biggest force in the country already, surrounded us in 1896. But whether we 82.5 last month, 87.8 on July 1, 1899, treeze to the mast of infinite terror. It they will try to double up both flanks and he ought to start 16 to 1 a-going win this year or not, the fight must be 91.2 at the corresponding date in 1898,

The war you wage will not which we can climb up into the light. plunged to the hilt and syarring on your steed over hears of the slain. But I think that God omnipotent will see why do I talk like an atheist when I ought to say I know he will? "Kept by the power of God through faith unto complete salvation.

When Governor Geary of Pennsyla recessity for the life of the body; the vania died, years ago, I lost a good grace of God a necessity for the life of friend. He impressed me mightily with the horrors of war. In the eight hours that we rode together in the cars he recited to me the scenes through which he had passed in the civil war. He said that there came one battle upon which everything seemed to pivot. Telegrams from Washington said that the life of the nation depended on that sources in this respect. Norway and struggle. He said to me: "I went into that battle, sir, with my son. His mother and I thought everything of him. You know how a father will feel toward his son who is coming up manly sea salt. Christ, the Creator of the and brave and good. Well, the battle opened and concentered, and it was the point of the bayonet. Well, sir, I didn't feel like myself that day. had prayed to God for strength for that particular battle, and I went isto it feeling that I had in my right arm the fort for the sharpest suffering, brightest strength of ten giants" And as the light for the thickest dackness. Around governor brought his arm down on the back of the seat it fairly made the car tremble. "Well," he said, "the battle was desperate, but after awhile we gained a little, and we marched on a iitile. I turned round to the troops and shouted, "Come on, boys!" and I all-for those farthest gone in siw, for stepped across a dead soldier, and, lo, it was my son! I saw at the first glance he was dead, and yet I did not dare to stop a minute, for the crisis had come in the battle. So I just got down on my knees and I threw my arms around him, and I gave him one good kiss and said, 'Goodby, dear,' and sprung up and shouled, 'Come on, boys! 'So it is in the Christian conflict-it is a fierce fight. Erernal ages seem de-God's grace is a bridge not built on pending on the strife. Heaven is waiting for the bulleting to announce the tremendous issue. Hail of shot, gash i saber, fall of battle-ax, groaning on every side. We cannot stop for loss or percavement or anything else. With one ardent embrace and one loving kiss utter our farewells and then erg: 'Come on, boys! There are other heights to be captured; there are other foes to be conquered; there other crowns to be won.

Yet, as one of the Lord's surgeons. I must bind up two or three wounds. Just lift them now, whatever they be. I have been told there is nothing like salt to stop the bleeding of a wound. and so I take this salt of God's gospel and put it on the lacerated soul. It smarts a little at first, but see-the bleeding stops, and, lo, the flesh comes again as the flesh of a little child. "Salt is good." "Comfort one another with these words."

THE TEACHER'S CONVENTION

After a Most Successful Meeting

Closed Friday. The National Educational Society, which met in Charleston last week, concluded its labors on Friday night and adjourned sine die. There were school matters at the different sessions of the convention. The following offi-cers were elected for the coming year:

Pesident—J. M. Green Trenton, N. J. First vice president, O. T. Corson, Obio; second, J. A. Foshay, California; third, H. P. Archer, South Carolina; fourth, H B. Brown, Indiana; fifth, W. Bucholez, Fiorida; seventh, W. Bartholomew, Kentucky; eighth, O. Cooper, T x s; ninth, Wm. M. Davidson, Kansas; tenth, R. B. Fulton, Mississippi; eleventh, Gertrude Edmonds, Massachusetts; twelfth, H. E. Kratz, Iowa; treasurer, L. C. Greenlee, Colorado. Mr. Irving Shephard, the treasurer, holds over. The selection of the convention city for 1901

was left to the executive committee. At the closing session the committee on resolutions made its report. Their findings urge the battering and spreading of the common school and the extension of the American system into Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Congress is requested to reorganize the bureau of education upon broader lines, in order to meet the increased requirements and to establish it as an independent department on a plane with the

department of labor. The department of school administration elected the following officers: President, W. S. Ellis, Anderson, Ind. first vice president, I. H. Peres, Memphis, Tenn.; second, John Ogren, Charleston; third, Dr. W. A. Hunt, Northfield, Minn.; fourth, Graham H Harris, Chicago; fifth, R. L. Yeager. Bruce, Milwaukee.

