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STAR CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS.

Whenever a thing is shrouded in secrecy, there naturally surrounds it more or less curiosity. When that thing is a public matter and connected with the public's affairs, particularly finance, there is more or less suspicion. Good men have done themselves serious injury by such actions, and bad men never fail to profit. Such meetings are sometimes the outcome of bad judgment, but sometimes, unfortunately, they are the result of a deep laid plot of robbery, or for successfully floating some diabolical scheme calculated to rob the treasury and the people, or to show favoritism.

With this general summing up of the moral and practical reasons for doing so, we come to say a word in regard to the secrecy surrounding certain of the affairs in our own city. We cannot bring ourselves to believe any wrong intent on the part of any of our city officials, and therefore feel at liberty to condemn, most unreservedly, their bad judgment in holding secret meetings.

Recently the Virginian-Pilot, as well as our evening contemporary, the Public Ledger, has been denied admittance to meetings of committees and access to public records. At the time, the act was condemned, but it was believed that the high and mighty potentates who, thinking the City belonged to them, and that therefore they were transacting private business, would realize, after mature thought, the mistake being made. It was bad enough for the Park Committee to close its doors against the public, but when the Light Committee, put up a sign "No Admittance," the time has come to draw a line, for the public shall know what is going on with public affairs, and know it fully.

The Park Committee said "there is nothing for the public;" the Light Committee poked a little memorandum out of the door as being sufficient for the people, the tax-payers and voters.

The people's business is public, or should be. There is nothing conducted in a council or in a committee meeting to which the public is not entitled, and we desire to serve notice now, that this paper is going to know what is going on behind closed doors and is going TO PRINT IT for the information of the public, whether it is good, bad or indifferent.

There was no reason for a "Star-Chamber" meeting in either case, and every reason why the public should know what is going on. There was a most decided dissatisfaction over the bids, in the Light Committee, and it appears that the Committee SHOULD HAVE SOLICITED THE PRESENCE OF THE NEWSPAPERS, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

The people have, heretofore, had little to do with politics in this city, but the people are going to have a good deal more to do with public affairs, in the future, unless signs are all wrong. In the meantime the Virginian-Pilot respectfully serves notice that if it cannot attend "STAR CHAMBER MEETINGS" any other way than by process of law, then that course will be resorted to; for so far as it is in its power, the public SHALL KNOW the whole truth.

AGGRESSION BRINGS RUIN.

We disagree with the Baltimore Sun on some very important issues; but we agree with it on the fundamental

principles of American liberty, and we respect its courage, ability and honesty on and in all things. Its opposition to territorial expansion by force, imperialism and other heterodox innovations in the creed of American patriotism and profession, has been strong and steadfast, and in a fine article on "England's Game of Grab," it expresses our own views so well that we feel constrained to give the following extract from it:

One of the first fruits of the McKinley policy of annexation and conquest is the clouding of the moral vision on questions of national right and wrong by substituting selfish and material considerations for the great principles of liberty and justice by which the American people have been accustomed to form their judgments. A few years ago such a war as we are waging in the Philippines would have been deemed impossible on the part of the American people. Even President McKinley is on record as denouncing the policy which he now supports as one of "criminal aggression." But now that he has forced the country into this odious role, it is impossible for him and his supporters to express indiscreet sympathy with the cause of freedom anywhere. The cause of freedom is no longer as important with the American imperialist as the cause of commercial development and material acquisition. In short, they have abandoned the standards and principles that were distinctively American to imitate the methods and policies which are distinctively English. In thus undoing the work of the Revolution and of a hundred years of freedom, and converting the United States into an imitation of Great Britain, we fail to realize the dangers as well as the criminality of the course upon which we are entering. The path of national conquest and aggression terminates eventually in disaster and ruin. The experience of history, repeated over and over again, points this moral with mournful emphasis: England's empire, great and solid as it seems, is weak in its foundations, and must be defended everywhere and at all times by bayonets and cannon. And there may come a time when, like the house built upon the sands, it will fall to pieces under the pressure of a storm too great to be resisted. We have everything to lose and little to gain by following her brilliant but dangerous example. For her policy there is at least the excuse of a geographical situation and natural conditions that make her dependent to a large extent upon the outside world. For us there is no such excuse. A vast continent, sufficient for our support and development, is ours, and we need possessions in no other part of the globe to feed our population or to provide purchasers for our industries, which have already made their way, unassisted by fleets or armies, into the markets even of Great Britain herself. There is no reason, therefore, why we should make her our model. In spite of the unjustifiable attitude of "criminal aggression" which McKinley and his advisers have for the time forced the country to assume, there is good ground for the belief that a great majority of the people of the United States are still true to their national traditions, and that their sympathies are still with the cause of human liberty and freedom, whether it be in the Philippines or the Transvaal.

SOME OFFENDED PEOPLE.
The Virginian-Pilot has offended some of its friends. It is sorry—very sorry. It loves its friends with that gentle emotion which makes a good background for sorrow, when the news peeps through the tangled meshes of strict rumors that certain prominent "leaders" (office-holders) are offended at the course of the Virginian-Pilot, and they will end their subscriptions if the paper does not change its course.

It is all wrong for these patriots and liberty lovers to talk like this; but it is really outrageous that they should resort to the dire punishment of ruining this paper, depleting its exchequers and making a blank of its circulation by stopping their subscriptions to it.

The Virginian-Pilot does not believe these rumors. They are too serious to consider, and we beg our dear office-holders to stand by us just a little longer; after which we will fight them no more—because the Virginian-Pilot never fights private citizens.

