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The Chances in New York.

It is the belief here that if the Democrats get together in earnest and nominate Coler for Governor they will make a master stroke. Coler could be elected against any man the Republicans could put in the field, and with Odell as the nominee it would be a walk-away.

More Trouble for Brewers.

The United States War Department, in which is now vested the government of Cuba, recently increased the tariff on beer imported into the island 34 cents a hectoliter, or from \$3.66 to \$4. This increase, in connection with an advance in the freight rates on malt liquors shipped to Cuba from 42 cents to 72 cents a hundred pounds lately instituted by the Southern steamship companies, threatens to destroy the trade with the island American brewers and bottlers have been at such pains to build up.

It is difficult to see upon what grounds this renewed demand is made upon the brewers—certainly not because they are recipients of any special favors from the Republican party. The screws are again put on, we suppose, merely to emphasize the necessity of supporting the Republicans in the coming elections or paying the penalty. Will the brewers stand the threat?

The Day of Reckoning has Come.

The Brewers' Journal of New York, says: The comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, recently published by the Treasury Department shows total receipts of \$568,988,948 for the twelve months and expenditures for the same period of \$487,759,171. This leaves a surplus of \$81,229,777, or \$41,229,777 more than the estimate furnished to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, or upwards of double the amount that was regarded as large enough to warrant a demand for a reduction of the war taxes.

Roosevelt's Insult will be Avenged.

Already the effects of Roosevelt's malicious attack upon dead and living Democratic heroes are beginning to make themselves evident. A great many of the Governor's outbursts have been passed over in contempt, but his dubbing of Democratic soldiers as "cowardly shirkers" has caused a general feeling of hearty dislike. To the relatives and friends of the dead heroes the insult comes doubly hard, and they will work doubly hard on election day to repay Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Meredith's unexpected death will be a shock to a great number of people in the Eighth Congressional district of Virginia and in the State at large.

Mr. Meredith was a true son of the South and devoted in his love for his adopted State. Honest, rugged and outspoken, he was a fearless and able defender of his people and their interests at all times and in any form. His death, in the prime of life, removes from among us a generous hearted man and a good citizen who will be missed and mourned by many outside his own family.

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contribute more than \$100,000 to the Democratic National Committee. They are in earnest in advocating the election of Bryan, and in their opposition to all forms of trusts, because their incomes have been affected to a greater degree than those of any other class of employes by a gigantic trust. Their incomes have been cut down 50 per cent, and their work has in no wise been decreased.

This new force is the coupon ticket agents of the United States. There are 31,000 railway station agents, fully one-fourth of whom are coupon ticket agents—that is, they sell tickets over other roads than their own. In the larger cities there are 5,000 ticket agents, and, including ticket brokers, the total number reaches 14,000. All these men are suffering a large decrease in their incomes solely because the railways of the United States have formed a gigantic pool or trust, and have discontinued paying these agents a commission for selling tickets over the various railways.

In the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, which gave McKinley majorities in 1896, there are 3,253 coupon ticket agents. In Chicago alone there are 553; not a large number when compared with the total vote in those States, but they are a powerfully aggressive force, with hosts of friends among all classes, able to argue intelligently, and with the sympathy of railroad men at large they will control a vote out of all proportion to their numbers.

The ticket agents and the drummers are thoroughly awake to the advantages of McKinley's era of prosperity.

The Jones Vote in Ohio.

While the Republicans would like to give the impression that all the problems to be solved in this campaign are Democratic, it must not be overlooked that they have one of their own, in the President's home State, which threatens the loss of Ohio to McKinley.

The Republican managers in Ohio hoot at the claims of the Democrats that they will carry the State for Bryan, but they are nevertheless preparing for a desperate fight in McKinley's home State.

Republican State headquarters are being organized on a scale never before attempted, and the canvas is to be as close and thorough as though a few hundred votes were all the margin the President's party had to go on. While they will not admit the fact, it is plain to be seen that the Jones vote puzzle is worrying the Republican managers. There is no denying that the hundred thousand votes cast last fall for Mayor Jones, of Toledo, when he was an independent candidate for Governor, were votes in opposition to the Republican party and McKinley's Administration. If those hundred thousand votes go to Bryan this year, he will carry the State, and, heap ridicule upon the proposition as they may, the question of where the Jones vote will land is causing sleepless nights for those who are charged with seeing that Ohio's electoral vote is counted for McKinley.

Relapsing into Barbarism.

The present trend of conditions is calculated to alarm the thoughtful citizen for the future of humanity. The hope of the patriotic and humane was in the beneficence of republican forms of government. But judging from the acts of France and the United States, the hope is not well founded. Much was not to be expected from France, for it had but entered its novitiate as a Republic, and retained many of the elements of an imperial military despotism. The United States, however, has had a fair start, and been, on the whole, a success. But the sudden change to militarism, the result of an insignificant war with a decadent power, augurs ill for the future peace of the world, unless the jingo party is overwhelmingly defeated at the polls. The reports of savage attacks by the United States soldiers on defenceless Filipinos are so common as to scarcely cause comment. The gross neglect of British soldiers in South Africa, where they were left by their superiors lying in mud and water, though suffering from fever, are significant of the horrible realities of war, and the callous spirit which it engenders. Such are the fruits of military despotism. And on such a career is the United States entering, unless the people, the masters, the sovereigns, take the reins in their own hands by electing in their first servant that popular tribune, William Jennings Bryan.

