

Opinions of Others.

What the Editors of the Country are Saying About the Leading Topics of the Day.

Even cotton has turned traitor to the calamity howlers, and gone bounding upward in price.—Benton Ill. Republican.

No use of lying in order to defend the McKinley administration. The truth need only be told.—Clyde, Kan., Herald.

Poor Thomas Jefferson. He is held responsible for every fool idea entertained by any man calling himself a democrat.—Springfield, Mass., Union.

With McKinley and Bryan as Presidential candidates, President McKinley was figured as a five to one chance in New York.—Worcester Mass. Spy.

Bryan says that prosperity as yet is only a dream. If he wants to be honest why doesn't he admit that it is a nightmare to him.—Sioux City Ia. Journal.

A few sporadic strikes are all the democratic party can find now to be glad over. The prosperity canker is on all the leaves of their rejoicing.—New York Press.

Brooms cost more than they did; nevertheless the republican party has not given up its idea of making a clean sweep.—Rochester, N. Y., Democrat and Chronicle.

Wool and sheep are worth twice as much now as they were in 1896. But the Democrat who has no sheep and no wool can't see the difference.—Trenton N. J. Gazette.

The farmers who are fortunate enough to have hogs to sell at this time (and the country has a good many of them) have a right to wear that contented look.—Onawa Democrat.

This is a funny world. One year ago the Bryan Democrats were crazy to have Dewey say he was a Democrat. Now they don't like to hear him say it.—Davenport Ia. Republican.

Mr. Bryan who says he "represents the eternal principles of Democracy" might keep on representing them through all eternity and never come any nearer the Presidential chair than he was four years ago.—Topeka Kans. Capital.

It is but natural for the democratic party to oppose the building up of the American marine. It will be recalled that the Democratic party claimed that American tin plate was an impossibility.—Saratoga Springs N. Y. Saratogian.

If the Nebraska platform reflects Mr. Bryan's purposes and convictions—and we are bound to suppose that it does—that gentleman cannot possibly be chosen by the American people to be their President.—Washington Post.

Years ago the burden of the wails that came from Cleveland and Bryan was that they wanted to restore the country to prosperity. They did restore it to prosperity, but they did it by retiring from office.—Cheyenne County Rustler.

Mr. Bryan has duly promulgated the platform upon which he desires to run. A similar performance on the part of a Republican would very promptly be termed "bossism." You see, it does make a mighty sight of difference whose ox is gored.—Norwalk O. Reflector.

Will some of the Democratic admirers of colonel Bryan please inform the "Republican" what bill he introduced or what measure he supported during his two terms in Congress that was for the good of the country or in the interest of the masses?—Davenport Ia. Republican.

CHRONICLES OF THE LATTER DAYS.

A Parable of Dear Uncle Samuel.

(By One of His Boys.)

American Economist.]

CHAPTER II.

Pettigrew Groweth Pettish—Israelites and Philistines Battle over Porto Rico.

1. And it also came to pass, in the fourth year of the reign of William, who is also called McKinley, that the Sanhedrim were gathered together at Jerusalem, which by interpretation is Washington.

2. And, lo, their tongues were hung in the center and wagged, flopped and tintillated at both ends, and there was a great gab; yea, so much so that men marveled how men could sling such a multiplicity of words and exhaust their several vocabularies, yet say so little.

3. Albeit, Pettigrew grew exceeding pettish, and in fierce and fowl slander of the First South Dakota Regiment, cried out that the soldiers had no patriotism, and this did he because they were mostly wage earners.

4. Howbeit, this abuse was also uttered because of McKinley's just praise for their lofty patriotism; for, behold, our Chief Magistrate's patriotic soul realizeth and appreciateth the patriotism of the people, and especially of the splendid material of

which the nation's glorious army and navy is composed.

5. And it came to pass also that the mighty men of Israel contended with Pettigrew and the lords of the Philistines, and the battle waxed sore.

6. And led by McKinley the Israelites fought for Porto Rico, saying that the inhabitants should not be taxed even unto death, seeing that hurricane and flood had sore visited them, but that merely a nominal average Tariff duty of 4 per cent. should be levied upon them.

7. Now, behold, the 4 per cent. duty meaneth 15 per cent. of the average Dingley Tariff; for, lo, 85 per cent. was stricken off the 26½ per cent. average Dingley duties.

