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Even the New York World is beginning to think Bryan is a great man.

It took \$16,000,000 to defeat Bryan in 1896. What will it require in 1900, with a solid Democracy?

The Chinese war is affecting the phosphate business in Florida, as rates on vessels have gone up so high on account of the great demand for steamships by the powers, that it will not pay to ship phosphate.

BECAUSE the south does not permit herself to be governed by her four million ex-slaves and their offspring, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, says that Bryan's anti-imperialism is merely a "mask!" How is that for honest and intelligent criticism?

If the Chicago board of trade undertakes to muzzle the press in that city or in any other part of the country the organization will be made to understand something of the power of the newspapers. If the business of the board of trade is reputable and legitimate the transactions are proper items of news.

FLORIDA should be proud of the Paris exposition medal for the best wrapper tobacco, awarded to a firm of growers at Quincy. It means more to Florida, says the Savannah News, than it does to the fortunate firm that received it. It means that there are latent possibilities in Florida's soil which may yet be converted into millions.

THE story that a Russian officer is directing the Chinese army is a little lurid, but still possible of belief. When the history of this comes to be written it will be found that the Chinese government and certain of the nations have been made the victims of Muscovite cunning. The Muscovite will care nothing for the revelation after he has carried his point.

THE verdict of guilty in the case of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, tried as an accessory to the murder of Kentucky's governor, William Goebel, was unquestionably a great surprise and a shock to the friends of the defendant, who had looked forward to nothing worse than a mis-trial. Judging from the many exceptions to the rulings of the court taken by the defense, there will be a long and stubbornly fought legal battle before they permit the client to serve a life sentence. The chances are that the case will not be concluded until after the election. The evidence presented during the trial was very much against Powers, and people generally will not be greatly surprised at the result.

**The County Convention.**

The ticket nominated at Cocoa this week is certainly a good one. Beginning with the nominee for legislature, Mr. K. B. Raulerson, who is of the "salt of the earth," and running down to the very bottom of the list, all are good men and of commanding ability and influence.

In the person of Mr. Raulerson we firmly believe the people of Brevard have selected a representative who will carry out their wishes to the best of his ability, and of his ability to creditably represent them there need be no question. Although young in years Mr. Raulerson has been a successful man—successful in business and successful in winning for himself friends, and we feel safe to say that such a man is perfectly capable of looking after Brevard's interests in the legislature.

Of those gentlemen who have been renominated it is not necessary to extol their good actions or praise their official conduct, for their works have been fitly recognized by their constituents. Their endorsement in office speaks more highly than our feeble words can express.

The several newly nominated candidates will have new work before them; they are vouched for in their fitness for these positions by their friends, and we firmly believe they will do their utmost to serve the people in their different positions to the best of their ability.

Some good men have fallen in the conflict, but they and their friends should be able to console themselves in the thought that they gave ground to the worthiest competitors.

**Vale Convention.**

The last Democratic convention that will probably be held in Brevard county for many years took place in Cocoa this week, a detailed account of the proceedings of which will be seen in this issue of THE STAR.

This was a remarkable convention in many ways. In the first place it reversed the order of procedure as adopted at Fort Pierce two years ago by adopting the two-thirds rule, and, notwithstanding the fact that there were contests for several county offices, some of which were conceded to be close, and also notwithstanding the further fact that there had been considerable exchange of help between candidates, amicable adjustments were reached, and all nominations were made under the adopted rule, either by acclamation or by a few decisive ballots.

The spirit of vindictiveness was not at all present in the convention, true there were a few personal allusions referred to, but they were unfortunately precipitated without a plan understanding of facts by those who made them, and the chairman of the convention, as well as candidates and delegates, soon dispelled them. In this connection we wish to state that it is peculiarly fitting that in the last convention held in the county it can be recorded that the selfish and vindictive element was eliminated, and that a truly Democratic spirit coupled with that of a complete sense of harmony prevailed throughout from beginning to end.

THE Tampa Herald says: In 1896 McKinley carried New York by 268,000. The next year, the Republican candidate for the supreme bench—a man named Wallace—was defeated by 60,000 in New York. McKinley appointed Wallace to the federal bench. Wallace refuses to allow Neeley, the Cuban postal thief, to be extradited for trial. The connection is plain.

