

Irving Correspondence.

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Editor Broad-Axe:

I fell heir to your paper through the Record as I subscribed for it and St. Louis Republic about a year ago, but don't like either paper, on account of non-expansion idea. I wish to stop both papers. I voted for Bryan in 1896 but will vote against him if he is a candidate in 1900, or any other time, as I am for "expansion and a McKinley man."

Please stop Broad-Axe when my time is up.

Yours with respect.

The above is an exact copy of a letter received from some one of Irving precinct. The reader will observe there is no name subscribed to the letter, and it is but fair to presume the writer simply neglected to sign his name. He will see at once that it will be impossible for us to comply with his request unless he forwards his name. If he will do this, we will comply with his wishes although we regret to lose a single subscriber. Especially do we regret to part company with a friend on the grounds given by the gentleman as his reason for quitting the Broad-Axe, and Bryan. He assigns as his main reason for this his desire for "expansion," or the annexation of the Philippine Islands.

This is our subscriber's right as a free citizen and patriot, provided he allows others to entertain different views from him on the subject, and does not seek to make the war with the Philippines, and the annexation of their country a political issue. Probably, the writer of this anonymous letter has overlooked the fact that the Broad-Axe has favored a vigorous prosecution of the war until that work is completed, and then is perfectly willing to concede the free exercise of opinion to every one, on the question of whether we want the Philippine Islands or no, and when the wishes of the people are carried out in this respect it is foolish to agitate the question further, or to try to log the matter into politics, by which only the professional office seekers and political party leader profits. And we presume to say, that our correspondent will not be effected to the amount of one cent either way the Philippine question may be settled, unless, perhaps, in case of expansion, and annexation of the Islands, the Natives should come over to Oregon and enter into competition with him in the labor market, which he probably would do.

Another thing, we would ask our correspondent how much "expansion" will benefit him? Or, what he wishes to do with the Islands when we get them? And further we would ask him if he ever read "Washington Far-well Address?" And if so what did he mean when he cautioned his countrymen against "Entangling Alliances with foreign Nations?" And again, we would ask our correspondent what are we to do with the "Monroe Doctrine," since we have gone ar and the world establishing our form of government

in interference with other government's contrary to the wishes of those governments?

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