

**BRYAN ON IMPERIALISM.**

**The Nebraskan Declares Himself in Emphatic Language.**

Says the Conquered Territory is Not Fit for Statehood and Not Worth Having—Talks to the Woman's Bimetallic League.

Lincoln, Neb., December 23.—Col. W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln this evening and was tendered a reception at the Oliver Theater by the Woman's Bimetallic League. The house was crowded, and Col. Bryan received an ovation. He was introduced by Gov. Holcomb, who formally welcomed him home, and complimented him for his patriotism in enlisting in the army.

After thanking his neighbors for their cordial welcome and complimenting the members of his regiment and Col. Yafquin, in whose charge he left them, he justified his resignation as follows:

"I had five months of peace in the army and resigned in order to take a part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba and unless I am mistaken in judging we are called upon to meet more important problems in the United States just now than will confront our army in Cuba.

Some of these problems were under the discussion before hostilities; others have been thrust upon us as a result of the war. Let me improve this, my first opportunity, to assure you that my zeal for the reforms advocated a few months ago has not in the least abated. Vital questions can not be killed or buried, and we were dealing with vital questions when the call to arms resounded through the land. The American people have not accepted the gold standard as final. It has wrought more injustice in our country during the last twenty-five years than Spain has wrought in all her colonies and opposition to it will grow until the gold and silver coinage of the constitution is fully restored. The trusts which now flourish in defiance of laws are more merciless than Weyler was, and the new trust—the paper money trust, which is seeking to obtain control of all the paper money of the nation—is a greater menace to the country's welfare than any foreign foe.

**NEW QUESTIONS.**

There are, however, two new questions which demand immediate attention, because Congress is asked to act upon them at once. The President recommends that the regular army be permanently increased to 100,000 men. This question must be met now or not at all.

Taking up the subject of imperialism, Mr. Bryan said that the President has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people. They are opposed to giving the Philippine Islands back to Spain, but they have not as yet declared in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy. So great a change, he said, could not be undertaken without more investigation and deliberation than the people had yet given to the subject. The principal part of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to the Philippine question. In this connection he referred to President McKinley's inquiry, "Who will haul down the flag?" and replied:

"The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the nation's will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag. When the American people want the flag raised they raise it; when they want it hauled down they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812, and it was hauled down when peace was restored. The flag was planted upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico, and it was hauled down when the war was over. The morning papers announce that General Lee ordered the flag hauled down in Cuba yesterday, because it was too soon. The flag will be raised in Cuba again on the 1st of January, but the President declares in his message that it will be hauled down as soon as a stable government is established. Who will deny to the people the right to haul the flag down in the Philippines, if they so desire, when a stable government is established there?"

**NO VASSAL STATE.**

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every state is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast away, but not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states?"

"Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—the blood star, Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yellow, which in 1896 was the badge of gold and greed, and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag government, with its schemes of spoliation? Or shall we adorn our flag with a milky way, composed of a multitude of minor stars, representing remote and insignificant dependencies?"

"No; a thousand times better to haul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that gave glory to 'Old Glory.' It was the flag of our fathers in the years that are gone; it is the flag of a reunited country to-day; let it be the flag of our nation in the years that are to come. Its stripes of red tell of the blood that was shed to purchase liberty; its stripes of white proclaim the pure and heaven-born purpose of a government which derived its just powers from the consent of the governed. The mission of that flag is to float, not over a conglomeration of commonwealths, but over the land of the free and the home of the brave; and to that mission it must remain 'forever true—forever true.'"

Col. Bryan's speech was the only one of length at the reception.

Fred Bronestine who murdered his wife near Williamstown last March escaped from the jail at Kaboka last Tuesday night. No information had been obtained as to his whereabouts up till Thursday night when it was learned that he was hiding in Lewis County. Poses were organized at every point and the murderer was surrounded and realizing that escape was hopeless, he surrendered and is now behind the bars.

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—New York Commercial Advertiser.

**Notes on Sheep Management.**

1. Scabby sheep should never be driven upon a public road.
  2. Sheds in which scabby sheep have been kept should be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and aired, and should be kept unused for at least four weeks (better two months) before clean sheep are placed in them.
  3. Fields in which scabby sheep have been kept should stand vacant at least four weeks (better six or eight) before being used for clean sheep.
  4. A drenching rain will frequently serve to disinfect a pasture, but it is well to whitewash the posts against which scabby sheep have rubbed. Even after observing the precautions here given it is not possible to absolutely guarantee that there will be no reinfection, but the probabilities are against it.
- Western Plowman.

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