8. Then the Philistines arose in great wrath and shouted as those that shout by reason of wine; because, forsooth, they pretended to love the Porto Ricans with a love that many waters could not quench.

9. Moreover, they said one to another in classic Philistine lingo: Now we've got 'em! And we will smite them hip and thigh from the rising of the sun even unto the going down thereof.

10. Nevertheless, while the lords of the Philistines jubilated and moved in the joyous contillion with all the grace of the dancing bear, there came a message from William, saying,

11. Give ye from our overflowing treasury two millions of dollars for the relief of the stricken, half-starved Porto Ricans, and let it be recorded in letters of golden hue, as it were, that America is a Christian nation and delighteth in mercy; yea, remember to whom is lent that which is given to the poor; verily, let love be without dissimulation, forget not the golden rule and bear in mind that ye love not in words only, as the Philistines do, but in deed and in truth.

12. Then the men of Israel sent up a great shout, and the lords of the Philistines tried to shout, but the sound thereof was as the sound of a great wail mingled with sobs; and being greatly ashamed many of them fled from the front of the battle and skulked, while a few fought for the Porto Ricans and joined the mighty men of Israel.

13. Howbeit, 107 lords of the Philistines fought against relieving the poor Porto Ricans; yea, verily, they fought in shame and humiliation; for they must have despised themselves for their lack of charity.

14. And they fled howling to their lairs, howling like wolves deprived of their

prey, and the sound of their yowl still echoeth and reverberateth; for they are exceeding wroth that they cannot tax the Porto Ricans to death, and that 100,000 of them and a few millions of Filipinos are not coming over to cut the wages of wage earners in two.

15. And for that reason, being Free-Traders and exceeding mad that wage earners have plenty of work and fair wages, they still go about like roaring lions seeking whom they may eat up somebody.

Here endeth the second lesson.

(To be continued.)

The Party of Negation.

Discussing the political situation in the United States the "Mexican Herald" comments severely upon the attitude of the democratic party, which it characterizes as a party of negation and senseless opposition. Since the death of Jefferson and Jackson, it asserts that the party has been doing nothing for the country save to oppose the attempts of the republicans to further the growth of the republic. Grover Cleveland, it declares, was turned down by the timid souls of his party because he showed an inclination to make progress, and it sums up the attitude of the democrats as follows: "The democrats do not make the big republic grow. They used to do so, but they have become intellectually rusty."

And the attitude of the democratic party ever since the war bears out this summary. It has nothing to offer but puerile complaints and denunciation. Its efforts have consisted in trying to array class against class, to stir up race prejudice and oppose the nation. As a prominent New Yorker stated, had the republican platform declared for free silver, the democracy would be found opposing it. Even the probable platform of that party for the coming campaign bears out this estimate. Gathered from the utterances of its leaders it comprises:

- Denouncing "imperialism" and expansion.
- Denouncing the war in the Philippines.
- Denouncing the government established in Porto Rico and Hawaii.
- Denouncing the revenue measures in both these islands.
- Denouncing the gold standard and the currency bill.
- Denouncing the Nicaragua Canal treaty with Spain.
- Denouncing protection to American industries.
- Denouncing trusts and accusing the republican party of fostering them.
- Denouncing McKinley because he has not done something more in the interest of the Boers.
- Denouncing the republicans for disobeying the Constitution.

And a general and indiscriminate denunciation of all that the McKinley adminis-

tration has done in the past three years. Nowhere is there discernible an intelligent party policy, or a statement of what the democracy would have done under like conditions. It is a party of mere negation, and at this period of America's greatest growth the people will reject its proffered leadership.—Grand Rapids, Mich., Herald.

The democrats grumble because times are too good and prices of products too high; they say they would have things different if they were intrusted with power. And there is no doubt in the world about it; they would change things in the twinkling of an eye, to ruin and devastation. There is no joke so good to them as the joke that was told in grim earnest after the democrats elected Cleveland and everything went to smash; when starving workingmen applied for work to get something to eat, they were told to eat the roosters they had paraded on their hats.—Salt Lake City, Tribune.

It is said that money talks, but it won't do a lot of things. Mr. Clark of Mont. has three times bought a seat in the U. S. Senate, and still is not in possession of it.

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