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THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

President McKinley, in a speech at Ocean Grove, N. J., the other day, spoke of the government's policy in the Philippines, which he tersely defined in these few sentences:

There has been some doubt in some quarters respecting the policy of the government in the Philippines. I see no harm in stating it in this presence. Peace first, and then, with charity for all, establish a government of law and order, protecting life and property, and occupation for the well being of the people who will participate in it under the stars and stripes.

Peace, charity, a government of law and order for the well being of the people. In a single sentence that is the president's policy. It ought to be good enough, it seems, for anyone. Even the little Americans who are shouting against the war admit that peace must be restored, while they certainly cannot object to the United States exercising charity toward the conquered and establishing for them a government for the well being of the people.

It is strange, then, that the chief executive is not supported in the performance of his duty by loyal citizens of all parties, especially when the flag and the honor of our country have been assailed. He would be sustained, not if it was not for the ambition of scheming and designing politicians.

They are endeavoring to excite the people against their own government; these politicians want the control of it to fall into their own hands. Were they in power, they would pursue the same course that President McKinley is following; they would not dare to do otherwise, else they would be guilty of treason. Yet, for political effect, they are trying to make it appear that the president is no longer worthy of the trust bestowed upon him.

The very men who are doing this thing know better themselves. It is a political trick they are resorting to. They would trifle with loyalty, smother patriotism and shake the very foundation of the government itself to gain their selfish ends. And again it is the democratic party that is doing this thing. It tried it before, in the most critical hour of this nation's history, when the government was divided against itself with internal strife and the best blood of the country was spilled in an effort to discredit the policy of Lincoln. But it failed, as it will fail now. The people understand the situation and can be trusted. President McKinley will be sustained in crushing the rebellion in the Philippines, as Lincoln was sustained in crushing the civil war. Then, after it is all over, history will repeat itself again. The republicans will see to it that a form of government is established for the well being of the people who were rebelling against it; and they will wonder that they were so foolish as to fire upon the flag that insures them peace, plenty and the pursuit of happiness.

"BRUTE FORCE."

In the Ohio democratic convention, Wednesday, one Rev. Keatney opened the proceedings with prayer, exhorting the "deliverance of the Philippines from brute force." And, notwithstanding that the "brute force" referred to the government of the United States, the expression "brought forth rounds of most vociferous applause." You can bet your life that was a democratic convention; the same kind that nominated Vallandigham, the rebel, for governor of Ohio in 1864. He was defeated by John Bruff by over a hundred thousand majority, and John R. McLean, the democratic nominee this year, should meet the same fate. He is as much a rebel as was Vallandigham, and the minister who applied the words "brute force" to Uncle Sam ought to be forced into the army to fight for the flag, or tarred and feathered and ridden on a rail. That's the way they used to treat copperheads in Ohio thirty-five years ago.

The platform of this remarkable convention reaffirms the entire Chicago platform and especially emphasizes the financial plank therein; the re-nomination of Bryan is demanded, and unalterable opposition to imperialism in the United States is declared. The valor and glorious achievements among the soldiers and sailors, from Bunker Hill to the present hour, are proudly recognized, but profound regret is expressed "that American soldiers are being unlawfully used, in the name of liberty, to crush and destroy dawning republicanism in the Orient."

This is the kind of an effort that will be put forth by the democrats of Ohio to repudiate President McKinley in his home state. They are again imbued with the spirit of '61, and it is too bad that the same method cannot be again employed to cure them of their treasonable folly.

"THE PRYOR CREEK WEDGE."

The Boers in the Transvaal really appear to be anxious to fight England and it seems that a war cannot much longer be averted. If it does come, England will do up the Boers in about the same time that Uncle Sam licked the Spanish, but no foolish sentiment of the English people will allow a rebellion growing out of their victory to drag along for months and embarrass their government. They have no copperheads in England.

Now let everybody pull for the Yellowstone county fair. Everything has been a success in Billings this year, even the baseball club, and the fair and races should be the crowning event of the season. Both railroads have made a one-fare rate to Billings and if the people of this city will work as they should, the fair this year will far surpass all former efforts in that direction. Pull for the fair!

Port Custer, and runs east to the eastern boundary of the reservation, or the Custer county line; then, starting from the southwest corner of the military reservation, or three miles south of Fort Custer, the line runs west nearly to Pryor creek; thence north toward Huntley, the northern boundary being the base line that passes through Billings.

Mr. C. G. Hoyt and Col. James H. McNeeley of the commission were in the city last evening, on their way to the North Yakima Indian reservation, in Washington, and the Flathead reservation, having completed their labors with the Crows. Mr. Hoyt, at the request of this newspaper, said it was never the intention of the commission to shut off Billings with this mythical "Pryor Creek wedge," and that the preliminary report of the commission, giving the boundary lines as first described in The Gazette, was forwarded to the department at Washington ten days ago.

