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WEBSTER AS AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST.

"Arbitrary governments may have territories and distant possessions, because arbitrary governments may rule them by different laws and different systems. We can do no such thing. They must be of us, part of us, or else strangers. I think I see a course adopted which is likely to turn the Constitution of the land into a deformed monster, into a curse, rather than a blessing; in fact, a frame of an unequal government, not founded on popular representation, not founded on equality, but on the grossest inequality; and I think that this process will go on, until this Union shall fall to pieces. I resist it, to-day and always! Whoever falters or whoever flies, I continue the contest!"—Daniel Webster in the U. S. Senate, Mar. 23, 1848.

DEFINITION OF THE FLAG.

Who said, "Haul down our flag?" No man whose warm blood is American. But mark ye well, OUR flag must wave over loosened chains, to free, to save. And if they say it waves its folds O'er ships with slavery in their holds, And if they say it waves o'er lands Where man in arms as conqueror stands, 'Tis but a false, pretentious rag— 'Tis not our flag, 'tis NOT our flag! O'er ships with slavery in their holds, For Justice, Right and Liberty! —Prof. Wilhelm Peterson, Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn.

SLANDER OF THE SWEDES.

In its issue of Jan. 11 the Willmar Argus publishes an article from the pen of C. S. Mitchell of Alexandria, entitled "Lind Misjudges the Swedes," and Editor Wharton sanctions the same, saying that "the subject is handled in a much better manner than we could have put it."

We were astonished upon reading the same that anyone for simple political reasons should in this state dare to trifle with the great history of Sweden and much less dare insult the Swedish people. We quote from the article in question:

"The Swedes have come to America by the thousands, but they have come but for one reason, to better their material condition. Naturally, ambitious to be land-owners and so independent they have come to America because of its cheap lands and opportunities for this desired material independence."

The above is true in most cases, though it is a fact that thousands of the young men so timed their departure that they would escape the compulsory drilling for the army. The article continues:

"They did not leave Sweden because of any political discontent or apprehension nor because of any lack of loyalty to their king and the established government. They were fond of their king and intensely loyal to their government and proud of their country's magnificent history. They had born and bred in their reverence, a veneration for their rulers, and respect for their government came with the breath of life. They had no cause for discontent and felt none."

We will allow the above to pass with only the qualification that whenever the "established government" became unjust in its exactions or tyrannical in its rule the "veneration" for such unjust usurpers of the people's rights did not prevent the people from putting them down, if necessary, by peasant armies led by an Engelbrekt or a Vasa. But as in respect to the present generation the above is true. Now mark the application:

"It was this conservatism, this respect for the established order, and natural loyalty to the government in power, that made them here, almost without exception, republicans, and had made them steadfast in their faith."

It was not their love of kings that made them republicans. We deny it. At that time, at least not apparent, there was no imperialistic tendencies in the republican party. When they came to this country they accepted the new order of things, swore allegiance to the Constitution of the U. S. and renounced all allegiance to any foreign potentate. It was the great record of the republican party of having liberated the slaves that attracted the Swedes. It was the great genius of an immortal Lincoln and his compatriots that appealed, not to their "conservatism" but to their love of liberty. It was broad statesmanship that gave these home-seekers free homesteads that helped to place these emigrants in the republican column. Having repudiated the principles of the early days of the party, having thrown Lincoln's advice and sayings to the winds, having even repudiated their homestead law, having become the party of the would-be aristocratic money-grabbing classes; and having misinterpreted the Constitution of the United States in order to found an empire to take the place of the Republic, these soulless politicians now dare to brazenly intimate that the Swedes have sworn allegiance to the Republican party and cannot leave it, regardless of where it leads them! We will see! When it comes to a question of right or wrong, freedom or oppression, liberty or slavery, you will find that the instincts of the Swedish character are true and loyal to the Constitution which they have sworn to support and to themselves who are the only sovereigns they need recognize if this remains a land of the free.

Then follows the following, which shows that the animus of the writer is to discredit Gov. Lind:

"Why then should they change their party loyalty, their belief, at the threat of Lind? It may have been natural for many through pride in a fellow-countryman, to vote for him for governor, especially as he claimed two years ago to be a republican on all but the silver-question. But will they follow him further? Will they give up their convictions to promote his political ambitions, to make him again governor, or maybe U. S. senator."

