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YELLOW VERBOSITY.

The yellow journals must be found of the exuberantly verbose style of rhetoric rather than plain every day United States. If we are to judge from the saffron-hued gush of an ass who calls himself Langdos Smith and reports Bryan's late reception by the Tammany hosts to the San Francisco Examiner.

HERE'S A FUNNY THING.

"There is no one more desirous than myself to see this great city morally pure. The young men and women should be particularly protected from the snares set for them, and I have always done everything in my power for their moral interest and welfare."—Richard Croker.

Isn't that about the funniest thing that ever came down the political pike? asks the Philadelphia Inquirer. There is not a gambling hell or an immoral den in all of New York that is not under the protection today of Richard Croker through Tammany Hall, and there is not one of them that is not forced to contribute to the fund raised to aid the campaign of William J. Bryan.

Tammany intends to dominate the state, and intends to do it through immorality.

Croker and purity! What kind of a dense joke is this anyhow?

The Bryanite press that has heaped such abuse on Mark Hanna as seldom falls to the lot of any human being, if half they said about his tyranny towards his employes is true, have a splendid opportunity of proving their case and compelling Mr. Hanna to resign from the United States senate. When at Madison, S. D., Thursday, Senator Hanna threw out a challenge to his traducers that, it is perfectly safe to say, they will never attempt to take up. Manly men would, or step lying, but liars are never manly. "If it can be shown," said the senator, "that in a single instance I have denied a hearing to one of my 6000 employes, or have refused to consider any griev-

ance presented by a single man or a committee from a labor organization, I will resign from the United States senate, because since the republican party has called me once more to the responsible position of managing the campaign, I feel that I have the right, and that it is my duty, to tell the people of this country who call me a labor crusher that it is not true."

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

History repeats itself. The instincts that governed the copperheads of the civil war period still govern their political successors. The following resolutions adopted at a democratic meeting held in New York September 1, 1864, with slight changes and the name of McKinley substituted for that of Lincoln would pass as an extract from one of Bryan's speeches: "Resolved, That the administration of Abraham Lincoln, by its imbecility in the conduct of the war and its ruinous financial policy has forfeited the confidence and respect of the loyal states. It has usurped power not granted by the constitution, has endeavored to render the executive, aided by the military, superior to the legislative and judicial branches of the government; it has assumed to destroy life and confiscate property by unconstitutional proclamations; it has caused the arrest and imprisonment of persons without warrant or due process of law; it has violated the right of asylum by surrendering to a despotic power persons entitled to protection under the law of nations, and by its general conduct of public affairs and its notorious extravagance and corruption in every department of the government has created an enormous debt, impairing the credit of the nation and seriously diminishing the resources and happiness of every citizen."

At Arkansas City, Kan., last Tuesday, Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith answered Mr. Bryan's well-known query about past hauling down of the flag thus: "Mr. Bryan's query about the past hauling down of the flag is a fair question, and deserves a fair answer. I will try to give it. The flag was carried to Mexico by the law of war. It was carried out by the law of peace, for the terms of settlement provided for the cession of California and surrounding territory, but not of Mexico. The flag went up in California and has never come down from there. It was carried to Cuba to free humanity by the law of war; and it will be taken from there under the pledge of the law of congress. It was carried to China to rescue our ministers and missionaries, and it will be taken from there, since that is accomplished, and because we are not an imperialistic nation. It was carried to the Philippines by the law of war, and will remain there by the law of peace."

Senator Hanna has been cartooned without mercy and maligned and abused as if he were a public enemy. Mr. Bryan has been the chief offender. In every speech, in any part of the country, he has held Senator Hanna up to scorn and ridicule. He did this in his Salem speech in the June campaign. Every true American will concede Mr. Hanna's right to defend himself, in all fairness. He rested under the calumnies for four years and more, without asserting this right. But now that he has undertaken the task he is doing the job very completely. He shows himself fully equal the task.—Salem Statesman.

