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BRYAN ON PHILIPPINES

The Democratic Leader Discusses the Question.

AGAINST A WAR OF CONQUEST

Says the Assurance of Independence That Was Given the Cubans Would Have Satisfied the Filipinos Also.

William J. Bryan discusses the Philippine question in this week's N. Y. Independent. He says:

"The Philippine question is important because fundamental principles are involved in its discussion.

"There are two sources of government, force and consent. Monarchies are founded upon force, republics upon consent.

"The Declaration of Independence asserts that Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and this is the doctrine to which we have adhered for more than a century. It is the doctrine which has distinguished us from European countries, and has made our nation the hope of humanity. The statue in New York harbor typified the nation's mission.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE "DECLARATION."

"If the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence is sound, how can we rightfully acquire sovereignty over the Philippines by a war of conquest? If the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence is sound, how can we rightfully purchase sovereignty from a Spanish sovereign whose title we disputed in Cuba and whose rebellious subjects we armed in the Philippines?

"In the resolution of intervention? Congress declared that the Cubans were and of right ought to be free. Why? Because Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and Spain had refused to respect the wishes of the Cubans. If the Cubans were and of right ought to be free, why not the Filipinos?

GOVERNMENT FIRED FROM A CANNON.

"In the beginning of the Spanish war Congress denied that our nation had any thought of extending its territory by war. If we then had no thought of securing by conquest new territory in the Western Hemisphere, why should we now think of securing in the Eastern Hemisphere new races for subjugation? "An individual may live a double life when only one life is known. When both lives are known he can lead only one life, and that the worst. A republic cannot enter upon a colonial policy." It cannot advocate government by consent at home and government by force abroad. The Declaration of Independence will lose its value when we proclaim the doctrine familiar in Europe, but detestable here, that governments are round in shape, about thirteen inches in diameter and fired out of cannon.

THE PATHWAY TO RIGHT.

"For more than a century this nation has been traveling along the pathway which leads from the low domain of night to the lofty realm of right, and its history has been without a parallel in the annals of recorded time. What will be our fate if we turn backward and begin the descent toward force and conquest?

"It is not sufficient to say that the forcible annexation of the Philippine Islands is a benevolent undertaking entered upon for the good of the Filipinos. Lincoln pointed out that this always has been the argument of kings. To use his words: 'They always bestrode the necks of the people, not that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden.'

CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT FAVOR FORCE.

"It is surprising that any believer in self-government should favor forcible annexation, but still more surprising that anyone who believes in Christian religion should favor the substitution of force for reason in the extension of our nation's influence.

"If we adopt the gunpowder gospel in the Philippines how long will it be before that principle will be transplanted in American soil? So long as our arguments are addressed to the reason and the heart, our progress is sure, but can we, without danger to Christianity, resort to the ancient plan of injecting religion into the body through bullet holes?

CALL CONGRESS TOGETHER.

"The question is frequently asked, What can we do? Not two months elapsed between the signing of the treaty and the beginning of hostilities in the Philippines. During that time the President and Congress might have given to the Filipinos the same assurance of independence that was given to the Cubans. Such assurance would have prevented bloodshed. If the doctrine of self-government is sound, the

Filipinos are entitled to govern themselves, and the President can now promise them independence as soon as a stable government can be established.

"If the President is not willing to take the responsibility of enforcing the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence, he can call Congress together and let it take the responsibility. A special session would be less expensive than the war, not to speak of the principles involved.

"Our nation is protecting the Republic of South America from outward interference while they work out their destiny. We can lend the same doctrine to the Filipinos and save the inhabitants from a foreign yoke; we can guard them from molestation while they develop a Republic in the Orient. They will be our friends instead of our enemies; we can send school teachers to Manila instead of soldiers, and the world will know that there is a reality in the theory of government promulgated by Independence Hall and defeated by the blood of the revolutionary fathers."

SHARPENING HIS KNIFE.

Keeps an Eagle Eye on Movements. Reveals for Centre County.

The following appeared in the Philadelphia Record on Monday morning and will be of interest to many of our readers:

Governor Stone is in the White Mountains, but he is keeping close touch on what is going on in this State, and he is quietly preparing to do his share of the work for Quay when he gets back.

