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A NEW PAPER WITH CLEAN-CUT OPINIONS.



CURRENT COMMENT.

The Beauties of Protection.

If protection is such a wonderfully good thing why don't the republican leaders in congress jump at the chance to discuss it and spread their argument before the people? Carnegie accumulated several hundred millions while the people were being taxed to protect him. The steel trust is selling steel rails in Europe for \$17 and charging Americans \$23 for the same rails. They can do that because their infant industry is protected.—Toledo Bee.

Irrigation and Ship Subsidy.

Irrigation is a national blessing. It changes the atmosphere, fertilizes the soil and will protect 50,000,000 American people now living between the Gulf of Mexico, the Rocky mountains and the Alleghenies in summer from the ravages of famine and periodic droughts.

Ship subsidy is such a brazen attempt to filch money from the national treasury that Senators Allison and Dolliver of Iowa, Spooner and Quarles of Wisconsin, republicans as they are, refused to swallow the nauseating dose and rob their constituents.

The west—from the Alleghenies to the Rocky mountains—needs irrigation to foster, protect and develop its agricultural and industrial interests. It is a national necessity, needed, indeed, to furnish traffic for the very ships which are to have the benefit of this subsidy unless the house of representatives votes down the steal. This side of the Mississippi the people are becoming a unit for irrigation. They are tired of having crops destroyed by periodic hot winds from the southwest, sweeping over the country like a sircco and withering everything with their heated blast. They will have irrigation if it uproots every western senator and representative in congress.

The people of the west are excessively weary of men in congress who persistently toady to a small minority on the Atlantic coast, leaving the devil himself to look after their interests. They will make a change, and a quick change, unless these western senators and representatives come to their senses and work for their constituents. They are tired of western members representing eastern constituencies.—Omaha World-Herald.

Keep Whitelaw at Home Too.

The Journal has heretofore expressed regret that the intention of the president's daughter to attend King Edward's coronation show has been made a subject of congressional and newspaper discussion.

Mortified by the publicity given a purely private matter, Mr. Roosevelt makes announcement that the young lady is not to go to the coronation.

The president, we think, should have treated with contemptuous indifference criticism that was equally shallow and impertinent. His daughter holds no official position, and she has the same right as anybody else to govern her personal movements in accordance with her own judgment. It was perfectly natural that, like any other young girl, she should have wished to see a spectacle which, however anachronistic and foolish in its medievalism, will certainly be gorgeous beyond anything that theatrical managers and circus men dare attempt.

But a special embassy sent to represent this republic officially at a ceremony designed to reassert and dignify the preposterous claim of a king's divine right to rule is a very different matter.

Every American citizen has a right to discuss that offensively undemocratic project and to protest against such an act of gratuitous flunkeyism.

Let us hope that President Roosevelt will notify Mr. Whitelaw Reid, special envoy to His Majesty Edward VII., that the thing being off, work on the white satin knee-breeches need not go on.

The American republic has no business to figure, courtier-like, in a throne room. Special envoys there, kowtowing in masquerade makeup, can

but make fools of themselves and discredit this twentieth century country in the eyes of all sensible men.

Keep Mr. Reid at home, too, Mr. President.—New York Journal.

Bryan Lashes Grover.

With a recent letter of ex President Cleveland, in which he refers to his joy over the outlook for relief from the "dreadful dreams" of the past, as a text, Mr. Bryan roundly excoriates the ex-president in the Commoner. He says:

"For four years he stood between the people and reform; for four years he made the White house the rendezvous of cunning and crafty representatives of predatory wealth; for four years the corporations and syndicates controlled his administration and forced him to veto Democratic measures and sign Republican measures. He refused to give his sanction to the most important measure supported by the Democrats and bent all his energies toward securing legislation desired by the Republicans, even when he knew that he would divide his party by doing so.

"He loaded tariff reform down with the blame that should have been borne by the gold standard, and not only did nothing for the country himself, but left a record that has hung like a millstone about the neck of the party ever since; it is to this kind of 'pure Democracy' that he invites the party to return.

CLEVELAND'S NIGHTMARES.

