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Does the Times want President McKinley to leave the peaceable inhabitants of the Philippines, especially those who have accepted American sovereignty in good faith and exhibited friendliness for the American flag, to the murderous vengeance of Aguinaldo's bandit bands?

Built That Way.

MR. BRYAN'S "paramount issue" this year is to organize a stable government in the Philippines, which is what the administration intends to do as soon as it can; then to give it independence, that is, to clothe with all the attributes of a sovereign nation a miscellaneous mixture of Tagals, Macabebes, Igorottes, Sulus, mestizos, Chinese, and others of the sixty odd tribes inhabiting the archipelago, part of whom are Mohammedan, part Christian, part savages and pagan, including an uncured right to cut each other's throats or declare war on foreign nations as the spirit might move; and to place over this conglomeration of "independent" freerlands an American protectorate pledging the United States to do its foreign fighting for it.

Four years ago his paramount hobby was that if the United States would take 47 cents worth of silver and stamp one dollar upon it the world at large could be forced to accept that dollar as equal to 100 cents worth of gold. In other words, he wanted to declare an American protectorate over an independent coinage scheme for making one dollar out of less than half a dollar, in the hallucination that the great world of trade would meekly accept the inequitable issue, pocket its losses and say nothing; and he was so deeply imbued with the practicality of this plan that he predicted every conceivable species of disaster if the country should reject it. Not one of these predictions, by the way, has been fulfilled.

If he should be in serious prominence four years hence, which we doubt, it is safe to guess that he will then have ready for verbal paramounting some new conceit equally as visionary and unpractical, for he is built that way.

Among the things Bryan failed to say was that he would decline the electoral votes of the southern states which propose to govern the negro without the consent of the governed.

College Prices Too High.

THE IDEA accredited to Dr. Harper, president of Chicago university, that the cost of living among college students is too high and that it could be materially reduced if the business skill of the university managers were applied to the problem seriously is not new but it is true. Dr. Harper names \$300 a year as a moderate price for a university education, all necessary expenses included; but in these days of practical economies even this figure is generous.

There are a number of good schools in the country, ranking, of course, below the grade of our higher colleges yet giving practical instruction in both the common and advanced branches, and doing this without the aid of endowment funds, which guarantee to supply every essential save clothing for less than half the sum mentioned by Dr. Harper. Less than 50 miles east of Dr. Harper's university is a school operated wholly as a business enterprise yet covering in its curriculum every theme of study included in the curriculum of Chicago university and having in attendance more than 2000 pupils, whose annual expenses average considerably less than \$200. At this school good food, well cooked and plentiful, costs only \$1 a week and room rent is as low as 30 cents a week. Even at these prices the management makes a slight profit and the fact that thousands are regularly availing themselves of the low prices demonstrates the existence of a widespread need of cheaper educational facilities.

Our colleges have not yet touched the democratic level. They are more or less aristocratic, a condition inevitable when we consider that only the well-to-do or rich can afford the average expenses of an education at them. This usefulness will increase with each reduction in the unnecessary costs.

Of course the South African and oriental issues are the most available for Democratic spellbinders on the stump. The average listener who knows by experience and observation that the silver agitation is a humbug is not always prepared to analyze wild statements made regarding conditions in

the far east. Little may be expected from Bryanism's solicitors, therefore, aside from echoes of the "paramount issue."

Candidate Towne's formal sacrifice of something that did not give promise of coming his way has been declared by his fellow-fusionists to have been a political blunder. Mr. Towne bids fair to suffer experiences as vexatious as those of the old man of the fabliau who killed his donkey trying to please everybody.

The Latest Scarecrow.

IN THEIR SEARCH for something to criticize, the assailants of the McKinley administration have dug up the provisional Alaskan boundary line agreed upon Oct. 20, 1899, and duly announced at that time by the state department, in detail, with official explanatory maps. The whole matter was then put before the country for its consideration and hand-ling. In the midst of an effort to settle by negotiation a number of long-standing and troublesome disputes with the dominion, Canada made this claim to tidewater privileges a sine qua non of further negotiation. The result was that the joint high commission which had been endeavoring to adjust these various differences dispersed, the whole question went over and there was on both sides an irritable feeling needing little provocation to burst forth into war.