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REPUBLIC OR DESPOTISM.

There is no practical distinction to be drawn between the Boers and the Filipinos in their struggle for independence with the Britons and Americans, in the opinion of Hon. John J. Lentz, of Ohio. Both peoples, he says, are fighting for the recognition of the great principle set forth in the Declaration of Independence, viz., the right of self-government. Yet this Administration is giving its full moral support to and secretly using the Government machinery in aid of Great Britain against the Dutch farmers of South Africa, even as it is using the army and navy of the United States to crush out liberty in the Philippines. Is it right for the Boers to be free from the English and the Filipinos to be serfs of an American colonial empire? Why do we condemn in Great Britain what we extol at home? No honest American can pray for the success of the Boers and hope for the success of the Administration's policy in the Orient. If our Administration's policy is right, then the English war in South Africa is right. There is really no ground except that of narrow partisanship upon which to defend the Administration and condemn our ally and co-partner in aggression, England.

The truth is that neither the English or American people have ever been consulted about the acts of greed, oppression and criminal oppression which both Governments have committed. The opinions of the people have been too often biased by the craft of political tricksters and their patriotism paralyzed by partisanship, their morality rendered morbid by money and their love of liberty clouded by the license of imperial favoritism. And to what end? That the few may rob and enslave the many.

IS THIS THE ONWARD MARCH OF PROGRESS, the planting of the divine principle of liberty in benighted lands? If so, what is idolatry, despotism and "the mark of the Beast?" Is it not perfectly clear that the motive behind militarism and conquest was "begotten in sin and brought forth in iniquity?" Who are these who dare to justify their bloody deeds behind the pillared expressions of truth and justice? How do they justify the horrors they commit? "We war for the benefit of those we exterminate" they hypocritically declare, in order that the fruits of liberty may be extended to those who providentially escape our sword and torch. This is the doctrine of civilization we bring to the Orient.

THE CONTINUATION OF THIS POLICY in the Philippines and Porto Rico can have but one logical result—the destruction of the American Republic and the erection of some form of despotism in its place. A republic anywhere is a menace to despotism everywhere. The spirit which governs and enlightens the former is inimical to the existence of the latter, wherever located. We must choose between the light and liberty of the one and the darkness and degradation of the other. It is a momentous decision which the American people must make next November and one which will affect the future of the whole world. But there is no doubt of the result, because in such a crisis as this the righteousness and probity and love of liberty of our countrymen can be trusted to render a verdict for which the world will give thanks for centuries to come.

EDITOR SENTINEL: When a mere lad I undertook to acquire the art of shorthand. In many ways it has proved useful to me. In the pursuit of my calling I have by degrees accumulated thousands of letters, some in the dictated notes, some in the original or copy secured from the recipient. The following to Richard Yates, father to one of the present candidates for Governor of Illinois, could by a few substitutions be made suggestive, if not very effective, in the coming Presidential campaign:

"House of Representatives, March 29, 1899.—Dear Dick: In regard to general political matters they look discouraging at present. It seems hard that while we have undoubtedly a majority of the people in every Northern State who are opposed to the extension of slavery to this border ruffian Administration, that we are likely to be beaten by our internal divisions. I do not know how you regard the N. Y. nomination of Fillmore. You know that I was always opposed to him anyhow, but since his connection with the dark lantern party and his nomination for a preliminary platform I am doubly opposed to him. There is one good thing: Fillmore's nomination falls everywhere stillborn. Of course he will not get a vote in any State in the Union, but the fear if any is that he will take off votes enough from a free State candidate to elect him in the Northern States. I tell you that there is but one living, vital fire in this country, but one question in which the mass of the people have any interest—that is the question of slavery extension into Kansas. Whoever in the North undertakes that issue will be in the end gored under. I don't care where he lives. The thing of Americanism is all hump, and as to old line whiggery, that is an old story. The people won't listen to such talk when slavery is threatened to be planted in Kansas at the mouth of the border ruffian cannon. There will be a call for a convention at Philadelphia of all opposed to slavery in Kansas. All good men in the North can unite and go to that convention and nominate a candidate for the Presidency; then let Fillmore be taken out of the way and with that one issue we can sweep the entire North. Why cannot you, Lincoln, and the others attend that convention? We will do nothing but what you can support at home, and be supported.

"Very Truly, "E. B. WASHBURN."

At least one patriot who attended the Philadelphia convention that year declined the invitation to be present at the Philadelphia convention this year—44 years later. His name is Sidney Edger-ton. It would appear that hypocritical cant about Americanism as a blind to unsuspecting voters was practiced to the disgust of honest men, then as now.

And now as then, despite platforms, "rough riders" and Cantonese catch-phrases, there is but one real issue. It was voted a full year ago by the highest officer but one of our "already expanded" army when, fresh from a personal conference with the President and therefore hot with inspiration, he boldly declared: "We have outgrown the Constitution. It is not worth while to discuss it."

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