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## BRYAN'S CHANCES BRIGHT.

The New York Herald quotes Senator Gorman as saying that he will not be the manager of the eastern Democratic headquarters, and adding to that statement:

"I do not mean to say that I shall not take an active interest in the campaign, I sincerely hope that Mr. Bryan will be elected, and moreover, I think his chances are bright. I will make a limited number of speeches in Maryland, and may go outside the state. If it is thought that I can do any good in the close states I shall be willing to speak where and when those who have charge of the campaign may indicate. These things all depend upon the action of the national committee. I am a follower this year, rather than a leader.

"I see that the Republican managers are taking it for granted that Maryland will cast her electoral vote for McKinley. Well, let me tell you that August predictions often bring the world-be prophet into bad repute. If the Republicans are no more certain of carrying New York and other doubtful states than they are of Maryland, I am inclined to believe that their hopes are doomed to disappointment."

## WOULD FREE THE FILIPINOS.

In his speech accepting the Democratic nomination for president, W. J. Bryan made this positive statement as to the policy he will pursue if elected president:

"If elected president, I shall convene congress in extraordinary session as soon as I am inaugurated, and recommend an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose:

"First, To establish a stable form of government in the Philippine Islands, just as we are now establishing a stable form of government in the island of Cuba;  
"Second, To give independence to the Filipinos, just as we promised to give independence to the Cubans;  
"Third, To protect the Filipinos from outside interference while they work out their destiny, just as we have protected the republics of Central and South America, and are, by the Monroe doctrine, pledged to protect Cuba."

Is not that positive enough on the line of imperialism? Bryan's position is entirely correct.

The Baltimore Sun editorially endorses the speech of acceptance made by Mr. Bryan Wednesday at Indianapolis. This is of unusual interest to the politicians, because some claim that The Sun will eventually come out in support of the Democratic candidate. Its wide influence in both Maryland and West Virginia, two states admitted to be close, would make such a course very desirable to the Democrats, and would probably mean that Maryland was destined to be a Democratic state this fall.—Washington Post.

Senator Butler felicitates himself on the assertion that the fusionists didn't try to buy this election. And the beauty of it is they will never have another chance. The purchaseable cattle are all off the market now.—Salisbury Truth-Index.

## When the Fuss Gets Her Back Up.

It is not anger alone that makes cats arch their backs. Indeed, when two cats are preparing to fight they do not assume this attitude, but crouch low, just as they do when about to spring on their prey, the body being extended and the hair not in the least erect. But when, on meeting a dog suddenly, fear is combined with anger then the cat, standing at its full height, at once arches its back, with an instinctive effort to appear as formidable as possible.

Darwin compares it to the similar attitude of the lynx when attacked and to that of birds which ruffle their feathers and spread out their wings and tail when alarmed. It is noticeable that a cat will also arch its back when in an affectionate frame of mind, rubbing itself against its master's leg. At the same time it slightly raises its fur and holds its tail erect. Its whole attitude is just the reverse of that which it assumes when savage.

Darwin accounts for this in the following words: "Certain states of mind lead to certain habitual actions which are of no service. Now, when a directly opposite state of mind is induced, there is a strong and involuntary tendency to the performance of a movement of a directly opposite nature, though it may be of no service."

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# ETHEL

There was no doubt of it. Dr. Randolph Murray had fallen hopelessly in love with the beautiful Ethel Stuart, the belle of Mrs. Forrester's ball. Frankly, she told him, with a pleading look in her beautiful eyes, that it could not be. She was engaged to another.

As Ethel Stuart sat in her room that night, listlessly unwinding her golden braids, a stormy conflict was raging in her heart. Hers was no common case—she was the promised wife of one man, and, alas, felt that she loved another.

At an early age her parents had died, leaving her and an older brother alone in the world. The brother placed his little sister in a boarding school, and, taking his half of the large fortune left, had gone abroad.

Thus Ethel had grown up. She left school and entered society.

Then she had met Henry Merle. He was handsome, wealthy and possessed of great culture, and Ethel, advised by all who knew her well enough to advise, when he offered himself did not say him nay.

He was more than contented to secure the object of his admiration at any price. And the lovely girl, thinking that at last she had found a quiet haven from the giddy whirl of society, which she had never loved, accepted him.

His property in the West Indies needed his supervision, and, placing a diamond solitaire on the slender finger of his promised bride, he had gone, with the understanding that in the spring they would be married.

It was about this time Ethel met Randolph Murray. He was a young physician of small means, but with a clear, intelligent intellect and active hands, and it was not long before her womanly penetration recognized his worth.

Without the slightest perception of her danger, Ethel had drifted into a friendship with him, and now the end had come.

The week passed. Dr. Murray removed to the west, much to the surprise of all his friends and patrons. But Ethel knew why.

Henry Merle was a man of the world. Love was only a name to him. He knew Ethel had a fortune and that she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, so he clung fast to his prize and never thought of letting her go.

The preparations for the marriage were rapidly going on when Ethel's quiet was rudely broken by one of those terrible shocks which sometimes come in people's lives.

Her brother, who had left her when their parents died and who had seemed to have forgotten her very existence, was a forger to a large amount. He had spent his own fortune, gone from bad to worse, and now every paper throughout the land was full of the details of his crime.

But Ethel rose superior to the blow, which would have crushed a weaker nature. She did not sit down to think, but acted promptly. And her action saved him from further dishonor. Money, some say, is the "root of all evil," but oftener it is the root of a good deal of good, and Ethel, with a thankful heart, gave all of hers to cover the stolen amount, and the offender was allowed to remain in merciful oblivion in a foreign country.

Now the excitement was over Ethel had time to think. She had not seen Henry Merle during all the sad trial she had so bravely passed through. It was sweet to feel that there was some one to share her trouble with her—some one to whom she had a right to look for comfort.

But a letter came stating that the writer had thought over the story she had once told him and had decided it would be injustice for him to hold her to her engagement.

But Ethel saw through the specious words, and now, poor girl, the waves of bitterness did indeed overwhelm her.

So she sat one afternoon in her little lodging house room, sadly forming her plans for the future, when a tap came upon the door. It opened, and there stood the manly image she had ruthlessly driven from her heart.

"Ethel, my poor darling!"

The poor girl rose, hesitated and then with a low, glad cry sprang into the outstretched arms.

"Oh, my precious one! Can I take the right to comfort you? I only just heard of your trouble. I never once thought that the Arnold Stuart I read of was your brother, and then when I heard your engagement was broken I imagined how it was and came on the wings of the wind."  
In a kiss Ethel felt all her troubles vanish.—New York News.

## The Effect.

Poplinjay—What did your father say when he saw me kissing you in the hall last night? Was he very angry?  
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