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The Constructive Genius of Our Oriental Trade-Empire.
Carried the Torch of Civilization to Antipodes—Made Secure Our Far Eastern Commercial Supremacy.

During the past ten years, under a constructive Republican policy, the United States has assumed a position in the Pacific Ocean which is destined to give the bulk of the vast commerce of the countries situated on the greatest body of water on the globe.

Some of the things accomplished by the party of enlightened freedom and patriotism have been: The securing of the open door in China; the preservation of the integrity of the Chinese Empire; the acquisition of the Philippines; the establishment of coaling stations across the Pacific and finally the transfer of the American fleet of battleships from the Atlantic to the Pacific to modestly remind the Oriental nations that, having assumed the position of a world power in the Pacific, we are prepared to maintain it against all comers.

America and Japan in Pacific.
Two wars have caused the whole world to realize that the Pacific Ocean is to be the scene of the greatest human activities in the future. The war of the United States with Spain gave us possessions which bring us within speaking distance of Asia, and the Russo-Japanese war revealed Japan to the world as a powerful and progressive nation, whose future sphere of action would of necessity be within the boundaries of the ocean separating America from the Orient.

Philosophy of Development.
Our nation has grown by obeying the instinct of development. We are to-day entitled to be called Greater America, but that greatness will be lost if we forget the political philosophy which has made us great—expansion of American thought, territory, mechanical skill, civilization and philosophy. This is an auspicious time for the creation and development of our export trade. The war has opened up new markets for our goods and has created a demand for the repeal of the law applying to the islands the coastwise laws of the United States.

THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN.
In a business sense the young voters who are stepping forward since 1904 have more at stake than any other class in rendering a right decision. Their active lives are ahead. They have more years to live, and are now laying the foundations of their business careers. The national policies which they will support are the conditions of their life. They are farmers. If so, let them ask the older generation how farmers fared under the last Democratic administration. Let them take the market reports of to-day and compare them with the prices that prevailed when Mr. Bryan made his famous speech at the buried dead end at President Cleveland because he stood by the gold standard. At the same time Bryan denounced the Republican party for its protectionist as well as sound money position. Perhaps the first voter to be every corner or otherwise. Does he want his American rate of wages and the industry he chooses reasonably protected against foreign competition? If he does Mr. Bryan's leadership will take him in the opposite direction—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Tide of Prosperity.
The tide of prosperity may sub and flow, but the great waves of industrial wealth will continue to grow in volume with ever-increasing comfort and happiness to one hundred,000,000. And he will soon realize that the nation of our intelligent and skillful labor, made so because of good wages and good living, we shall make better fabrics and build stronger structures—that in spite of their higher cost the beginning will be cheaper in the end and will be wanted by the people in greater volume without ever sacrificing our home market, the foundation of our national wealth and progress.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

Henry Gasaway Davis, who was defeated with Parker four years ago, is wiser as well as older. He says he sees no hope for the Democracy, and thinks Parker is again wasting valuable time in making speeches.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
It is interesting to note how great an extent Governor Hughes is commanding the support of Democrats in New York State.—Springfield Republican.
Anyway, Mr. Taft never tried to steal Mr. Bryan's government commission.—Chicago News.

The United States has come into possession of the Philippines and all the political and strategic responsibilities entailed by this movement. The participation in, and suppression of, the Boxer rebellion, the expanding recognition of the supreme importance to the future of American trade, of the open door, the realization that, with the exception of Japan, no country is so well situated as the United States, industrially and geographically, to make the most and the best of the development of China. These and other events have transformed American indifference to the fortunes of the Far East into a real, live, tingling and vigilant concern.

Logical Commercial Events.
It did not need the Chinese boycott of American goods, or the outbreak of the trouble with Japan over the immigration question, to convince an impartial onlooker that America's relations with the powers of the Far East would, before long, be more immediate, of greater moment and possibly of greater hazard than our relations with the powers of Europe. The American fleet has foreshadowed the systematic assertion of American power in the Pacific. American interests in that ocean, commercial, political and territorial, have been neglected far too long.

