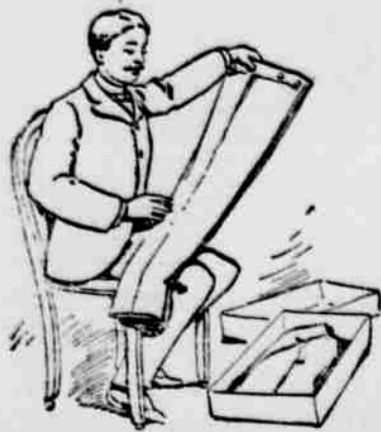


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A PECULIAR FANCY.

That is a peculiar fancy which impelled a Democrat to say that "Mr. McKinley is an imperialist because he strives to catch the passing fancy of the people," says the Walla Walla Union. Never were there words more abused and misplaced than those of imperialist and imperialism, as bandied about by Democrats who are opposed to the cession of the Spanish Islands.

An imperialist is one who serves an emperor or favors the establishment of an empire antagonistic to that of republican ideas of government. The government of the United States is said to be republican in form, and in fact is democratic so far as the power of the people can direct public affairs through representatives of that people, and whose terms of office are limited and are subject to change through their expressed will. There can be no such thing as imperialism where within the people are the powers of the government, and who retain their freedom to act as their conscience shall dictate, and the laws of their country, as made by representatives of their choice, will permit.

It is wise and commendable in the president of a great and growing nation, who has been chosen by the people to preside over its destinies and see that its constitution and laws are faithfully executed, should endeavor to have the sanction of the people in those emergencies which oftentimes arise in the progress of events, which come to nations, that have more the appearance of providential than of human intentions. If President McKinley has striven "to catch the fancy of the people" for aid to guide him in the performance of his arduous duties, such as have come to no other president than perhaps the lamented Lincoln, he has given the strongest assurance of Republican principles and his faith, confidence and reliance upon the people. It was the same firm convictions which sustained Abraham Lincoln through the trying times which continued through his administration. He took the people, as it were, in his confidence to lead him in measures, and he was not ashamed to confess that it was not an unsafe guide.

In following the paths of Abraham Lincoln in looking to the people for direction, President McKinley has shown the wisdom of a statesman, and that he is neither an imperialist nor tainted with imperialism.

The vote in the house on speaker—177 for the Republican candidate, 153 for the Democratic, 4 for the Populist and two for the Silverite—does not represent the full strength

of any of these elements except the one last named. Some votes were missing from even the Populists, and larger numbers were lacking from the Republican and Democratic total. This division would give the Republicans a majority of eighteen over all the other political ingredients in the house. The Republican lead will be about half a dozen less than that, however. But it will be long enough, with the use of the Reed rules, which have been adopted, to give the Republicans control of legislation in that chamber. If they take intelligent advantage of their opportunities a great deal of useful work will be done in the session which has just begun.

Postmaster General Smith points out an abuse of second-class mail privileges which costs the government a loss of at least \$20,000,000 a year. Congress can do the people a great service by correcting this lavish waste of money.

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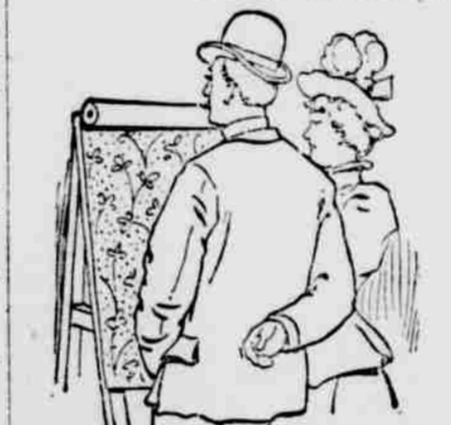
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