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EDITORIAL.

GERMAN VOTERS.

The republicans are beginning to realize that the opposition of our German voters to imperialism is not a mere passing whim, but is based upon principle, which will cause many thousand votes cast for McKinley in 1896 to be cast for Bryan and Stevenson this year. Dr. L. W. Haberman, who was head of the German Literary Bureau of the Republican National Committee, during the last campaign and who is now supporting the democratic ticket, has made public a statement of his reasons for abandoning the republican party, from which this is quoted: "Expansion of the Union on the American continent is proper. Expansion not of the Union, but of the acquisition of possessions which are to be governed as dependencies, subject only to the will and caprice of our Executive and Congress, unrestricted by the Constitution, and without the consent and against the wishes of the people to be governed, who thereby become subjects, is in my opinion, improper, unjust, and unrepugnant; the government of the U. S. is thereby transformed into an imperial government for our possessions. A government with imperial power over possessions cannot long remain republican at home. As the government could not have lived half slave and half free, so it cannot live half imperialist and half republican. The foreign policy adopted by the republican party embroils us in all the quarrels of the world, and entangles us in foreign alliances. It has already entangled us in one—an unwritten alliance with Great Britain. Since British diplomacy succeeded in persuading our administration and our Peace Commissioners to force Spain to cede to us the quickly withdrawing shadow of its already expelled sovereignty over the Philippines, we have been compelled to go hand in hand with England. The republican party now stands for the imperialistic expansion, and is already busy cultivating the spirit of militarism. The democratic party has earnestly, clearly and forcibly pronounced against imperialism and its resultant evils, for the preservation of the republic and the constitution. The issue is thus made up, and I consider it my plain duty to help maintain the republic by such efforts as I can make, humble though they are."

The difference between Democrats and Republicans is that the former stand on the Constitution while the latter trample on it.

For a party that is so cock sure of winning this fall, the Republicans show a most extraordinary amount of terror as to the result.

So long as the administration confines itself to rescuing American from China the country will uphold it warmly. When it turns from this to a war of vengeance or conquest by the sole will of the President, the country will soon express its disapproval.

GERMANY it is said, has shipped 200,000 rifles into China within the last two years, and has certainly sent dozens of officers there to teach the Chinese how to use the firearms. Now Emperor William is grieved because his pupils have proved themselves so apt.

THE esteemed Henry Watterston of the Courier Journal, who bolted in 1896, has come back into the party fold and is supporting Bryan this year. He is only one of many gold Democrats to realize that the Democratic party, at its worst, is still better than the Republican party at its best.

COL. BRYAN says that the Republican party stands for the dollar, and the Democratic for the man. Mr. Hanna must have smiled when he read this. Far from denying it or feeling ashamed of it, the Republican boss glories in this very fact as the chief jewel in the Republican party crown.

ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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among the Republicans is that outlined in the Spooner Bill, which provides that: "When all insurrection against the sovereignty and authority of the United States in the Philippine Islands, acquired from Spain by the treaty concluded at Paris on the tenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall have been completely suppressed by the military and naval forces of the United States, all military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the said islands shall, until otherwise provided by Congress, be vested in such persons, and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion."

But this is far from definite. It means that when the war is over (no one knows when that will be), the President is to do something (no one knows what), and is to keep at it (no one knows how long); and that then Congress is to take some action (the nature of which no one can guess). Why this evasion? There can be but one reason for it, that the Republican leaders have decided upon a policy which they are not willing to outline.

If the Filipino is to be under our domination, he must be either citizen or subject. If he is to be a citizen, it must be with a view to participating ultimately in our Government and in the making of our laws. Not only is this idea negated by the McEnery resolution, but it is openly repudiated by every Republican leader who has discussed the subject. If the Filipino is to be a subject, our form of government must be entirely changed. A republic can have no subjects. An imperial policy nullifies every principle set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

Those who advocate an imperial policy usually asserts that the Filipinos are incapable of self-government. It might be a sufficient answer to quote the resolution of Congress declaring that "the Cubans are and of right out to be free," and the report made by Admiral Dewey declaring that the Filipinos are far more capable of self-government than the Cubans.