Jumped From the Train A negro was killed Thursday night on the Coast Line railroad in the Southern portion of the city. Coroner Green held an inquest this morning, but it was name, so he was denominated unknown. He was stealing a ride on an incoming That grace is the only train got under the Seaboard trestle It is said that he came from Wedgefield. The verdict was that he came to his

Devoured by Cannibals. Bushmen from Cape Oxford, accordhorrifying part was when several men scene of the feast their bodies were to publican administration. Mr. Towne provide. They were clubbed and afterwards roasted and caten. This tribe perialism, condemning the course of of native ghouls is one of the most administration. and the first part of the cannibar least.

A Foolish Charge.

The Springfield Republican says: is the plank, and the only plank, on and to cut you off from your source of without being elected."

CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Thirteen Thousand People Present to Hear the Speeches.

BRYAN AND OTHERS SPEAK.

Several Very Strong Presentations of the Democratic Doctrine. Appeal to the Voters

of the Nation. The informal opening of the Democratic presidential campaign took place at Lincoln, Neb., on Tuesday of last week. In two ratification meetings, one in the afternoon, conducted by the Populists and Silver Republicans of Nebraska, and one in the evening conducted by the Democrats, Wm. Jenant as the shafts were sunk and the spring were bored and the pumps were awful, sir. We quit firing and took to James B. Weaver and other leaders of the parties, outlined the work of the campaign in the interest of Bryan and Stevenson. Probably 13,000 people, a good proportion from distant points in the State, listened to the speeches and paid homage to the leaders of the parties to which they owe allegiance, nearly 3 000 people packing the auditorium in the afternoon, while 10,000 gathered in the capital grounds in the evening.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Towne spoke at both meetings, although it was their intention to deliver addresses only at the evening meeting, and their remarks, forecasting as they did the fusion of the three parties on the Democratic national ticket, were received with unbounded enthusiasm. Mr. Stevenson, who is Mr. Bryan's guest, was somewhat indisposed and did not appear at the afternoon meeting. He was present at the evening meeting, however, and received an ovation.

At the afternoon meeting the speak. ers were Mr. Bryan, Congressman Shaforth of Colorado, "Cyclone" Davis of Texas, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis. Charles A. Towne, and Gen. James B. Weaver. Mr. Bryan spoke last and only in response to repeated calls. He was wildly cheered as Chairman Edmonston intro duced him as "Mr. Bryan of North merica.

I feel almost as if I ought to apolize for not being able to call myself former Republican," said Mr. Bryan mid laughter. Mr. Bryan then paid equent tribute to Gen. Weaver, harles A. Towne and Webster Davis, ormer Republicans, saying he "wander i how the Republican who is not tied his party by office could refuse to ave the party and cast his lot with hose who believe in the Declaration of dependence here and in South Africa

"I simply want to say now that the campaign is begun so far as the tickets and the platforms are concerned," Mr. Bryan continued, "and from now until election day it will be the duty of every citizen to take these issues before the country and weigh them. It will be the duty of every citizen to see where his duty lies. There is a privilege in being an American citizen, and there is a responsibility commensurate with the privilege. If we lived in a land where a king thought for us. we would feel no We live in a land where the citizen impresses his own opinion upon the government, where the policy of the government may be determined by the vote of one citizen. And I want to leave a thought with those who are to vote this fall. I want every citizen to vote as he would vote if he knew that his vote would determine this next election. (Applause.) "Remember what it means. You vote in Nebraska, and your vote may determine the vote of this State on the presidential ticket and your State may determine the result.

(Applauce) "When you get to the polls to vote, remember that you are an American citizen. (Applause.) Remember that your vote may determine this nation's position and that this nation will. in a large measure, determine the public opinion of the world on the doctrine that governments come up from the people. (Great applause.) For 124 years this nation has held before the world the light of liberty. For more than a century it has been an example to all the world. You tell me that we can now be indifferent to what is going on? You tell me that a man who lifts his voice against the doctrine of imperialism is pleading the cause of the Filipino? I teil you he is pleading the cause of American citizens-yea, he is championing the rights of the strug gling masses of the world who look to America for example. (Great applause.) If every Filipino were to die the world would go on, but if this nation, the reatest republic of the world's history, puts out its light, if this republic turns back to the doctrines which we loathed a century and a quarter ago, then to what nation of the world can the people look for hope and insipiration? So you ought to be proud that you are an American citizen and are able to say -'if the republic goes down I am not to blame for its downfall!' (Great

