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Contemplated Change.

We contemplate a change in
the Register. The change will
be either the continuance or dis-
continuance of the paper. We
will decide at once and let the
people know what our decision
is. If the paper stops we will
set forth the reasons which im-
pels us to such action.

We have good reason to sup-
pose that the average school pu-
pil will get disgusted with the
geographies of the future when
he tries to find out to what
country Porto Rica belongs.

Where is Dewey?

Bryan and (?)

China is about ready to be gob-
bled up by the other powers, in
the name of civilization. Yes, it
is called civilization but it is cer-
tainly not strictly in accordance
with the definition of the word.
It is false to claim that that is the
object. The true reason for the
present disturbances in China is
the greed of the rest of the world.
Africa and the Americas and the

islands of the seas offer no more
inducements to the strong for
conquest, and colonization. America
has gobbled up Hawaii siezed the
Philippine and claimed her portion
of the Samoan isles. England, France
and Germany have taken up their
spheres of influence in Africa the
last act being in progress now,
destroying the last vestige of Boer
independence by England.

Now because China is helpless
commercial greed asserts itself
and compels the governments to
try deprive them of their country
and their ancient customs.

It is simply criminal on the
part of the powers. We cannot
see the justice in the act. It
may be because we are old foggy
enough to believe that we should
respect other peoples rights.
If my neighbor was raised to do
his work different, or to eat dif-
ferent food why should I try
to force him to do as I do. If
the Chinese are satisfied to go
to market with a wheel-barrow
it is none of my business. That
is no reason why I should force
them to build railroads. If it
is civilization to compel them to
adopt western ideas at the point
of the bayonet then civilization
is antagonistic to the teachings
of Jesus Christ, and we would
do well to have less of it.

We hope that our government
will keep hands off. The peo-
ple are not all mad yet, and will
assuredly rebuke those in au-
thority at the ballot box if they
put this country in a muddle in
China.

The following is clipped from
the Springfield Republican. It
speaks from an independent
stand-point:

Hanna Convention Orators.

Those speeches pulsate with
the easy confidence and sense
of mastery which conditions not
unnaturally have created in the
leaders of the party of to day.
These men seem to feel that

their party can go to any length.
gloss over any facts, appeal to
any interest, pray to any God,
and the American people will
sustain them. The note of arro-
gance that comes to the surface
here and there makes no discord
in such a setting. Mr. Wolcott
glides as easily as a swan into his
callous remark; "We are actu-
ally owners of the Philippine
Islands"—and 8,000,000 human
beings. What a gulf between
the Wolcott who made that state-
ment in Philadelphia and the Lin-
coln who said that no man had a
right to govern another without
that other's consent! And how
gracefully Mr. Lodge reaches
his climax: "We make no hyp-
ocritical pretenses of being inter-
ested in the Philippines, solely
on account of others..... We
believe in trade expansion."
Indeed a trade of expansion that
makes of Luzon a running river
of blood and brings Mr. Lodge
to speak with curling lip of men
who, under such names as L'Ou-
verture, Boliver and Marti, had
formerly been worshipped by
him as the apostles and martyrs
of liberty!

It is our opinion that, with all
its splendor, the Republican con-
vention of 1900 has a fatal lack,
which appears nowhere more
clearly than in the brilliant
speeches of its two chairmen.
The conscience, the idealism, the
glorious fidelity to human rights,
which are now embodied by
Hoar, Boutwell, Edmunds and
the rest, are not there. The ma-
terialism of Hanna, the cynical
ethics of Lodge, the swashbuck-
ler fervor of Roosevelt, all these
are there, and they dominate ev-
erything. It is not surprising
that the proceedings are describ-
ed as lacking in enthusiasm. Nor
is it strange that the greater
apostasy of the republic in the
far East is left almost to a foot-
note in the platform, while the
convention orators huridly pass
the subject by.