We had one line; Canada claimed another; the two overlapped, and in the territory in dispute were miners who did not know whose flag they were under or what laws to look to. A clash of authority was possible at any minute and it might precipitate a frightful war. In this emergency the American state department and the British foreign office drew up a modus vivendi or temporary agreement, providing for a provisional line to be observed by both disputants, without waiving the rights of either, until a final adjustment should lay down a permanent boundary. According to this provisional line, Canada gets no concession of title to any part of the territory involved, nineteen-twentieths of all the area of conflict is retained within the American provisional limits and the other twentieth is not surrendered, but we have agreed, pending the final settlement, and in the interest of peace, not to declare war on Canada or to send troops to eject her tax-collectors or mining officials from that portion of Canada over the fence and out, she must pay back the amounts illegally collected.

This is the true and whole story of the great crime and misdemeanor of the "pro-English," "anglomaniac," etc., John Hay, whose mastery of the intricate subtleties as well as the broad principles of diplomacy is unsurpassed among the Americans of this generation. Here, by the way, is Mr. Hay's record. It is good reading for young men:

Born at Salem, Ind., sixty-two years ago. Educated common school, Warsaw, Ill. Prepared for college at Springfield, Ill., academy. Graduated Brown (Providence, R. I.) 1888. Admitted to Illinois bar. Private secretary of President Lincoln. Best colonel United States volunteers. Assistant adjutant general. Secretary of legation, Paris, Madrid and Vienna. Chargé d'Affaires Vienna. Married Miss Stone of Cleveland, Ohio, 1874. First assistant secretary of state 1879-81. President international sanitary conference. Ambassador to St. James 1897-1898. Secretary of state since 1898.

Between times, journalist, poet, litterateur and prince among courtiers, kindly and cultured gentlemen.

We regard Canada's claim as audacious and untenable. It should be resisted to the last. But if, instead of proceeding to a settlement in a spirit of conciliation, Mr. Hay had blustered and threatened and played the bully generally, do you suppose for a minute that it would have made him immune from Democratic criticism? Not a bit of it. The assailants of Hay are in pursuit of office. They cannot get it without putting the McKinley administration out. Hence they will take on any issue the side opposed to the administration's side and yell like pirates in the hope of fooling the people. We don't think they will succeed.

Uncle Sam may be busy in other directions, but we wouldn't advise the sultan of Turkey to bank too heavily on that as a reason for refusing to settle his little account.

As the census returns come in the cities that cannot show an increase of at least 33 1-3 per cent. are not expected to do much crowing.

Considering how badly he mis-prophesied four years ago, we don't blame Bryan for letting up on free silver.

Webster Davis has finally consented to orate for Bryan. And still the country remains calm.

Adlai's scoring of the trusts will be duly appreciated by Tammany's locusts.

POSSIBILITY OF MISTAKE.

Scene: Rome. Time: A few weeks ago. Young English lady wandering near the Colosseum. To her dress near a group of American girls. Says one of them to her, "Would you have the kindness to tell me," pointing with her hand to a famous arch—"where that is the Arch of Titus? My 'beseker' is two years old."—Punch.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Power of Rank.

ONE DAY, at the Kremlin, in Moscow, Miss Hapgood, an American lady, was favored with an amusing manifestation of the all-prevailing influence in Russian life of "officiality." While looking at objects of interest she noticed a large, handsomely bound book, flanked by pen and ink, on a side table. As she opened the book her attendant pointed upon her.

"Don't touch that!" he said, peremptorily. "Why not? If you do not wish people to look at this collection of ancient documents—I suppose that is what it is—I will lock up or label it 'hands off!'" retorted the annoyed lady.

"It isn't ancient documents and you are not to touch it," he said, taking the book out of her hands. "It is strictly reserved for the signatures of distinguished visitors—crowned heads, royal princes, ambassadors and the like."

"Then it is of interest to me, at least, and if you would label it to that effect no one would care to disturb it," answered the American woman.

When after she was joined by one of the powerful officials of the Kremlin, who had made an appointment to show the American lady about. As she went from one object to another with the official the attendant hovered respectfully in that rear, evidently impressed with the friendly tone of the conversation. When the round had been made and the official had departed by his duties, the guardian of the autograph album invited her to add her "illustrious" name to the list.

She refused; he entreated, and at last fairly dragged her to the table and stood guard over her while she wrote her name.—Youth's Companion.

Irish Anecdotes.

A POLICEMAN, stopping an Irish carter who had not got his name on his cart, examined the cart and said: "I see you name, 'O'Flaherty'!" The Irishman replied: "You're a liar! My name's O'Flaherty!"