Mr. Taft is in a sense the father of the Philippines. It has been his kindly, constructive statesman's hand that evolved order out of their original chaos. In his report submitted to Congress as a result of his visit to the Philippines to be present at the opening of their first Assembly, he made four recommendations: First—action by Congress admitting to the United States Philippine products under such conditions that they would not interfere with American tobacco and sugar industries; second, the removal of restrictions as to acquiring mining-claims and lands; third, further legislation authorizing the government to carry on an agricultural bank, which is now authorized only as a private enterprise; fourth, the repeal of the law applying to the islands the coastwise laws of the United States.

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PROMINENT DEFECTIONS FROM BRYAN CONTINUE

Democratic Leaders from Coast to Coast Reject Vagaries of the Nebraska Weather Vane.

William Prentiss of Chicago Says Bryan as President Would Be a Failure—Southern Lifelong Democrats Repudiate the Candidate Who Tramples on His Ideals to Catch Votes.
The number of prominent Democrats all over the country who have announced their desertion of Bryan and advised their friends to vote for Taft and Sherman is a matter of grave concern to Mr. Bryan's managers. In Richmond, Va., always a rock-ribbed citadel of Democracy, a Taft business men's club has been organized, with hundreds of members, and in Baltimore the defections of leading Democrats has become the subject of a daily series in the newspapers. These illustrations are given not because they are exceptional in this campaign, but because of their geographical location.
In Chicago a sensation was caused by William Prentiss, who announced that he will support Taft instead of Bryan for President and Densen in stead of Stevenson for Governor. Mr. Prentiss has been a Democratic leader in Chicago for several years. He was Civil Service Commissioner under Mayor Dunne and has several times been Democratic candidate for Mayor in 1898 he was chairman of the Democratic State convention. He was formerly an ardent Bryan partisan.
In a letter made public recently Mr. Prentiss charges Bryan with betraying his followers and forsaking the principles for which he stood prior to the present campaign.
Mr. Prentiss says:
"Bryan claims that he is the man to continue and extend Roosevelt's work, claiming much of it as suggestions of his own. Less than three months ago I preferred Bryan as Roosevelt's successor. He was my party leader, whom I then had full confidence. But before he indicated, my faith in Bryan as a relic. Bryan, not the ideal Bryan of the past, but the real Bryan of today, surrounded by the Mack, Murphy, McGraws, Taggart, Sullivan and Joe Baileys et al. of the present day Democratic party, at the best could be but a dismal failure."

California Democrats for Taft.
John J. Barrett, for years one of the most brilliant orators of the Democratic party of California, has registered his faith in a Republican. That registration has given the Democratic managers a shock only second to that which they felt when they learned that M. F. Tarpey had deserted the shifting cause of Bryan.
"My registration speaks for itself," said Mr. Barrett. "When asked to state my politics I said I was a Republican. That tells the tale."
Barrett preached Democratic doctrine from all the stumps of California.