Let us view these offended and delicate souls in an humble defense of our own position. Some are mad because this paper suggested that they had actually sought an office at a given salary, in the face of an ordinance providing against an increase; and afterwards, actually demanded an increase of salary. Now, if we are wrong, they ought to come out and show what is right. If we are right they certainly ought not to object to the right being made known.

Some are mad because we condemned office-holders for not giving the people a primary in the Tyler-Martin fight. Again, it can be said they should not be mad, but should appeal to the people. This paper condemned the small crowd that had promised this city to Mr. Martin, and shut out a popular vote. The way to settle that is to wait awhile, when every mother's son of them that wants an office, will be howling for a primary. If they are not selfish in their demands, why did they not come out when this paper so anxiously begged them, in the name of the party, to help towards getting a primary; and yet, then, not a one of them opened his mouth. We say you were wrong, and we will go with you to the people, whom this paper endeavors to honestly represent.

Some are mad because the question was asked if a man voted against the ticket at a Presidential election, and promises to do it again, is it right for that man to expect good Democrats to stand by him? He is welcomed back into the party, but that should not entitle him to a front seat, or a big salary office. We leave this to the fair minded if it be not true.

It is, therefore, strange that these particular office-holders should go

around "cussing" the Virginian-Pilot. One can well watch these grumblers, and in every instance find a description given above to fit him. It is the "hurt" dog that "hollers." If we praised these men they would praise the paper; when we condemn their shortcomings, lo and behold! they condemn their judges; but they should not forget they condemn the people.

Speaking of Secretary Gage's financial notions and "the banking reform" proposed by the conference of bankers at Indianapolis, the N. Y. Tribune says:

Two Republican committees composed of the men deemed most capable in the House and Senate have carefully considered this subject during the last year. While it is not known exactly what these committees will report, the one thing which appears certain is that neither of them will propose the measure favored by the Indianapolis convocation. There are no better nor truer Sound Money men in the country than some of the members of these committees, but they have at no time proposed to retire the greenbacks in order to make room for more bank notes, and probably never will.

We call this to the attention of national bankers, and to the Richmond Times, which, though a professed enemy of the national banks, seems to be so only because the present system is not bad enough for it. Yet, while we do this, we have little confidence in the Tribune, either as to its foresight or its professions, and we warn the people that their only safety from the banks and the money-power, is in the over-throw of the Republican party and the return of the Democratic party born of the Revolution and the Constitution, to power.

Senator Pettigrew declared in a public speech recently to his own people of South Dakota, Republican as he is, that he is ashamed of the country, and for a similar reason Senator Mason, of Illinois, is going to resign; it is certainly enough to make any true American despair of the Republic when he hears that it is in practical alliance with England and pledged to her against all mankind. God help us, if that be true!

The Cleveland Leader reminds Col. Bryan that he is "talking against a Nebraska corn crop of 244,125,093 bushels"; and Col. Bryan can remind the Cleveland Leader, and all whom it may concern, that he is talking for and with 6,506,000 men who voted for him in 1896, and a large number of other men, "as good as wheat," who have since rallied to his standard silver dollar on all issues of gold against manhood and human liberty.

A Republican organ denounces free schools as an establishment of socialism. Of course. When a party opposes human freedom, free speech and a free press, consistency requires it to oppose free education, free politics and religious freedom.

If the books of some stock companies came to light there would be a great old time in town.

It's a guilty conscience that dodges every thrust and is overly sensitive.

The Light Committee might let the newspapers throw a little light also.

The committees seem to own this town—what's left by the politicians.

It will all come out in town.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

THE SENATORIAL RACE.

(South Boston News.)

"Mr. Martin (Senator Martin) is another one of those gentlemen," says the Charlotte, N. C., Observer, "if we have read the papers correctly, who is a sound money man in head and heart and who laughs about 16 to 1 in private, but speaks and votes for it in public. 'Away with the whole brood of them.' That's what one of the leading papers of the North State has to say about our Senator who voted both ways on the silver question. Well! well!

(Danville Daily Bee.)

Remember that the Machine has a policy. It is to crush all opposition; to run things in defiance of popular will and choose its own men for office years in advance. It will be true manhood to oppose such things. The Machine has had its day—its death is only a matter of time. The slate it has laid off will be broken—some of the little cusses will be stark cold before the dough is kneaded. Good enough.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

IN VIRGINIA, TOO.

(Fayetteville, N. C., Observer.)

"They seem to be suffering over in Virginia, too, from some of those vile pests whom Mr. Simmons so justly denominates 'Spies in the Camp'—a species of viper that warms itself at the Democratic camp fire that it may recover life sufficient to sting those who keep the embers aglow! Says the excellent Norfolk Virginian-Pilot:

"Watch those 'Democrats' who are professing so much interest in the success of the State party, and are giving their assent and applause exclusively to Republicans in the national campaign. In their papers and in their words and acts, they are distinctly for Hanna and McKinley; and under cover of a noisy zeal for the State Democracy they are favoring the Republican policies and arguments, while seeking by every device to seize the State for next year, so as to wreck Bryan and save McKinley. Never was a fouler or more treacherous plot attempted, and plain, honest people, not on the outlook, cannot believe it. Alas, if they only see the vile perfidy too late!"

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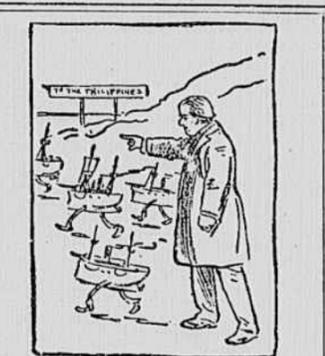
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