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"I honestly believe," says Congressman Bartholdt, of Illinois, himself a German-American, "that with the election of Bryan the whole bottom of of our business prosperity would again drop out, as it did in 1893. Then it was the free trade scare, and this time it would be the free silver scare. We hear it argued that with the enactment of the gold standard law by the republicans, Bryanism, if installed in power, would be rendered harmless. This is a dangerous consolation. Bryan's success would, of course, mean the simultaneous election of a democratic house, and what then? All that would stand between sound money and 16 to 1 are a few old men in the senate, and at the very next election, in the middle of Bryan's term, the sound money majority could easily be wiped out. Mr. Bryan has consecrated his life to the cause of free silver, and, when once in power, his party will be with him. They did not demur at Kansas City because they no longer believe in the refuted and disproved proposition of 16 to 1, but because they feared to lose the election on account of it. And what will a candidate do who invites defeat rather than to give up his hobby, in the case of his triumph, when he is beyond the power of the voters? Why, to put the question is to answer it. The very first thing the democratic house will do will be to repeal the gold standard law, and, as a result of such action, a note of alarm will immediately be sounded throughout the business world. Our prosperity, based as it entirely is, upon the confidence of the people in our financial system, will receive a severe shock. Investments will cease, and money will be withdrawn and hoarded. As a result, labor will be thrown out of employment, and a crisis will be upon us even before the new democratic regime has made its intentions known.

"Have no fear. The Germans will not materially assist in killing the hen that lays the golden egg, and in bringing about another carnival of rags and soup houses, such as we had to go through during Cleveland's administration. In whatever disguise Bryanism presents itself, they will recognize in it a menace to American prosperity and the country's best interests."

IMPERIALISM A KILABAROO.

"Epithets are a convenient recourse for those to whom argument is unattainable but they are not likely to prevail with intelligent people who never mistake them for argument," says Congressman Brosious, of Pennsylvania, in the August number of American Commerce and Industries.

"To set up a man of straw is an easy device where no real object of attack exists. This is the familiar trick of attacking something different from what is asserted. And again where there is a course of behavior which is unassailable on its merits but which admits of a metaphorical designation, the adversary whose cause can only rely upon the artful stratagems of the dialectitian chooses a metaphor suitable to his purpose, a term or epithet of reproach that is supposed to carry odium or obliquy.

"It is a stupendous concession to the weakness of their cause that our populistic-democratic brethren are driven to the employment of the devices to which I have referred in the conduct of their warfare on the republican party. The paramount issue. they say, is "imperialism," whatever that may be. It is obvious enough that that they intend to convey some "hideous" if not "tragic" meaning by the use of this term and that its application to the republican foreign policy is intended to cover this administration with the foulest reproach and the deepest odium and bring it into universal discredit. They do not take the pains to define the meaning of the "epithet." They leave it to do its supposed deadly work on the principle that Curran applied the term "hypothenuse" to the fish-woman, that it would be effective in proportion to the obscurity of its meaning. They do not realize that in pursuing such a course they are making what Thackeray would call an indecent exposure of their intelligence, for Americans cannot be bamboozled by meaningless epithets however hideous they sound. They do not believe with Napoleon that governments are run by epithets or that party victories are won by their use. The faint gleam of light their platform throws upon the "contents" of the expression, indicates that they propose doing in relation to the Philippines just what the republican party has been doing and will continue to do to the end.

"The pretense that the republican party is committed to the policy of compelling the annexation of the Philippine Islands against the will of the people is a wicked perversion of the truth and could be resorted to by no one, but the devil himself, only in case of the greatest extremity, and it may be disposed of in the language of Abraham Lincoln in replying to his distinguished rival, Senator Douglas, when he said: 'Does the gentleman mean to stand in majestic dignity and pass through his apotheosis and become a god by his antagonism to a proposition which neither man nor mouse in all God's creation has ever advocated?'

