

DEMOCRATS AT SEA

Party in Oregon Is Without a Definite Policy.

CHANCE FOR RHETORIC IN APRIL

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I oppose expansion for the reason that to annex the Philippine Islands would be to give them a voice in the affairs of our government.

They are incompetent to perform. To hold them as subjects against their will would be unconstitutional.

Free government can only exist as such by consent of the governed. We are here, and we can't run, but we can give them the same government as we give Cuba.

"My country, right or wrong" Yes, my child; right or wrong, too, but it either is wrong or my duty is to stay the closer until they are put right in the eyes of the world.

Should William J. Bryan be nominated for President, or would the nominee be a man able to resist the bees? This is a hard one, your honor.

McKinley's hasty work, in the first place, in declaring war in the Philippines and his lack of interest in the Philippines, has done quite a little to reunite the Democrats.

However, the job is incomplete. If a man can be found who will work for the Philippines, I would favor him.

Man like Morgan, who stayed with the Democrats in 1896, yet leaned to the gold standard, but was never broad-minded on the money question.

He is a lot better than either Bryan or Morgan for expansion, and he is not one of those flexible fellows who can be adjusted to suit the platform of any man in full accord with the platform that may be formulated at the National convention.

H. TAYLOR HILL.

SPEECH BY HERMANN. Extracts From His Address Before a Banquet at the Hotel Astoria.

At the recent annual dinner of the West Side Republican Club, in New York City, on March 10, Commissioner Hermann was one of the speakers, and followed Governor Roosevelt. He made several extracts from Mr. Hermann's speech:

"When we address ourselves to the young voters of the country—and they hold the destinies of the nation in their hands—it is our duty when we remind them that the most eminent Americans of the last half century were those who followed the teachings and rejoiced in the achievements of the Republican party.

"We were selling twice as much as we were buying, a test which is as inspiring and as significant in the affairs of a nation as the test of an individual. There has been found no other instance within the century where the exports of a nation have been double its imports.

Indeed, I think it may be said that this is a record which is not to be equaled in the world. Last year our total foreign commerce exceeded two thousand millions of dollars in value. We are today the greatest agricultural and manufacturing nation on the face of the earth. We are also the richest nation. Three years ago we were a debtors nation; today we are a creditor nation. Three years ago we were a debtor nation, it was three men for one job; now it is three jobs for one man.

"As the result of the Spanish War we are confronted with the most serious incidents which have followed. Of the various acquisitions, which come to us from Spain, only the Philippine Archipelago has been a curse to the nation. True to our political obligations, true to the traditions of the Democratic party, it must oppose every act of the Republican party today, tomorrow it will approve and endorse, and will be an exception in its history if it does not insist that it was the only expansionist party at this time.

"All of the great additions to our Nation in the past were secured by Democratic Administrations. Perhaps the blindest encomium ever paid to the policy of expansion was that by President Pierce when he said in his first annual message: 'This country has been gradually and steadily expanding through acquisitions of territory which have much more than made up for the loss of territory by the Republic of Spain.'

"The Spanish possessions came to us by operation of a treaty, and it is our duty to acquire, our obligations to humanity, to our nations—to the Filipinos themselves make it indispensable that we retain control of these islands. It is our duty to do so much to escape our responsibilities as it is to do to meet them. The great Republican party has never avoided a duty in the past, and it will not shrink its responsibility in the future. It is our duty to these acquisitions and these people as other acquisitions have succeeded with the various cessations heretofore made. We shall not be satisfied until we have secured them, and we shall give them, in the course of time, the liberties we enjoy and the blessings of a republican form of government. We shall not be satisfied until we have secured them, and we shall give them, in the course of time, the liberties we enjoy and the blessings of a republican form of government.

"There was no law in your victory—there will be no faltering in maintaining it."

POPULISTS OF UNION. Two Fusion Members Resign.

The Populist central committee of Union County met in La Grande the 15th inst. and selected April 3 as the date for holding their county convention at La Grande, and the primaries to be held on March 12. (The Democratic convention is to be held April 5.)

The question of taking steps toward following in the line of the state central committee, towards securing union with the Democrats, is the principal question of the meeting. Those who champion the union side were Senator Justus Wade and J. T. Woodell of Alicet. They were opposed by the fusion members, who were for a straight middle-of-the-road Populist ticket to be elected; that it is plain to be seen that Mr. Bryan will again be the nominee of the two parties, and the only way to succeed is to place the party which will legislate Populist principles is to place the party in shape for a satisfactory union.

Mr. Logsdon, while a strong unionist two years ago, expressed himself as being done by the other parties, and the nomination received at the hands of the Democrats, and stated that he favored placing a straight ticket in the field. Among middle-of-the-road Democrats, it is probable that Mr. C. D. Huffman and others.

The test vote came upon a motion to set the date and place of holding the convention at La Grande, which was selected by the Democrats. The motion was lost.

After calling the meeting to order, County Chairman G. H. Curry tendered his resignation, and W. T. Grider was chosen in his place.

A. V. Oliver, who had faithfully performed the duties of secretary, tendered his resignation, and C. Logsdon was elected in his place.

Justus Wade resigned as committeeman of the Summerville precinct, and J. T. Woodell as committeeman of Alicet.

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