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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The allied army in China is in about the same fix as a lot of flies upon a tanglefoot paper.

Don't tangle over one another getting to the board of equalization for the purpose of having your assessment raised.

Who said the democrats of Tillamook county intend putting the Skookum Lake ghost on the stump to talk against imperialism.

Don't make any rash predictions how the election is going to turn out, for the political bosses of both parties are claiming every state in sight. But, gee, how some of these political prophets will be hunting a hole presently.

Bryan was born under the wrong planet. It is reported that Platt, the republican boss, and Croker, the democratic boss, have mutually agreed to defeat Bryan in New York state. Now let's see if the Tammany leader can deliver the goods.

We guess the Oregon politicians are not quite sure whether they are enjoying prosperity or not, for it is stated that no "boodle" has been received from the national committees. That's too bad for the political hoodlums when there's no sack. But does this account for the apathy in politics when there's no money to pay stump speakers? Perhaps so.

Governor Sayers, of Texas, says: "The loss of life occasioned by the storm in Galveston and elsewhere on the Southern coast cannot be less than 12,000 lives, while the loss of property will probably aggregate \$20,000,000." In these few lines one can only get a small glimpse of the agony which hurried twelve thousand souls into eternity and the pangs of sorrow which follow that most destructive storm of all others in the United States.

Sir Thomas Lipton has sent \$1,000 to the governor of Texas for the sufferers in that storm swept state. Americans lauded Sir Thomas for the manly spirit in which he took his defeat when racing his yacht for the American cup, and this token of sympathy for our citizens in distress plainly shows that he appreciated the esteem of the American people. He has shown benevolence, which many a rich person has not done in America.

Senator Hanna has the audacity to say: "I believe there is not a trust in the entire United States." When Hanna makes foolish assertions like this he must not expect intelligent republicans to coincide with him. Every time he makes a speech he places a weapon in the hands of Bryan to defeat the republican party. Hanna must think the American people exceedingly gullible if he intends to convey the impression that there are no trusts in the United States, when, in point of fact, the trust companies have honeycombed so many industries that a blind man can almost see their pernicious greed and intention to choke off healthy competition. What's Mark giving us, anyway?

Hobson is again seeking notoriety, for he makes the astounding statement that Dewey's fleet did very little damage to the Spanish ships in Manila bay, for most of them were, Hobson claims, scuttled and sunk by the Spaniards themselves. He, however, failed to mention whether this was done when Dewey retired to allow his tars to partake a breakfast. But, anyhow, Dewey is gradually being robbed of his honor, for the court of awards decided that the Spanish ships in Manila bay were obsolete and altogether inferior to the American ships, which deprived Dewey of a large sum of prize money, and now Hobson bobs up with the above statement which entitles him to another kissing tour, if that is the kind of notoriety he is after again.

The Oregon M.E. conference last week at Ashland had a spicy case to try, and it was one in which the general public would have taken greater delight listening to than the most eloquent sermon, but closed doors deprived them of this. Rev. A. S. Starr, of the Sunnyside church, had been misbehaving himself with the dear sisters, for the charges preferred against him were immoral conduct. He had not confined his flirtation to one sister, but had initiated the Mormons in their proselytizing ideas. Surely Mr. Starr would make a hot member in that church and he missed his calling when he joined the Methodist. Evidently the dear brother was no social purity advocate when he could stoop thus low from his high calling and have charges like these proved against him. If we cannot have purity in the pulpit, how can we expect purity in the pew, in the family and in the community. Away with such sensual monsters and debauchers, especially when they cover themselves with the cloak of religion. Although expelled

from the Methodist church, no doubt some of the dear sisters think him innocent and sympathize with him.

What a lot of trouble the United States would have saved itself had it decided to annex all the possessions we wrested from Spain in our late unpleasantness with that country. We promised Cuba independence and proceeded to adopt the English colonial plan for the Philippine islands, and from all indications this is not giving satisfaction, for the Filipinos are still fighting for independence while the white population in Cuba have sent up their first howl to be annexed to the United States, which every person will soon acknowledge is what this country will have to do. The Headlight is out-and-out for expansion, is not sentimental on war for humanity sake, therefore we would prefer to see the republican party gobble up all the territory we won from Spain, which would put a stop to this silly political wrangle about imperialism. We may be a little despotic in our ideas of war, but very few nations draw the sword but what it turns into a war of conquest, and instead of going a round about way to bring these possessions into the Union, let us annex them right away, the same as England did with South Africa.

