TO BETTER NATIONAL LIFE.

THE BREWER LECTURES ON PARTY AND STATE PROBLEMS.

Tells Yale Students That We Are Far From Being All We Should Be—Some of the Shadows in Our History—Need of Party Government and Occasional Independent Action.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 20.—Justice David J. Brewer of the United States Supreme Court this afternoon delivered the last of the series of lectures before Yale University in the Dwight Hall of the Yale school. He had a large audience. His topic was "The Duty of Striving to Better the Life of the Nation." He touched on the Philippine question and on political ethics. He said in part:

There are times when we have to stand by our country even though we do not fully agree with what it is doing. In time of war and in times when some one great thing has to be done we rally to our country without asking questions. We do not stop to inquire whether the president is worse or the soldiers and sailors are better than others.

This nation must not appear before the world as a highwayman. Its good and its worst must never be the notes of the assembly. Europe must be regarded with pride, and that nation is the fortunate one which stands in the world's thought because most good for good, which is the case of strength and yet uses the most considerate and tender strength.

I know we are suspicious concerning party organization. A Congressman said a necessity in the life of a government by the people, is organization into parties of those who agree upon certain lines of conduct. As individual members of a party we should dictate its policy in all things. It may be duty to choose between two parties, each of which does some things which do not accord with our judgment. It may be a choice between two evils, and this confronts Americans in matters of greatest importance and involves a notable instance in the present campaign. Despite our love of liberty, though a strong supporter of the policy of the present Republican administration in respect to the Philippines, I do not care to be supported in my conclusions by those who believe that we should withdraw from the process of Malay civilization. Say what you will, we are responsible for the Philippines. No one can doubt the sincerity of Aguinaldo. The Filipinos are not fit for self-government and occasional independent action.

Notwithstanding all the mutterings against the great trusts and the great life of this republic, no thoughtful man doubts the magnificent benefits which have come from the present life of the nation. Yet there are dark spots, and dangers are a multitude. The nation is not perfect, as it stands today. Its most dark places are still far from the midnight day.

I may not notice all and yet those stand out in bold relief. There is undoubtedly corruption in political life. Perhaps the sin which most despondent persons assert lies in the thoughtlessness of the people. Still there is a conservatism in politics which no thoughtful man can be ignorant of. The equal voice of the voters is not yet secured and that irrespective of the matter of intimidation. A great many do not cast their votes in accordance with their independent judgment. Influences more or less corrupt are potent.

Notwithstanding all our great educational privileges, all our common schools and the great work they are doing, and I have not the slightest desire to minimize the extent of their work, there is a fearful volume of ignorance. More than that, there is in our population a heterogeneous mass. We do not all spring from those races which we believe have the true ideas of self-government. We have a great multitude coming from those nations in which government is a supposed enemy, a multitude, which has no idea of meaning of liberty restrained by law. It has yet to be Americanized to be brought into a realization of the limitations upon personal action which come from the highest obligations of liberty. More than that, we have, notwithstanding our enormous resources and great territory, a large population which knows nothing of the blessings of a home and the pure surroundings which attach thereto.

There are times when one must rightfully break away from party, and either join the opposition or aid in the formation of a third party, which, although inconsiderable in numbers, may be a protest challenging attention and resulting in great good. Ordinarily it is better to work within a party than against it, and yet there are occasions. For years the Abolitionists were an insignificant handful, and yet their separate actions was a constant protest which prevented the question of slavery from being ignored, and which in the end led to its overthrow. It may well be doubted whether the same result would have followed had they retained their relations to either of the great parties of the day. So today the Prohibition party is a constant protest. We may think its policy unwise, that its action contends more to continue than to overthrow the liquor traffic. Whatever we may think of the effect of its action on temporary results the protest and unpractical action may yet prove the forerunner of a new dispensation. I may add that Frances Willard is to Carrie Nation.

