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Another partisan assault which ended in bloodshed was made upon a republican rally by an organized movement of Bryan hoodlums in Chicago, Monday. It begins to look very much like Governor Roosevelt was right when he said he had discovered that the paramount issue was a question of law and order.

It has been discovered that Croker is planning to "colonize" a lot of voters in New York City in the interest of the immaculate democratic chieftain on election day. This is a euphonious way of saying that Croker is preparing to run in a swarm of deadbeats, thugs and scavengers, from Pennsylvania, Virginia and any place else where they are not needed in the same cause, and vote enough of them on November 6, to carry New York for Bryan. After the example of a man of old, Bryan will "wash his hands of the whole affair," but will thankfully take all such votes that old Croker can deliver—and see that Richard loses nothing either.

The Telegram labors heavily to show that Gov. Roosevelt erred when he referred to Lincoln as a martyr, sacrificing himself in death. Simply because he did not know definitely that he was to be assassinated, Lincoln was a martyr none the less. He died for nobly sustaining the Nation's cause, fully realizing what the consequences were likely to be, and that is martyrdom. The "school children and the youth of the country," which the Telegram wishes to enlighten, will lose more by some modern examples before them of quibbling over and even detracting from the lustre of honored names than by a too generous and whole-souled admiration and love for our noblest and purest American heroes.

Four years ago President McKinley gave an address in Ohio to first voters, which now has even added significance in the light of recent political history. His words should come home very forcibly to the young man just taking upon himself the responsibility of franchise, when he says, "Surely every young voter, who has his spurs yet to win; his career to make; his fortune to build, will hesitate before he will give his ballot to a party which seeks to create hostility between classes and sections; between the rich and the poor; between the mechanic and the manufacturer; between the farmer and the banker. He will cast his ballot to continue the equality of citizenship, of privilege, of opportunity, of possibility, which has been the boast of our citizenship, and is the very cornerstone upon which our free institutions rest."

The question now before Oregon, secondary to politics just at present of course, is, to be represented or not to be represented at the Pan-American Exposition to be held at Buffalo next year. The question will virtually be answered by the state legislature which meets in January. We hear from time to time that what our state needs is increased population, and an influx of capital to open up and cultivate our vast resources. And this is just right. But the question is, how are we going to get these vital necessities started in our direction. Compared with some other western states, Oregon is an old state, but some way or other Eastern people either have not yet learned where Oregon is, or else have not been impressed with a large sense of her possibilities. To be plain about it, we are a little slow in Oregon, and while some of our more ambitious sister states have been getting themselves before the public gaze, we have been content to repose peacefully under the more covered roofs, oblivious to the people and money passing by on the other side. Very recently, however, a change has been taking place, and we seem to be waking up to our needs, and a desire that others may come and see that the half has not been told as regards the undeveloped greatness of our state. One of the first lessons to learn is that of vigorous and persistent advertising. We must push ourselves before the notice of people, if we would create an interest. From this standpoint it seems that Oregon could ill afford not being represented by a fine state exhibit at the Buffalo exposition next year. The very knowledge of the fact, among eastern people, that we lack the public spirit and enterprise necessary to "show ourselves" at this distinctly American exposition, will work greatly against us, as it ought to. Oregon is starting out on a new road. Let her make an auspicious beginning of the twentieth century by presenting a worthy, characteristic exhibit at the great American exposition which in some ways is to rival in interest the big Chicago fair of '93.

It seems that the history of the campaign of 1896 is to be repeated in that of 1900. For a few weeks after the famous "erection on the cross of gold" speech which captured the Chicago convention, democracy ran at high tide, and had the election been held then the contest would have been unpleasantly close. This year, after Mr. Bryan's Indianapolis "paramount issue" speech, it seemed that democracy might possibly be rejuvenated. Many prominent democrats eagerly grasped at imperialism, as a means of getting back into the party, thinking that the money question was to be quietly laid to rest. Subsequent