Business men who spend from fourteen to sixteen hours a day in their stores and on Sunday wrestle with their books and make out bills are the victims of inventions, and no matter how tastefully they build a private residence and fix it up with all manner of comforts, all the pleasure it affords them is a place to bunk and a place to chew. Life is too short to make a slave of oneself when it might otherwise be enjoyed by business men. We hear a complaint now and then about department stores in large cities, but we notice that they agree to close a certain time and abide by it. And why can't the business men of Tillamook City do likewise this winter and enjoy some of the pleasures of their homes. It appears a little ridiculous to keep the stores open as long as there is a person on the street, whereas if it was known that they would close at six or seven o'clock they would all do the same amount of business, and, besides, it would soon educate people to do their trading in business hours. But will the business men agree to close as we have suggested, with perhaps extending the hour on Saturday to nine o'clock?

We do not wish to be thought antagonistic to some of the beneficiary orders which have sprung into existence in the past few years, but it is well to point out to the general public wherein they originated and how likely they are to snuff out in the near future. In the first place, there are too many of these mushroom fraternal orders already, and more they become weaker they become also with a sure prospect of a natural death in a few years, and it is just as well to point out right here the risk people run in joining them. If nothing better presented itself it would be out of place for us to criticize, but with well established orders like the A.O.U.W. which have weathered the storm and stood the test, it appears remarkably strange to us that people now and then are gulled into joining a new order because the organizer is a pleasant fellow and persuasive talker. Most of these men have been in the older orders, and being unable to graft themselves onto a good job, have broken away for no other purpose than to start new orders where they could pull the string to their own advantage. Instead of taking up with every organizer who may come to Tillamook—heaven knows they have been pretty numerous—let us give the citizens a word of good advice. Do not take up with new-fangled beneficiary orders while you have the older and reliable ones right here to affiliate with, for what makes the A.O.U.W. strong is its large membership all over the United States, while on the other hand the mushroom orders can only be found in a small section of the country. Anyway, there are plenty of beneficiary orders in Tillamook without adding any more.

Both political parties are trying to make political capital out of the situation in the Philippine islands, and they both deserve to be severely criticized. The administration for keeping General Otis in command, who, with the resources at his command, should have brought the war to a speedy termination, but he failed to do so. Had he followed up the enemy with the same energy he kept the wily warm saying the war was over he would have subdued the Filipinos, and in the light of recent events Otis must have been trying to stuff the American people with a lot of lies. No wonder the volunteers called him "Baby Otis." Fortunately for Otis that the Filipinos were not made out of the same stuff as the Boers were. We say it, and we say it without fear of contradiction, that the war in the Philippines would have been ended long ago had it been prosecuted with vigor and with a determination to a speedy close. This was not done, and those who were responsible for this apathy are also responsible for the great loss of life to American soldiers which has occurred in the meantime. England was in bad straits for several months in South Africa, when reverses follow in quick succession until Roberts arrived there. Had Otis possessed the same ability as Roberts the Filipinos would have been subdued in a few months. What is the difference to

THE ELECTORAL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1896.

Where, oh, Where is Bryan Going to Get Sufficient Votes to Elect Him?

We give below the electoral vote for President in 1896 in the several states, as these figures will be of interest the next few weeks by those who talk politics and claim the election of their favorite candidate:

STATES CARRIED BY MCKINLEY.

State	Bryan	McKinley	Plurality	Electoral Vote
California	143,373	146,170	2,797	1
Connecticut	58,740	110,285	53,545	6
Delaware	13,424	16,804	3,380	3
Illinois	464,632	697,130	232,498	24
Indiana	305,573	323,754	18,181	15
Iowa	223,741	289,293	65,552	13
Kentucky	217,890	218,171	281	12
Maine	34,688	80,465	45,777	6
Maryland	104,735	136,959	32,224	8
Massachusetts	105,711	278,976	173,265	11
Michigan	236,714	293,582	56,868	14
Minnesota	139,626	193,501	53,875	9
New Hampshire	21,650	57,444	35,794	4
New Jersey	133,675	221,367	87,692	10
New York	551,369	819,838	268,469	36
North Dakota	20,686	26,335	5,649	3
Ohio	477,494	525,991	47,497	23
Oregon	46,662	48,779	2,117	4
Pennsylvania	433,228	728,300	295,072	32
Rhode Island	14,459	37,437	22,978	4
Vermont	10,637	51,127	40,490	4
West Virginia	92,927	104,314	11,387	6
Wisconsin	165,523	268,135	102,612	12

STATES CARRIED BY BRYAN.

