

### EXPANSION.

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speeches that McKinley was inconsistent in commencing war with Spain for humanity's sake and then murdering the Philippinoes. In the course of events in nations. I am thinking that William J. Bryan and Co. are the ones that are inconsistent. I think anti-expansion is gotten up for political bancombe and to humbug the people to get votes. The National grange at its last session are already producing a large surplus tion that a very strong combination among some of the European nations are being formed for the purpose of shutting out our products from their markets we should be forced in war with some foreign power, the possession of the Philippine islands will be of the greatest value to our own people. There is no question in my mind that the majority Geo. R. Califf, secretary. of the people will sustain the government. No patriot will ask our soldiers to turn their backs to a foe when under fire. Our flag will continue to float over those islands so long as the interests of this country and the interests of the inever these interests will be promoted by ranger. with drawing.

We have always had the anti-expansionists with us but their views have will not now. The people will sustain the Stars and Strips regardless of the antis. I believe one should be broad and liberal in his views and that is expansion and anti-expansion will bring us in contact with men of all classes and races and conditions and will awaken narrow notions that grow up at home. Rowen, secretary. The broader outlock in the world dissiseen how other people live, looked upon T. F. Ryan, secretary their jovs and sorrows, we gain a new conception of the unity of the great system under which we live. As I quoted from the Divine writers of the Scriptures the Fourth of July, "for unto us a child is East to Jerusalem, saying we have seen His star in the East." And I believe that star hovered over our Pilgrim Fathers when they landed on Plymouth Rock that we might become a mighty Christian nation. That star was with George Washington, Gen. Taylor, Lin-Dewey and it will stay with us as long as we battle for the right. We are bound Well 1 must comment a little more on the Philippine Islands, we occupy a polet the Philippinoes govern themselves, but whether we shall allow a small portion of them to misgovern all the rest. We have no right to abandon these islands and their occupants to savage misrule. We cannot afford to let a few po litical inconsistant misgaided men keep us from taking a part in the Twentieth keeper, century that our position, abilities, necessities and the inherited aspirations of the people call for. There is no antiexpansion about me. I would like to expand this all over the world for I believe in the brotherhood of man. There is no form of government in the world so well adapted to the human race and so well calculated to develop the noblest sentiments of patriotism and love of country as ours. It calls into being and stimulates into action a strong feeling of C. Armstrong, Sec. personal interest and responsibility. No injustice can be complained of, no arbibitrary or cruel oppression, for the voice of the people frames the laws, liberty of thought and speech, freedom from the thrall of church it elevates, for which we reverently thank God as we worship him according to the dictates of our own conscience. High and holy are the gifts, God has lavished on the race; Expanded thoughts that ever lifts, Honors him who gives us grace.

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