We call attention to the speech of Congressman J. C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, which appears in another column, in which that gentleman gives his constituents some of the reasons that prompted him to "flop" from Bryanism to republicanism. It is rare indeed to find so much solid meat compressed into so small a space. It will amply repay reading.

There are plenty of good, substantial, old-line democrats who could not vote their sentiments if they would, simply because there is no longer a democratic party in existence in this country, says the Eugene Register.

A DEMOCRAT WHO FLOPPED

Why Congressman Sibley Flopped—In the Light of Duty and Conscience, in the Interest of the Broadest Humanity and for the Sake of the Greatest Number Abandons Bryanism and Supports McKinley.

Hon. Joseph C. Sibley was elected as a democrat to the 56th congress from the 27th Pennsylvania district. He is now a candidate from the same district as a republican. In a speech delivered to his constituents a short time ago at Bradford he gives the reasons which prompted him to denounce Bryanism and all its works. He said in part:

You charge me with changed opinions. This is true. Each day of life differs from any day preceding. The man who stands still or harks back to the dead past will be left in the rear.

New occasions make new duties. Time makes ancient good unsmooth. They must onward still and upward. Who would keep abreast of truth?

You charge me with being a flopper. Yes, I guess that is so. If a flopper may properly be defined as one who did not know it all yesterday, is wiser today and aims for progress tomorrow, then I am a flopper.

If a flopper is one who finds a position of yesterday untenable today, and positively wrong tomorrow, who seeks to leave the untenable position the occupation of which would stultify his intelligence, dwarf his conscience and work an injury to his fellows, then you may define me as a flopper.

If looking at the present and trusting for a grander future, rather than facing backward to fan the smoldering embers of the past, constitutes one a flopper, please enumerate me as such.

Whenever I see men who have been working for one dollar a day, able to earn two dollars; when the man who earned two dollars can have the opportunity to earn three, I will flop as often as it may be necessary to help that condition for that man to continue.

When from 1893 to 1896 47 per cent of the wage earners of this country were unemployed or working on short hours, and today only three-eighths of one per cent of the wage earners are unemployed, I will flop to help keep these men employed whenever and wherever it is demanded.

When under Free-Trade Tariff bill we saw our nation largely importing its manufactured necessities, and when under this administration, we are manufacturing not only for ourselves, but are supplying the other nations of the world with the products fabricated by American hands in American workshops, you can make a fair guess that I will flop to help that cause along.

Last year we sent from our American workshops to foreign nations \$339,000,000 worth of manufactured products; this year \$432,000,000, and with the assured certainty that with the present policy maintained these exports will within six years reach more than \$1,000,000,000 annually, thereby requiring double the workshops of the present and affording double the present opportunity for honest labor and honest capital to meet with substantial recompense, I will flop, and flop until I can be right side up in line with that policy.

When a pound of wool brings the farmer from 12 to 15 up to 50 cents today, and when his sheep, that were only salable at a dollar per head in 1896, are worth today three to four dollars per head, I will flop whenever it is required for me to do so to help maintain that condition for the wool grower.

When I find that in 1896 we imported 230,000,000 pounds of foreign wool; in 1897, 351,000,000 pounds of wool; while in the year 1899 we imported but 76,000,000 pounds of wool, to give the best market of the world to the American producer rather than the foreign producer of wool, makes it easy for me to flop for the benefit of that wool-grower.

When cotton, that sold for 4 cents per pound under the last administration, brings from 9 to 10 cents per pound under the McKinley administration, I will flop to help the cotton grower.

When I see an advance in the price of all farm products ranging from 25 to 125 per cent, and my flopping from my attitude to another will help that farmer, I will try to be the first man to flop.

When I see furnaces blazing, forges glowing, looms weaving, when I hear shuttles clicking and spindles humming, when brain and brain each find fair recompense whether in factory or in field, I will, as a man who aims to be loyal to his fellows, his country and his Creator, try my level best to maintain that condition, call me what you will.