If an imperial policy is endorsed by the people, a large standing army will always be necessary. The same influences which led to a war of conquest in the Philippines will lead to wars of conquest elsewhere, and an immense military establishment will not only become a permanent burden upon the people, but will prove a menace to the Republic.

One of the great objections to imperialism is that it destroys our proud pre-eminence among the nations. When the doctrine of self-government is abandoned, the United States will cease to be a moral factor in the world's progress.

While the Republican party has been evading a direct issue and trying to unload its mistakes upon Providence, the Democrats have urged a plain and simple remedy, viz., that we treat the Filipinos as we have promised to treat the Cubans. The Bacon resolution, which was defeated by the vote of the Vice-President just after the treaty was ratified, was supported by nearly every Democrat in the Senate, and was endorsed by a Democratic caucus in the House. It read as follows:

"Resolved, further, that the United States hereby disclaim any disposition or intention to exercise permanent sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control over said islands, and assert their determination, when a stable and independent government shall have been erected therein, entitled in the judgment of the Government of the United States to recognition as such, to transfer to said government, upon terms which shall be reasonable and just, all rights secured under thecession by Spain, and to thereupon leave the government and control of the islands to their people."

Had this resolution been accepted by the Republicans at the time it was introduced, and acted upon by the Administration, not a drop of blood would have been shed at Manila. Hostilities can be terminated at any moment by a declaration of this nation's purpose; first, to establish a stable government; second, to give the Filipinos their independence; third, to give them protection from outside interference while they work out their destiny.

The Bates treaty, negotiated by the Administration last summer, provides that the United States shall protect the Sultan of Sulu from foreign interference. It ought to be as easy to protect a republic as to stand sponsor for a despot.

Instead of regarding the recent assault upon constitutional government—the attempted overthrow of American principles—as a matter of destiny, we may rather consider it as the last plague, the slaying of the first-born, which will end the bondage of the American people, and bring deliverance from the Pharaohs who are enthroning Mammon and debasing mankind.

ACCORDING to the latest reports the Empress of China has come to life again. She couldn't afford to stay dead while things were so exciting.

We want to warn Mr. Root in all friendliness that the country will not be disposed to condone an embalmed beef and transport scandal in China like that in Cuba.

GOLD DEMOCRAT VIEW.

The following communication recently appeared in the Philadelphia Record. It is quite good:

Four years ago I voted for Palmer and Buckner, and believe now that had all gold Democrats done so the 16 to 1; heresy would have been killed forever. But gold Democrats were persuaded by many Democratic journals to vote directly for McKinley, with what result we know. The gold Democratic vote was pitifully small, and gained no respect from straight-out Democrats or Republicans. The Republicans took all the credit of the victory, and went ahead with radical measures just as if they never had received a Democratic vote. Even now they throw the blame for the 1893 panic of their own creation on Cleveland, and take all the credit for the victories of the late war accomplished by the new American navy. That navy had its birth under Cleveland, who stopped the half-soling and heeling policy which filled our navy yards with incompetent Republican workers who wasted time over old hulks. The vote in the platform committee at Kansas City shows that there is nothing to fear from free silver in the event of Democratic success. The "Record" thinks that the people should elect a congress of one party and a president of the other. The next congress will be a gold congress, whether Democratic or Republican; but even if it were not, let us elect a president with a backbone who is wrong on one question, in preference to one who is a figurehead, and who is right on only one question and is not sure of staying right over night on that unless Hanna says so.

A CLEVELAND DEMOCRAT.
Philadelphia, July 9, 1900.

THE Hon. John A. Daley, of Curtin township, has announced that he will not aspire to represent this county in the legislative halls at Harrisburg. He doesn't like the political atmosphere this trip.

READ Champ Clark's letter on page 6 of this issue. It is interesting.

Good Action.