Can this defamer of the Swedes point out one instance where Gov. Lind has made a threat or even asked for a vote from a countryman on the plea of nationality? No, not one. If he had merely wanted to be governor or senator would he not have tried for that inside of the party of which he was an honored member. Lind did not claim to be a republican at the last election. He said he was a political orphan. He did not give up his convictions, as all the republicans did that followed their party leaders away from the old land-marks of republicanism. He opposes the destruction of the people's money, he opposes the trusts, and he opposes imperialism and militarism. He doesn't know yet with what party he will affiliate in the future, but he does know what his principles are. He has grasped the deep meaning of passing events and he means his countrymen. A greater or more noble character cannot be found in the nation. His manly stand for liberty and truth has attracted the attention of the nation. John Lind votes of bartering his countrymen's duties for an office? Never! The slanderer proceeds:

"Will the Swedes, as has been said, most loyal to their government, with an inborn respect for those in authority, sanction by their votes the snubbing of the President of the United States when Minnesota's guest?"

If by snub is meant the living truth that the volunteer soldier of America is not fitted for wars of conquest "because he carries a conscience as well as a gun," (uttered when the Thirtieth Minnesota returned, and the president of his stumping tour made use of the occasion to announce the new program of expansion by conquest) Gov. Lind showed the mettle of his manhood by making that statement. Gov. Lind did not snub the president, but the committee of politicians who had invited the president did snub the governor. When the man greatest in authority in the nation made use of an occasion of that kind for making a political speech, it seems that the man greatest in authority in the state might be pardoned for uttering a plain truth, complimentary of the men whose homecoming they were celebrating.

"Will they, remembering Sweden's glorious record in war, sanction by their votes, Mr. Lind in encouraging the enemies of his country in time of war, his open sympathy with those who are shooting our soldiers, his bitter attacks on the national government and his open sympathy with armed insurrection?"

All of which the writer must know is a stupendous tissue of falsehoods. In the first place the country is not at war, Congress never having so declared it. 2nd. The Filipinos are not in armed insurrection because they have never sworn any allegiance to this country. They are simply defending their homes against a foreign invader. It is simply a case of "criminal aggression" (to use the words of McKinley in speaking of wars of conquest) on the part of our country and this is admitted by the writer in question in the sentences which follow:

"With their familiarity with colonization with the history of their ancestors WHOSE PRIDE IT WAS TO HAVE CONQUERED MANY PEOPLES and ranged all seas seeking for new lands, will they scarce now at the bug-a-boo of their country acquiring the Philippines?"

Ah! So it is their pride as conquerors that is to keep the Swedes in line for imperialism, is it? Now, who is it that misjudges the Swedes? It is Charlie Mitchell and James Wharton.

What does he know of Swedish history who claims that its past greatness consisted in land grabbing wars? Nothing. The first day that Sweden appeared in the annals of European history as a first-class power was when the noble Gustavus Adolphus defeated the hordes of religious oppression led by Gen. Tilly at Breitenfeld. He embarked with his small army and landed on German soil, not for purposes of conquest, but to succor those who were denied freedom of conscience. The glory of that war overshadows the glory of all other Swedish wars.

But for 160 years after that war the Swedish people sacrificed blood and treasure in enormous quantities merely to satisfy the lust for conquest that characterized so many of their kings. On the plains of Poland, on the icy steppes of Russia, in Norway's mountains, the Swedes bled and suffered and died—not for any grand principle, but because her kings were possessed by the insane idea that conquest makes a great country. The best and strongest of her men were sacrificed, and the decrepit and the young had to labor at home almost incessantly to furnish the sinews of the war, meanwhile almost starving themselves. The darkest period to the common people of Sweden is from the ascension of Charles X to the dethroning of Gustavus IV. When the last of her conquests was wrested from her, Sweden got time and opportunity and men to develop her own resources. She has advanced more in population, wealth and education since 1810 than she had done in the preceding 1800 years. That is what peace has done for Sweden. The Swedes may admire the indomitable courage of their ancestors during the period of conquest, but they know too well the fearful cost of it to desire imperialism and militarism in this country.

"With their love of the sea and with Swedish ships and Swedish sailors in every ocean carrying and extending commerce, will expansion frighten them?"

