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#### EDITORIAL.

If Porto Rico isn't part of this country, of what country is it a part?

ANDREW CARNEGIE seems to think that nothing is better for a young man than poverty—and the blessing of a protective tariff.

THE Democratic National Committee was unanimous for Bryan. Not a single member but declared that he would be nominated and would win.

GERMANY has again assured us of her distinguished consideration, and the Reichstag has accordingly chalked up higher rates on our products.

If Mr. Frick would tell us something about the size of Carnegie's corruption fund during the armor plate contract days, the country would be grateful.

WHY not establish a department of Exterior?—one to have charge of Alaska, Arizona, Porto Rico, the District of Columbia and other territory "outside the Constitution?"

JUST think of it! The Carnegie plant, which is said to earn over \$24,000,000 a year, was one of the "infant industries" which required protection in the last tariff schedule.

TAYLOR, of Kentucky, now assumes to be a candidate for vice president on the republican ticket. If such an idea were not maddening it would be a amusing. Thank God, the vice presidency has not fallen as low as that yet!

CRUEL, barbarous Spain placed a duty of ten per cent on Porto Rican goods and granted the island representation on a population basis in the Spanish Cortes. The enlightened, merciful United States places duties of 25 per cent of the Dingley rates—say 50 per cent ad valorem—on Porto Rican goods, and declares that the island shall have no representation.

THE republicans are beginning to learn some of the drawbacks of the expansion to which McKinley committed us with so light a heart. If the Supreme Court decides that the Philippines have become a part of the United States, the G. O. P. will have a hard time explaining matters to the voters. And to think that we could have had all the benefits of expansion out there and the friendship of the Filipinos besides if we had only chosen to treat them fairly.

If the Supreme Court decides in due time that the United States has no right to hold territory without giving it full rights with the rest of the country, what will the republicans do with the Philippines? Porto Rico can be assimilated, perhaps, but how about the millions of Malays on whom will be conferred all the privileges and rights of American citizens, including that to work for 25 cents a day and cut down American wages?

#### A SCOTCH HUMORIST.

Mr. Carnegie in another published letter, addressed to a member of Congress, which is very flattering to the President's everyday equipment as a statesman, takes the ground that the President has been right at first sight on the great issues involved in imperialism, but when the real test came he always backed square down. He was right at first, says Mr. Carnegie, on the Cuban question, but backed down. He was right on the Philippine question at first, but backed down. He was right finally on the Porto Rico bill at first, and then backed down. He was right at first about absolute American control of the inter-oceanic canal, but then backed down in the Hay Pauncefote trial. On all these questions, the most important that have come before an American President, Mr. Carnegie holds that McKinley differs vastly from Philip, who began drunk and only ended sober. The President, according to Mr. Carnegie's estimate, began sober and ended drunk. He was right at the start, but lacked backbone, courage or honesty, and ended fearfully in the wrong. To govern wisely and well Congress is therefore advised to jump with the President's first impressions, and not wait for his inherent and chronic weakness and lack of courage. The joke of Mr. Carnegie's letter is that while lauding the President's intention in one sentence, he makes manifest his irrefragable weakness when he comes to act. The country will appreciate the letter, as it thoroughly understands McKinley's ways from his silver gyrations down.—Post.

When a man's love grows cold, he should put his arms around her and keep her warm.

A girl stands before a mirror while dressing so she can see what's going on.

#### PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of the Day. If the promises of the Quay machine are carried out there will be several speakers of the next house at Harrisburg. It is reported that the bosses have been liberal in their pledges to ambitious seekers who are willing to give support to the machine in exchange for the position.

If political and personal favorites were sent to govern the Filipinos their cupidity and inefficiency would in time become as intolerable to the natives as the maladministration of Spanish officials before President McKinley adopted his policy of giving the Filipinos freedom by shooting them to death.—Baltimore Sun.

Alger has gone, and the New York World says Gage must go. The Denver News wants to know why the country should not get at the root of the matter and demand that McKinley shall go. Next thing somebody will want to get further into the ground and insist on the disappearance of Mr. Hanna.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The World finds in the story of the great Frick-Carnegie suit "one of the most pitiful and moving tales of the poverty of the protected industries that has ever reached the public eye. Only a paltry \$21,000,000 of profits last year, with a gloomy outlook for a miserable \$42,000,000 this year! The Carnegie Steel company ought to go into the shipping business and apply for bounties to supplement its tariff stipends.—New York World.