"In the light of the discussion in the populist-democratic press for the last few months the epithet 'imperialism' in its relation to realities finds an apt illustration in an anecdote told by a friend of mine. A wag exhibited a queer looking box which contained, he pretended, a terrible animal that would eat people alive. He exhibited it on one occasion in New York. The beholders asked him what it was. A 'Kilabaroo,' he replied. 'Where does it come from?' 'It came from Africa.' 'What is its color?' 'Green as jealousy.' 'What does it live on?' 'It lives on snakes.' 'Where do you get the snakes?' 'I get them from my brother-in law.' 'Where does he get them?' 'Well, he gets them out of his imagination when he has delirium tremens.' 'Oh, then, they are imaginary snakes,' exclaimed the crowd. 'Oh, yes, it is an imaginary Kilabaroo. There is nothing in the box but it scares many foolish people.'"

If Bryan were elected president there is not a bit of doubt that he would construe it as a proper indorsement of his 16 to 1 ideas. He would say that the end had justified the imperialistic means by which he imposed his will on the builders of the democratic platform, he being indeed "wiser than they knew." In his inaugural address he would say that the will of the people as expressed at the polls was that the gold law must go, and the policy of free silverism be ushered in. He would then proceed to impose on congress the imperialistic methods by which he won in the democratic committee on resolutions at Kansas City. When congress had done his bidding, and free silver was accomplished, how would humbugged honest money democrats feel about their own share in the dishonest work of making present 100-cent dollars worth 42 cents? They would undoubtedly feel "like 30 cents."

Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, rejects the program of the anti-imperialists who met at Indianapolis because he considers Bryan "an eloquent political agitator, without a shred of executive experience," who has "never originated a solitary scheme of statesmanship, and has constantly employed his vigorous literary powers in the advocacy of the most pestilent financial heresies," while his "reiterated and confident predictions made in his campaign of 1896 are now a laughing stock."

The protection of American life and American honor without the consent or advice of yawping politicians is the duty of the administration. The McKinley administration has a pleasing way of performing its duties without pandering to the cheap element in politics.

DEMOCRATIC INCONSISTENCY.

G. C. Clemens, candidate of the social democracy for governor of the state of Kansas, said in a recent speech:

"The democratic platform fully indorses McKinley's course in the Philippines when it proposes that we shall establish a stable government there and protect the islands against all other nations. How are we to establish a stable government without first threshing the armed bands that try to drive us away? How are you to stay in a house and put the furniture to rights when a man is trying to throw you through the window, unless you first kick him into a peaceful frame of mind?

"If the Philippines are not United States territory, what business is it of ours whether they have a stable or any government at all? They are on the other side of the earth and perpetual civil strife there could do us no harm. We never worried over the stability of the government of the Philippine islands in all the years before that morning Dewey proceeded to do business in Manila bay. Why should we worry now if the islands are not ours? I am afraid the democrats are trying to get us into trouble by inducing us to meddle with the private affairs of other folks.

"Again, if the islands are not ours, but belong to the Filipinos, why should we propose to protect them against all other nations? Has not Germany or Russia the right to protect them against us as we have to protect them against Germany and Russia?

"And if the Filipinos own the country themselves, ought we not in common decency to wait till they ask us to protect them? Perhaps they might prefer some other protector, and it is exclusively their own affair.

"And how are we to establish stable government and then become and remain protectors? Are we to use moral suasion alone? If Germany should conclude to send an army to the Philippines what are we to do? Surely Mr. Bryan would not have us to resort to hated 'militarism' to repel the invaders! Perish the 'imperialistic' thought! If the islands are part of our territory what is a president to do with a rebellion there against the authority of the United States? What could any president do but precisely what McKinley has been doing—put down the rebellion first, reserving all questions of ultimate disposition possible.

