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HEARST SAYS IT'S SILLY.

Mr. W. R. Hearst, of the San Francisco Examiner, the New York Journal and the Chicago American, is one of the greatest of American expansionists. He gave Mr. Bryan a few words of advice in the San Francisco Examiner, April 27, 1899:

"We trust that Mr. Bryan will yet range himself in line with the national aspirations for expansion. The time has come, as it comes at intervals to every vigorous nation—as it has come to ours on several former occasions—when the old boundaries are too contracted for the pulsing life within them, and when the health of the body politic demands that room. The popular instinct understands the need for these periodical expansions, and every genuine statesman understands it, too.

"The popular instinct of a nation cannot be changed in sixteen months, nor can a creature of expediency be converted into a statesman by an appeal to the truths of history.

"Mr. Bryan may think he is close to the people, and that his silly talk about 'imperialism' moves them, but he will soon find out that Americans are as much in favor of expansion today as they were when they applauded the acquisition of the Louisiana territory by that noted imperialist, Thomas Jefferson."

Mr. Hearst is the leading democratic newspaper man of America, and his reference to Mr. Bryan's 'silly talk' cannot be charged up as republican abuse.

"Consent of the Governed."

In a very able article in Tuesday's Oregonian, touching upon "the consent of the governed," which is the burden of Mr. Bryan's song during the present campaign, Chas. B. Moores of Oregon City asks the following pointed questions:

What methods have been pursued in our acquisition of the Philippines that were not in line with the methods pursued in the Democratic acquisition of Louisiana and Florida and California and Alaska? What have McKinley and his associates done that Jefferson and Jackson and Adams, Monroe, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, Marcy, Andrew Johnson and Seward did not do, or stand ready to do before them? Spain sold us Florida without consulting the inhabitants. Napoleon sold us Louisiana against the protests of the inhabitants. We took California at a time when the American population was less than 500, and we accepted Alaska from Russia against the protests of the local population. In what respect was the right of Spain to barter away Florida, or Napoleon to barter away Louisiana, or Russia to barter away Alaska any better than was Spain's right to barter away the Philippines? And in what respect is our title to the Philippines any less good than that to all our other possessions? Who is Aguinaldo? Who ever commissioned him to give or receive pledges? What constituency does he represent, and by what warrant do he and his fellow-politicians presume to say that they represent the Filipino nation? Was an election ever held, and has he ever asked the consent of those whom he aspires to govern?

Mr. Moores also calls attention to the following bit of American history—"lest we forget:"

In June, 1866, Congress proposed the 14th amendment to the Constitution, Section 1 of that article read as follows: All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United

States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Every democratic legislature and every democratic legislator in the country voted against the ratification of this amendment, presumably because they felt from the bottoms of their hearts that there could be "no just government except by consent of the governed."

Bryan goes on, day after day, drawing his inspiration from Jefferson and Jackson, and even Lincoln, but history proves that he isn't in line with either. In his self-imposed task of "prosecuting the republican party," he hasn't found time to study history closely, so he just guesses at it, counts all the nation's famous departed statesmen as the fountains of his wisdom and lets it go at that.

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