The Pennsylvania corporations last year, having more than one-fourth more invested than the New York roads, earned more than a third more than they did, but paid in taxes—and this is the point of the Philadelphia paper—less than one-third as much as was paid by the New York roads. The total taxes paid by the Pennsylvania roads was \$2,607,608. The taxes paid by the New York roads was \$8,543,587, or \$5,935,979 more than was paid by the railroads of Pennsylvania.—Philadelphia North American.

We do not accept Mr. Bryan as our leader and glory in our leadership because he reflects our feelings, but because he has no feelings that are not greater, above and beyond us. If there were any man his superior, any greater man, that man should be the leader of the Democratic party today. It is because of his great spiritual, moral and intellectual personality, because he is a great all-around man, selected by Providence to lead the people of the United States back to their own institutions, that we take him as our leader.—Hon. George Fred Williams.

What would Christ think of imperialism? What would he think of Cecil Rhodes? What would he think of the English slums, of the English paupers, of the English millions of the Indian and Russian poverty and famine, of the submarine boat, the quick firing gun, the melenite shell and the torpedo? What would he think of the disgraceful plots and intrigues of imperialists in Africa? What would he think of the dismemberment of China, the slaughter of the Sudan, the kidnapping of Finland, and Rudyard Kipling's hymns?—London Clarion.

Two fellows were arrested Monday for peddling pins without a license. By selling the pins they could earn enough to keep body and soul together, but they couldn't procure a license because they didn't have the price. If they begged they would have been arrested. If they resorted to stealing they would have met the same fate, and if they did not work they would have been arrested for vagrancy. The judge gave them an hour to leave town. The highways are too muddy to walk on. If they walk on the railroad track they will be arrested. If they steal a ride the railroad company will have them arrested. 1. they stay here they will be sent to jail, and if they go somewhere else they will be unable to keep out of jail. There is something wrong.—Missouri World.

"If there is any country on the face of the earth that owes the British empire nothing, that country is the United States of America. England seeks to rule all people for mercenary ends. There is not a lofty motive about her policy. Wherever she can advantageously extend her commerce into that locality she carries her arms. Whether it be fertile fields or diamonds or gold, the same greed for gain has actuated her conquests. I would not only intervene with sympathy loudly and forcibly expressed, but I would intervene with every lawful means in my power. I hope and believe that the God of Justice will in time see that the British empire is overthrown and a republic established in its place. A man cannot believe in the justice of the cause of the Boers and at the same time uphold our government's course in the Philippines.—Senator William V. Allen.

Official white washing comes dear in this country when on an extensive scale. It appears from a response of Secretary Gage to a resolution of congress in regard to the expenditure of the \$50,000,000 war fund that it cost the United States \$165,144 to white wash former Secretary Alger; and it was a poor job at that. Of this sum \$42,500 was expended as compensation for the embalmed beef commission, some of whose members were also in the enjoyment of large salaries. Besides this, \$12,000 was expended for their meals, to say nothing of several odd thousands for cost of travel, Pullman car accommodations, carriage hire, etc. Although the full report of this luxurious commission, which was printed by the government at a cost of \$18,831, has never been seen, the commissioners were supplied with fountain pens costing \$12 each in order that they might make precise notes of testimony. As Alger has recently pronounced William J. Bryan a "curse to the country," is he to be accepted as a blessing?—Pittsburg Post.

#### CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Public Interest. It is claimed that Marcus Aurelius Hanna is of Quaker descent. If true, the fact goes a long way toward proving that hereditary tendencies do not count for much, for Quakers as a rule are modest, honest, peaceable and truthful.

W. J. Bynum still insists that he is a Democrat in spite of the fact that McKinley appointed him to a \$7,500 position as a reward for his services in aiding to disrupt the Democratic party in 1896. Bynum has about as good a claim to being called a Democrat as Judas Iscariot had to being classed as a Christian.

The people will never submit to the "brutal domination of the gentleman from Ohio," or his master, Mark Hanna. Hanna had sold the Republican party, body and soul, to Wall street, and had forced the passage of the gold bill in order to repay campaign obligations to the national banks, whose money had carried the country in 1896.—Hon. William Sulzer.

No firm was more emphatic in declaring that Bryan's election would bring ruin than was that of Harper Brothers, who were sure that general prosperity would follow the choice of McKinley. McKinley was elected, or at least seated, and yet long before the close of his administration the Harpers were forced to the financial wall to the tune of over a million dollars.

