

RECORD OF HONORABLE SERVICE

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where men are brave and strong and maidens fair, and all are inclined to life and health and happiness; where every breeze colors the cheek, nerves the arm, and clears the brain.

ANNEXATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

After the magnificent victory of Dewey in Manila Bay, Mr. Tongue was one of the earliest public men of the United States to declare in favor of the permanent retention of the islands.

On the 26th of January, 1898, when the house was considering the bill for the reorganization of the army of the United States, providing for sufficient soldiers to put down any insurrection that should arise in the Philippines...

we are to assist in bringing about any of these conditions? Who can tell the result of such a conflict? How will it affect the peace of the world? What would be the results upon our own interests, upon our own trade in Asiatic countries? Would it strengthen the policy that permits us to trade upon the same conditions with other civilized nations in China, Japan and other Asiatic ports, or would it tend to close them against American trade and against American commerce?

we can not turn these islands back to Spain. We can not permit or consent for them to be returned. We can not abandon them to a reign of anarchy, cruelty and bloodshed more terrible even than the tyranny of Spain. We can not permit them to be the subject of competition between the powerful governments of Europe.

But, Mr. Chairman, should it be the policy of the United States to acquire the Philippines, it will be done by American valor and the expenditure of American money. If the treaty is ratified, the United States pay for the acquisition of this territory not only the \$20,000,000 provided in the treaty, but we are accepting the relinquishment of that sovereignty in lieu of millions of dollars that we were entitled to demand as expenses of the war.

But as to Louisiana—this new, immense acquisition, if it should ever be incorporated into the Union, would be incorporated into the Union by amending the constitution. I believe it will be the greatest success that could be achieved by the United States, and especially of one that I fear to ever look upon.

ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE

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Upon a resolution to amend the constitution so as to provide that United States senators should be elected by the people, Mr. Tongue voiced what is believed to be practically the unanimous sentiment of the republicans of Oregon. He said, in part:

Mr. Tongue: In this question I am with the gentleman from Kansas. I have with him, and hope to see the resolution passed. In response to a remark made by one gentleman on the other side, allow me to say that this is not a new question in the strike of Oregon. Quite a number of successive legislatures have passed resolutions upon this question, and asked for this amendment.

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It is contended that criminals going West would want to reform, and should be aided in concealing their record. In the West we have had too much concealment of past Eastern crimes. For the right to serve upon a jury is not a necessary condition of reformation. One who really desires to reform may measurably succeed without performing jury duty.

Mr. Speaker, I have known many as usual in favor of amending the constitution to make it compulsory on the people of a state to elect their senators. The state of Oregon is interested in the quality of men that are elected from the state of New York or the state of Pennsylvania or the state of Ohio.

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