A great meeting was held in Boston the other day, the delegates being anti-imperialist Republicans and gold Democrats. At that meeting it was decided by the greater number of those in attendance that they would support Bryan. It is hard to estimate the extent of this movement in the New England states, but there is a movement afoot that is worthy the attention of the student of politics.

**Chinese Seeking Peace.**

It is pretty clear, says the Savannah News, that the real situation in China has not yet been made known. If the government was free to do as it pleased it is difficult to see why it did not accept the proposition made by the United States. Had it done that it would not have suffered the humiliation of having its capital occupied by a hostile army. It must have known that it did not have the means to prevent the advance of the allies. It should, therefore, have accepted the proposition of the United States and arranged to permit a relief force to advance on Pekin and receive the ministers and other foreigners. There seems to be reasons for thinking that the government has not been a free agent—that the leaders of the Boxers have been directing affairs.

It is hardly probable that the United States will respond promptly to the application of the Chinese government for the appointment of an American commission to put a stop to hostilities and to restore peace. It is to be assumed, of course, that this application has been made only to the United States government. In this case it shows that China puts greater trust in the United States than in any other power.

There is no reason known at Washington why hostilities should not cease at once. It is difficult to understand why fighting was continued at Pekin after the ministers and other foreigners had been rescued. With their rescue the object of the relief force was accomplished. Probably there existed a condition of affairs there which, in the opinion of the commanders of the allies, required the application of force. What that condition was will, doubtless, be made known within a day or two.

The United States will hardly reply decisively to the application for the appointment of an American commission until it consults with the other powers interested in bringing about a settlement of the trouble. They may not be willing that the various questions that must be passed upon finally before the powers will consent to withdraw their armies and fleets from China shall be submitted to an American commission. They know that the United States are against despoiling China of any more of her territory in settlement of damages they have sustained. For instance, Germany demanded and received, for the lives of two missionaries who were murdered in a riot, one of China's most important ports, together with a large amount of contiguous country. What, then, will she demand for the life of her minister, who was murdered in the Chinese capital? Russia is almost certain to demand territorial concessions.

It is certain that the American people do not want their government to become entangled in schemes the powers of Europe may have for annexing portions of the Chinese empire. As far as it is possible to ascertain it their wish is for the United States to withdraw their army from China at once, if they can do so without violating any obligations to other powers and without sacrificing any of their interests.

It will turn out on investigation, in all probability, that the sensational story that fourteen anarchists were chosen by the society of which they are members in Europe to come to this country and assassinate President McKinley, is without substantial foundation. It is doubtless true that anarchists were arrested on shipboard on their arrivals in New York recently, and detained by the authorities until they could be sent back to the country from which they came, but it is questionable if any other part of the story is true.

FOLLOWING out the platform of his party, Mr. Bryan is making imperialism the "paramount issue." he has never once entertained the idea that he is "bigger than his party" or that he is the "whole push."

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**Introductory Address.**

The following few words introducing Mr. H. F. Atkinson as temporary chairman of the senatorial convention at Fort Pierce, on August 8th, by Mr. G. A. Worley, of Miami, will undoubtedly be read with interest by Mr. Atkinson's friends in Brevard:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Convention:—I have the pleasure of placing in nomination for temporary chairman of this convention the name of a man whom you know, a man who is well and favorably known on the east coast of Florida from Jacksonville to Key West, a former citizen of Brevard, a present citizen of Dade.

A man, who when a citizen of Brevard, was honored by your vote and entrusted with your state affairs, and no man ever represented you more faithfully than he.

He is a man whose Democracy has never been questioned, and he has a line of Democratic ancestors dating as far back as Democracy itself and that entire record stands without a blemish.

A man we can guarantee to you, will if chosen as your chairman, preside over the deliberations of this convention with equal and exact justice to all and decide all matters fairly and impartially.

A man whose ability as a parliamentarian is unquestioned and whose fairness makes him well fitted for the position.

And now gentlemen, I present him to you, a little better citizen, a much wiser lawyer than when a resident of Brevard, but the same honest hearted man, Col. H. F. Atkinson.

