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CRIME AND PENALTY

Through the daily newspapers more knowledge is acquired of crimes committed than was possible to obtain a half century ago. For this reason people jump to the conclusion that crime is on the increase. Whether the percentage of crime, based upon population, is greater or not we have no certain means of finding out.

How to provide employment for the people has been a troublesome problem in all populous countries. That problem is now before this country.

If crimes have become more numerous in proportion to population than formerly the lax execution of the laws may be one of the causes. The criminal element is not so much restrained by severity as by certainty of punishment.

As compared with many nations, punishments under our laws are not severe, but the guards provided for protecting the innocent are so numerous that conviction of the guilty is much more difficult than in countries where proceedings are more summary.

Americans are a very sympathetic people. When a person is arraigned for a crime, no matter how heinous, sympathy is manifested at the trial. The courtrooms are filled with people who would have the culprit acquitted, and by their presence the jury is influenced to distort every possible circumstance into a ground for reasonable doubt.

Those disposed to criminality rely upon the impossibility of jurors and upon appeal to the tender-heartedness of executives. They hope to escape through the one and, failing in that, for clemency from the other.

We do not advocate cruelty by any means, but that there should be sufficient severity to assure justice to parties charged with crime, and that safety to the public which results from certainty of punishment.

It is comparatively recent that the policy of imposing hard labor upon convicts was adopted. The primary idea is that those who put governments to the expense of capture, conviction and imprisonment should refund as far as practicable by their work.

What John Wanamaker is just now to the Republican party Mr. Hill seems to be to the Democratic party. He has in past years been a party man of the most pronounced type.

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which they can follow for a livelihood. There is a feeling that they might as well get back into the penitentiary, where they are provided with shelter, food and clothing, such as they are, without exerting themselves.

Statistics show that the labor policy has an appreciably beneficial effect. The chief object of punishment is protection to the community through restraining the vicious. To reform the culprit is an incidental consideration.

ECHOES OF REVOLT

The friends and supporters of President McKinley in Southern California have come to realize that the public will no longer chafe either the neglect of duty, or the implied usurpation of power and authority that the San Pedro harbor question has developed.

The memorialists in these several communications take the common ground, with all due courtesy, that the public will no longer regard with patience the inactivity of the administration in failing to give effect to the act of congress calling for the improvement of San Pedro harbor.

General Rosecrans must have felt very keenly the force of this unsavory situation when he indited the following pointed queries, which we quote from his letter in the Times:

Shall one railway corporation, unloved by the people of this coast, prevail in its greed against the wishes of 80 per cent. of our population in the location of a harbor? Is one railway corporation more powerful than the government? After years of hard fighting, unanimous reports in favor of San Pedro by army engineers, a final decisive similar report by the last board of arbitration, with the necessary money appropriated by congress, are the people of California to be robbed of a free harbor by one unscrupulous railway corporation?

Our people turn to William McKinley, president of the United States, to protect their interests from delays that are dangerous, and from attacks of skilled manipulators, official or otherwise, who seek to set aside a law of congress and to reopen this harbor question with the ultimate object of securing a private harbor for the benefit of a single railway corporation.

This is strong, earnest language, coming from a bosom friend of President McKinley, and it is ably supplemented by the following pithy conclusion, which we extract from the remonstrance of the Free Harbor league:

We submit that the honorable secretary of war should proceed to the performance of his plain sworn duty in the premises, and we ask you, as the chief executive, to give the necessary order to secure official action. We seek nothing as a gratuity, but only that which the law itself guarantees in this harbor matter.

These are expressions that come from friends of the administration, and by the peculiar irony of circumstances from two personal friends and former comrades-in-arms of the president, who fully represent the public sentiment upon this subject in California.

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brated confession of political faith, "I am a Democrat," was his proudest boast.

Senator Hill was, in the dark days of '93, a professed advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and so declared himself on the floor of the senate. During the presidential campaign of last year, while not openly championing the platform and nominee of the Democratic party, still he did not oppose them; he still said, "I am a Democrat."

Why this sudden change? The Democratic party is the same organization that it was when Mr. Hill stood on the floor of the senate and declared for free coinage. It has abandoned none of the principles that have made it great for almost 100 years.

The only possible inference is that ex-Senator Hill is sulking in his tent because he cannot have his own way, because his return to private life has bittered him. It is he, and not the Democratic party, that has changed. It is one of the political axioms that Democracy endures defeat better than any other political organization the country has known.

When Mr. Hill vilifies Mr. Bryan he vilifies the Democratic party. Is he, then, still a Democrat?

A POSSIBLE SCRAP WITH JAPAN

The protest of the Japanese minister against the annexation of Hawaii may be taken as evidence of designs upon that country by the Japanese government, which has lately become very ambitious for territorial aggrandizement.

The picture of Woodford in the Call may not be a caricature, but it bears very little resemblance to the real Woodford. The Call evidently printed from the photograph of the first bald-headed man that was found and dubbed the picture of Woodford.

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every day of delay only adds to the ruin and desolation that pervades the island. Spain cannot let go, even if she wanted to, owing to the attitude of the Spanish people, and the Spanish government ought to be thankful to the United States for proposing to intervene.

THE PEOPLE PAY

The market quotations for Friday show the following figures: Silver 60% Sugar 1.24% The money metal of the people is 53 per cent below par.

Both the depreciation and the appreciation are at the expense of the people. The people pay the freight.

Ex-Governor Mathews of Indiana, who spent three months in Southern California last winter, writes as follows: "The Democracy is more than ever confirmed in its faith to free silver, and the cause grows stronger every day. It will be the same old fight over again, and we feel assured of victory."

It really looks as if President McKinley has spilled a brace to his backbone. He has tackled the Hawaiian question heroically, and it looks a little as if he might deal with the Cuban question with some vigor.

If Hawaii is annexed, how much revenue does the government expect to get from the islands? Customs revenue will be small, for nearly all consumed and not produced there will be bought in this country.

It is some comfort to know that in all the grabbing that has been going on for the last ninety days in connection with the tariff bill California has not been left out.

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THE HERALD'S MUSE

Sunset Thoughts Gleams of sunset-thought glow backward To'ard the golden days of yore, Whence the sunlight o'er the life stream Fades away forever more;

Fleecy white-winged clouds are floating To'ard the Sierras from the sea, While their lengthened shades are gliding Over meadow, mound and lea;

Chiming vesper bells are clanging O'er San Gabriel's Aztec walls, Where the altar fires are gleaming Through those antique moss-grown halls,

Rosy little cloudlets cluster Near the blushing sylvan shades, While the loitering twilight lingers O'er the trying meadow glades,

Thus, like sunset clouds, we're drifting To'ard that "solemn silent shore," Whist! it's fleeing shadows rattle To'ard the never-never more,

Still we love the rosy twilight, With its gentle, soothing breeze, And the song birds merry singing Through the golden orange trees,

Old England has been the most "barberous" nation; She has lathered and shaved nearly all of creation.

For years we have sat in the chairs of the others. In turn shaved by England and all of her brothers;

But never would fight till the blood got to spurting. By observing the process with care and discretion,

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