events have shown that they reckoned too hopefully. Bryan's name is on too many tickets for him to enjoy the exclusiveness of a single issue. He has apparently worked imperialism for all it is worth and is now veered around to trusts, and has also fallen back upon his old financial issue again. His vacillation and demagoguery, together with his financial heresies, have caused a fatal despondency among eastern democrats, which indicates that again Bryan will have to fight without their support, which means another severe defeat. The Philadelphia Record, a democratic journal which wished to support him on the issue of imperialism, has the following frank and significant confession to make. "Although free silver is not practically an issue, the candidate has obstinately persisted in pushing it to the front, and there it will stay to the end of the campaign. It is in vain to urge that the gold standard is in no danger from the exercise of Executive power or from hostile legislation, no matter who may occupy the office of President. The feeling of concern as to what would be the result of Mr. Bryan's election cannot be dispelled. Multitudes of voters, not withstanding their deep repugnance to Mr. McKinley's policy, fear to place executive power in the hands of the incorrigible champion of 18 to 1, whose doctrine if enforced would plunge the country into an abyss of financial ruin. . . . In the presence of all this it is not difficult to account for the benumbing lethargy that has overtaken the Democratic party."

POLITICAL POINTERS. "Is the young man, Bryan, safe?" inquires the Des Moines Capital. Not by a large majority.

The Democratic party may not kick the bucket this year, but it certainly threatens to give the fill dinner pail some very uncomfortable knocks.

Evidently Mr. Towne has lost his card showing the itinerary of Gov. Roosevelt, or else his feet have been found to be too tender for trail work.

The question still is: Does Bryan know as much about imperialism in 1900 as he knew about the gold standard in 1896?—Minneapolis Journal.

T. C. Platt calls Croker a reprobate. Croker says Platt is a feeble old liar. New York's bosses know each other pretty well.

A Nebraska man has been elected to a position on the executive committee of the National Organization of Phonograph Companies. Strange to say it is not Bryan.—Omaha Bee.

One of the amusing things of the present campaign is the statement made by Mr. Bryan in the Fort Wayne speech, that his military experience had taught him that the life of a soldier was a dangerous one.

The vision of patronage plums upon which the democrats are gazing longingly will be turned in November by the magic of American votes into a picture of sour grapes.—San Francisco Call.

Some quaint humorist has started the report that the Quakers are stampeding to Bryan. It would be a queer sight if a man whose communication is yes, yes, and nay, nay, should try to pass a 45c dollar for 100c.—Globe Democrat.

Abraham Lincoln made millions of banded confederates submit to the union government and to emancipation "without their consent." And their children are glad he did so. An ounce of fact is more than a mountain of maximist theory or rhetorical declamation.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Pennsylvania and Iowa are the only states left for Chairman Jones to carry for Bryan. He has managed to get all the others and in order to expedite things we suggest that election day be moved up to next Tuesday and the affair disposed of as quickly as possible. If it is all settled there is no need of further delay.—Baltimore American.

A HOLLOW CAMPAIGN ISSUE Though similar in many of their aspects, the Presidential campaign of 1896 and that now in progress offer some instructive contrasts. Not the least significant of these is suggested by the altered spirit and slackened vigor which have marked the Democratic-Populist-Silver Republican candidate's second canvass. Four years ago Colonel Bryan's leadership challenged amazement, if not admiration, through its aggression its fervor, its fiery and unyielding radicalism. Exploiting an issue which appealed to the dis-oriented, the envious and the incapable of all classes, the Nebraska orator infused a sinister vitality into the Fusion campaign of 1896 which is likely to give it a unique place in the history of Presidential contests. As Senator Hale justly remarked on the stump the other day in Maine, it was the personal dash and energy of this hitherto obscure Nebraska politician which, four years ago, when other Democratic leaders admitted themselves hopelessly beaten on old issues, "raised a new issue, compelled the Republicans to acknowledge it as the vital issue, and then precipitated perhaps the most dangerous contest the two political parties have known."

