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Tom L. Johnson is proposed as chairman of the national democratic committee, that would have charge of the presidential campaign for the democrats. Mr. Johnson has every fitness for the position. He is an able man, quick to act, forceful and farseeing. If he becomes the chairman the campaign will not lack interest. Tom Johnson is part Southerner and part Westerner and is not without Yankee characteristics. In short he is an American, who only asks for equal rights and a fair chance. He would put more life in the democratic ranks, and in shorter time than any other man, and he would most likely put the democratic candidate in the White House.

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A statement of the financial condition of Linn county just issued shows there were $111,000 less taxes collected from the taxpayers of the county during the past four years than during the previous four years. The levy this year for county purposes is only 14½ mills and the amount realized for county purposes $97,528.40. In 1892 the assessment in the county yielded $156,354.74. In the past year Linn county has erected a substantial court house furnished and appointed completely with modern conveniences, bought one hundred and twenty acres of as fine farming land as lies in the county for the indigent poor, built thereon a large two story 14 room dwelling and a cottage hospital together with many other improvements, and absolutely every improvement is paid for and not one cent of indebtedness incurred. The actual annual expenses of the county when no unusual building and improving is done are about $35,000. The county this year will more than meet all expenditures with its receipts, thus avoiding the payment of interest. Linn has set an example for other counties to follow.

By the present disagreement and litigation between Carnegie and Frick, the steel kings, the public are made acquainted with the enormity of the profits of the Carnegie steel company, which are shown to be as much as from $25,000,000 to $42,000,000 a year, due in a lare measure to the favorable contracts with the United States government for structural steel and armor plate at fancy prices, and to the further favor of a high tariff, behind the wall of which this steel company has for years held up and robbed the American people. No wonder Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Frick have made generous donations in past years to the success of the republican party and its iniquitous, indirect system of taxation through which, declared the famous William Pitt, "the last rag from the back and the last bite from the mouth can be taken without causing a murmur against high taxes, under which a great many articles of daily use and necessity are taxed so secretly and indirectly that the people pay them and not know it; their grumbling at their condition being of hard times, never realizing that the hard times are the product of high taxation," the fruits of which pass into the pockets of the few, of whom Carnegie and Frick are living illustrations in this free country, and there are others.

A QUESTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

President McKinley is said to hold that congress may pass one tariff law for Puerto Rico, another for Hawaii, and still another for the Philippine islands; and that all of them may be different from that of the United States. He holds, moreover, that "our new possessions must not be permitted to injure our protected interests," but that free trade with Puerto Rico will not injure them, because the productive capacity of the island is so small; but this favor should not be extended to the Philippines, because their productive capacity is great—though we should not put the same tariff schedules in force against the Philippine islands that we employ against foreign nations, but should enact for the Philippine products some kind of modified tariff.

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This statement is not entirely authoritative, though vouched for by the New York World, which journal has it through Henry Loomis Nelson, its Washington correspondent, whose reputation for trustworthiness is high. The report we incline to think substantially correct; for its statements are very characteristic of the president, who likes to find ways of avoiding definite and positive policies, and probably will try in this business to keep on middle ground.

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There are two parts of this situation. One is the matter of expediency—that is to say, the question whether we can afford to discriminate in our tariff laws against the products of any territory belonging to the United States, and whether, if such be our policy, our sovereignty over the new possessions will not be oppressive to them and therefore a curse. The Oregonian has heretofore expressed its opinions emphatically on this point, and will not now pursue it. The other part of the inquiry is whether this discrimination against the products of territories belonging to the United States would not be at variance with the constitution, and whether the supreme court will not hold it so.