"And what were the 'dreadful dreams'—nightmares—that disturbed his sleep? Well, there are not many of them; there was just one—the repudiation of his administration by an indignant Democracy—and this was not a dream; it was a living reality. He was charged with a betrayal of his trust, with turning the party organization over to Wall street and with using the patronage at his disposal to punish loyal Democrats and to reward recreant ones. The charge was preferred before the rank and file of the party and he was condemned by the largest jury that ever sat upon a case. The sentence was complete and six millions and a half of voters supported the platform which repudiated his financial policy, while only 130,000 supported the ticket that received the nominal endorsement of his administration.

"If we could punish the betrayal of political confidence as we do the embezzlement of public money he would be receiving the limit of the law, but instead of seeking forgiveness for the wrong done by him to his party, he nurses his resentment and waits impatiently for the party to apologize to him for not allowing him to lead it bodily into the Republican camp.

SYNONYMOUS WITH REPUBLICAN.

"What excuse can there be for a Cleveland party? The Republican party can serve every purpose that a Cleveland Democratic party could serve.

"Imperialism was the paramount issue in the last campaign, but Mr. Cleveland, while presumably opposed to imperialism, did not feel interested enough to say a single word in support of the Democratic ticket. His association with the great financiers was so close and so constant that even a war of conquest and the imperiling of the republic could not draw him from their embrace.

"There is not a single issue upon which the Cleveland Democracy is prepared to make a fight; and its assumption of control in the party would be regarded as a treaty of peace with the Republicans on every important question. If Mr. Cleveland thinks that the Democratic party is ready to return to the mire into which he led it and in which he left it, let him announce his candidacy on any platform he is willing to write, and he cannot secure the delegation from a single state in the union. If his modesty forbids his own candidacy let him name a candidate who will agree to make his administration like Mr. Cleveland's second administration and he will not have a delegate in the convention. The 'dreadful dreams' which disturb the exploiters and those who grew rich by stock speculations are entirely satisfactory to the rank and file of the party and to the producers of wealth generally; the party will never be led back to the odious and odorous days of 1892-1896."

Lincoln and Imperialism.

The Nashville American and some of the other imperialism journals of the south—of which there are not very many—have been making the point that southerners who have been forced to submit to the authority of the United States cannot consistently make the consent-of-the-governed argument with regard to the Philippines. Further they say that quoting Abraham Lincoln, who said that God Almighty never made a man good enough to govern another man without that man's consent, as the champion of the consent-of-the-governed theory, loses its force when it considered that Abraham Lincoln was the war president who subdued the south.

Now, that this is a very bitter argument for a paper published in the south to make. Abraham Lincoln undoubtedly believed in the consent of the

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governed and also in the coercion of the south. He was perfectly consistent in these two beliefs, as he premised the belief in the coercion of the south with the supposed priority of the union over the states as to time and as to sovereign authority. Now the south has always contended that this was wrong, historically and legally, but Mr. Lincoln believed it and therefore was consistent. To Lincoln the secession of a state from the union was exactly similar to the secession of a county from a state. Hear what he had to say in his special message to congress in 1861:

"The states have their status in the union, and they have no other legal status. The union is older than any of the states, and, in fact, it created them as states. Originally some dependent colonies made the union, and in turn the union threw off their old dependence for them and made them states such as they are."

Now, while all this was undoubtedly wrong in the southern view, it shows Lincoln's opinion and how in his own mind he reconciled the consent-of-the-governed principle with the coercion of the south.

If it were true that we of the south are estopped from sympathizing with the Filipinos and advocating the cause of their independence because we have lost our own liberty, it would be our duty to fight the United States for the liberty taken away from us and regain it.

The southern states have equal rights with the northern states and are upon an equal footing in every respect. Texas is as free as Massachusetts; Louisiana is as free as New York. One is not before the other, nor the other before the one. The states are free and equal.

It is proposed to make the Philippine islands not equal to states of the United States, but subject territory. There is no doubt that Abraham Lincoln, if he were alive and true to his repeated declarations, would agree with the southern people upon this question, although the mention of the fact seems to be exceedingly unpalatable to imperialists in all parts of the country.—Houston (Tex.) Post.

The Vice of Nagging.

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