Among the first things that the Governor will attend to is the appointment of an economic zoologist in place of Dr. Fernald, who now holds the position, and hails from Centre County. As Centre has gone back on Quay it is not to be expected that that county will have so many nice fat places hereafter. Fernald will be succeeded by a man named McCartney, a son-in-law of Senator Mitchell, of Jefferson, who was the great American snake charmer in the Senate, and who has been devoted to Quay all his life. Mitchell has several nice places on the bill for Jefferson County people, but he generally gets what he wants, and he stands in with the powers that be.

FARMER HAMILTON TO WALK.

There is a strong probability that Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton will be called before the Governor to explain why Centre did not stand Hastings. Hamilton does not stand very high among the farmers of the State. Stone may see the wisdom of conciliating the farmer vote by appointing a real farmer at the head of the Agricultural Department and giving Hamilton his walking papers.

Another dispatch says: Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton, by direction of the Governor, notified Miss Rhone that she was not wanted after last Saturday. Her place is to be taken by P. S. Chapin, of Milton, a protege of ex-Congressman Kulp, the machine leader of Northumberland county who is alleged to have offered a bribe to Representative Brown, of Union county, to absent himself from the first session of the joint convention to ballot for the United States Senator.

Two other Centre county officeholders were dropped and another, Dr. Fernald, has only twenty more days to stay. They are Edward B. Rankin, a brother of Mrs. Hastings, and Henry H. Hewitt, who supported the anti-machine candidates for State delegates at the recent primaries. Rankin is a clerk in the Insurance Department, and Hewitt holds forth in the Adjutant General's office.

The Governor has decided to retain Secretary Hamilton and Wilson J. Fleming, a clerk in the State Department. He is satisfied they did the best they could to defeat ex-Governor Hastings in the recent Centre county fight.

Neither MacCarthy nor Chapin know anything about economic zoology, but that makes very little difference.

Child Bared to Death.

The five year old daughter of J. H. Kriner, of Pine Run, above Linden, met with an awful death Sunday. The child had gone upstairs and locked the door. Hearing the child scream, the mother rushed upstairs and broke in the door, only to find her daughter enveloped in flames. The child died five hours later in great agony. She had passed a lighted lamp on the stairway, and it is thought her dress caught fire from it.

Cars Rolled Down Embankment.

Two freight trains were wrecked Monday at Panther Run, on the Beech Creek railroad, and a number of cars rolled down a steep embankment. Several of the cars were loaded with logs, and when the wreck occurred Conductor Phillips, of Williamsport, was between two of the cars. He was tossed over with the logs, and, while he escaped death, was badly bruised.

HASTINGS' rattrap worked the boys.

EXTRAVAGANT ADMINISTRATION

An Immense Deficit that was not Caused by War.

WILFUL WASTE OF MONEY

A Shortage of 250 Millions Partly Covered up by Extra War Taxes—How Political Healers Have Been Rewarded With Special Favors—The Public Will Not be Fooled.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Journal recently gave these startling facts and figures. Remember them as follows: The financial exhibit for the past year by the McKinley administration reveals the most reckless expenditure in the history of the republic. Official figures put the deficit at \$88,875,000 and the public is led to believe that this loss is due to the war with Spain. As a matter of fact the war with Spain has not caused the deficit. On the contrary, if there had been no war taxes the deficit would have been larger and would have startled the country. Republican extravagance has been hidden by the war.

COST OF THE WAR.

The cost of the war is shown thus:

War department.....	\$229,000,000	\$ 92,000,000
Navy department.....	65,000,000	50,000,000
Total.....	\$294,000,000	\$150,000,000
Subtract from \$294,000,000 the cost of both departments in 1898 and you have: Cost of the war \$144,000,000.		

To meet the cost of the war congress voted extra taxes and a bond issue. The returns from the extra taxes are seen in the following table:

Increase in tobacco tax.....	\$ 12,000,000
Increase in spirit tax.....	2,000,000
Increase in beer and ale tax.....	40,000,000
Stamp tax.....	42,000,000
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	8,000,000
Total.....	\$104,000,000

Total increase over 1898..... \$104,000,000
Sale of Pacific railroad bonds..... \$ 12,000,000
Sales of war bonds..... 127,000,000
Total increase over 1898..... \$243,000,000
Expenses of the war..... 144,000,000
Extra revenue not used for war purposes..... \$150,000,000

Thus it will be seen that so far from the war having caused the deficit it actually produced an extra revenue of \$150,000,000 and yet the total deficit for the year is \$88,875,000. If there had been no war and no war taxes the deficit would have been \$244,875,000.