applause.) THE EVENING MEETING At the evening meeting Mr. Bryan and Mr. Stevenson were given a tremendous greeting by the crowd. Both were cheered again and again as they appeared on the platform. Mr. Towne delivered the most extended speech of the evening meeting, outlining the campaign arguments on which the Democratic party will fight the campaign of 1900. Mr, Towne gave his first attention to the monetary question, admitting that the issue had changed in importance since 1896, but insisting that it was still a live issue; that the principles of bimetallism are as true now as they were in 1896. Trusts were de- Senator, "and they will make anti im- stricter watch and take greater precaunounced as an inherent part of the Redevoted considerable attention to im-

Mr. Towne was followed by Mr. Bryan, who was increduced amid tremendous applause. He spoke as fol-

"I am deeply grateful to the good people of this city and State for their very cordial approval of my nomination. Four years ago the State gave "One of the odd things in this charge | me about 13,000 plurality, and on three My subject is one of great congratu- ratification of the Paris treaty is that Nebraska have declared their adhercept it as an evidence of their steadfast continued until organized wealth ceases | and a ten year average of 87,9.

it becomes again a nation of the people.

ent time upon a discussion of the issues presented by the platform adopted at China Defines Her Position in a Kansas City. I can say, however, that Royal Decree. it is, in my judgment, the greatest platform adopted in recent years, if

A dispatch from Washington says an imperial decree dated third day of sixth moon was received by telegraph Wednesday by Minister Wu, from the Taotai of Shanghai, transmitted on July 1st from the treasure of the Chihli republic who received it by special courier on June 30 from the board of war, who in turn received it from the privy council in Pekin. This decree is as fol-

and democracy met face to face, Adlai E. Stevenson was an able and courageous defender of the cause of democracy. During the campaign he spoke in seven of the close States. "I know that some of our allies felt aggrieved that they were not given the second place upon the ticket, but I am sure that they cannot feel unkindly toward one who, like Mr. Stevenson, was loyal to the ticket nominated at Chicago and who is able to defend the magnificent party creed set forth at tives aforesaid. Kansas City. In this campaign issues are greater than men. I shall not ask provinces of Chihli and Shan Tung a anyone to vote our ticket merely beband of rebellious subjects, who had cause it is the ticket of the party. It deserves support because it stands for been in the habit of practicing boxing

special privilege for none in all domestic questions. Gen. James B. Weaver spoke at some length, outlining the work to be done astonishing rapidity. Within the space by the Democratic, Silver Republican and Populist parties and appealing for He harmony for the common cause. also paid tribute to Mr. Stevenson's record in congress.

dealing with the Philippines and for the

doctrine of equal rights for all and

"I do not care to enter at the pres-

not in the history of the country. It

is greater than the Chicago platform,

for it endorses the principles set forth

in that platform and in addition there-

to presents the party's position upon

several new and vital questions. There

is no evasion about the platform, no

ambiguity and no double dealing. It is

as clear as the tones of a bell-as clear

as the tones of a liberty bell. It deals

honestly with the American people. Its

candidates are pledged to its main-

station of naming a candidate for vice-

president there was diversity of opin-

ion. Some preferred an eastern candi-

date, believing that he would strength-

en the ticket in the east. Some pre

ferred Mr. Towne, knowing of the sac-

rifices which he made for principle and

of his devotion to the principles set

forth in the Chicago platform. But the

choice fell upon a distinguished Illinois

"When the convention came to the

tenance.

THE SIN DANCE.

A Religious Rite Among the Natives of the Philippines.

The Manila correspondent of the Philadelphia Record says the almost naked body of a woman lying in a ditch near San Lazaro started an investigation by the police recently that led to startling disclosures as to the character of the Filipinos. Their treachery was common knowledge. Their savagery was not so well recognized until disof this quite decomposed body gave sufficient evidence to clear up any impressions that the Tagalo was enlighten-

The woman had died during the penitent dance on Good Friday, and in so doing had disgraced herself to the extent that her relatives had refused to But from the time following the troops have anything to do with her after entering the city the guards did not dedeath. The native priests have encourwith a view of obtaining expiation for the sins of the year.