But little of the spirit of the 1896 campaign survives in Colonel Bryan's studied platform efforts this year to evade the issue of silver inflation and to stir the imagination of his hearers with visions of an "imperialist" republic, saddled with the burdens of "militarism" and subject to the whims of one-man power. To plead a cause with ardor and persuasiveness, even a professional orator must embrace it with some measure of sincerity and conviction, and no test of Colonel Bryan's faith in the new "paramount issue" conjured up at Kansas City could be more conclusive than the altered tone of indirection and calculation which has run through all the speeches he has

made this year. He may parade his stuffed bogies of "imperialism" and "militarism," and herald the approach of an American emperor; but unquestionably he has to pinch himself from time to time to be assured that his eloquence is real, not somnambulist. As a prominent German-American leader in Indiana said the other day, however red Colonel Bryan may get in the face, he knows and everybody knows that if there were any danger of empire, true Americans would be busily organizing and plotting in every back room and private office, not being carried in excursion trains to hear "imperialism" denounced in public halls by candidates for office or by party spellbinders, whose patriotism is remunerated at so much an hour.

In the mouth of a born phrasemaker like Colonel Bryan no political issue could appear wholly extravagant or fictitious. Intrusted to less skilled advocates, its hollowness becomes more painfully apparent. At Sedalia, Mo. recently ex-Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson had the misfortune to be interrupted in the middle of an earnest speech by an untimely downpour. His hearers began to run for shelter. To check their flight the ex-Vice-President remarked sententiously: "Friends, it is easy to get a new suit of clothes, but it will not be so easy to restore the Republic." But the Sedalia patriots scattered all the same, sensibly considering that wet clothes were a peril far more imminent, more genuine and more substantial than any present prospect of an American empire. There is, indeed, no room in our politics to-day for so shadowy and fantastic a rallying cry as "Republic against Empire!" Both American humor and common sense revolt at its shallowness, and the effects of this revolt are nowhere more clearly seen than in the labored and apologetic tone which the Democratic Presidential candidate has been driven to assume since the Kansas City platform makers burdened him with a "paramount issue" as impracticable as it is depressing and defensive.—New York Tribune.

Anti-Saloon League Organized. The union meeting held in the Baptist church Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing in Newberg an anti-saloon league was fairly attended, though many were absent who would naturally be expected to be present. The assembly was called to order by Rev. J. F. Day, who spoke of the purpose of the meeting, and called for the election of temporary officers. Moses Votaw was elected chairman and Mrs. G. W. Cutts secretary.

Rev. L. D. Barr was called on, and spoke of the purposes and need of the organization in Newberg. He emphasized the fact that the civic conscience of the community needs awakening and that if we keep our town clear of the saloon we must be organized and prepared to fight it. He referred to the fact that one of our councilmen said recently that if he could get two more to stand with him we would have a saloon now, and said that the purpose of the league was to create a sentiment that would make it impossible for such a man to hold office in our municipality.

A committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed as follows: J. C. Lucas, L. D. Barr, H. M. Williams, Jos. Hall and Lizzie White. The committee retired to make a hasty draft of principles, as a working basis, and its report was accepted. While they were out, Prof. R. W. Kelsey was called upon, and made a ringing extemporaneous temperance speech. Prof. Kelsey has good oratorical ability which he uses with effect in his speaking.

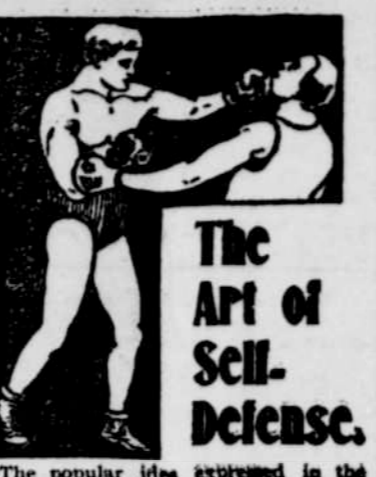
A committee on permanent organization, consisting of Rev. J. F. Day, Prof. R. W. Kelsey and Sam Jones, retired and reported the following named persons as the officers of the league, which were elected. President, R. W. Kelsey; vice-president, Frank Heveland; secretary, Jennie Kennedy; treasurer, Moses Votaw. Rev. Hiram Gould was called upon and spoke briefly.

Before adjournment a paper was passed around for signing as members of the league and the majority present affixed their names. The meeting adjourned to meet again Tuesday evening when final organization will be effected and some plans for future work adopted.

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