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One of the strangest displays of public sentiment on any important question is that recently given by a large portion of the Irish-American Catholics, who suddenly espoused the cause of the Boers and evidently without knowledge of the fact that in the Kruger government there is neither civil nor religious liberty, and that the heaviest hand of oppression falls upon the Catholics. A large portion of the Irish-Americans are naturally hostile to England because of the issue between England and Ireland. They have little or no knowledge of the government of the Boers, and are certainly without the knowledge that one of the cardinal principles of the Boer faith and government is the absolute humiliation of the Catholic and the Hebrew, both of whom are denied any voice in the government and are perpetual strangers to its honor. Bishop A. Gaughran, the Catholic bishop of Kimberley, South Africa, who is not an Englishman, and who states that his sympathies have generally not been with England, wrote a letter at Kimberley on the 19th of September, 1899, in which he says that the only hope of religious and civil liberty is in the overthrow of the government of the Boers. He said: "The state of things in the Transvaal is a scandal to the nations. That a handful of men, some of whom were very illiterate and all of whom were very prejudiced and selfish, should expect to be allowed to make laws forever for those who spend their money in buying up property in that country and developing its welfare, is perposterous." Speaking of the relentless proscription of Catholics by the Boer government, the bishop says: "His (Kruger's) prejudice shows itself principally as regards the Catholic church, and secondly as regards civilized habits of European nations. The church is his bugbear. The Catholics are as heathens to him. They worship snakes and wooden images." In England, against the prejudice of many Irish-Americans was aroused because of the alleged persecution of their faith in Ireland, the Catholic and the Hebrew have filled every position of honor under the government, and the Hebrew premier made one of the most lustrous of the English administrations; but in the South African republic, the Catholic and Hebrew are

heathens. Their language cannot be taught in school; their religion makes them alien to every position of trust or honor, and yet it is this most monstrous of all assaults upon their faith that many Irish-Americans have been inconsiderately defending.

After a time "the plain people" will catch the idea that expansion means prosperity for them, not for the trusts or the multi-millionaires or the seekers of fat offices. The islands will be particularly stony soil for any such industry, at least for some years to come, because popular feeling about them has been incomparably stronger, more keenly critical and quickly roused than it ever was regarding any other territory or new possession. But the fruit of expansion will be more sure supremacy of this country in the world's market, greater balances payable yearly to American producers, larger employment and better wages for American labor, and vastly increased opportunities for the legitimate and profitable use of American capital. Some persons still question this, but it is only because they have not considered with sufficient care the new conditions. With American enterprise or labor or capital, suppressed in every energy and industry for centuries by Spanish rule, these islands have already bought from other countries products worth over \$100,000,000 in a year, and have exported to other countries products still more valuable. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a Cough, we earnestly ask you to try it. In the United States and Canada 25c, 50c and \$1.00, and in England 1s. 3d., 2s. 3d. and 4s. 6d.

A DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY. Post-Intelligencer. The naval appropriation bill is now before the house, and as there is no time limit on the debate there is a splendid opportunity for the democratic members of the house to fill the congressional record full of campaign material which can be distributed at the cost of the country. Their apparent program, at present, is to confine their arguments against the bill to the provisions for the purchase of armor plate. By these tactics they have already succeeded in delaying the construction of a number of vessels, which is in itself a distinct democratic triumph. Any thing which could by any possibility cripple any department of the government it is of necessity good democratic policy to support; for the government and the republican party have become so closely identified in the democratic mind that any opportunity to injure the government is seized greedily as an opportunity to injure the republican party. But why should they devote their entire attention to this one portion of the subject, when there is so much else that can be said, all logically in the line with other democratic arguments? For example, the democrats in and out of congress have had much to say about the dangers of a great standing army. Mr. Bryan, almost tearfully, called attention of the people of the Pacific coast particularly to the great dangers which are before

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them when their sons and neighbors, now engaged in hunting the Filipino democrats through the mountains and swamps of Luzon, return home with the lust of blood upon them and promptly proceed to prod their relatives full of bayonet holes. Lurid pictures have been drawn of the frightful consequences which will follow if the regular army should be increased so that there would be one armed and disciplined American citizen with a government gun in his hands to each thousand of the other inhabitants of the country. Democratic orators are still assuring the people that this man will terrorize the thousand, will inaugurate a military lepotism, and that the country will go to the demitition bow-wows if there should be one soldier to every few hundred square miles of territory.

