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President McKinley's letter of acceptance, which it was announced some weeks ago would be given to the press from Canton, has not yet been completed. It is thought it will not be ready before September 3, and it is claimed in some quarters that McKinley is awaiting the issuance of Bryan's letter before he makes his own public, in order that he may have the advantage of the last word. In 1896 McKinley gave out his letter on August 20.

The successful gambler, John W. Gates, now aspires to a seat in the United States senate. He won while in England \$1,000,000 on the race tracks and with his other ill-gotten gains, which he won on Wall street and in manipulating steel wire trust stocks, he stands ready to pay a good round price for a seat in the senate. The American people should not rest until those brazen thieves of money are driven out of the senate and stopped from buying seats in that body.

Evangelist "Sam" Jones says he couldn't talk religion to a woman in a low necked dress. The women that "Sam" Jones could talk religion to should be encased in suits of boiler iron, leaving only their heads out. The truth is, "Sam" Jones never talks religion. He is a cross between a clown and a lout, and is talking religion simply because it is a profitable business. The man who will take pay for talking religion will never be possessed of enough religion for it to be worth talking about.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says wheat is going to a dollar a bushel. He neglects to give any reason for his conviction, but it is doubtless due to the fact that he is confident the "advance agent of prosperity" is billed for the White House for another four years. People who eat wheat cannot afford to pay much more for the cereal than they are paying at present, and wheat will not reach the dollar mark unless it is driven there by wild and unreasonable speculation, the profits from which will come out of the pockets of the producers in the long run. No man ever lived by his wits and the strokes of fortune that did not add to the burden upon the backs of the world's workers. Dollar wheat is a chimera.

Lawyer Stanley, of Kansas, defended a negro murderer, and after conviction and sentence wrote to the governor of the state a strong endorsement of the negro's application for a pardon. Now, as Governor Stanley, of Kansas, he has been called on to pass upon a new petition for the same negro's pardon, and his own letter written as a lawyer, has been laid before him. He has refused to grant the pardon, in spite of his own appeal, on the ground that as governor he is obliged to view the matter in an entirely different light. The New York World, in referring to the matter, says "this action raises a very interesting though no by means new question: In the code of legal ethics what does a client's fee buy and what does it leave un bought?"

The treasury department at Washington is willing to "confess" to an expenditure of \$186,678,000 on the Philippine war account, and the war department admits the death of 2200 soldiers and the wounding of 2073 more—not to mention the far greater number hopelessly invalidated by the climate and the horrible diseases of the islands. The New York World inquires the reason for these great sacrifices and says "our entire exports to the Philippines last year were only \$2,640,000, and three-fourths of this

was of articles for the consumption of our army. The entire imports from the islands for a year will not equal the receipts from Europe at this port in one good steamer day. For all this expenditure of money and life the islands are no nearer pacified than they were a year ago, as the dispatches show. Is it worth while to try and graft imperialism upon the republic, even on the low plane of "expansion and trade?"

BOURKE COCHRAN'S LETTER.

At the Indianapolis meeting of the anti-imperialists a letter from W. Bourke Cochran, the celebrated New York lawyer, was read, as follows: "New York, Aug. 1.—My Dear Sir: I regret very much that owing to business engagements here I will be unable to attend the liberty convention at Indianapolis on the 24th.

"The attitude of anti-imperialists to imperialism can not be open to debate and therefore I assume the object of the convention is not to express opposition but to devise a method of making that opposition effective. The issue of imperialism having been squarely raised between the two great parties, it must be plain that the only way in which a citizen can exercise any direct influence upon the result is by voting for the republican candidate who supports, or the democratic candidate who opposes it.

"Nothing can be accomplished by the nomination of a third candidate that can not be accomplished equally by abstention from the polls, except that the citizen who remains at home on election day passes unnoticed while he who votes a third ticket attracts attention. The difference between a silent and a vociferous refusal to exercise the suffrage is not worth discussion, since abstention from civic duty is never commendable. When the republic is in danger the only place for the patriot is in the ranks of its executive defenders. Abstention from the field of contest, or shooting in the air, can never be justified.

"It can not be denied that while anti-imperialists unanimously approve Mr. Bryan's position on imperialism, many of them hesitate to vote for his election to the presidency because they regard his views on other questions with distrust and apprehension.

