

### The Festival of the Republic.

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means of living, in order to work again when wanted.

3. Religion and Education, for the freedom of which our ancestors emigrated and suffered everything, have to make alliance with the money-changers whom "the Son of Man" drove out of the Temple with little regard to regularity. Even the University, the School and the Press is subsidized or bulldozed, muffled or gagged in the interest of Mammon, or run directly as a part of financial monopoly.

4. And now we have been forced into a foreign war, contrary to the express injunction of Washington and every one of the Fathers of the Republic, and by and for the benefit ONLY of the un-republican centralizing interests and influences above described. Our fathers as sound Republicans abhorred "colonies" or "the territory" except as adjacent and preparatory States. Paine and Washington projected Home Government Republics the world over, sympathetic with the United States as their great protector and friend. They would cry out with horror at the very idea of our becoming "Tories", and sympathizing with and trying to beat even them in subduing foreign peoples to our domination. Especially a people where the climate forbids us to live and work healthfully, and by a war debt which we must pay, for our "subjects" cannot, even if we subdue them.

5. But why rehearse these facts? Do they not mean that the motive power, the great boiler that sets in motion the political machinery of this mighty Nation of States, is no longer THE PEOPLE, as the constitution intended, but a few political bosses, doing that work for the benefit and behoof of the mighty Monopolists of money, trust-production, commerce and land? Does it not mean that the people can not have a dollar, not even a paper dollar, unless they have paid usury on it at least twice? In fine, how many are compelled to cast their vote not as the voice of an independent citizen and patriot, but as a dependent trying to use it in the interest, or at the will, of another upon whom his livelihood depends? Are not those who really own their own votes becoming fewer? Then what mean those social distinctions which divide our people and make them foreigners to each other? What means this social oligarchy of Mammon, the most heartless, brutal and exacting the world has ever known?

It means that if the Republic is not to be totally abandoned, every citizen must make answer as did that Saint of old, "I will return to the sacrifice". Yes, we must never "despair of the Republic"; we must return and found it anew upon

those virtues and conditions and, if necessary, those sacrifices by which it was originally called into existence. Let us do for it in 1900 what Jefferson and the Republicans did for it in 1800; what Lincoln and the Republicans did for it in 1860 --save it from its INTERNAL ENEMIES-- that it may stand invincible as our hope, and the hope and light of the world!

The discussion which always takes place at the Thought Exchange brought out some points of interest after the address.

PROF. BUFF wished for the birth and death dates of Thomas Paine's life.

Mr. Wakeman: Born at Thetford, Yorkshire, England, 1773; died at New York, June 8, 1809, and buried on his farm at New Rochelle. No novel can be more interesting to an American or a Republican than the history of Europe and America during Paine's life-time. Make a desperate effort to read Conway's Life and Writings of Paine; also my address on Paine as the "Father of Republics," and the Truth Seeker of Jan. 27, 1900, containing an interesting letter from Paine, and much new information from Mr. Conway, and from the editor of the Truth Seeker.

MR. BROWN: Will Mr. Wakeman tell us what ought to be done about the Phillipines?

Mr. Wakeman: Certainly. We ought to do just what we have by Laws of Congress promised to do for and with Cuba—that is, make the Archipelago into an Independent Republic, under the protection and moral and civilizing help of the United States. That country and Cuba came to us under similar circumstances, and like treatment, that is equality among equals, is the only equity. Such is the fundamental law maxim of equity, and if we do not live up to it we put ourselves in the wrong.

Mr. Geer asked the other night, "How are we, then, to make the Pacific Ocean 'an American lake', and secure our commercial superiority, if we let up on the Phillipines?" The answer is easy. A true America and a true American is Republican, and when the Pacific is surrounded or dotted by home-ruling Republics under American protection and friendship, it thereby becomes an American lake—with Hawaii as its center. We will have the only money, steam power and cables to do its trade and business, and we will do it then without an Empire or the expense of a dollar for war, or even for a large standing army and navy. Self-interest when rightfully used is everybody's interest and the true "cheap defense of nations." But now suppose we become "Imperialists." Then we must have wars to beat Russia and England, or both, at the same game. Then we must keep the

subject peoples down by armies, as did Rome, and make our Earth a "slave pen." Isn't that a pretty "Ideal" for Republicans, Democrats, and Populists? Instead of that kind of "Expansion," let us have "an expansion of Republicanism" by Republics, securing the peace, welfare and happiness of Mankind!

Q.—When would you stop the Phillipine war?

Answer.—Right now! The time to do right is always now! Why, we shall conquer in the end, of course; and then if we were honest, since we can not annex them as a State, we must set them up as a Republic. Why not do this before we kill any more of them—for we are killing the best of their people, and "the worst use you can put a man to is to kill him", as Voltaire said. The people there only ask what we asked of England, and what we must give in the end if we are Republicans. If we should now do that, and on Republican and equitable grounds, because it is right, what a mighty moral effect it would have! Republics henceforth would become fashionable, and have the admitted presumption in their favor; we would soon make that Model dominant in the future of all national changes, and thus surely introduce the Federal "Republic of the World", that hope, ideal and initiative "Paradise" of mankind on Earth!

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