Strange as it may seem, Spain is having a wave of prosperity, but the most ardent imperialist will not claim that it can be attributed to expansion. Perhaps it is due to the loss of her colonial possessions and to our taking the Filipino war off her hands for \$20,000,000. Colonial possessions proved to be Spain's curse, as they will prove to be the curse of the United States.

Talmage declares that the last thing Mr. Moody said to him was, "Never be tempted, under any circumstances, to give up your publication of weekly sermons throughout the world," and Mr. Talmage says he will heed the solemn charge as long as he has the strength to furnish the sermons and the newspaper types desire to take them. He should have added, "at a good round price per type."

The good Democrats of Pennsylvania must see to it that none but men of character and ability are chosen as candidates for the next legislature. Quay emissaries are at work in different sections of the state trying to secure the nomination of Democrats who will be easily defeated or who, if elected, may be manipulated in the interests of the Quay machine. Every Democrat who has any respect for his party or any love for his state should see that none but those worthy of trust are to be put on guard.

Governor Stone a few days ago advised a vigorous prosecution of those engaged in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. He has, however, not opened his head as to the prosecution of the ballot box stuffers in Philadelphia, whose criminal operations strike at the very foundation principles of republican government. In fact, his course in vetoing the measures looking toward a more honest ballot indicate that his sympathies are with the villains who are doing time behind the bars for their crimes against our election laws.

If salvation is free, as proclaimed, the Bible can hardly be classed as among the necessary means of securing it, for the Bible, along with almost everything else, has gone into the hands of a trust. Four of the strongest Bible publishers have pooled their business and propose to raise the price of the word of God 25 per cent to start with. It is fortunate for good people that Heaven is so far beyond the reach of the trust magnates as to preclude their forming a trust on the seats in the celestial kingdom. That is about the only place now free from their blighting influence.

Mr. McKinley has changed his mind so frequently that it has become the worst of the wear. He turned a somersault on the silver question; he deliberately abandoned his position against imperialism, and he stabbed civil service reform after pledging himself to uphold it. No wonder that Hanna is a "bigger" man than McKinley, because the man who either has no convictions on any subject of general public interest or who has them and lacks the courage to carry them out isn't entitled to such respect, even if he does rattle around in the chair once filled by Washington, Adams, Jackson and Lincoln.

The national republican convention will doubtless flaunt some new lie to the public breeze to catch the voter, who, when the campaign opens, lets his thinking out to be one by the political boss. Bimetallism has long served the purpose of catching suckers, but now after passing a gold standard law and subsidizing nearly all the leading papers of both political parties in sounding the praises of monometallism it is hardly likely that the G. O. P. will consider it necessary to parade the same old lie about favoring bimetallism, though the leaders are very much concerned as to what the effect will be when they throw off the mask and declare to the country what infernal liars they have been all these years in pretending to favor the double standard. The platform in 1892 declared "The United States from tradition and interest" favor bimetallism. This statement is true, but it should have been followed with the explanation that while the United States favors bimetallism, Wall street and the money trust are opposed to it, and as between the two the United States must take a back seat as long as Hanna rules.

The Kansas farmer is getting about 45 cents for his wheat, and he is paying three times as much for his nails as he was before McKinley came into office. But he gets good dollars for his wheat. Strange, isn't it, that those dollars do not buy more nails?—Cleveland Recorder.

#### PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of the Day. The Democrats of this state need a firmer discipline and a more assertive leadership and the sincere, honest, determined, unpurchasable element of the party are ready for such a policy and will support it to the death.—Rochester Commoner.

McKinley complains that the attacks on Secretary Gage for his subservience to the Standard Oil company's bank are aimed at him. He is mistaken. Everybody knows Marcus Aurelius Hanna is responsible for the acts of both Gage and McKinley. They are simply Mr. Hanna's spokesmen, and sometimes he even does the talking.

Governor Taylor should at least make an effort to bring about the arrest of Senator Goebel's assassin. The country finds it difficult to understand his failure for ten days to offer a reward for the author of such a dastardly crime. Clearing his own skirts of complicity seemed to demand at least as much.—Titusville Advance-Guard.

That the Philadelphia leaders are guilty of treachery to the Democratic party and its principles Colonel Guffey needs no investigation to inform him. Every citizen of the state who has given any attention to the matter and who is not deaf, dumb, blind and paralyzed, knows that the organization in Philadelphia is but a band of political cut throats and assassins who barter away the life and honor of the Democratic party to the Quay gang of that city for whatever reward they can get. An investigation can only determine the degree of their treachery and reveal the methods of their brigandage.

