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For President of the United States in 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

IMPERIALISM.

There is considerable discussion just now in the press over what is called imperialism—the danger to our own country growing out of the absorption of territory supposed to drop on us at the close of the war with Spain.

Fortunately for the Democracy, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, whose lack of leadership equipment we have advertised before this, was not able to commit the party either way on the question of annexing new land.

Democracy may therefore take any side they choose without fear of going against the party. Of course Cleveland, with that obtuseness to public opinion which marks the man of the club and the yachtman, got on the grumpy side of the question at once and justified the opinion in one of his usual letters, where the negatives stumble over each other and remind one of nothing so much as a sermon by E. P. Roe, whom we take to be the feeblest handler of English produced within the memory of living men.

Mr. Bryan came within an inch of falling into the trap laid for him, we have reason to believe, by his Eastern enemies by certain declarations made at the Omaha fair; but since then he has remained silent and prudently taken cover under his uniform as colonel of Volunteers.

The real spirit of the Democracy is to take everything in sight, whether it be a battery or an island. Historically it is committed to owning all the land joining ours, and "Fifty-four forty or fight," was a watchword for the North in the same campaign that Texas was taken for the South.

Mr. Jefferson, the great founder, had the true Saxon mania for land grabbing, and set the party early on a course of aggressiveness, from which it has never departed except at the cost of losing public confidence and office.

The Republicans, who possess much of the snap, which in other days especially distinguished the Democrats, have seemingly taken hold of annexation as a winning card for 1900. At present they seem to be sailing with fair winds and on a smooth sea; but we recall the fact that the Whigs who opposed the Mexican war got all the glory out of it and the presidency following it. It may be we shall have the same luck, if we are not so foolish as to estop ourselves in advance by taking a premature position on the subject.

We have been buying the vote of New York ever since the surrender by giving her the presidential nomination. That fashion having gone out, it may be good policy to leave the Philippines open as a bait for her greed, since she will never vote otherwise than as a matter of barter.

As to danger at home from spreading out, we regard that as good treatment for a cancer like ours. The thinner it is the better we like it, or rather can endure it. While there seems no present prospect of ending the control of Hanna, Havemeyer, Rockefeller, Carnegie and Pierpont Morgan, we should like to increase the number of their subjects, and the more rebellious they prove the better for white folks in the long run.

Quotations from Washington's farewell address uttered by men in Tom Reed's Congress pass the mark of irony and fall just a little short of sacrifice.

The truth is we have passed the point of imperialism, which is a boggy at best, long ago and, like foolish children, think the graveyard is ahead, when it is behind.

STATE NEWS.

The Salisbury Sun says 150 carloads of peaches passed through that place over the Southern one day last week.

The congressional convention of the seventh district, which met at Statesville, nominated Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury, for Congress.

The Charlotte Observer says Sam McMurray, of Cleveland county, fell in a well Friday, near the Cleveland Mills, and was killed.

The French Broad Herald advocates the nomination of A. E. Posey, of Hendersonville, as criminal court judge to succeed H. G. Ewart.

The Gastonia Gazette says the yield which W. B. Smith got from three pecks of red chaff wheat sown on three-quarters of an acre was 19 bushels.

Gastonia correspondent Charlotte Observer: The stockholders of the Avon Mill have about completed an ice factory in the place, and they intend to deliver ice anywhere in the town limits for half cent a pound.

Irreel Democrats have nominated T. J. Williams and John B. Hohann for the Legislature. Both have been useful and honored members of that body. Mr. Hohann having served three terms and Mr. Williams one.

The Durham Sun says that during a storm Sunday afternoon, July 17, two brothers were killed by lightning in Granville county. They were standing under a large oak tree and lightning struck the tree, with the above result.

Rutherfordton special, 19th, to Charlotte Observer: A largely attended meeting of the Democratic county executive committee and conference of leading Democrats of the county was held here today. It was decided to hold the county convention on Monday, August 15.

The Raleigh Post says Judge Spencer B. Adams will be the Republican nominee of the fifth congressional district. While the nominating convention has not yet been held, the complexion of a majority of the delegates so far makes it certain that Judge Adams will be the nominee.

Concord Standard: A man some days ago, in speaking of spairing of his farming lands, and who was being besought by the sheriff for his taxes, said his land was getting so poor that the roads would not fork any more. This was getting pretty bad, but the taxes had to come.

The Fayetteville Observer says the State auditor is collecting some statistics which show that there are 908 registered whiskey distilleries in North Carolina, while Virginia has 518 and Kentucky 377. He says it is reasonable to believe that there are two illicit distilleries for each one registered.

Raleigh News and Observer: David A. Ray, of the Democratic township of New Light, has a pound that holds exactly one pound of powder. It was cut in 1843 and has been in constant use in the Ray family since 1842. He has a peach tree 46 feet in diameter at the branches and three feet and two inches in diameter in the body.