After sunset place among the fruit trees an old barrel, the inside of which has been well tarred. At the bottom of the barrel place a lighted lamp. Insects of many kinds, attracted by the light, make for the lamp, and while circling around it strike against the sides of the barrel, where meeting with tar, their wings and legs become so clogged that they fall helpless to the bottom. A few cents' worth of tar employed in this way will, without any further trouble, be the means of destroying innumerable numbers of these insects.

Uncle Sam as a Printer.

One thing that is mounting up rapidly is the official literature of the government. Most citizens complain if the President's message fills more than one page of the average newspaper, but they fail to remember that behind that message are thousands of reports and tons of documents. Indeed, if the average man were to attempt to read everything the government publishes in one year he would have to devote about half a century to the task, taking eight hours a day for the work of reading.

When wild animals are trained they always give a tame performance.

Tonight

If your liver is out of order, causing Biliousness, Sick Headache, Heartburn, or Constipation, take a dose of

Hood's Pills

On retiring, and tomorrow your digestive organs will be regulated and you will be bright, active and ready for any kind of work. This has been the experience of others; it will be yours. HOOD'S PILLS are sold by all medicine dealers. 25 cts.



If silverware is kept clean it does not often have to be polished. After using the silver it should always be washed with a suds, made by dissolving some shavings of Ivory Soap in warm water, then wiped dry and rubbed lightly with a soft paper, a chamois skin or a piece of flannel.

All highly-polished metal surfaces will retain their polish much longer if this plan is followed and rubbing with compounds avoided as much as possible.

Which is the most intelligent of animals? Well, the porcupine can give all the others a few points. In taking a census of Atlantic City they shouldn't count the floating population.

A Centennial Forerunner.

Centennial will be celebrated in Bellefonte in honor of Centre County's 100th Anniversary, but a still Greater Celebration for the benefit of the people will be held from JUNE 26th until our complete stock consisting of Clothing and Furnishing Goods has been sold. It is not a sale of old goods, but this stock has been bought new this spring and is strictly up-to-date. Why are we anxious to sell a new stock? Because we have not the capital to carry this stock over, and Fall Goods will soon be here and we need room. We also want to get acquainted with you rather than have the money remain in this stock, pay storage, and next year have old goods. Everything will and must be sold for and below cost. There will be only one motto maintained during the sale which is "Cash at any Price." Below we quote you a few prices:

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Boy's Suits.

The Famous Grindstone Brand with double seat and knees, in three piece and two piece suits. Your \$1.48 takes the ones that formerly sold for \$1.90 and \$2.25, and still some better ones for

\$1.98, \$2.79 and \$3.44.

Men's Suits.

In Stripes, Checks, Blues and Blacks that formerly sold for \$7.00 and \$8.00, must go at \$4.98.

Also some better ones you can't afford to miss at

\$6.48 and \$8.79.

Some pretty Crash Suits, Coats and extra Pants at prices far below their actual value.



In Clothing they will be sold just as they are and alterations such as making shorter, narrower, etc., will be at the buyers expense. Most of the above Clothing is in odd sizes and broken lots left over from the great 40 per cent. reduction sale.

FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Underwear.

Ballbrigan in plain, stripes and Blue Shirts with long or short sleeves, and drawers with double seat, go at

45c and 90c a Suit.

Shirts.

Percale that formerly sold for 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 will go at

19c, 39c, 69c and 79c.

Also in silk fronts at

39c, 69 and 79c.

Our shirt line is the prettiest and largest ever shown before.

Ties.

Those pretty English Squares and Batswing Shapes that we have made such a run at 50c and 25c sell for

39 and 19 cents.

Hosiery.

In those "loud stripes," neater patterns, and drop-stitch sell for

11c, 19c and 39c.

Space and ink is very precious and will have to end in quoting prices, but everything will be sold in the same proportion as above. Remember everything must be sold regardless of cost or profit. During this sale everything will be conducted in the same old way of "Fairness and Squareness." You certainly can profit by giving us a chance. Do not forget that this sale is now going on and where it is held.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

SIM, THE CLOTHIER,

Reynold's Bank Building, Allegheny street.

BELLEFONTE, PENN'A.