We, to a great extent, depend on America and Europe for our food-stuffs. It will be criminal on the part of the great powers to suffer this little nation to perish by famine since the sword has failed. Since in 1870, the president of the United States acknowledged our republic as a sovereign state Americans have flocked here in great numbers and in every instance the hand of fellowship has been extended to them. Not a single case of disagreement is on record, but with the first war note of the oppressor, we are informed that America is acting in league with the enemy. If our sister republic has no sympathy with us, if the boasted condensation of the British is to be preferred to sincerity and truth we will no longer believe in the justice and integrity of the American nation and her profession of Christianity we will consider empty sound.—Secretary Reitz, of the Boer Republic.

The three great republican counties of Pennsylvania are Philadelphia, Lancaster and Allegheny. Bardsley, a Republican officeholder, inflicted on Philadelphia losses by defalcation and embezzlement aggregating more than a million dollars. He was sent to the penitentiary and pardoned out. Moreland and House, Republican officeholders, put Pittsburg in Allegheny county, through the squeezing process to the extent of several thousand dollars. One of them has been pardoned, and the other is likely to be. Now comes the last, in the embezzlement, by Hershey, the Republican treasurer of Lancaster county, of \$45,000 of the public funds. He has every encouragement to expect that his little peccadillo will be forgiven. The greater the crime the less punishment. "Bill" Kemble set the fashion, by the aid of the Quay machine, over 20 years ago, when he set out at Harrisburg to bribe a whole legislature, and being convicted was pardoned before the prison doors had a chance to close on him. The quality of mercy is not strained in Pennsylvania when it applies to big operations. As to a loaf of bread it is different.—Norristown Register.

It may not be a matter of great importance, even to the people Porto Rico, whether their products are admitted into our markets free or required to pay a duty of twenty-five per cent, but it is of vital importance that they shall be admitted at some rate and a market opened for them. In the present state of things we have simply released the Porto Ricans from Spanish rule and destroyed their market relations with Spain without furnishing any substitute at all. We govern them by military force and maintain our tariff restrictions against their products. Congress should do something about this important matter and do it quickly. Already the people of Porto Rico are complaining that they are worse off than under Spanish rule, bad as that was, and further delay will simply breed more discontent and possibly rebellion. Having acquired Porto Rico, we must provide it with a government under which its people can live in greater freedom and comfort, rather than with less than before. This we are bound to do in simple justice to all concerned, and further dallying with this important subject is simply inexcusable.

This game of military hide and seek has been played for about a year at a cost to the people of thousands of valuable American lives and over \$100,000,000 in hard cash. The mothers and fathers of the country who are called upon to sacrifice their sons, the over-burdened taxpayers who foot the bills, are beginning to exclaim, "How long, O Lord, how long!" The Spanish war—the war authorized by congress—added to our renown by the splendid victories of our forces by land and sea and gave us at least two new naval heroes of the first rank—George Dewey and Winfield Scott Schley. But no man who has any reputation for veracity to lose will assert that the Philippine war has added to either our glory as a people or to the strength of the republic. When the Spanish war closed we could have occupied the most enviable position ever held by any nation since creation's dawn, and all we had to do was to do that which we owed it to ourselves to do, and that was to say to both the Cubans and the Filipinos: "The Spaniards are beaten. Your chains are broken. You helped us to do this thing. Now set up any sort of government you want, and we will make the other nations of the earth keep their hands off you, or we will shoot them off."—Hon. Champ Clark.



A tasteful appearance in dress often comes as much from good laundering as from the quality of the clothing. Good laundering requires good soap and Ivory Soap is the best.

The fading of delicate shades is frequently the ruin of an expensive garment. Any color that will stand the free application of water can be washed with Ivory Soap.

Lumber Cut of the United States. The annual cut of lumber in the United States now amounts to no less than 40,000,000,000 feet. Of this immense quantity the first place is held by white pine, of which 12,000,000,000 feet are cut every year. Then come hardwoods, with 10,000,000,000 feet; yellow pine, with 7,000,000,000 feet; spruce and fir, with 5,000,000,000 feet; hemlock, with 4,000,000,000 feet; cypresswood, 500,000,000 feet; redwood, 5,000,000,000 feet, and 1,000,000,000 feet of other conifers.

The Lumber Supply. At a recent meeting of the wholesale lumber dealers of the Pittsburg district, the statement was made that in ten years the building lumber supply of the United States will be exhausted. In white pine it is said that there is now at the mills, 2,278,000,000 feet, a decrease of 766,000,000 compared to last year. The dealers will urge further legislation to protect or replenish the supply.

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