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THE PHILIPPINE MINES.

Odd Reasons Why They Have Never Been Developed.

TO DISTURB THE EARTH A SIN.
 That is the belief of many residents of the Philippines—Rich Coal and Iron Mines—Why the Gold Mines Have Never Been Worked—The Thrifty Chinese.

While Spanish apathy and misrule have done much to prevent the development of the mineral resources of the Philippines other causes have contributed a powerful influence toward the same end. Many native tribes are cosmopolites and believe it to be a mortal sin to disturb the earth. Other tribes are devil or spirit worshippers, and fear to incur ghostly wrath by opening the ground. The Chinese come chiefly from the Amoy and Canton districts, where all the open country is a graveyard in which it is a crime to injure a grave, not to speak of the vengeance of the phantom dwellers of the tomb. The Chinese oppose mining in the view that it would demoralize their parishioners. Thus, although the evidences of mineral wealth are everywhere, practically and almost literally nothing has been done toward its utilization.

The rock formation of the archipelago is volcanic, sedimentary and coralline. Among the volcanic class are basalt, obsidian, lava, tufa, sulphur and arsenic. Not 25 years ago Sir John Bow-

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REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

Forty years ago, in the case of the claim of an American citizen against Holland, a report was made by the foreign affairs committee of the house of representatives that is of no little interest at the present time when the vision then entertained of the commercial power of the United States reaching across the Pacific, till the far west should merge into the far east, is in rapid process of being realized. The report used the following language, "which has a significance now that it did not have when it was written:

"The settlement of the Pacific shore of the American continent is a preliminary step to a larger intercourse with the natives of the east. San Francisco is the nearest point of contact at present between the archipelago and civilized man. The commerce of the Pacific is doubtless destined to become an important element in the commercial prosperity of this country. . . . The interests of this commerce demands that one or more naval stations should be established upon this line, that the safety of navigation should be secured along this route by closely knit bonds of amity with the native princes and people where the manifest interests of commerce demand that the products of the archipelago should be made accessible to our traders. No nation can compete with us in this traffic, owing to the natural advantages of our position. We need, therefore, to maintain no system of exclusivism. Open the archipelago at every point where Holland fails to make good her pretensions to sovereignty or an exclusive interest, and let every nation have access on an actual footing, and our superior advantages will secure the largest share of benefits. As we should seek to create no monopolies, we should need neither armaments, nor forts, nor the cumbersome machinery of colonial governments. . . . Let that surplus energetic force which frequently manifests itself by restlessness at home, or in adventurous or ill-advised enterprises, be turned into this open channel, and it will become a source of strength at home and a theme of admiration abroad. . . . Effective protection should be afforded to every American citizen seeking to establish commercial relations where, upon the principles above stated, no rights of an exclusive nature exist in favor of any other state. . . . Your committee regards it as highly important that diplomatic and consular agents should be sent to one or more points in the archipelago; that treaties should be made with the native princes, laying the foundations for lasting friendship and extended commerce, and providing against the creation of any future monopolies, or the territorial extension of those existing."

This report, when the Pacific coast had not been in our possession 10 years, showed an appreciation of the immense value of the Pacific commerce which was some time to belong to the United States. The principal changes that have occurred since its date in the general situation are that the policy of exclusivism is now being applied by nations far more powerful than Holland, and not in Oceania, but on the mainland of Asia, and that the fortunes of war have thrown into our possession an archipelago nearly if not quite as important as that from which Holland was carefully excluding the traders of foreign countries 40 years ago, and better situated to sustain the chains of the nation owning them to be considered in whatever distribution of Asia the western powers may be moved to make.

FULLFILLING NATIONAL PLATFORMS.

A party that fulfills its pledges ought to stand higher with American voters than one that disregards or reverses its platforms. The republicans have been in control long enough to justify a comparison of results with those of the preceding democratic administration. At the end of a year and a half of Mr. Cleveland's second term the democratic party found a whirlwind of condemnation raging about its ears. Elections went against it by enormous majorities. Republicans carried congress by 245 to 104. One of the reasons of this emphatic disapproval was the failure of the democrats when in possession of all departments of the government, to redeem the promises of their platform. Falsity was added to incapacity. The democratic platform of 1892 denounced protection, but the tariff law passed was a shuffling and abortive mixture of free trade and favored protective duties. There was a pledge in the platform to stand with the dollar on a parity with gold. This was deserted by the democratic leaders and the majority of their followers. The democratic platform of 1896 was in general a repudiation of that of 1892.

THE BROWN WIND OF CONNAUGHT.

The brown wind of Connaught
 Across the bogland blown
 (The brown wind of Connaught)
 Turns my heart to a stone,
 For it cries my name at twilight
 And sends me to bed in pain
 "Oh, Margaret! Oh, Margaret!"
 Just as a fairy tune.

The brown wind of Connaught
 When dawn came to woe
 (The brown wind of Connaught)
 It sent his heart to woe
 And when his heart was woe
 It sent his heart to woe
 "Oh, Margaret! Oh, Margaret!"
 Just as a fairy tune.

The brown wind of Connaught
 With women wailed one day
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