The place chosen for the ceremony is always isolated. The more remote it is the more pleased are those who participate, for then there can be that abandon thrown into it which would be impossible near any town. The fanatics generally strip most of their clothing, and are ready for the dance.

They form a circle, giving their bodies a slightly swaying motion, and all the | to resentment, and voiced their indigwhile cut and lash each other with tough switches. It is considered a disgrace for any of the participants to give way to fatigue until the dance is and became bolder than ever in buraover, the only way to find favor in the | ing and killing Christian converts. The eyes of the Supreme Being consisting of a fortitude that makes light of the fearful switching. A dismal chant is the reinforcements encountered resistkept up during the dance, only ceasing ance and defeat at the hands of the when the chosen leader gives the signal to stop.

The dead woman had participated in one of these dances, and had held out for hours. Those who were with her in the dance expressed surprise that she held out as she did. Late in the afternoon, however she had succumbed and fallen utterly exhausted. She was surgent element. But as the trouble dragged out of the circle and thrown into the ditch, where she had remained until the officers found her.

The Spanish government did what it could to stop these rites, which closely approach those of the American Indians in their medicine dance, and now the United States will have something more to contend against in killing such practices.

Carries a Spine. A western man man wrote to Life, clever satire weekly of New York, asking it to state its position in the national campaign. Life responded: "We Mr. Bryan would not mean free silver. He could not force it upon the country if he tried. Congress is for gold, and at his clbow, would promise a procarries a spine."

Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of ver the issue in 1896," declared the the protection of the legations to keep perialism the issue in the coming cam- tion against any emergency. paign. The Republicans may try to background, but we will not allow them to do so.

No Increase of Trade.

We refer our imperialists to the official report of our trade with Manila. the forts by force. Lo Jung Kwang The New York Evening Post, after being bound by the duties of his office summing it up, says: "Practically all to hold the forts, how could be yield to the increase in our exports is caused by the demand? On the day named they the presence of our army in the Philip- actually first fired upon the forts, pines. Remove it, and there would be | which responded and kept up a fighting no more left of our export to those all day and then surrendered. Thus

The Cotton Crop.

The outlook for cotton is bad. The 1 to have been 75.8, as compared with

to control the affairs of the nation and STATES HER CASE.

TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT

In it the Boxers are Charged With Originating the Disturbances Now Going on in China

Democrat who once discharged with lows:

"The circumstances which led to the great credit the duties of the office. In commencement of fighting between the campaign of 1896, when plutocracy Chinese and foreigners were of such a complex, confusing and unfortunate character as to be entirely unexpected. Our diplomatic representatives abroad, owing to their absence from the scene of action, have had no means of knowing the true state of things, and accordingly cannot lay the views of their government before the ministers of foreign affairs of the respective powers to which they are accredited. Now we take this opportunity of going fully into the matter for the information of our representa-"In the first place, there arose in the

the Declaration of Independence in and fencing in their respective villages, and at the same time clothing their doings with spiritualistic and strange rites. The local authorities failed to take due notice of them at the time. Accordingly the infection spread with of a month it seemed to make its appearance everywhere and finally even reached, the capital itself. Every one looked upon the movement as supernatural and strange and many joined it. Then there were lawless and treacherous persons, who sounded the ery of 'Down with Christianity.' About the middle of the fifth moon, these persons began to create disturbances without warning. Churches were burnt and converts were killed. The whole city was in a ferment. A situation was created which could not be brought under control. At first, the foreign powers requested that foreign troops be allowed to enter the capital for the protection of the legations. The imperial government, having in view the comparative urgency of the occasion, granted the request, as an extracoveries in connection with the finding | ordinary mark of courtesy beyond the requirements of international inter course. Over 500 foreign troops were sent to Pekin. This shows clearly how much care China exercised in the maintenance of friendly relations with other countries. The legations at the capital never had much to do with the people. vote themselves exclusively to the proaged this relie of barbarity. Men, wo- | tection of their respective legations. en and children indulge in the dance | They sometimes fired their guns on top of the city walls, and sometimes patrolled the streets everywhere. There were repeated reports of persons being hit by stray bullets. Moreover, they strolled about the city without restraint, and even attempted to enter