**A Peculiar Story.**

Aaron Bell, colored, is in jail at St. Augustine, and he gives a peculiar story as the cause of his trouble. Bell is a grave digger, and while returning from his work shortly after dark Friday evening he met Nancy Gerard, a colored woman, in New Augustine. Upon meeting the woman he began to beat her, and after the scuffle that followed the woman was found to be severely cut, and it is believed that Bell used a knife during the assault. The woman was unable to appear in court Saturday morning, and Bell has been placed in jail until the woman is able to appear against him. The woman's side of the story has not been heard yet, but Bell has told all about it. He says that he came upon the woman suddenly in a dark and lonely neighborhood. She was dressed in white, and, as she approached, Bell says he thought she was a ghost, and, becoming frightened, he made the attack. It seemed to take him some time to discover his mistake. He will be given an opportunity to convince the court that it was a mistake, but may have some difficulty in doing so.

**Death of F. W. Robertson.**

A telegram was received by relatives in St. Augustine Tuesday morning announcing the sudden death of Fred W. Robertson in New York Monday night. The cause of death was not assigned.

Mr. Robertson, for a number of years, was prominently identified in business and social circles in the Ancient city, and was for many years connected with the auditing department of the Florida East Coast railway. About six years ago he left Florida to accept a position with the Fidelity and Casualty company, of New York, which company he served faithfully up to the time of his sudden death.

The deceased leaves a large circle of friends who had become attached to him through his ever kind, loyal and generous disposition. Deceased was thirty-two years of age, and a native of Sandusky, O.

**Tragedy at Geneva.**

A tragedy occurred at Geneva Saturday night. A man named Tillis shot and killed J. M. Prevatt and seriously wounded J. F. Prevatt. Tillis gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Taylor, and claims he acted in self defense. The story, as told by citizens of Geneva, is that the Prevatt brothers went to Tillis' house and a quarrel ensued about some business matters. The Prevatt brothers beat and bruised Tillis, and left him on the floor. As they departed Tillis recovered, and, seizing his gun, fired, killing one and wounding the other of the two men.

The Prevatts are old citizens of Geneva, and have always borne a good reputation, and the same can be said of Tillis. Tillis' home, where the tragedy occurred, is near Cook's Ferry, on the upper St. Johns river.

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Miss Annie J. Kennon, of Tampa, is one of the missionaries in China. Her brother has heard from her that she is safe, and will come home until the trouble is over. She took refuge at Hong Kong when the disturbance first began.

At 6:25 o'clock Thursday morning, Aug. 16th, death ended the suffering of Frank L'Engle Bowden, the popular and promising son of Mayor Bowden, of Jacksonville. Frank, as is well known, sustained a fracture of his spinal column while diving in the surf at Pablo on last Saturday, and since that time had been at the residence of Dr. P. C. Perry, his brother-in-law, at 11 West Duval street.

**Political Notes.**

The Bryan, Stevenson and Jennings club held an interesting meeting on Tuesday night of last week at Miami. Dr. J. M. Jackson, Jr., presided, and appointed the following committees: W. R. Harney, John W. Townley, C. D. Leffler, W. H. Girtman and B. S. Tatum, executive committee; E. A. Froscher, J. A. Helms, Robert Mathews, C. H. Raulerson and L. E. Hill, campaign committee.

A committee composed of J. T. Dismukes, D. E. Thompson and W. A. MacWilliams, of St. Augustine; Frank Clark, B. F. Dillon and Telfair Stockton, of Jacksonville, and Syd L. Carter, F. F. Thomas and John W. Weideman, of Gainesville, R. A. Budford, R. L. Anderson and W. S. Bullock, met at Palatka Thursday, August 16th, for the purpose of discussing the capital removal question, and the mode of selecting a city to make the race. After some discussion, the primary plan was adopted.

The Democratic state executive committee meets in Jacksonville today, Aug. 24th. The meeting will be held at the Windsor hotel, and much important business is to be transacted. At the last meeting the members were in no humor to organize, but the time for action has arrived, and if any of the members should desire further delay they will be sat down on. The appointment of a campaign committee and the adoption of rules to govern future Democratic primaries are the two most important matters to be attended to.

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