English civility to a pretty Irish "colleen" all the way to the door. "Which is the way to Sligo, my dear?" Kitty rejoins in demure accent: "By the road, your honor."

Irate landlady, pounding on the door of her beautiful lodger's room: "He is dead or alive yet or, Mister Maloney?" Maloney, from within: "Nayther! I'm slapping!"

Gentleman asks cab driver in Dublin: "What is the shortest way to St. Patrick's?" Cab driver says: "Hand out of the car, your honor."

"That is, your honor."

"Pat, can you tell me what is an Irish 'bull'?" asked an inquiring tourist. "Well, if your honor has seen a bull in a field an' one of 'em standin' up, that 'ud be a bull!" retorts Pat triumphantly.

A small boy standing beside a donkey and holding its head with both hands, whipped a party of militiamen as they passed. One of them calls out: "Say, soony, what are you holding him so tight for?" Small boy promptly: "I was afraid when he seen his brother he'd go an' hit."—The Gentlewoman.

Baden-Powell as a Conjuror.

GENERAL BADEN-POWELL is an inveterate joker. Once he was a guest at an entertainment at which a conjurer was to perform. The professional conjurer was late, as the host asked B. P. if he would try to entertain the company. "With pleasure," said the guest as he stepped upon the platform. He requested the loan of a hat and was handed up with his brand new tie, evidently rather pleased to exhibit such a well got up specimen. B. P. received it with thanks, and then asked for a sharp pencil. The pencil was lent him by B. P. after making a few passes and holding the hat behind his back, proceeded carefully first to cut off the rim of the hat and then to slash it up and round and round, until, unperceived, all the victims smiling all the time. B. P. took such a long time over the job, that just as he had finished, the proper conjurer, who had missed his train, appeared on the stage. B. P. made a profound bow and informed the audience that the conjurer would now "restore the hat unharmed to its owner—who he couldn't!" The face of the young man who lent his hat-topper was a study, but B. P. sent him a new hat next day.

Perhaps the Typo Meant It.

"THE MOST appropriate error that I ever saw," remarked Will Ziegler a few days ago, "was one that came under my observation when I was out in Colorado. It happened at Colorado Springs when the mining excitement there was at its height. Every man, woman and child in the town owned stock in some mine, and only about one-half of 1 per cent realized anything on their investments. One day the news was circulated about town that a man high up in mining circles—a stock manipulator and a mine owner—had died suddenly of heart disease and his property was to be sold. The account of the death, and the editor wrote a double-column headline which began, 'Death Loves a Mining Shark.' It was a simple case of transposition in the composing-room of that paper, but it liked to wreck the plant. And you know how hard it is to get the compositor who set it up hadn't made the mistake on purpose. He had been dabbling in mining stock a little himself."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Captain's Auburn-Haired Girl.

"WHEN I was a youth I always admired red-haired girls," said Charles Robertson, an ex-lake captain. "Blondes and brunettes," he continued, "weren't in it with the auburn-haired lassies. One day, however, I changed my mind, and this is how it happened. A party of us went fishing along Bay City. Among the party was a red-headed girl who was a cousin to my boat. We anchored to a boom log and were having a jolly time when a long canoe with the stern wheel steamer White Star. The wake waves upset us and down we went. I'll never forget my ideal when she came to the surface. Those lovely hair and red hair were plastered on her face like paper on the wall, and my ideal came to naught. Indigo blue suits were then the style, and I had one on. You should have seen the color of the water when I came up. It was a case of mutual dislike. The girl over after had no use for blue and I had no use for red."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Moody's Revenge.

HERE is a story that Mr. Moody told himself well last summer in Chicago a few years ago getting jealous of a prominent clergyman. He was saying harsh things about me. I found that I was losing business and I went to him and told him that I wanted him to take charge of a prominent meeting. He said he'd come. Then I took pains to see that he should have a tremendously large audience. He preached a fine sermon. He said to me and said to his words. Since then we have been great friends. Don't ever let jealousy get control of you."—New England Magazine.

IRRELEVANT PLATITUDES.

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

"The army is the impersonation of force. It does not deliberate, it executes; it does not reason, it shoots. Militarism is the very antithesis of democracy. By making him the commander-in-chief, the soldier obeys; the republican mandates issue from the sovereign people, and the public servant gives heed. Can any one doubt the demoralizing results when the use of force, even when the force is justified by necessity? We cannot afford to weaken the government's reliance upon the people by cultivating the idea that all the work of war must be done by professional soldiers." This is what William J. Bryan, now seeking the office of commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, has to say to the people by way of informing them as to his fitness for that position and his probable conduct in office. No utterance of Mr. Bryan's more effectively displays him as an immoral, doctrinaire, dealing solely in platitudinous generalities, unable to practically consider a practical question, and consequently unfitted by temperament and training for the responsible executive office for which he has put in his application.