Commercial expansion will not frighten them. But they know that the commerce of this country has expanded until it has eclipsed all other nations without resorting to increase it by fire and sword, and they are loth to see this country abandon the path in which its trade has expanded and is expanding and load itself down with imperialism and militarism which is the curse of all other nations on earth.

"Will a little standing army of 65,000 for seventy million people forebode militarism to them?"

When it is used to subject a people weaker than we, yes. Besides, McKinley asked for 100,000 men, but did not get them because there were enough men still prominent in Congress who knew the dangers of standing armies. The Swedes as well as all other citizens are justified in looking upon the late increase of the standing army as only a beginning. When the country goes into the imperialistic business, it will not wish to be second to any other power in point of an efficient army.

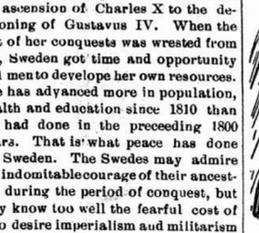
The writer concludes as follows:

"The Swedes are loyal, are brave, are progressive, are natural pioneers of the sea, have always been pioneers in commerce, have pride in the army and navy, a respect for their government and an independence that certainly proves that they will not follow John Lind merely for his personal aggrandizement, and vote for him against their inborn convictions and their steadfastness in their beliefs. He has misjudged his own people."

John Lind has never posed as a leader of the Swedes. He has never tried to use his nationality as a means of boosting himself into office. He hasn't asked for their support simply because he was a Swede, so the above is an uncalculated fling at the governor. But if the attributes of Swedish character enumerated above do not force more of them to leave the republican party when they become fully alive to its new tendencies, then we have misjudged the Swedes. They will certainly not be whipped into line by such men as Mitchell and Wharton to support something that repudiates the republicanism of Lincoln, nor will they tolerate that the high aims and glory of the great men of the past in the nation of their birth be traduced by paralleling the present sordid enterprises in the subjugation of poor Malay tribes, struggling for relief from religious oppression, with the glorious achievements of the "boys in blue" of the "Snow King of the North" who gave religious liberty to Northern Europe.

THE WRITERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

"Wise statesmen as they were, they knew the tendency of prosperity to breed tyrants; and so they established these great self-evident truths, that, when in the distant future, some man, some faction, some interest, should set up the doctrine that none but rich men, or none but white men, or none but Anglo-Saxon white men, were entitled to liberty and the pursuit of happiness, their posterity might look up again to the Declaration of Independence, and take courage to renew the battle which their fathers began, * * * so that no man should thereafter dare to limit and circumscribe the principles on which the temple of liberty was being built."—Abraham Lincoln in a speech at Lewistown in 1858.



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LOYALTY TO THE REPUBLIC BEFORE LOYALTY TO PARTY.

Fusion is killing the democratic party as well as the populist.—Bird Island Union (Mid-road Pop.)

That is well said, assuming that by fusion you mean the re-alignment of people from all parties in a rally to support the principles of the republic. In the coming struggle old party lines will cut little figure. When plutocracy assails the foundations of liberty in order to build an empire upon the ruins of free institutions, it is sufficient that those who would assist in repelling the attack have the proper spirit in their hearts, the brawn and steady eye to use their weapons, and are well supplied with ammunition.

We are facing desperate foes in fierce battle array. There is no time for quibbling. The common enemy has taken Spain Kop! It must be retaken, or all is lost. If Transvaal or Free State refuses to co-operate because each claims to be the only genuine Boer, the British will speedily settle the question by making British subjects of both.

The battle is on. How are you going to escape it? It is no sham battle; it is a real fight. Never were more

important questions at issue. Never were such upheavals within party. The great question of human liberty is rending parties asunder. Would you escape the conflict between right and wrong? You cannot, and retain your manhood. To sulk because you are not chosen to lead is as bad as to desert to the enemy.

Republicanism, Past and Present.