We are, whether wisely or unwisely, placed in contact with and given control over large bodies of comparatively uncivilized peoples. Shall we repeat our dealings with the Indians of North America, and have at the end of this hundred years a second edition of a century of dishonor? Or shall justice, honesty and righteousness illumine all our associations with them, and that they be led willingly, joyfully, into the glorious life of a better civilization? The commercial activity of this nation is increasing with wonderful rapidity. No lover of his country cares to stay that activity. Rather let it go on, and in its peaceful flow bring us into intimate relations with all nations, and in that growing intercourse give increased demand and greater remuneration for our own products, industry and inventive skill. It is pleasing to notice, and that, too, even in the proceedings of Congress, the indications of a growing feeling that there shall be a moral element in such commercial activity, and that the best development of our commercial supremacy excludes from its scope opium and rum. Commerce, to bless us, must bless the nation and the peoples with whom we deal.

Young gentlemen, you are the sons of old Yale. Out from these halls have gone a mighty multitude who have done noble service in uplifting the life of both Church and State. Their blood has crimsoned many a field of battle, as they died for liberty and union. You stand facing the great possibilities of life in the new century.

ROBBED PEDLER ON THE PROWL.

Guerin Follows a Woman in the Tenderloin and Is Locked Up for It.

Mrs. Maud Hain was on the way to her home at 806 West Thirty-second street early last night when at the Broadway corner she noticed that a man was following her. The man looked at her so searchingly that she concluded she wouldn't turn into a dark side street with him at her heels. She kept walking up Broadway and at Thirty-fifth street crossed to the east side. The man was still at her heels when she got back to Thirty-second street and she told Policeman Wooderson about him. Wooderson rushed the man.

At the Tenderloin station the man displayed a number of newspaper clippings and managed to make the police understood in very broken English that he was Charles Guerin, the Brazilian jewelry peddler who was robbed in Southgate Row on Nov. 21 last of $8,000 in smuggled jewelry and $700 in cash. Guerin said he didn't intend to annoy Mrs. Hain, but he had followed her because he was still searching for the woman who had robbed him of his jewels and his money. He was held on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Emma McCarthy, the woman who did rob him, is in the Tombs. Guerin testified on the trial of her accomplice. The Tenderloin police say a man answering Guerin's description has been following and annoying women in the district for a month or more.

Chinese Merchants Make New Year's Calls.

A great many of the leading Chinese merchants who have establishments in New York went yesterday to make their New Year's calls at the offices of the Southern Pacific Railway company, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the Oceanic and Oriental Steamship Company and the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. They were received by Mr. Huntington, Mr. Nutting and other officers of the various companies.

First Battery Armory Award.

The Army Board met at the City Hall yesterday and opened bids for the proposed new armory on the First Battery to be erected on the land at Sixty-fourth street and Lake Avenue. Burke was the contractor for the building, his bid being $126,317 for Ashlar gray and $165,000 for red sandstone. Michael J. O'Brien got the contract for the plumbing, his bid being $13,756.

WAR FORFEITS A SWORD.

Strong Hint Up to a Free Fire Essay in Favor of Confiscation. Thirty Sergeants Whipped.

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BATCH OF DENVER POLICE DISMISSED.

Wholesale Clearance After an Investigation of Profit Sharing With Criminals.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 20.—The Police Board late this afternoon dismissed all the accused members of the police and detective force in connection with investigations into charges of graft, gambling and protection of criminals. Investigations in progress at Cripple Creek, Victor and Leadville, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, and charges of police protection and aid in the protection of the Denver gang, have resulted in the dismissal of Chief of Detectives Armstrong, Captain of Detectives Lowe and Captain of Police Dunn, and Detectives Gallagher and Kerrigan, charged with receiving money from gamblers, Detectives Gallagher and Kerrigan charged with shielding the Denver gang, and Detectives Gallagher and Kerrigan charged with receiving money from a criminal character in consideration of his immunity from arrest. The Board also dismissed Sergeant Dunn, charged with receiving money from a gambler, and Detectives Lowe and Armstrong, charged with receiving money from a gambler in consideration of his immunity from arrest. The Board also dismissed