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Southern States and instanced Alabama as one of them.
Two men who have always been prominent in Democratic circles in Baltimore who have announced that they did not think enough of Bryan to vote for him, and that they would support Taft instead, are Mr. John E. Bonnal, former president of the School Board, and Mr. Leigh Bonnal, who is years past has been one of the most active workers in the Democratic party. Both men said that they could not stand for Bryan and his policy.
Mr. Bonnal's defection from the ranks of Democracy was an especial shock to the Bryan men in the State. They had counted on him as one of the prize spellbinders during the coming campaign, and had no idea but that he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic nominee. "We do not agree with Mr. Bryan's opinions on the various questions now confronting the public."
"He has not the judgment and temperament of a statesman. A statesman knows that no matter how desirable a reform may be he must take short steps in accomplishing it. He knows that it cannot be done in a day. The public mind and the new machinery of administration must be educated and adapted to introduce such radical changes as are contained in Mr. Bryan's program ever conceding for the argument that he is right."
Waldo Newcomer, president of the National Exchange Bank of Baltimore, says that although he believes in the principles of the Democratic party and would like to cast his ballot for the Democratic ticket, he finds it impossible to support Bryan and his ideas.
Mr. Newcomer characterized the Bryan plank in the Denver platform guaranteeing deposits in banks as nonsense scheme smacked of paternalism and is not founded upon sound or good business principles.
Mr. Newcomer said he did not regard Mr. Bryan as the type of man to make a satisfactory or safe President and felt that the interests of the country and the people as a whole would be far better promoted this time by the election of Mr. Taft in whose sanity, soundness and honesty every one who knows him has the utmost confidence.
Frederic K. Gouder, for years prominent in the Democratic party, has stated that he intends to vote for Taft.
J. E. Smith, vice president of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, whose politics heretofore has been Democratic, has come out for Taft. He says many other Democrats among St. Louis business men will mark their ballots the same way.
New York Newspaper Decries Bryan.
The Ithaca (N. Y.) Chronicle, a newspaper heretofore Democratic, has broken with that party and joined the opposition, saying:
"Believing that there is no hope for reasonable men in the Democracy under its present leaders; refusing to truckle to the midst combination of Populism, Socialism, corruption and bossism presented under the guise of Democracy, the Chronicle takes its stand firmly for Taft and Sherman, for Hughes and his running mate."
Mr. Taft says that he stands on his record. No particular credit to Taft in that. Anybody would be glad to stand on the kind of record he has—Stephen Capital.

GROWTH OF WEALTH PER CAPITA.
Doctrine that the Poor are Growing Poorer Shows to Be False.
(From the Los Angeles Times)
In 1820 the savings banks of the United States held \$1,188,576. This was a poor country then compared with now. The amount was only an average of 12 cents for the population of that time. That amount of average economy was very small.
Now the people of this country have \$2,990,878,945 in savings banks. This is an average for the whole population of this time of over \$42. The actual depositors have an average of \$428 to their credit. In 1820 only 3,850 persons in the country were rich enough to have a savings bank account. Now there are 8,588,811.
When James Buchanan, the last Democratic President in a long line, went into office, there was about \$100,000,000 in the savings banks of the United States. By 1870, after fighting out the great war, the people under Republican rule for twenty years, had \$500,000,000 in the savings banks. When the next Democratic President took his seat in 1880, the savings of the people had passed the billion point. By 1898 the savings had doubled again.
So there it is. In 1820 there were only about 8,000 people rich enough to have a savings bank account. Now there are over 8,000,000. In 1820 the savings were 12 cents per capita; now they are over \$42.
That the poor grow poorer and the rich richer in this country is as true as any other Populistic notion.

TAFT'S SERVICE TO LABOR.
Destroyed the Old English Law Against Employers that Union Labor is a Conspiracy.
{From the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.
The simple fact is that no man has done more to place union labor on a sound, square, law-abiding, respected footing than William H. Taft by his decisions in labor cases. Both employer and employed have acknowledged the justice of his decisions and learned to abide by them, and to-day there is not an intelligent worker or fair-minded employer who would seek to abrogate them.
Judge Taft lifted union labor from the doubt and uncertainty as to its rights which had before prevented and gave it a standing which it has ever since retained, and which has proved under his rulings, secure against all attack. The old assumption, derived from England, that union labor is a conspiracy, and that workers could be prevented from leaving railway or other employment at their will, was swept away forever by Judge Taft so far as the United States is concerned, and when an attempt was made, years later, to revive the statute, Judge Taft's decision was quoted successfully by the labor side to defeat the plan.
Mr. Taft was and is labor's friend, because he is absolutely just, and would no more permit wrong to be done to the poorest laborer in the land than he would to any one else. And the honest, law-abiding workers ask and expect no more than this.

Soliloquy.
An old lady unaccustomed to traveling innocently seated herself in a first class carriage, although she only had a third class ticket. The guard, thinking she had made a mistake, popped his head into the carriage and inquired, "Are you first class, ma'am?"
"No, sir, not altogether," she replied, "but much brighter than I was, thank you."—London Stereogram.