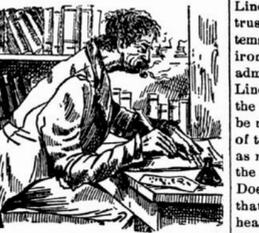
Lake Elizabeth, Jan. 29, 1900.
 Editor TRIBUNE:
 The republican papers of today in their political discussions always remind their readers that the republican party is the party of Lincoln, thereby trying to convey the impression that the party of today is the same as it was in the days of Lincoln—the same in patriotism, the same in loyalty, the same in sentiment, the same in honor, the same in their definition of the Declaration of Independence. Yet how utterly false is that assumption! Had Lincoln lived in these days, when the trusts and combines and banking systems are holding down the people with iron hands, backed by a republican administration, we venture to say that Lincoln, the greatest man of his kind the world has ever known, would not be recognized in the republican party of today, but would be thrust aside as ruthlessly as that party has thrust the Declaration of Independence aside. Does any one suppose for a moment that Lincoln, that honest, rugged, big-hearted and sympathetic man, would have tolerated the dictates of a Mark Hanna or the sleight-of-hand performances of a Gage? Would he have stood silently by and seen congress bond this country in an endless chain of bonds so that we and our children and our children's children may pay tribute to a money power without mercy? Would Lincoln have tolerated the greedy corporations composed of the wealthy classes that are rapidly coming to occupy the same relations to our government that the aristocracy of Great Britain bear to theirs? Yet such is the fact today. Do you not realize your extremely helpless condition, my brother farmer and fellow laborer? As far as the laws enacted under the Hanna regency are concerned, you are entirely forgotten. Work and pay taxes, that is your duty. Do not grumble, but quietly sanction everything done by the administration. It may prove your ruin, but that is nothing compared with the disgrace of breaking party lines. You were a Lincoln republican in the days gone by, and you think you are still serving the same old party. But you are the most mistaken being on the face of the globe. A name signifies nothing so far as political parties are concerned. Compare the principles of that party then and now; compare the speeches of those grand old patriots in Lincoln's days with those of the present day and note the vast difference between the whole-souled sentiment, the lofty patriotism of the former and the sordid commercialism, the dollars-and-cents arguments of the latter. Compare Lincoln with McKinley. How Lincoln looms up, towers to the very heavens! See his rugged countenance, his honest and benevolent expression, his sad look going out over the multitude whom he desires to free from bondage. His heart beats for the welfare of all his people alike; no one is forgotten, because all men are created equal. Freedom is the essence of life. That's Lincoln, Where is McKinley? How insignificant, standing in the shadow of Mark Hanna, listening to the dictates of others, not daring to protest against the evils that threaten the nation because his masters want it thus. Conquest of a foreign people, destruction of life and home, because all men are not created equal and freedom is not the essence of life. That's McKinley. The old republican garment is torn and tattered, soiled and useless. It can no longer be worn by a free nation. Throw it aside.

Now, brother farmer, admit that you have been fooled time and again. You were taught to scorn the arguments of the bimetalists; yet today the incoherent logic of facts proves their arguments true. With a deficiency in the world's supply of wheat the price is still at the lowest notch. Reduce the world's supply of money and you reduce the money value of your crops in the same ratio. Then, too, you cheered yourself hoarse over the beauties of the protective tariff. Yet today we see even republicans of the more independent class acknowledge that the tariff is one of the main bulwarks of the trusts that are forcing up prices of everything you buy, without raising the value of your products.

Now in conclusion I wish to make this proposition to you, brother farmers: be independent; let no one dictate to you; weigh well arguments on both sides and draw your own conclusions; stand up and fight for your own interests, because we as a class seem to be forgotten by the lawmakers. Stand by the principles of Lincoln even if you have to break away from McKinley.

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pillar i Hannas välståndsskola. Plugga på duktigt, mina vänner, det blir nog en svår lexa, men Hanna kommer nog att skaffa er goda läromästare bara "handelsmännen, fabrikanterna, och bankirerna" hunnit ro fram med pluringarna. Sedan få de naturligtvis tillfälla att utpressa en motsvarande summa ur er, så att i sista hand får i betala läropengarna. Men om han lyckas inbilla er att i ären rika och män bra så har han ju gjort er en välgörning ändå. Derför hoppas vi att Mark får sina pengar genast så att folket snart nog måtte inse hure godt det har det.

OLA VÄRMLÄNNING.

Republicanism, Past and Present.