J. C. Freeman, of Poylesville, writes to the Progressive Farmer: Butler has been a favorite politically of mine, but I don't take much stock in fusing with "snary" one of the old parties. The Democrats "swent" do to depend on, and I despise the Republicans as a party, and I am not sure there is a Populist party unless wiser counsels prevail.

Hendersonville Herald: Capt. M. C. Tom's brag acre of corn and peas is a sight to behold—having as much growing luxuriantly upon it as many men put on ten acres. It is a valuable object lesson in intensive farming, and we have never seen anything quite equal to it. The promise now is for an immense crop, and the outcome will be watched with much interest.

The Raleigh Post says Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic State executive committee, has entered upon the duties of that position with an earnestness that presages success. Among other things he has determined upon a Democratic handbook, comparing Democratic rule with that which now prevails, and has secured the assistance in its preparation of ex-Senator Jarvis and Hon. Samuel A. Ashe.

Goldsboro Appeal: There is a great scarcity of fish at Morehead City, as to shipping, and it is seldom that dealers in this city have any choice fish for sale of late. This condition, the fishermen say, is due to the negro soldiers at Fort

Macon. There are 1,100 mobilized there, and ever since their arrival they have spent much of their time in the surf in large numbers, and the schools of fish, mistaking their black forms leaping about in the water for those of porpoise, have betaken themselves to the high seas for safety.

Lumberton dispatch to Wilmington Star: Mr. Bellamy's coming was not known previous to his arrival, but he certainly captured the Crotons by his eloquent address. It is no secret that the greater part of the Crotons, who poll about 600 votes in Robeson county, are already enlisted under the banner of free silver Democracy. Political clubs have been formed in nearly every township, and we may safely predict that nine-tenths of the race will vote for Bellamy for Congress.

Wilmington Messenger: The farmers from all sections of the county report that the vultures heretofore so plentiful have totally disappeared. There is a gruesome belief that the buzzards have taken their flight to Cuba since the carnage of battle commenced there. Fayetteville Observer: The disappearance of the buzzards in this section has also been a matter of comment. We have made inquiries of people from all parts of the country and they all agree that the buzzard has disappeared almost entirely.

Durham special to Raleigh News and Observer, 19th: The board of trustees for Trinity College was in session yesterday afternoon and again last night up to a pretty late hour. The meeting was called by the executive committee for the purpose of investigating the charges recently made against Dr. Kilgo, through the newspapers, by Judge Walter Clark. The meeting was a very full one, and Dr. Kilgo and Judge Clark, both having been notified of such meeting on the 7th of July, were present. The questions involved were discussed and considerable evidence heard, but a final determination was not reached. The board adjourned to meet again on August 30.

BILL ARP IN FINE HUMOR.

Tells a Story on Gen. Joe Wheeler—Pays Col. William J. Bryan a High Compliment.

Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

They say that Joe Wheeler forgot himself at Santiago when the Spaniards fired their deadly volleys from the brush, and he spurred his steed forward and shouted, "Charge 'em, boys! Charge the damn Yankees; run 'em out of the brush!—the damn Spaniards, I mean!" And now they tell it on General Lee that when his handsome blue uniform came and his wife took it out of the case, he looked at it with solemn countenance and said: "Put it back, wife; let it stay there a while till I can get reconciled. I'm afraid I might shoot at it all of a sudden."

The boys in camp get up many a joke, and they go on the grand comical and that reminds me of Pat Dodson, a fresh fisherman, who was put on picket and ordered to let no man pass without the password. When the other came to change the guard Pat challenged him with "Halt, by Jesus, and give the password." "Obey on the grand rounds," said the lieutenant, "strapped rounds and be damned to ye," said Pat, "and if ye don't come forward and say 'Bull Run,' I'll be after shootin' into ye, Mr. Grand Rounds."

In our civil war the privates of both armies exchanged civilities on the picket lines. Stonewall Jackson rebuked them, and once when a picket brought him a New York paper he refused it and said, "Take nothing from them, sir, and give them nothing but lead; they are our enemies." But the common soldier has not considered the cause belli, the aggravation from a national standpoint, nor can he, like Cromwell or Stonewall Jackson, worship God by killing his country's foes.

The best informed people I meet with are the veterans of the civil war. "However dull and uneducated were the boys when they entered service in 1861, they were bright and genial when they came out. I'll venture that there was more good sense and more forbearance, more real reflective patriotism and less selfishness in the recent grand gathering of veterans in Atlanta than in any body of men ever assembled in the United States. Hard service has hammered them down like steel, used to be hammered out of iron. Their faces, their hearts, their walk, their solidity, their conservative conservatism, all mark them as men who have been tried and refined in the crucible of war—

the dross expelled and the pure gold left.

But war is a bad thing—the worst thing in the world.