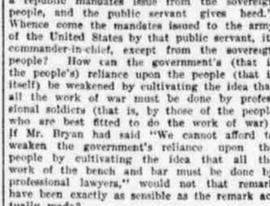
Asked the plain practical question "Should or should not, in your view, the United States be provided with a regular military navy?" he replied: "The United States is not a nation; it is a collection of states for that is what the so-called 'militarism issue' really amounts to. Mr. Bryan answers it by talking cockbook. If he had said 'Honesty is the best

policy. Every man's house is his castle. The voice of the people is the voice of God. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," etc., his answer would have been just as pertinent and just as valuable. Admit the general truth of every one of the quoted extracts from the "Proverbia Philosophia" of the worthy successor of Martin Farquhar Tupper who wants to be president of the United States, and how much nearer are you to a sensible, intelligent answer to the plain, practical question put to him?

There is but one of the quoted sentences that is worth consideration. That is the last, in which Mr. Bryan may be supposed to have set forth his conclusion from the considerations he had stated, though what the considerations and conclusions have to do with each other it is impossible to guess. "We cannot afford to weaken the government's reliance upon the people by cultivating the idea that all the work of war must be done by professional soldiers." If Mr. Bryan were the ruler of some medieval Italian state considering the propriety of hiring some wandering band of soldiers of fortune to act as the state's necessary army, we could see a certain amount of pertinence and wisdom in this sentiment. Under the actual circumstances it is utterly irrelevant and irrelevant. The "government" of which Mr. Bryan permits himself to speak as something apart from the people? Is it not the people? Who are these "professional soldiers"? Are they not also "the people," citizens of the United States, quite as deeply and at least as intelligently devoted as Mr. Bryan himself to the maintenance of republican institutions and the liberties of the people? "In the army the commander orders, the soldier obeys." Who is to be the commander whose orders these soldiers will obey? Will it be William J. Bryan, if Mr. Bryan's expectations are fulfilled? Does Mr. Bryan distrust his own abilities? Is he afraid that he will order the army to destroy the liberties of the people? Is he under the impression that he is more fit to be trusted with this command than any other reputable American citizen? "In a republic mandates issue from the sovereign people and the public servant gives heed." Whence come the mandates issued to the army of the United States by that public servant, its commander-in-chief, except from the sovereign people? How can the government's (that is the people's) reliance upon the people (that is itself) be weakened by cultivating the idea that all the work of war must be done by professional soldiers? Are they, by those of the people who are best fitted to do the work of war? If Mr. Bryan had said "We cannot afford to weaken the government's reliance upon the people by cultivating the idea that all the work of war must be done by professional lawyers," would not that remark have been exactly as sensible as the remark actually made?

What does Mr. Bryan propose to do, if he becomes commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, with the army and navy of the United States? That is the question the people would very greatly like to have Mr. Bryan answer before considering his application for the position.

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6. Scholarship in Scranton Business College, commercial course 60

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8. Solid Gold Watch, lady's or gentleman's (on exhibition at Eugene Schimpff's, 317 Lackawanna avenue) 60

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10. Lady's Solid Gold Watch, or Gentleman's Solid Silver Watch (on exhibition at Eugene Schimpff's, 317 Lackawanna avenue) 20

Each contestant falling to secure one of these special rewards will be given ten (10) per cent. of all the money he or she turns in.

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The special rewards will be given to the persons securing the largest number of points. Points will be credited to contestants securing new subscribers to the Scranton Tribune as follows:

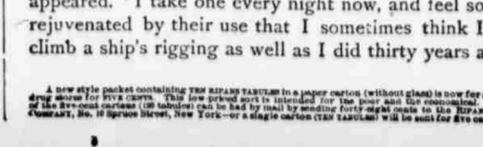
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All subscriptions, and the cash to pay for same, must be handed in at The Tribune office within the week in which they are secured, so that papers may be sent to the subscribers at once. Subscriptions must be written on blanks, which can be secured at The Tribune office, or will be sent by mail. The contest will close promptly at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, September 29, 1900.

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