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**THANKSGIVING DAY—A PROCLAMATION.**

It has pleased Almighty God to bring our Nation in safety and honor through another year. The works of religion and charity have everywhere been manifest. Our country, through all its extent, has been blessed with abundant harvests. Labor and the great industries of the people have prospered beyond all precedent. Our commerce has spread over the world. Our power and influence in the cause of freedom and enlightenment have extended over distant seas and lands. The lives of our official representatives and many of our people in China have been marvellously preserved. We have been generally exempt from pestilence and other great calamities; and even the tragic visitation which overwhelmed the city of Galveston made evident the sentiments of sympathy and Christian charity by virtue of which we are one united people.

Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th of November next, to be observed by all the people of the United States, at home or abroad, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Him who holds the nations in the hollow of His hand. I recommend that they gather in their several places of worship and devoutly give Him thanks for the prosperity wherewith He has endowed us, for seed time and harvest, for the valor, devotion and humanity of our armies and navies, and for all His benefits to us as individuals and as a nation; and that they humbly pray for the continuance of His Divine favor, for concord and amity with other nations, and for righteousness and peace in all our ways.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.  
 Done at the city of Washington, this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM McKINLEY,  
 By the President,  
 JOHN HAY, Sec. of State.

**A SENSIBLE VIEW.**

When it was realized by the democracy that the party had been defeated, the work of reorganization was taken up. The N. O. P. magazine sent interrogatories to a number of the leading men of the country asking what is to be done to secure success at another time:  
 T. C. Catchings, Mississippi, answers—"Drop free silver, drop fusionism, drop the cry of Government by injunction, drop the cry of imperialism and militarism, drop all discussion about the Philippines until peace has been restored, drop appeals to the passions and prejudices of the idle and discontented, revive the Federal question of taxation, teach the democratic doctrine that people cannot be made rich by taxing them, assail the favoritism and wrongs of a high protective tariff, stand for the control of trusts and combines by methods not oppressive, demand enlargement of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the liberal improvement of harbors, and insist on local self-government, and let the next presidential candidate remain at home during the campaign."

**NECESSITY FOR FAIRNESS IN SPEECH.**

The bane of our political life, as of other departments of human existence, is the formation of judgment on inadequate knowledge of facts. We hear men making statements which, to an instructed individual betrays deplorable ignorance of the subject discussed. The latest manifestation of this unfortunate characteristic is in connection with the alleged perpetration of slavery in the Sulu Archipelago by the administration at Washington. It would be a horrible reflection that slavery connoted at by our government, and that polygamy, legislated against and condemned in our own country, were permitted and encouraged in our dependencies. Statements to that effect have been made, however, before public audiences. These statements have been unqualified and absolute; no circumstances were mentioned calculated to put the matter in precisely the just and right light. No modifying facts were referred to, but the blunt assertion made that "our government permits and encourages slavery." One of two things is true: the one making such an assertion knows better, but for political reasons squelches the truth; or, he is not thoroughly familiar and acquainted with the facts in the case. We prefer to entertain the latter view. Charity and fair play and attributing the best motives to our fellows compels us to believe that such a statement is only one more illustration of what we have characterized as "the formation of judgment on inadequate knowledge of facts." To show how important it is to know the exact facts in this "slavery in Sulu case," we subjoin the testimony of Phelps Whitmarsh, special commissioner for The Outlook, of New York, in the Philippines. Let it be borne in mind that this gentleman is an experienced, able observer and an accomplished narrator, that he has been in the Philippines for a year, while the man making the unqualified statement alluded to has never seen the Philippines, and most likely has not made the matter a subject of careful and exact study. Referring to slavery Mr. Whitmarsh says, "It is not at all a shocking system; there are no whips, no taskmasters, or bloodhounds, not a suggestion of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'; the basis seems to be more that of a retainer than a bond-slave. In Sulu a man may be enslaved for indebtedness which he cannot pay, by capture in war or piracy, or he may be born a slave. Although slaves are looked upon as part of a man's riches, since the Dutch, under pressure, put a stop to the traffic in their possessions, they are no longer considered as merchandise, and in these days, I am assured, a slave is almost never bought or sold. The Moro slave lives in the same house, eats at the same sitting, and is clothed in the same way as his master. The great difference between the old American slavery and that of Sulu is that here it is no degradation—the slave seems to be socially the equal of his master—and he is treated in such a manner that it is impossible to distinguish him from his master. He appears to work only when it pleases him, and though he has the right to purchase his freedom, he seldom does so. When taken prisoner by a rich date, whose store of provisions is ample, he has not infrequently been known to refuse his liberty; and he often deserts one master for another. \* \* \* This being the case, there is no need of any one going into hysterics over the matter, or any need of the United States abolishing slavery at the moment. It would undoubtedly be a grave mistake to attack the system by law at this time, when everything is being done to build up a firm basis of confidence and friendship with the Moros. The evil may be discouraged in many ways without actual legislation; and with islands so small in area as the Sulus, such discouragement, together with the influences

of trade and the contact with people of a higher degree of civilization, all of which are now being felt in the little archipelago for the first time, will gradually and without friction put it down for all time."  
 It can be further stated that the president refused to recognize even this mild form of chattelism. President McKinley expressly directed Gen. Hays, who concluded the treaty to communicate to the Sultan of Jolo, that "this agreement is not to be deemed in anyway to authorize or give the consent of the United States to the existence of slavery in the Sulu archipelago." With this reservation the agreement was sent to the senate where action is now pending.

**CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS.**

The idea understood to have been held by the Washington government, when the Pekin legations were relieved, relative to the person of the commission to be charged with negotiating peace with the Chinese government was without doubt the true one. Mr. Conger is a bright man, but the strain of the seige somewhat unbalanced him for the duties of an unbiased diplomat. But subsequent events continued him there in that place. The negotiations are in progress, and have proceeded so far that the following draft has been given publicity through English channels.

"China shall erect a monument to Baron von Ketteler on the site where he was murdered and send an Imperial Prince to Germany to convey an apology.  
 "She shall inflict the death penalty upon 11 Princes and officials already named and suspend provincial examinations for five years where the outrages occurred.  
 "In future, all officials failing to prevent anti-foreign outrages within their jurisdiction shall be dismissed and punished." This is a modification of Mr. Conger's proposal which provided that China should pledge herself to dismiss immediately officials within whose jurisdiction the outrages on foreigners had been committed.

"Indemnity shall be paid to the states, corporations and individuals.  
 "The Tsung Li Yamen shall be abolished and its functions vested in a foreign minister.  
 "Rational intercourse shall be permitted with the Emperor, as in civilized countries.  
 "The forts at Taku and other forts on the coast of Chi Li shall be razed, and the importations of arms and war material prohibited.  
 "Permanent legation guards shall be maintained, and also guards of communication between Pekin and the sea.  
 "Imperial proclamation shall be posted for two years throughout the empire, suppressing the Boxers.  
 "The indemnity is to include compensation for Chinese who suffered through being employed by foreigners, but not compensation for native Christians. The words 'missionary' and 'Christians' do not occur in the note."

**SAME FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.**  
 On the first page of this issue is reproduced an editorial from the San Francisco Examiner, which is fairly good reading for the supporters of McKinley. The same editorial was printed with but few changes in the New York Journal, another of Hurst's papers. Below is a second article from the Chicago Chronicle in the same strain. It is somewhat strange that these Bryan organs could not see the truth before election as clearly as now. The Chronicle says:

It is plain that all the men who might have been nominated at Kansas City, Mr. Bryan was the weakest before the people.  
 It is plain that no man involved in any way with the stupendous financial and economic blunder of 1896 can be elected president of the United States.

It is plain that nothing is to be gained, nothing is to be hoped for from a continuation of the immoral and degrading alliance now and four years past subsisting between the democratic organization and that of the populists.  
 It is certain that the people of the United States will not take their politics from a mongrel combination whose first purpose appears to be the driving away in alarm of men of business, men of affairs, men of substance and men of intelligence.  
 It is certain also that no alliance of free-silver republicans, populists and democrats can, in the face of an invincible democratic precedent, set on foot and bounds to the development of American power and prestige in the politics and commerce of the world.  
 In spite of the crimes of the republican party, in spite of the declaration of the Kansas City convention, in spite of the engaging personality of Mr. Bryan, in spite of all proclama-tions oral and written in behalf of the democratic candidates, there has been but one real issue this year, and that issue has been the political vagaries of Mr. Bryan himself. Democracy and populism would not mix. No convention, no newspaper, no amount of oratory, no combination of favorable circumstances, could bring about a true fusion between elements fundamentally antagonistic. Mr. Bryan is defeated by democratic votes, because democrats could not be made to believe that his candidacy represented anything better than it represented four years ago. All else has been ignored. All other issues have been postponed. Populism alone has gone down, never to rise again, let us hope, with the assistance of anybody who calls himself a democrat.

English finance ministers find that they have reached the limit of direct taxation and that income tax-payers cannot be further squeezed, hence they are turning to the American system of laying a tariff on imports. Such a tax has not yet been laid, but the excessive drain made necessary by the expensive South African war may make such a step imperative.

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**Who is frightened at the prospect of a panic? Are the banks without disquieting feelings at the sight of a 100 yards line of depositors withdrawing their money?**

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REPUBLICAN PLURALITY, 534.

NAME.	BEAVERDALE.	BEAVERTON.	BICKTON.	COLEMAN.	COLEMAN.	DALEY.	DEWITT.	E. BUTTE.	E. CHUBB CREEK.	GALLER CREEK.	MOUNTAIN.	N. FOREST GROVE.	REDFIELD.	S. HILLSBORO.	S. FOREST GROVE.	S. FOREST GROVE.	S. FOREST GROVE.	WALTON.	WASHINGTON.	W. BUTTE.	TOTAL.
<b>Republican</b>																					
TILMON FORD.....	49	103	42	68	85	85	81	61	61	61	1,204										