Only a few months have passed, but there is many a heart-broken mother now weeping for her soldier son, whose shallow grave is in a foreign land. The tears of these mothers are worth a thousand victories. But these preachers perplex me. Most of them are for the war to go on until we have taken all the islands of the sea and planted missionaries there. One of them said, "My friend, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force," but I never heard before that it meant guns and cannon and dynamite. I fear that the zeal of most of these preachers is inspired by their hatred of the Roman Catholic religion. I used to have a horror of that religion myself, for I had read Fox's book of martyrs and imagined the Spanish inquisition was about to be revived, but time and education have removed my prejudices and made me tolerant of all the churches. Observation and experience have taught me that there are good people in all the churches, both Jew and Gentile, and if I was far away from home and in distress, a sister of charity would perhaps be my first visitor. They found my mother when her parents died of the fever in Charleston and they took the friendless orphan to their hearts and cared for her; and I have no patience with these preachers, so-called, who slander them or their church.

We had a great treat at our town this morning. Colonel William J. Bryan with his Nebraska regiment stopped here for an hour and they electrified everybody with their presence. It is by far the best regiment we have seen. The best looking, the best behaved and the best equipped and they love and idolize their colonel. They feel elevated and refined by his commanding presence, and wouldn't do anything that would mortify his pride or wound his feelings. What a grand and noble man he is. How majestic in person; how gentle in manners; how inspiring in language and conversation. How our hearts did burn within us as he spoke. I tell you, my countrymen, I would trust him with all my interest in national affairs. He is Daniel Webster and Henry Clay combined. May the good Lord keep him and preserve him and return him safe to his family and to the nation.

Justice to the Cubans.

Atlanta Constitution.

The Cuban question threatens to become a more disturbing question than the retention of the Philippines. Our troops have gone to that island and have effected the capture of that island. The events leading up to the fall of the city have caused the officers and men of the American army to look with both suspicion and aversion on the Cuban soldiers with whom they have come in contact. Such is the word that comes from the front, and there can be no doubt that it correctly represents the feeling.

The Cubans, on the other hand, do not conceal their chagrin that a city captured in the name of their cause and in behalf of Cuban independence, should be left, in charge of the Spanish officials who represent to the Cubans a more odious party than the tones represented to the American patriots. It is certain that we cannot get a fair judgment from those who view the situation from one standpoint or the other. The truths lie between the conclusions. The Cubans are not fighters after the American pattern, but they are not cowardly. Having been trained to bushwhacking in two wars, they cannot change these tactics in a moment, nor in a month. That they can and do fight effectively has been amply shown by the fact that they carried the war to a point where Spain found it impossible to secure peace and order in Cuba or to give the island stable government.

These facts must not be lost sight of.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1898,

offer for sale, for cash, the following described piece or parcel of land, to-wit: Being in the county of Burke, State of North Carolina, and known and designated as follows, viz: Adjoining lands of Joseph Rogers, McLellan, H. Brand and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a post oak and runs east 44 degrees east 135 poles to a stake, then north 50 degrees west 115 poles to a rock, then north 24 degrees east 140 poles to a rock, Stephen's and Maria's corner on Mary Johnson's line, thence her line south 69 degrees east to a post oak thence to the beginning containing 113 acres, less about 30 acres sold to south side to Joseph Rogers, said land sold by reason of default in payment. This July 5, 1897. B. E. ABERNETHY, Mortgagee.

Sale of Part of Burke County Fair Grounds.

UNDER and by virtue of a deed in a certain action entitled Paul A. E. Patton and H. H. Walton against the Burke County Fair Association, the undersigned commissioner will, on

MONDAY, AUG. 1, 1898,

expose to sale for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in the town of Morganton, a part of the Burke County Fair Grounds, described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the middle with Power, being the south end of corner of Ann B. Pearson and the west corner of J. H. Pearson (Railroad division of the "Hughes Tract") situated among the pines of Jane S. Patton and runs east 55 poles to a stake, then north 15 degrees west 15 poles to a stake in old road, thence south 75 degrees west 35 poles to a stake in old road, thence south with the old road 52 poles to the beginning, containing 52 acres, more or less. This 23th day of June, 1898. P. W. PATTON, Commissioner.

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BY virtue of an execution issued on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1898, in the civil action entitled J. W. Wilson and I. T. Avery trustee against Thomas E. Finley and W. H. Pool and they the under, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Morganton, N. C., on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1898, the same being the first Monday in the month, the following described tract of land, to-wit: Lying and being in the county of Burke and State of North Carolina, bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake and runs north to poles to a white oak; then east 202 poles to a rock and black-jack; thence south 45 degrees east 107 poles to the old road, a spanish-oak; thence south 29 degrees west 70 poles to a pine stump in the camp ground; thence west 90 poles to a stake; thence north 35 poles to a rock; thence west 187 poles to the beginning, containing 112 acres. A new dwelling house, bath, out house and well of water on the premises. Land sold in two lots if desired by purchaser. This 30th day of June, A. D. 1898. J. A. DALE, Jr., Coroner and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Burke County. AVERY & ERVIN, ATTORNEYS.

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