

For President—
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,
of Ohio.

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

A DILEMMA FOR MR. BRYAN.

A good deal has been said about Mr. Bryan's moral responsibility in the matter of the treaty with Spain for the Philippine islands.

Without the democratic votes which he influenced in its favor, the treaty could not have been made.

But leaving that aspect of the matter wholly out of consideration, it would seem that Mr. Bryan, as president, would be legally barred from executing his proposed policy in the Philippines.

The constitution of the United States says that "all treaties made or which shall be made under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land."

The supreme court has upheld that provision unflinchingly. Acts of state legislation or acts of congress which conflict with treaties are always treated as nullities.

How then would Mr. Bryan have to deal with the Philippines under the treaty?

Section four of the treaty under which we acquired the Philippines pledges the United States to give Spanish ships and merchandise access to the ports of the Philippine islands on the same terms as those of the United States for the period of ten years.

Plainly then for ten years at least our authority must be maintained in those islands. Mr. Bryan could not withdraw American authority within that time without violating our supreme law.

On the other hand, if he would recognize the obligations of the treaty, there would have to be at least ten years of government without the "consent of the governed."

A GEM FROM THE SARATOGA PLATFORM.

This sparkling passage redeems and renders memorable the New York state democratic platform of 1900, says the New York Sun:

"We maintain that the constitution follows the flag over every integral part of the United States."

If the makers of the Saratoga platform had maintained that the constitution follows the flag over every part and possession of the United States, they would have said something that meant something, even though their proposition was unsound.

But in declaring that the constitution, with its requirements of uniform taxation, follows the flag over every "integral" part of the United States, they simply affirm a truth which nobody denies, and which it is unnecessary to state.

An integral part of the United States is a state of the Union.

Alaska is not an integral part of the United States, although it is a territory of the United States.

Perhaps the Saratoga platform, however, is merely muddled in its language and intends to maintain that Alaska is an integral part of the United States, over which the con-

stitution, with its requirement of uniform taxation, follows the flag.

How, then, do the statesmen and juriconsults at Saratoga explain the circumstance that when the Alaska bill passed the house on the 28th of last May, imposing excise duties in Alaska which are as far from being uniform throughout the United States as is the Porto Rico tariff, not a single democratic congressman from New York recorded his vote against it?

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