Now, why do not these timid orators, with the materials at their command, draw the companion picture to this? If seventy-five or eighty thousand soldiers, scattered all over the United States, and manning the isolated coast defenses of the country, are a menace to the liberties of the people, what will be the effect if we have a navy built according to the present program? Why, one of the existing battleships of the navy, in the present condition of the coast defenses, could lay in ruins any one of the great cities of the seacoast, or place it under tribute. Suppose that Admiral Dewey should become desperately affronted at the democratic refusal to accept him as a standard bearer in the coming campaign? As admiral of the navy, what is to prevent him from ordering out the fleet, seizing the seacoast towns, and proclaiming himself dictator? Why should millions be spent for the building of more warships, which in the hands of desperate and unscrupulous men could readily upturn the government, capture our richest cities, destroy our commerce, and do all kinds of things? Is it not possible that behind all the proposals for the upbuilding of the navy the Mark Hanna and the Standard Oil Company, eagerly waiting for the completion of the naval program, that these warships may be used by them for piratical cruises against not only the people of the United States, but all those of Europe beside?

These are grave considerations. The arguments are almost identical with those which are urged against the increase of the army, whenever that subject comes up. It is singular that with these familiar weapons ready to their hand, the democratic orators in congress are neglecting the opportunity for their use presented by the debates on the naval appropriation bill. But perhaps we are premature in our criticisms. The debate is young yet, and they may be holding these weighty arguments in reserve, ready to spring them with telling effect later in the day.

PEACE DECLARED.

Why devote all your time reading about the Boer war and the gold fields of Alaska? There are other matters of vital importance; you may make a trip East, and will want to know how to travel. In order to have the best service, use the Wisconsin Central Railway, between St. Paul and Chicago. For rates and other information write JAMES A. CLOCK, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Proposals for fresh beef and mutton: Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, April 3, 1900. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and fresh mutton for six months beginning July 1, 1900, will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Wallace and Camp Oborn, Idaho; Forts Casey, Plagier, Walla Walla, Wright and Vancouver barracks, Wash., and Skagway, Fort Wrangle and Valdez, Alaska, until 11 a. m., May 3, 1900, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Fresh Mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Major James N. Allison, Chf. Comy.

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Astoria intend to improve Thirty-eighth street in that part of the city of Astoria laid out and recorded by John Adair and generally known as Adair's Astoria, from a point fifteen feet south of the north line of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue, by grading said portion of said street to the established grade to the width of thirty feet through the center thereof, and planking the same when graded with sound fir plank, either red or yellow of three inches in thickness and twelve inches wide, laid upon stringers, to the width of sixteen feet through the center of said portion of said street, with the construction of such culverts as may be necessary to permit the surface water to pass under said portion of said street so improved. Said improvement as to its construction in matter of detail and material to be used, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 190, of the city of Astoria, entitled, An Ordinance in Relation to the Improvement of Streets, which was approved the 3rd day of January, 1895, and strictly in accordance with the specifications therefor to be filed with the auditor and police judge of the said city by the city surveyor.

The costs and expenses of said improvement, excepting street crossings, shall be defrayed by special assessments upon the lots, lands and premises fronting upon and adjacent to said portion of said street proposed to be improved and such other lands as in the opinion of the council will be benefited by said improvement, which said lands and premises which will be benefited by said improvement are hereby included within a special assessment district to be assessed pro rata to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of block number twenty-one (21) in said Adair's Astoria, and running thence south to the southwest corner of block forty-five (45), thence east to the southeast corner of block forty-six (46), thence north to the northeast corner of block twenty-two (22), thence west to the place of beginning and containing all of blocks 21, 22, 23, 24, 45 and 46, all in Adair's part of Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John Adair.

This notice is published for eight successive days in pursuance to a resolution duly adopted by the common council of the city of Astoria on the 16th day of April, 1900, the date of the first publication of this notice being on Friday, April 20, 1900.

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