Lake Elizabeth, Jan. 29, 1900.
 Editor TRIBUNE:
 The republican papers of today in their political discussions always remind their readers that the republican party is the party of Lincoln, thereby trying to convey the impression that the party of today is the same as it was in the days of Lincoln—the same in patriotism, the same in loyalty, the same in sentiment, the same in honor, the same in their definition of the Declaration of Independence. Yet how utterly false is that assumption! Had Lincoln lived in these days, when the trusts and combines and banking systems are holding down the people with iron hands, backed by a republican administration, we venture to say that Lincoln, the greatest man of his kind the world has ever known, would not be recognized in the republican party of today, but would be thrust aside as ruthlessly as that party has thrust the Declaration of Independence aside. Does any one suppose for a moment that Lincoln, that honest, rugged, big-hearted and sympathetic man, would have tolerated the dictates of a Mark Hanna or the sleight-of-hand performances of a Gage? Would he have stood silently by and seen congress bond this country in an endless chain of bonds so that we and our children and our children's children may pay tribute to a money power without mercy? Would Lincoln have tolerated the greedy corporations composed of the wealthy classes that are rapidly coming to occupy the same relations to our government that the aristocracy of Great Britain bear to theirs? Yet such is the fact today. Do you not realize your extremely helpless condition, my brother farmer and fellow laborer? As far as the laws enacted under the Hanna regency are concerned, you are entirely forgotten. Work and pay taxes, that is your duty. Do not grumble, but quietly sanction everything done by the administration. It may prove your ruin, but that is nothing compared with the disgrace of breaking party lines. You were a Lincoln republican in the days gone by, and you think you are still serving the same old party. But you are the most mistaken being on the face of the globe. A name signifies nothing so far as political parties are concerned. Compare the principles of that party then and now; compare the speeches of those grand old patriots in Lincoln's days with those of the present day and note the vast difference between the whole-souled sentiment, the lofty patriotism of the former and the sordid commercialism, the dollars-and-cents arguments of the latter. Compare Lincoln with McKinley. How Lincoln looms up, towers to the very heavens! See his rugged countenance, his honest and benevolent expression, his sad look going out over the multitude whom he desires to free from bondage. His heart beats for the welfare of all his people alike; no one is forgotten, because all men are created equal. Freedom is the essence of life. That's Lincoln, Where is McKinley? How insignificant, standing in the shadow of Mark Hanna, listening to the dictates of others, not daring to protest against the evils that threaten the nation because his masters want it thus. Conquest of a foreign people, destruction of life and home, because all men are not created equal and freedom is not the essence of life. That's McKinley. The old republican garment is torn and tattered, soiled and useless. It can no longer be worn by a free nation. Throw it aside.

Now, brother farmer, admit that you have been fooled time and again. You were taught to scorn the arguments of the bimetalists; yet today the incoherent logic of facts proves their arguments true. With a deficiency in the world's supply of wheat the price is still at the lowest notch. Reduce the world's supply of money and you reduce the money value of your crops in the same ratio. Then, too, you cheered yourself hoarse over the beauties of the protective tariff. Yet today we see even republicans of the more independent class acknowledge that the tariff is one of the main bulwarks of the trusts that are forcing up prices of everything you buy, without raising the value of your products.

Now in conclusion I wish to make this proposition to you, brother farmers: be independent; let no one dictate to you; weigh well arguments on both sides and draw your own conclusions; stand up and fight for your own interests, because we as a class seem to be forgotten by the lawmakers. Stand by the principles of Lincoln even if you have to break away from McKinley.

Now we wish to express our gratitude to the TRIBUNE for the noble stand it has taken in behalf of the farmers and laboring classes. May it ever continue as the champion of the masses. And we can in no better way show our appreciation than to work for increasing its circulation. May it reach every home in the county and be a power for good in its day.

C. E. J.

LOYALTY TO THE REPUBLIC BEFORE LOYALTY TO PARTY.

Fusion is killing the democratic party as well as the populist.—Bird Island Union (Mid-road Pop.)

That is well said, assuming that by fusion you mean the re-alignment of people from all parties in a rally to support the principles of the republic. In the coming struggle old party lines will cut little figure. When plutocracy assails the foundations of liberty in order to build an empire upon the ruins of free institutions, it is sufficient that those who would assist in repelling the attack have the proper spirit in their hearts, the brawn and steady eye to use their weapons, and are well supplied with ammunition.

We are facing desperate foes in fierce battle array. There is no time for quibbling. The common enemy has taken Spain Kop! It must be retaken, or all is lost. If Transvaal or Free State refuses to co-operate because each claims to be the only genuine Boer, the British will speedily settle the question by making British subjects of both.

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