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### A JONES WHO HAS SENSE.

Arkansas has one conspicuous Jones who has placed himself in touch with the times, says the Salem Statesman. This is not James K. that state's senior senator, but is Dan W., its governor. Gov. Jones says he has been "investigating the expansion question," which means, of course, that he has become an expansionist. "I consider the acquisition of the Philippine islands," he remarks, "to be most unfortunate, for the reason that it furnishes us a permanent foothold near the Asiatic coast, which will protect our commerce with Asia."

This is the view which almost any sane person will take who has studied the question. Senator Jones would talk just like Gov. Jones if he knew as much about the expansion issue. The question does not require much study, either, to be mastered. A few hours' intelligent investigation of the matter would show almost anybody that the policy which the country, under the guidance of the McKinley administration and the Republican party, has started out upon will increase the nation's power and credit, expand its commerce, give employment to a larger number of people, and add to the wealth, prosperity and happiness of its inhabitants.

At the outset Gov. Jones was a contractionist. He took the same position on the question of territorial accession that the other Jones and Bryan hold. He doubtless believed, as they do, that the country already had enough territory, and that a further expansion would make it land poor. But he has recently, as he says, and as reported by an Eastern exchange, been "investigating the expansion question," and this has brought the change in his views.

Not far from half of the Southern Democrats of ability have in the past ten or twelve months come over to the expansion side. This does not mean that they will join the Republican party. Senators Morgan, Tillman, Caffery, Sullivan and the many other Southern statesmen who are on the Republican side on this big issue are not likely to vote the Republican ticket in 1900, but they represent an element of dissent from the bourbonism of Bryan, Senator Jones and the other anti-divisions which will make trouble for the Democracy next year when that party, in its national convention, demands that the flag shall be pulled in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines.

Col. Bryan has a bouncing rubber temperament that is really beautiful. The New York Sun reports him in Texas, predicting that "with a con-

tinuation of such an increase on our side for the next twelve months, it will not be a question of whether or not the Democrats can win, but how large the majority will be." Thus hope springs eternal in the colonel. Two years from now he will be carrying the elections of 1904 with the same mental ease. The colonel's hopefulness must be a little discouraging to those Democrats who are looking to the elections of next year for a final discharge from Bryan and Bryanism.

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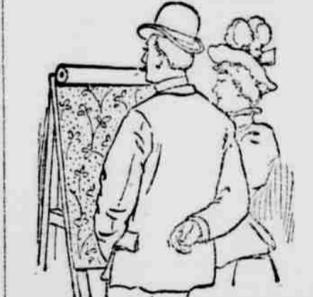
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