State	Bryan	McKinley	Plurality	Electoral Vote
Alabama	130,307	54,737	75,570	11
Arkansas	119,103	37,512	81,591	8
Colorado	161,153	26,271	134,882	4
Florida	32,736	11,288	21,448	4
Georgia	94,232	60,091	34,141	13
Idaho	23,192	6,324	16,868	3
Kansas	171,810	159,541	12,269	10
Louisiana	77,175	22,037	55,138	8
Mississippi	63,859	5,130	58,729	9
Missouri	363,667	304,940	58,727	17
Montana	42,537	10,494	32,043	3
Nebraska	115,880	102,304	13,576	8
Nevada	8,377	1,938	6,439	3
North Carolina	174,488	155,222	19,266	11
South Carolina	58,798	9,281	49,517	9
South Dakota	41,225	41,042	183	4
Tennessee	166,268	148,773	17,495	12
Texas	370,434	167,520	202,914	15
Utah	64,517	13,484	51,033	3
Virginia	154,709	135,368	19,341	12
Washington	51,646	39,153	12,493	4
Wyoming	10,655	10,072	583	3
Total	6,502,925	7,104,779	176	271

Palmer, national democrat, 133,424; Levering, prohibition, 132,007; Bentley, national, 13,969; Matchett, social labor, 36,274. Popular vote, McKinley over 603,514. Popular vote, McKinley over all, 286,728. Electoral vote, McKinley over Bryan, 95. Straight fusion vote for Bryan, 6,257,198. Straight populist vote for Bryan, 245,728. Total popular vote, 1896, 13,923,378. Electoral vote for vice president: Hobart, rep., 171; Sewall, dem., 149; Watson, populist, 27.

It is claimed that McKinley will carry Kansas, 10; Washington, 4; South Dakota, 4; Wyoming, 3; and California, 1; a total of 22, which would give him 293 votes, and reduce that of Bryan's to 154. This will make Bryan 70 votes short. Where is he to get them? For the sake of argument we concede him Indiana, 15; Kentucky, 12; Maryland, 8; West Virginia, 6, a total of 41 votes. He would then be 29 votes short. New York, with its 36 votes could elect Bryan, but should Maryland continue in the republican column, as in all probability it will, Bryan would then be shy one vote, even though he carried New York. Or, should Bryan carry Illinois and lose New York, he would then be short 13 votes. Twist the figures however one may, it all leads to one conclusion—there will have to be a regular landslide if Bryan is elected, and if recent elections are any criterion to go by, there is nothing to warrant such a thing taking place, unless the people take a sudden aversion to trusts, for, in our judgment, that is the only issue that can defeat McKinley.

day? England has conquered and overrun the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and annexed them as well, while in the Philippines one cannot predict how long it is going to last. The American soldier is just as brave in war as the English soldier, but he is the victim in a tropical country to disease through the prolongation of the war just as much as the British soldiers were the victims of the Boer bullets when they made a frontal attack on the kopjes. Another thing, the commission has wired home a report giving the state of affairs in the Philippines, and one point it takes special pains to point out is that the Filipinos place great hopes in the success of their cause in the election of Bryan, and for that reason the revolt is still kept up. This may be true, but it is plain to most people that it is intended for a campaign document by the republicans. On the other hand, the democrats are making a great howl at the present time, calling them selves anti-expansionists, anti-imperialists, etc., but it is strange not a word was heard about this when the Treaty of Paris was signed or when we annexed the Hawaii islands. Why, then, this sudden aversion to expansion and their desire to take up the Filipinos' cause? The United States practically paid \$20,000,000 for the islands, and we do not think the people are inclined to let them go now, seeing that we have sacrificed thousands of lives and additional treasure to hold them, and Bryan and the democratic party misinterprets public sentiment when they take the opposite view, drag it into politics and make of it the paramount issue. In spite of all that the democrats may say or do, the Philippine islands will be annexed to the United States, whether Bryan is elected or not. So what does their howling amount to?

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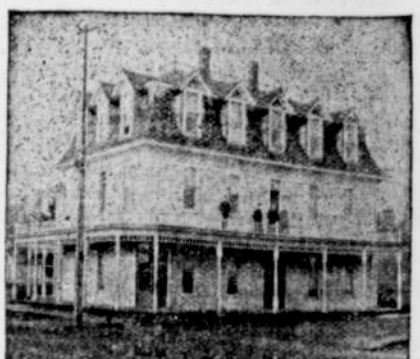
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