

For President—
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,
of Ohio.

For Vice-President—
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
of New York.

DEMOCRATIC INCONSISTENCY.

G. C. Clemens, candidate of the
social democracy for governor of
the state of Kansas, said in a recent
speech:

"The democratic platform fully
indorses McKinley's course in the
Philippines when it proposes that we
shall establish a stable government
there and protect the islands against
all other nations. How are we to
establish a stable government with-
out first thrusting the armed bands
that try to drive us away? How
are you to stay in a house and put
the furniture to rights when a man is
trying to throw you through the
window, unless you first kick him
into a peaceful frame of mind?"

"If the Philippines are not United
States territory, what business is it
of ours whether they have a stable
or any government at all? They
are on the other side of the earth
and perpetual civil strife there could
do us no harm. We never worried
over the stability of the government
of the Philippine islands in all the
years before that morning Dewey
proceeded to do business in Manila
bay. Why should we worry now if
the islands are not ours? I am
afraid the democrats are trying to
get us into trouble by inducing us to
meddle with the private affairs of
other folks.

"Again, if the islands are not ours,
but belong to the Filipinos, why
should we propose to protect them
against all other nations? Has not
Germany or Russia the right to pro-
tect them against us as we have to
protect them against Germany and
Russia?"

"And if the Filipinos own the
country themselves, ought we not in
common decency to wait till they
ask us to protect them? Perhaps
they might prefer some other pro-
tector, and it is exclusively their
own affair.

"And how are we to establish
stable government and then become
and remain protectors? Are we to
use moral suasion alone? If Ger-
many should conclude to send an
army to the Philippines what are we
to do? Surely Mr. Bryan would not
have us resort to hated 'militar-
ism' to repel the invaders! Perish
the 'imperialistic' thought! If the
islands are part of our territory what
is a president to do with a rebellion
there against the authority of the
United States? What could any
president do but precisely what
McKinley has been doing—put down
the rebellion first, reserving all
questions of ultimate disposition pos-
sible.

"The democratic position is utter-
ly inconsistent if we do not own the
islands; it is a brazen proposal that
we abdicate our sovereignty if we
do not own them. McKinley's
course has been logical, at least. He
has assumed that the islands are
American territory. He has assumed
that Aguinaldo is a Jefferson Davis,
and McKinley has been dealing with
him as Lincoln dealt with the head
of the southern confederacy—has
been treating him as a rebel. Van-
landigham liked Lincoln no better
than Hoar (Hoar has now publicly
stated that he will support and vote
for McKinley.—Ed.) and some
others seem to like McKinley. Bry-
an should have adhered to his first
position—immediate withdrawal of
our forces from the Philippines.
That was at least logical. But to
deny our right to the islands and
still propose that we shall exercise a
protectorate over them—what logic
is there in this? The actual truth is
that, whether McKinley or Bryan be

the next president, precisely the
same course will be pursued toward
the Filipinos, for Bryan's position
pledges him to McKinley's course.

"This cry of imperialism wearies
me anyhow. It has been during her
imperialism that England has become
in all but form a republic. At the
beginning of her dominion in India
not even business men could vote in
England. In 1867, Disraeli, the
most imperialistic of prime ministers,
gave workmen the right to vote."

Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of
Brooklyn, rejects the program of the
anti-imperialists who met at Indi-
anapolis because he considers Bryan
"an eloquent political agitator, with-
out a shred of executive experience,"
who has "never originated a solitary
scheme of statesmanship, and has
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