As before stated in these columns, many people in Billings, deceived by an influence that had its own selfish ends to serve, have not manifested the interest they should have shown in the opening of the reservation, and now that the agreement with the Indians is made, certain jealous and small-minded people are endeavoring to belittle the work of the commission by circulating false and malicious stories about the opening of the reservation injuring this city. It will be a great thing for Billings, as everyone knows, and the commission has labored conscientiously, keeping in view the interests of the Indians and the government, to open the reservation on lines that would benefit this city. The commission, in view of the manner in which it has been treated by certain people in Billings, would have almost been justified if it had inferred the "Pryor Creek wedge" in the agreement, but the gentlemen comprising it are too fair-minded for that and the people who are now trying to belittle their efforts are certainly engaged in a very small and contemptible piece of business.

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HITTNER THEATER COMPANY.

It Will Play Here Fair Week - Good Press Notices.

The Great Falls Tribune has this to say of the Hittner Theater Co., which will play in Billings fair week:

The Grand was well filled by an appreciative audience last night to see the beautiful melodrama "La Belle Marie." And they were well repaid for their attendance, for the Hittner company is much stronger than when here last April, by the addition of a number of very fine actors and two excellent lady artists. "La Belle Marie" was played with a vim and finish that showed every player was enthused with his part, and the audience joined in the enthusiasm with numerous curtain calls. The comedians who sang and danced between the acts brought down the house every time they appeared. The moving pictures, which are introduced between each act, were heartily enjoyed, because they are well shown and are of interesting subjects. The company well deserves the praise and crowded houses it drew in Helena, and after last night's success will undoubtedly report its success here.

At the Grand. Tuesday, Aug. 29. - Chas. R. Schlappi, Sheridan; G. Winchill, Chicago; J. E. Kendrick, Sheridan; Robert Faries and daughter, Decatur; Julius Shtasel and wife, Elk Point; V. G. Samuel, Conville; H. L. Wyckoff, Mrs. C. N. Boynton, Omaha; Thos. F. Bolland, A. Sancomb, Red Lodge; N. Shull, Ema Hedges, Lincoln; H. E. Valentine, Conis Valentine, Topeka; J. H. Hay, Butte; John Hughes, city; S. N. Fitch, Forsyth; J. A. Johnson, Gebo; W. L. Mains, city; C. A. Hagg, A. E. Gronowald, St. Paul; F. Freeman, C. L. Linder, Minneapolis; G. Eberle, Kansas City; N. Block, Mo.; A. J. Shobe, Crow Agency; R. Canard and wife, Col.; A. W. Littlepage, city; E. C. Brummer, St. Paul; Wm. McKown, St. Paul; A. R. Lickler, S. N. Fret, Forsyth; B. J. Prims, Boston; J. J. Collins, N. Y.; J. Sheffer, M. L. O'Brien, Glendive.

Wednesday. - V. S. Palmer, Mich.; Miss K. Elmoro, Miss M. Elmoro, Spokane; J. J. Dusel, Seattle; A. M. White, Kentucky; C. T. Thomas, Lake Basin; Wm. Rea, St. Paul; L. Harris, Chicago; J. C. Morrison, Neb.; L. Painter, Wyo.; S. A. Guthrie, Wyo.; M. E. McGrath, Col.; T. P. Rugh, Neb.; A. E. Pike, St. Joe; N. S. Crump, Neb.; W. E. Carter, Pat Healy, Utah; J. Sims, Luvina; J. M. Holt, L. Levartz, Miles City; W. Luddnet, Chicago; R. Wilcox, Mont.; E. A. Robertson, Ia.; M. Eischen and wife; H. L. Miller, Glendive.

Thursday. - F. W. Traphagen, N. M. Collogh, Bozeman; L. V. Wertheimer, M. Loustein, Butte; K. T. Kraft, Chicago; C. P. Holmes, Minneapolis; W. E. Strades, St. Paul; B. D. Parker, Big Timber; J. Andrews, Portland; C. M. Winter, Helena; J. Vestel, Big Timber; G. H. Diltzich, Neb.; M. M. Potter, Helena; L. C. Green, Ia.; A. B. LaMott, Roundup; A. Hass, Omaha; Ben Greenwood, Helena; Mrs. W. Al derson, Red Lodge; J. M. Fox, Red Lodge; N. V. Talmage, R. C. Talmage, Crow Agency; S. E. Davis, C. W. Davis, Minneapolis; J. B. Corroll, St. Paul; H. Keiser, Crow Agency; A. N. Savin, Wyo.; J. Bryan, N. Y.; F. E. Bond, Pa.; W. H. Smith, N. D.; A. O. Taylor, Minneapolis; F. P. Casey, Chicago; C. B. Towers, Mont.; E. M. Brannock, Portland; D. Ren, Chicago; E. P. Lloyd, N. F. Dugon, Dover; T. P. Callan, Glendive.

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