> forbidden. On this account both the soldiers and the people were provoked nation with one accord. "Lawless persons then took advantage of the situation to do mischief, powers thereupon attempted to reinforce the foreign troops in Pekin, but insurgents on the way and have not yet been able to proceed. The insurgents of the provinces of Chihli and Shan Tun had by this time effected a complete union, and could not be separated. The imperial government was by no means reluctant to issue orders for the entire suppression of this inwas so near at hand, there was a great fear that due protection might not be assured to the legations, if the anarchists should be driven to extremities, thus bringing on a national calamity. There also was a fear that uprisings might occur in the provices of Chihli and Shan Tung at the same time, with

the result that both foreign missiona-

ries and Chinese converts in the two

provinces might fall victims to popular

the Tung Hua gate (the eastern gate of

the palace grounds) They only de-

sisted when admittance was positively

essary to consider the matter from every point of view. "As a measure of precaution it was finally decided to request the foreign are not going to support Mr. McKinley ministers to retire temporarily to Tien Tsin for safety. It was while the disnor Mr. Bryan. We are not going to support imperialism. The election of cussion of this proposition was in progress that the German minister, Baron | tion, hearing will be destroyed forever; von Ketteler, was assassinated by a nine cases cut of ten are caused by riotious mob one morning while on his Catarrh, which is nothing but an inwill so remain. Mr. McKinley's re-election, especially with Mr. Roosevelt previous day the German minister had faces. way to the tsung-li-yamen. On the flamed condition of the mucous surwritten a letter appointing a time for longer and bloody orgie of imperialism | calling at the tsung-li-yamen. But the -that is, of conquest, debt and dis- yamen, fearing he might be molested catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's honor. As to the two candidates per- on the way, did not consent to the apsonally we prefer Mr. Bryan. He has pointment as suggested by the minisconvictions-such as they are-and he ter. Since this occurrence the anarchists assumed a more bold and threatening attitude and consequently it was deemed wise to carry out the project of sending the diplomatic corps to Tien Tsin under an escort, However, orders says: "The Demograts made free sil- were issued to the troops detailed for sen, while superintending the work of

"To our surprise, on the 20th day of make other questions paramount, so as the fifth moon (June 16,) foreign to keep imperialism and trusts in the | (naval) officers at Taku called upon Lo Jung Kwang, the general commanding, and demanded his surrender of the forts, notifying him that failing to receive compliance they would at 2 o'clock the next day take steps to seize tainly the initiative did not come from our side.

Even supposing that China were not conscious of her true condition, how monthly report of the statistician of could she take such a step as to enteneously, and how could she, relying upon the support of an anarchistic populace, go into war with the powers? Our position in this matter ought to be clearly understood by all the powers.



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"The above is a statement of the wrongs we have suffered, and how China was driven to the unfortunate position from which she could not es-

'Our several ministers will make known accurately and in detail the contents of this decree and the policy affairs in their respective countries and conditions have changed to a reassure them that the military authorities are still enjoined to afford protection to the legations as hitherto, to the be elected next November. utmost of their power. As for the anarchist, they will be severely dealt with as circumstances permit.

"The several ministers will continue in the discharge of the duties of their office as hitherto without hesitation or transmitted for their information. Respect this."

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Scholarships For Girls

The South Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs has received from Converse college one scholarship of free tuition for each county in the State. All competitors for these scholarships will be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the following four subjects: 1. Latin, including grammar, composition, and four books of Caesar, or an equivalent.

2. Mathematics, which will include arithmetic and algebra, covered by such text book as Olney, Wells or Wentworth.

3 English, which will include grammar, analysis, composition and elementary rhetoric, and a fair knowledge of English and American literature. 4 History, which will include elementary English and United States his-

These examinations will be held in each county on August 1, 1900. Those desiring to enter the contest 20 to Christie H. Poppenheim, chairman education department, 31 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C.

The Cotton Outlook. well as usual considering the vast territory and diversity of climate and soil embraced, the prespects have not been bettered during the past week and cotton fields with few exceptions are foul with grass and weeds over the entire belt east of the Mississippi. Many fields in Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina have been abandoned. To what extent the productive acreage has been affected cannot now be determined, but a low estimate of abandoned fields equals the increase in acreage planted. The plants in general are not fruiting well, and in places are shedding, but it is probable that the recent more favorable weather has applied nature's remedy for those complaints. Within the past few days moderate rains have fallen over nearly the whole of l'exas, supplying the rainfall needed to keep the plants in a vigorous, growing and fruiting condition. It has been many years since the crop as a whole presented such a variety of condition, ranging from as fine as could be wished to the very poorest.