"The democratic position is utterly inconsistent if we do not own the islands; it is a brazen proposal that we abdicate our sovereignty if we do not own them. McKinley's course has been logical, at least. He has assumed that the islands are American territory. He has assumed that Aguinaldo is a Jefferson Davis, and McKinley has been dealing with him as Lincoln dealt with the head of the southern confederacy—has been treating him as a rebel. Vanlandigham liked Lincoln no better than Hoar (Hoar has now publicly stated that he will support and vote for McKinley. — Ed.) and some others seem to like McKinley. Bryan should have adhered to his first position—immediate withdrawal of our forces from the Philippines. That was at least logical. But to deny our right to the islands and still propose that we shall exercise a protectorate over them—what logic is there in this? The actual truth is that, whether McKinley or Bryan be the next president, precisely the same course will be pursued toward the Filipinos, for Bryan's position pledges him to McKinley's course.

"This cry of imperialism wearies me anyhow. It has been during her imperialism that England has became in all but form a republic. At the beginning of her dominion in India not even business men could vote in England. In 1867, Disraeli, the most imperialistic of prime ministers, gave workingmen the right to vote."

The O. R. & N. Co. will run a special train from The Dalles to Portland on Thursday, September 6th, to accomodate visitors to the Elks' carnival. The train will leave The Dalles at 8 a. m. Fare for round trip tickets, good for three days, not including day of sale, $2.60. a29tf

PERTINENT PRESS COMMENT.

The Salem Journal calls the editor of the Woodburn paper "an impoverished intellectual slwash and degenate digger."

This is not a good time to make the American flag eat dirt. And besides there is no man big enough for the job.

Democrats who contend that the money question is settled, and that there is no danger from that source, overlook the fact that Bryan's greatest desire is to unsettle it.

Wages for farm hands will be low if Bryan is elected, is one of the points of argument to be used by the democrats this fall in Umatilla county. Ha! Ha! that is one truth the democrats have discovered.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mr. Bryan put his foot in his mouth clear up to his knee when he promised to withdraw the soldiers and the authority of the United States from the Philippines, and yet extend the Monroe doctrine over the islands. That alone is enough to skin him. And yet he eslemnly promises to do these things—if he is elected.—Salem Statesman.

A Contract.

A contract has been entered into and filed in the county clerk's office between W. H. Van Bebber and wife and C. V. Champlin and wife, parties of the first part, and P. L. Kretzer, George T. Parr and A. M. Kelsay, parties of the second part, whereby Messrs. VanBebber and Champlin grant to Messrs. Kretzer, Parr and Kelsay the right to go upon certain lands owned by them in the neighborhood of Chenoweth creek for the purpose of prospecting for "coal, oil, iron and all other minerals of whatsoever kind or nature, including natural gas, by boring or any other means that may be deemed proper or advisable." In case the parties of the second part discover on the premises in question sufficient quantities of coal or other minerals mentioned to warrant the development of such discoveries, they bind themselves to convey to the parties of the first part an undivided half interest in such coal or other minerals, and also full rights of way to and from such places upon such premises as may be selected for carrying on of work of prospecting and developing said mines, together with such tract of land, not exceeding ten acres, as may be necessary for the development of said mines and for dumping grounds. Messrs. Kretzer, Parr and Kelsay are to commence prospecting within one year and to continue the same without interruption for a longer period than three months under penalty of cancellation of contract.

Arthur Sewall Dying.

BATH, Me., Sept. 3.—Arthur Sewall democratic cadidate for vice-president in 1896, is in a critical condition at his summer home at Small Point, sixteen miles from this city. Mr. Sewall was seized with an attack of apoplexy at 10 o'clock last night, and has been unconscious most of the time since then.

BATH, Me., Sept. 4—12:30 a. m.—The condition of Arthur Sewall was unchanged at midnight. He had not regained consciousness, and it was stated by the physicians that there was absolutely no hope for his recovery. His death is expected at any moment, and he probably will not come out of the stupor in which he has lain since stricken. The family is about the bedside awaiting the end.

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STRAYED

From the East End feed yard, one small blue mare, branded something like a man's head on left shoulder. Liberal reward for her recovery or information leading to her recovery. When last seen had a short rope around her neck.

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No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Blakeley's drug store. 2

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