When wages have increased from 10 to 100 per cent in nearly all industries; when in 1899 we paid 709,000,000 more of dollars to wage earners of this land than we did in 1896, with the assured certainty that they will still further increase, if we will only let our partisanship shrivel and our patriotism expand; are you justified in doubting if my attitude of yesterday hinders that increase, I will flop until my position of today shall be on that higher ground standing

upon which, humanity, from the heights of the delectable mountains can see grand visions of a more glorious future?

When I see the miners of the Hocking Valley, who received but forty cents a ton for digging coal, now receiving eighty cents per ton for the same work, and with a proportionate advance in all the bituminous coal fields, with steady work for all, it is an easy matter for me to flop.

When I see the glass blowers receiving from 20 to 30 per cent advance in their scale of wages, with steady employment, for a continuation of such happiness for them it will not be difficult for me to flop.

When I see the flag fired upon; when I see the brave boys in blue, your brothers, your sons and your sweethearts, shot down by men in ambush, my sympathies go out to you and to them: rather than to a Tugal savage, and I have got to flop. And as I love my country, my fellow men and my God, no man will flop ahead of me.

When we see each month a surplus in our national budget instead of a deficit; when we see, instead of borrowing money of England, as we did under the last administration, we have loaned within the last two years to Sweden, Russia, Germany and England more than \$300,000,000; when we see our exports doubling and our imports dividing; when we see happy faces of a well fed and a well clad citizenship, and contrast it with the days of the Coxey army of the unemployed; when the pinched faces of hungry men and women and little children, clad in tatters, in the biting blast of the winter's storm, sought for cold charity and cold soup in the soup houses, let us pray that God in His grace grant that you and I shall never witness those scenes again, but if we do, my earnest prayer is that He may so guide us all in His infinite love and wisdom that no vote or act of ours, whether in public or private life, shall be responsible for the return of such conditions.

DEMOCRATS ARE AGAINST BRYAN

McKinley for Best Interests of Country—Leader on Subject.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Oct. 20.—Democrats here and all over Klickitat county are forsaking Bryan and his many isms and are lending assistance to the republican campaign. One of the most recent and notable democrats to renounce his party's leader is R. O. Whitbeck. Since his residence in Washington, Mr. Whitbeck has been one of the pillars of the democratic party. Well educated, and thoroughly in touch with the issues of the times, he was looked up to as a wise counselor, and such he proved to be. But he finds that his duty as a loyal American citizen is to leave his old political associations and come out for the best interests of the country, which he is of the opinion will be subserved by Mr. McKinley's election. Asked as to his reasons for change of political faith, Mr. Whitbeck said:

"I am an expansionist. As to the Philippines, our whole policy turns upon the answers to two questions:

"Shall we shirk the responsibilities brought by the Spanish-American treaty? Are the Filipinos qualified for self-government?"

"To both I answer, No. If correct, our duty is plain. The insurrection must be quelled; order established, and the future of the islands consigned to the care of congress. It is useless to theorize or picture ideal conditions. 'An emergency, not a theory, confronts us'; and we must rise to meet it. If there are no precedents, make them. If a colonial government is necessary, establish it. If the constitution does not provide a suitable means of government, amend it. 'New occasions teach new duties,' and if we are to rise to the full measure of greatness, we must accept whatever may come. The future is uncertain, difficulties will be encountered, and mistakes will be made; but these are no reasons why we should shirk the responsibilities that come with progress. The Filipinos should and will be given all the liberty consistent with their civilization. The laws of any country are in very close touch with the public sentiment of that country, and I cannot believe that the American people will ever be guilty of an oppression.

"These in brief are my views upon what are considered the vital issues of the present campaign, and as they are essentially republican I cast my lot with that party and will support the republican cause until such time as my views are more in accord with those of some other party."

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