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Friday afternoon Mr. Joel E Brunhis shingle mill, near Kingstree, unfortunately got his left arm entangled in the saw of the same and before the mill could be stoped his left hand and part of the arm was crushed and almost entirely cut off. Mr. Brunson was immediately brought into town. Drs. Scott. Johnson and Epps were called in and the injured arm was amputated just below the elbow. The injury is is doing as well as could be expected.

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Sees Victory for Bryan. Blanton Duncan of Los Angeles, Cal., who predicted the defeat of Mr. Bryan in 1896 shortly after his nomination by the Chicago convention, publishes a letter in the Kansas City of China to the ministers of foreign Times claiming that political

markable extent in the past four years, and that Mr. Bryan will Mr. Duncan estimates that 15,000,000 votes will be cast in the election this year, of which Mr. Bryan will receive 7,400,000 and Mr. McKinley 6,700,000. doubt. This telegraphic decree to be The Middle-of-the-Road Populists, he thinks, will not poll over 250,000 votes, half of which will be cast in Alabama, Georgia

and Texas. The Social Labor

vote is estimated at 100,000 and

the Prohibitionist at 250,000. Mr. Duncan believes that not less than 1,000,000 Scandinavi-Balm,) which is made especially to cure ans, Dutch and Germans who all terrible Blood Diseases. Persistent supported McKinley in 1896 will vote this year for Mr. Bryan. California, he says, will return a majority of at least 12,000 for Bryan. The States which according to Mr. Duncan, will give their electoral votes to the Democratic nominee are as follows: California, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, New York, Nevada, Utah and the "Solid South," including Kentucky. These States have 250 electoral votes, or 32 more than are necessary to elect.

The States conceded to McKinley are Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, with 128 electoral votes. The "doubtful and contested" States are Connecticut, Idaho, Montana Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming, with 63 electoral

Not only will Mr. Bryan be elected President, but from Mr. Duncan's point of view, the Democrats will have a majority of at least fifteen in the next House of Representatives.

Will Support Bryan The Augusta Chronicle says

many commercial travellers who helped elect McKinley are now just as eargerly working to defeat him. Thousands of them are out of jobs today-this day of boundless prosperity-and they are the victims of trusts. A very prominent member of P. A. puts the case, if anything, more tersely than Chairman Richardson did at Kansas City. After "roasting" Hanna and the convention platform this gentleman concludes Except in Fiorids, Texas and Okla- as follows: "It is just a month homa where cotton is doing perhaps as ago today that our organization announced that it would support William Jennings Bryan and his running mate. That the Republican party fears the organization, is evident by the large sums of money now being spent by Mark Hanna trying to organize a commercial travellers Republican club. The Commercial Travellers' and Hotel Men's Anti-Trust League will put all its might into the fight to aid in the election of Mr. Bryan, who we know means what he says on the trust question. The trust question is going to be one of the important issues of the coming campaign, and the traveling men are going to be among the most efficient workers for the Democratic party." The "drummers" are among the brightest, keenest and most energetic of men. They are famous talkers and hustlers. They helped much to turn the tide against Bryan, in 1896. They will help mightily

Cheeky Depew.

to elect him in 1900.

One thing the Republican leaders have and that is a good supply of cheek and that old humbug, Senator Depew, of New York, has more than his share. In his speech before the Philadelphia convention Senator Depew made a vigorous attack on the ice trust of New York, referring only to a few Democrats, who hold stock in the trust. The ice trust is officered and managed by Republicans, and the trust was finally demolished and broken up by the Democratic newspapers. None of these things occurred to Mr. Depew on the spur of the moment perhaps, nor did it occur to him to mention the several hundred other criminal and oppressive trusts which are robbing the people under the protecting power of the Republican party. In dealing with the ice trust the Republicans only mention the Democratic end of it. Nothing is said about the other end, and the entire middle, which is Republican. The Deserious and sainful, but Mr. Brunson | mocratic newspapers got after the few Democrats and run them to cover, and the Republicans are using this to blind the eyes Pitts' Antiseptic Invigorator has of the public to the fact that three-fourths of the trust is Republican, and the Republicans have done nothing to run their men out of it. No doubt the hypocritical Depew himself has a large block of this very ice trust's stock.

> THE outlook for Bryan and Stevenson is very bright, and the indication are that they will win a grand and glorious victory for the people.