"We can not hope to deal intelligently with the issues of this campaign until we liberate ourselves from the domination of the questions, discussions and passions of the last campaign. Within four years political conditions have changed decisively and as conditions change issues change with them. The question which the people must decide now is radically different from that submitted to them in 1896. Then the election of Mr. Bryan would have placed the democratic party in complete control of the legislature, as well as of the executive branch of the government, with full power to enact all its beliefs into law, while now his election will result not in placing the control of the government in the hands of the democratic party, but in dividing its control between the two parties. Whatever may be the result of this election, the senate will remain republican for two years certain and probably for more. Even if the people raised Mr. Bryan to the presidency in November, the democratic party can not possibly achieve any power or legislation during the existence of the next congress, and without legislative sanction no change in the standard of value, no reorganization of the supreme court, no modification whatever of our financial, industrial or political systems could be accomplished.

"There is one issue which the popular verdict will settle irrevocably, and that is the issue of imperialism. If the republican party be successful its control of judicial, as well as of the executive and legislative departments of the government, will be absolute and its disposition to exercise all its power for the enforcement of an imperialistic policy can not be doubted. At the end of four years imperialism will be so firmly imbedded in our political life that it can never be expelled.

on a platform which excludes that question from the serious discussions of the contest by relegating it to a subordinate position.

"The democratic platform declares that imperialism is the paramount issue of the campaign and Mr. Bryan's speech at Indianapolis accepts this conception of the issue, emphasizes and vindicates it. But a declaration that imperialism is a paramount issue is equivalent to a declaration that it is the sole issue, for no presidential election ever decided more than one question. In my judgment the platform actually adopted by the democratic convention should be more satisfactory to sound money men than any of the substitutes suggested by older and more conservative managers. Since nobody pretends that Mr. Bryan's opinions on the questions raised by the Chicago platform of 1896 have been changed his refusal to disguise them in any way is highly creditable to his honesty, and honesty is the first essential of a patriotic presidential service.

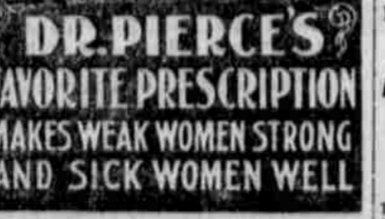
"Mr. Bryan's conversion to a belief in sound money would, in my opinion, be a reason for national rejoicing, but any abandonment or abatement of the frankness and sincerity which have always distinguished him would be little short of a national calamity. We need not accept Mr. Bryan as an infallible or even as a sound authority on economics to acknowledge that his integrity, his truthfulness and absolute sincerity have been among the most salutary influences of this generation in our political life. It is certain this country is indebted to him for the gold standard law, which, though it has the defects of its party origin, is the best contribution to our national stability since the resumption of specie payments.

"If the democratic platform of 1896 had been evasive, as unquestionably it would have been if the so-called conservatives had controlled the convention, can anybody doubt that the republicans would have met evasion with evasion, and that the financial issue would be still unsettled, hanging like a sinister shadow over our industrial system? Mr. Bryan's frank, sincere and unequivocal advocacy of the free coinage of silver forced the republican party reluctantly to declare in favor of the gold standard. The result was not that which Mr. Bryan sought; none the less it was produced by him. Because he was sincerely wrong, he forced the republican politicians to become insincerely right. To this sincerity of Mr. Bryan the country is indebted for the opportunity to pass squarely and decisively upon the issue of imperialism. If the republic is to be overthrown, the assault must now be made in the open light of day. It is no longer possible to strand it under cover of misleading and hypocritical phrases.

"In this open fight for liberty, surely every anti-imperialist should be ready to bear his part. Hesitation to avail ourselves of the leadership under which alone opposition to imperialism can be made effective, and distrust of the leader's views on an economic question not now an issue would be as senseless a hesitation to employ a surgeon on whose skill depended the sole prospect of life through dislike of his religious beliefs.

"It can hardly be necessary to say that we who four years ago sacrificed our political prospects and personal associations rather than lend even a passive support of silence to declarations which we believed to be subversive of order will pursue the same course again if these questions should ever recur. The best evidence of our capacity to deal with the issues of 1900 or 1904, whatever they may be, is to deal intelligently now with the issues of 1900. On that issue Mr. Bryan stands for justice, liberty and the constitution, and since all would be imperiled by his defeat, it is to be hoped that the liberty convention will not be swayed from supporting him by prejudices springing from past antagonisms or by groundless apprehensions of the future.

Yours very sincerely,
"W. BOURKE COCHRAN."



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