

leagues for "a national liberty conpage 233, also assembled. These representatives, whom the press dispatches have incorrectly identified with the anti-imperialists, endeavored to persuade the gold democratic committee to take steps looking to the nomination of a third ticket, but the proposition was voted down, 26 to 1. The gold democratic committee then decided to reaffirm the Indianapolis platform of 1896, to recommend state committees to keep up their organizations, to indorse the action of congress in passing the gold standard bill as a step in the right direction, and to urge voters not to be deceived by the plea that the money question has been finally settled. The last clause was regarded by Louis R. Ehrich, of Colorado, one of the most prominent members of the party, as an indorsement of McKinley, for which reason he withdrew from the organization.

When the petition of the anti-McKinley and anti-Bryan representatives for a third ticket had been denied by the gold democrats, the former issued a call for a mass convention on the 14th of August, the day before that set for the liberty congress, with a view to placing a ticket in the field on the basis of independence to the late Spanish possessions, a single gold standard and a sound banking system, the abolition of all special privileges, and a merit system of civil service.

The democratic national committee has established headquarters at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago. It is noted as a curious fact that part of the suite of rooms now occupied across the street by the republicans were occupied by the democrats in 1896, while the rooms now secured by the democrats were then occupied by the republicans.

Complete fusion of democrats and populists has been effected in Kansas, with John W. Breidenthal, populist, as the candidate for governor. In Michigan the democrats have nominated Mayor William C. Maybury, of Detroit, for governor.

#### NEWS NOTES.

—Col. W. J. Bryan has accepted the invitation of the G. A. R. reception committee to be present August 30 at the Chicago encampment.

—Mt. Azuma, in Japan, one of the

world's few active volcanoes, broke into eruption on the 17th. Several villages were destroyed and more than 200 persons were killed. This volcano was the scene of a great disaster in 1888.

—W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has succeeded with his new French automobile in making the trip from Newport to Boston and return, a distance of 160 miles, in less than four hours, maintaining an average rate of more than 40 miles per hour.

—The long standing boundary dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica was terminated on the 24th by the signing of the new maps by representatives of both countries and Gen. E. P. Alexander, of South Carolina, who was appointed by President Cleveland to act as arbitrator in the dispute.

—W. W. Rockhill, chief of the bureau of American republics, and ex-minister to Greece, was appointed by President McKinley on the 19th as special envoy to China. He will go to China in a civil capacity and report upon conditions there. Mr. Rockhill, who was formerly connected with the embassy at Peking, is a good Chinese scholar.

—International surveyors have completed part of their work of locating the boundary line between Alaska and northwest Canada in accordance with the terms of the modus vivendi agreed to by both the Canadian and American governments last October. The new provisional line places the Porcupine mining district and parts of the road leading to it within the Canadian line. As this district was formerly on the American side great indignation prevails among the miners, who have forwarded a protest to President McKinley.

## MISCELLANY

### HAPPINESS IN HADES.

I had a vision, a vision of—Well,  
The word's not nice, but the place was  
hell,  
There thousands of devils lay on their  
backs,  
Or were playing cards with asbestos  
packs.

Accosting a demon, I said to him,  
"I thought you devils all worked with  
vim."  
"We used to," said he, in a pleasant  
way,  
"But now we are taking a holiday.

"The Jingo parsons so vigorously  
Are discrediting Christianity,  
That we feel good work's being done for  
hell,  
So we're loafing during the heated spell."  
—"Rhymes Without Treason," by James  
J. Dooling.

### "LIFE" ON THE ISSUES.

We are not going to support Mr. McKinley—nor Mr. Bryan. We are not going to support imperialism or free silver. The issue of this campaign is imperialism. The election of Mr. Bryan would not mean free silver. He could not force it upon the country if he tried. Congress is for gold, and will so remain.

Mr. McKinley's reelection—especially with Mr. Roosevelt at his elbow, would promise a prolonged and bloody orgie of imperialism—that is, of conquest, debt and dishonor.

As to the two candidates personally, we prefer Mr. Bryan. He has convictions—such as they are—and he carries a spine.—Life for July 12.

### THE POOR AND THE PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Prof. Graham Taylor, of the Chicago Commons Social settlement, said in Evanston recently, in the course of a talk on the sufferings of the poverty-stricken in Chicago, that he considered the protective tariff an evil, and that this opinion has been strengthened by living among the poor. He cited an instance of a scrubwoman who is never paid more than a dollar a day, and whose family is almost starving now because of high prices. In protecting, we should study to protect the poor and needy; and in doing this I am inclined to place more confidence in the words of the great-hearted Graham Taylor, the friend of men, than in the words of Marcus A. Hanna, the friend of trusts.—Edwin F. Walker, to the Young Men's Republican Club of Evanston, Ill.

### THE UNKNOWN CHINESE.

An extract from an editorial on "The Chinese Tragedy," published in the London Speaker of July 7.

It would, alas! be impossible to imagine a more horrible situation. And yet, what is most striking about the crisis is not that it should have occurred, but that it should have taken Europe so completely by surprise. The one factor which has been consistently ignored by the several powers in their Chinese policy during the last few years has been the people of China itself. Her ports have been appropriated, her control of various provinces has been usurped, her government has been blackmailed into making concessions, and all the time the different powers have been watching and growling at each other, too absorbed in their mutual rivalries to reflect that there might be a China over and above the China of ports and harbors, of corrupt and impressionable officials, the hap-