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Herein opinions differ widely, and on both sides opinions from the supreme court of the United States are cited. In no case, however, can any of these opinions be regarded as very direct. For the most part they are merely "obiter dicta," perhaps wholly so. Hitherto, with us, national expansion has been effected chiefly by conquest or purchase of contiguous territory. Acquisition by external conquest or purchase can hardly be said to present any new principle. The president, however, is said to hold that the constitution only applies to territory newly acquired, when it is set up by treaty or by legislation. But the treaty recently concluded with Spain, though it might have provided for the admission as territories of all the islands thereby acquired, in the sense that New Mexico and Arizona are territories, did not so provide; therefore congress is free to act with them or towards them as it may see fit. This seems to us fanciful and farfetched—a theory invented or an expedient adopted for a purpose. But it is not our design now to attempt an examination of the theory, which evidently might be argued without end. Very probably the supreme court will be called on to deal directly with it.

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Summaries have already been prepared of opinions of the supreme court supposed to have important bearing on the subject. In the case of Loughborough vs. Black (quoted by the New York Nation in a recent article on "Our Conquests and Our Constitution"), growing out of an act of congress imposing a direct tax on the District of Columbia, Chief Justice Marshall rendered an opinion, in which he said: "The power, then, to lay and collect duties and excises may be exercised, and must be exercised, throughout the United States. Does this term designate the whole or any particular portion of the American empire? Certainly this question can admit of but one answer. It is the name given to our great republic, which is composed of states and territories. The District of Columbia, or the territory west of the Missouri, is not less within the United States than Maryland or Pennsylvania, and is not less necessary, on the principles of our constitution, that uniformity in the imposition of imports, duties and excise should be observed in the one than in the other." This would seem to go against the opinion attributed to President McKinley, and certainly is incompatible with the declaration of the majority of the ways and means committee in the following paragraph: "That the term United States in that provision of the constitution which declares that 'all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States,' means and is confined to the states that constitute the federal union, and does not cover also the territory belonging to the United States."

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Yet in support of the position assumed by the committee, said now to be sanctioned by the president, an opinion by Justice Matthews (136 U. S.) is cited. Of course, however, it will be remarked that Matthews as an authority is scarcely to be named with Marshall. Nor does the citation from Matthews appear quite to fit the case. It was to this effect: "That question is no longer open for discussion"—namely, that the United States has entire dominion and sovereignty over acquisitions. The government of acquisitions regardless of their status belongs primarily to congress, and to such agencies as congress may establish (18 Wall, 319). Congress has full and complete legislative authority over the people of such acquisitions, territories or possessions (9 Howard, 242). All the discretion which belongs to legislative power is vested in congress in such cases (110 U. S., 132).

These additional citations are made—though on examination it cannot be said that any of them meet the statement so clearly made by Marshall, and so exactly fitting the present case. Unorganized territories are ruled directly by congress (29 Fed. Rep., 205; 14 Peters, 537; 18 Wall, 319; 136 U. S., 42; 139 U. S., 446.) The civil and political rights of the inhabitants of federal possessions are conferred by congress alone (16 How., 567; 19 How., 372.) Congress has power even to banish the inhabitants of an acquisition, though the restraints of humanity and public opinion would prevent it (8 Cranch, 122; 143 U. S., 356). The power of taxation is not even limited by the right of representation (5 Wheaton, 325). Much of this appears to have little relevancy to the subject. Marshall's searching analysis went directly to the point when he inquired, "What is meant by the term United States?" He was dealing directly with the question of duties, which is the matter now under discussion, in relation to our new territorial possessions. A point of inquiry also is, whether, if congress authorizes for them what we know as territorial organization and territorial government, the status will be changed, and the constitution then take effect. Even on this point the opinion of the ways and means committee implies a negative. To this conclusion has the inordinate desire to "protect" protection brought the minds of men. If the policy and doctrine are sound we should shut ourselves up at home and never turn our eyes towards the sea.—Portland Oregonian.

THE AVERAGE MAN.

His face had the grimness of granite;
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Like the coat on his poor narrow shoulders,
And his hands showed the work he had done.
His dim eyes were weary and patient,
And he smiled through his pallor and tan
A wistful, sad smile, as if saying,
I'm only an average man.

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Nor a dictator wearing a crown,
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With teeth set close, and my breath
Held hard in my throat, and I uttered
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