

DEFEAT EXPLAINED.

One of the interesting features of every political contest is the effort of the defeated to explain "how it happened," says the Astorian.

"Beyond a doubt," says the Examiner, "Mr. Bryan would have been triumphantly elected but for two things."

"The first was the intrusion of the silver issue. Free silver was dead, and so unpopular that even its corpse was enough to drag any man down to defeat."

"The second was the policy of cutting loose entirely from the Philippines. That was not in accord with the spirit of the American people."

"The people have evidently made up their minds to dispose of free silver once for all. The effort was superfluous, for free silver had ceased to exist as a possible policy four years ago, but the voters were determined not to have the remains lying around any longer."

As to the Philippines, the Examiner explains that it was the first paper to advocate their retention, but it never believed in "attempting to hold their affections with a shotgun."

The Examiner argues that the people are unquestionably "opposed to Mr. McKinley and his policy in the Philippines. But they reason that if the islands are retained that policy can be changed and a truly American system established in the future, while if they were abandoned altogether they never could be regained."

As the Examiner sees it, "American public opinion believes in the retention of the Philippines, and in the extension to that country of a truly American form of government, under which the Filipinos would have no provocation to revolt."

Just what provocation the Filipinos had to revolt the Examiner alone can tell us. Certainly not on account of any iniquitous form of government imposed upon them by President McKinley, for the character of the government he intended to recommend that congress give them is as yet unknown to the Filipinos as well as to us.

The Examiner is evidently in hard straits to explain its wobbling position on the Philippine question, though it has doubtless sized up the popular sentiment with considerable accuracy. The people did not want to abandon the Philippines; neither did the Examiner. The people voted against Bryan, and the Examiner fought for him with all the venom which the lowest type of yellow journalism always has at its command.

If Bryan would cease his everlasting yawn about 16 to 1 and other lunacies and try to earn an honest living along the lines of honest labor, it is very evident he need not remain long out of a job. On the heels of his refusal to accept the Denver Post's offer of \$10,000 a year to fill an editorial position on that paper comes the report of an offer from W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the Pacific Coast Police Gazette, commonly known as the San Francisco Examiner, to edit a daily paper to be established at the national capital at a salary of \$25,000.

"Sixteen to one" crowned a dilapidated bird, left over from 1896. One of our roosters crowed back: "Six to one, and no takers," and

silence reigned on the distant perch," laughs the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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