CONVICT ASKS TO MEET DEWEY.

No. 4-274. Sing Sing, Aspires to Report the Reception.

Principal Keeper Connaught was passing through the printing office in Sing Sing Saturday. The Star of Hope, the official organ of the three State prisons in that State, is being printed and edited there.

"Mr. Connaught," said Convict No. 4-274, "may I speak to you?"

"What is it John?" said Mr. Connaught.

"Any trouble with the paper this month?"

"No sir," replied the convict, "we are getting out a pretty good sheet. What we want is to improve it right along. Our circulation is booming."

"Well, what do you complain of then?" insisted Mr. Connaught.

"You know Admiral Dewey is coming home," said the convict, "and they are going to give him a great reception in New York. I think the Star of Hope ought to have a representative present and"

"And I suppose you would like to go," said Mr. Connaught. "I would like to go myself. But never mind, your application will be considered. Yours is the fifty-ninth I have thus far received. Of course you would come back and turn in your copy in time. Good day, John," and the principal keeper turned around to hide his smile.

Pension News.

The following pensions have lately been granted through the agency of W. H. Musser, Bellefonte, Pa.:

Spanish War—Pension granted to Mrs. Sarah E. Garis, widow of Serg't Garis, Co. B. 5th Pa.

COIN WAS PLENTY IN CENTRE.

Said that Hastings Spent \$5,000 and Quayites \$3,000.

The following dispatch appeared in the Pittsburgh Post on Sunday, sent from Bellefonte:

The aftermath of the recent struggle for supremacy in the Republican party in Centre county, told and retold the past few days, would fill a volume. Not since the days of the famous Curtin contest for Congress in 1884, when the old war governor spent over \$15,000 to be re-elected, has there been such an expensive campaign in this county as the one closed last week.

It has been alleged by stalwart managers that ex-Governor Hastings spent from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to carry the county, but this sum is grossly exaggerated. Close friends of Governor Hastings, who are in a position to know, assert that the sum did not exceed much over \$5,000. On the other hand the Quay people spent something over \$3,000, \$2,500 of which was put up by either Quay himself or friends of the administration, notwithstanding the repeated assertions that they had no interest in which way Centre county went.

The total vote cast at the primaries was a little over 3,400, out of which Hastings' people had a majority of about 450, and yet by close calculation just 36 votes properly placed would have carried the county for the stalwarts. To what length the stalwarts went to win the contest can be judged when it is known that the administration gave notice to the State College authorities that they must turn in and do everything in their power to win if they wanted further aid from the State. The stalwarts, having been defeated and the administration dealt a telling blow, friends of the college are now speculating as to whether that institution will receive any further support from the Stone administration. Just what will be the outcome of the insurgent victory in Centre county is hard to predict.

The recent industrial boom in this section has brought into the county from 500 to 800 voters, the majority of whom are conceded to be republicans. If the party was united there would be every reason to predict a good chance for a republican victory this fall. But there are grave doubts as to whether both factions will unite in supporting the nominees of last Tuesday's convention. In fact, it has been asserted by one of the stalwart leaders that "the insurgents nominated their ticket, we'll see if they can elect it." This is considered as equivalent to a notice that the stalwarts will work against the ticket, or at least remain passive, and in either event give a good chance for a sweeping democratic victory in November.

Ex-Governor Hastings, however, has asserted that he will take as active a part in the campaign this fall as he took in the one just closed, and this fact gives better hopes for republican success. That ex-Governor Hastings has no idea of retiring from politics is a well known fact here, but little credence is placed in the report generated in Philadelphia that the ex-governor contemplated being a candidate for the Legislature from Centre county next year. Mr. Hastings is not at home to speak for himself, but those who stand close to him in politics declare the story pure imagination.

One year ago when the Quay people won their great victory in this county for Arnold it was at the expense of turning down Clement Dale, Centre county's candidate for the congressional conference, and the man whom Governor Hastings endorsed. Mr. Dale has declared his intention of going into the congressional race again next year, and it is believed that Governor Hastings will not only again endorse him, but put forth his every effort to secure him the nomination, just to even up the score of last year's defeat.

Heavy Traffic.

Friday was one of the heaviest freight days known on the Pennsylvania for a long time and every freight trainman was on the jump. No less than 5,800 cars passed Lewistown, the central point of the Middle division, going both ways. This is one of the highest figures recorded and indicates the enormous amount of business. At this rate there will be from 10,000 to 15,000 more cars handled by the Pennsylvania freight men on this division this month than there were last July.

A Sensible Bill.

One of the most sensible bills passed by the legislature and now in force is known as the "junk bill," which prohibits boys under a certain age from selling junk unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Heretofore junk dealers encouraged boys to bring brass, copper and valuable fittings to them and it had a tendency to make young boys dishonest. To stop this practice is the purpose of this bill.

ENCOURAGING TO FARMERS

The Market for America's Crops Greatly Enlarged.

CROP FAILURES ABROAD

In Russia, Spain, Austria and Prussia—A Demand for our Surplus at Good Prices—Large Yield of Wheat and Corn in This Country—Some of the Recent Estimates.

The outlook for wheat and corn in the United States is better, on the whole, than was expected a few weeks ago. Translated into quantity, the most recent report of the Department of Agriculture indicates a yield of about 550,000,000 bushels of wheat and of 2,121,000,000 bushels of corn. The lowest estimate, however, does not bring the corn crop below the 2,000,000,000 line.

All this is highly encouraging to American farmers. The wheat yield, as here given, has never been exceeded in the United States except in 1891, when it was 612,000,000 bushels, and in 1895, when it was 675,000,000. The corn crop has gone above the 2,000,000,000 line in 1889, 1891, 1895 and 1896. The corn yield in all those years excited surprise. This year's crop may go up to the figures of any of those years except 1895, as the production was 2,283,875,165, as figured by the Department of Agriculture after the crop was gathered. The most optimistic estimates thus far made do not indicate a corn crop in 1899 quite up to the 1896 mark, but it may break the record for all the other years.

Foreign crop reports, as just outlined by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, make the situation peculiarly encouraging to the American farmer. Russia is the chief rival of the United States among Europe's exporters of wheat. Russia's wheat crop of 1899 will be from 85,000,000 to 120,000,000 bushels short of the yield of 1898. This year Russia will have hardly enough wheat to supply its home needs, and will not export any of it. France's wheat crop will be slightly above the average, Prussia's and Austria's will be about at last year's figures, which were not flattering, while the crop in Italy and Spain will be below last year's mark. Taking Europe as a whole, the wheat crop will be considerably below that of 1898. This will enlarge the market for the United States' product. While the American consumer will probably not have to pay much more for his food than he did last year, the American farmer is sure of a market abroad for all his surplus.

AMERICA'S ONLY TRAITOR.

Sergeant Laramar Tells of Corporal Hayes' Fate.

Corporal Hayes, a Colorado soldier who became enamored of a Filipino beauty, and, deserting his comrades, was placed in charge of a Filipino battery, with the rank of lieutenant. He met his death almost in the first engagement in which he fought against his country.

Speaking of this battle Sergeant Laramar said: "We had charged the Filipinos, driving them back and killing and wounding many. Among the wounded left on the field we found Hayes. He was recognized by several of the boys. One of the soldiers of the Second Oregon drove his bayonet through the body of the wounded traitor and lifted him above his head and held him there while the soldiers shot him. The body was thrown into a trench and buried with several dead Filipinos. We would have treated him worse if we had known how."

Hayes was a corporal in Company I, First Colorado Volunteers.

A Painter.

The Philadelphia Press on Monday contained the following squib, which may be full of meaning:

Big Liabilities.

In the United States Court, on Friday, David W. Holt, of Phillipsburg, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. He was a lumber man and coal operator. His liabilities amount to \$305,372.68, but he has no assets. Andrew J. Graham, also of Phillipsburg, agent for a powder company, filed his petition. Liabilities, \$16,368.58; assets, \$109.

Decker Reunion.

The Decker reunion will be held on August 9th, at the home of Frederick Decker, near State College. This always proves an interesting event and is largely attended.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

To do as she'd be done by
She did not dare. You see,
To kiss a man unasked would not
Be strict propriety.

The deadly cigarette must now
Play second fiddle to
The apple green, that once, I ween
Within the orchard grew.

The man who thinks he knows it all
May find out by and by
That the man who isn't always sure
Eats much less humble pie.

A single State—Miss.
A sign of prosperity—£.
Serves both sides alike—the ferryboat.
No man wants a cigar so good that he
can't match it.

A worn-out soldier coat is sure to show
signs of the fray.
It wouldn't do to try to climb across
the Alps in slippers.

Letters of credit might be properly
termed capital letters.
The babbling brook couldn't get along
and keep its mouth shut.

It is only on the face of a watch that
we get time second-handed.
The potato is the vegetable that's
most susceptible to mashers.

If a man is noted for his honesty he
can get along without a policy.
The employes of a sand paper factory
are accustomed to roughing it.

"Pears and plums," said the apple tree,
"are things that I can't bear."
It may take nine tailors to make a man,
but one woman can break him.

A tailor and a dressmaker shouldn't
marry unless they suit each other.
When a girl throws a fellow over it
shouldn't take him long to tumble.

No man ever gets so poor that he can
afford to have holes in his pockets.
The workmen provide the carriage
for the walking delegate to ride in.

The waiter and the poker player both
make money by holding a tray full.
It wasn't Cain's fault for not being so
good as his brother. He wasn't Abel.

It must be admitted that old-fashioned
kissing games smack of the ridiculous.
It's funny that the fellow who upholds
drink is the one who puts it down most.

The sausage manufacturer still appears
to be doing his best to produce his
wurst.
Shoulder braces and corsets are reformers
which keep many people
straight.

When a married couple or a pair of
shoes are exactly alike they fail to make
a fitting pair.
Some men resemble postage stamps—
they stick to the one thing until they get
there, but you've got to lick them first.

Larry—Casey called me a loir an' Oi
called him down. Denny—This did ye
stroke him? Larry—No; Oi cudn't hit
a man that wur down.

Lady—Oh, conductor! the baby has
swallowed the nickel I was about to
hand you. Conductor—H'm! that's
pretty hard fare for a baby.

Bobby—Sister never knowed you was
comin' to-night, Mr. Oldbow—How do
you know she did it, Bobby? Bobby—
'Cause she went an' ate unions for supper.

Young Doctor—Congratulate me, old
man. I'm just preparing to visit my first
patient. Young lawyer—Good! I'll go
with you. Perhaps he hasn't made his
will.

"Oh, don't despair! If your wife has
run away with your friend, can't you forget
her?" "Yes, I can do that, but my
poor friend—to think what he's got to endure!"

Teacher—"Who was Mercury?" Johnnie—
"He was the liar of mythology. That's
why they put him into thermometers.
He's still up to his old business, pa says."

Maude—What is the quarrel between
Alice and Kate? Ethel—Why, you see,
Alice asked Kate to tell her just what
she thought of her. Maude—Yes? Ethel—
—Kate told her.

Sollicitous Principal—Well, my boy,
you were not present yesterday; were
you detained at home by the inclemency
of the weather? Pupi—No, sir; I couldn't
come 'because of the rain.

Sunday School Teacher—Now, Tommy,
you tell me what must we do before
our sins can be forgiven? Tommy (with
a bright and intelligent expression)—
Please, miss, we must sin.

Fond Mother—What do you think of
little Freddie? He's the very image of
his father, isn't he? Visitor (cynically)
—Well, Freddie needsn't mind that as
long as he has good health.

"I don't see why a woman is always
holding up her skirt with one hand,"
growled Bickett. "I suppose," replied
Mrs. Bickett, "it's because she has no
trousers pocket to carry her hand around
in."

The Mistress—Bridget, I don't think it
looks well for you to entertain Francie
in the kitchen the way you do. The
Cook—Thanks, mum; but I wouldn't
want 'take 'im int' th' parlor—he spits
t'baccy.