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to say that before the purchase of the Philippine islands and before the ratification of the treaty, I did all in my power to defeat it. I believed in the amendment, and the speech I made, which is being quoted from, was made by me, as the speech shows, many days before the treaty was even voted on in the senate; many days before the war in the Philippines began, and it was made while William Jennings Bryan was there in Washington seek ing the ratification of the treaty which contained this purchasing clause.

Idea of Duty. After he had secured votes enough on the Democratic side to carry it by a two-thirds majority, the Illinois legislature instructed me to vote for the treaty, and I say to you now, as a member of the senate of the United States, and as a member of the Hamilton club, I have never regarded my seat as my personal property, but take the position that it was my duty to carry out the instructions from the people who gave me that seat. I am not now discussing the question whether I am right or wrong; this is not the day or the time, but if we have made a mistake in the Philippine islands, the beginning of that mistake was when the congress purchased them and placed them in the hands of the president of the United States, and Mr. Bryan, who complains most bitterly of it now, was one of the principal movers in the purchase of the Philippine islands themselves. I make no apology for my opposition to the purchase of the islands, but I do apologize for speaking of myself to you, who are members of my own club, and answering some of the industrious statesmen who seek, three years in advance, to unseat me. I have never withheld my vote for every dollar and every man which the president has asked for to maintain order there. Ready to Aid Soldiers.

Regretting the necessity and regretting always have I, that war existed. and hoping and praying for its early termination, have I stood at all times, so far as my vote was needed, to give aid and comfort to our soldiers, notwithstanding the whimperings of the small scandal mongers who have sought their own advancement by charging me with things that never passed my lips. My fathers helped to put our flag in the sky at Concord; my brothers belped to keep it there at Shiloh and Gettysburg, and I brand as cheap and shameless politics the conduct of a few small men who think they see their own advantage in preventing me from speaking the gospel of Republicanism, when for nearly one-third of a century I have given the best strength that I have had to the party and to the principles of Abraham Lincoln. Then if you will allow me to re-

capitulate the Philippine situation-Mr. Bryan and his whole faction in the Democratic party voted to purchase these islands with the taxpayers' money at no small figure, probably \$50,000,000; therefore it does not lie in his mouth to criticise the president for holding at any cost the terrientrusted to him by congress. This thought comes into my mind-Mr. Bryan is a man who thinks, be may not be a prophet nor even the son of one, but it occurs to me sometimes to wonder, if he saw the cost of those islands when he was considering the ratification of the treaty. Did he see the money going out of the treas ury and out of the taxpayers' pockets? Did he see our dead upon the field of battle, and the ships coming home laden with the corpses? Did be agree with those who so prophisied and did the voice of his ambition destroy his conscience and cry "Buy, buy, buy; no matter the cost to treasury and life; no matter the mothers' tears; for then -for then, I shall have a new Issue, and under the providence of God, It may be the paramount issue.

The Cry of " frusts." Of course they stand on the street corners and cry "trusts." They tried to hide the picture of the tiger of Tammany Hall because the old fellow had his tail frozen in the ice trust, and the gentle switch of his tail and his catlike purr, like distant music, sweet but sad, is softened by the ice on his tail and whiskers. But that does not prove either the Democrats or Republicans to be for or against trusts.

The simple facts are that we are prosperous; that the Democratic soup houses have gone forever from the land, and that the spirit of combination is about to destroy competition and that the plain people are suffering by reason of it. The plain duty of the servants of the people is to calmly and dispassionately pass such regulations and rules as will properly and fairly regulate it, and until the Democratic party offers some better or safer plan than leaving it to congress, their talk against the Republicans on account of the trusts must fade away as a tale that is told, especially if it is

At this late hour I must speak very briefly upon the subject of silver; the 16 to 1, and I want to say at the out set that when a proposition receives the indorsement of one great convention by a majority of one on a committee report on platform, and receives no indorsement at all in the other party, that issue is almost too dead to skin. Why, just think of it, the Democratic committee on platform stood for free silver by one majority, taking in, as I understand, the votes from the territories, including Hawaii.

Have Got To Be Regulated. Suppose the good ship that brought the Hawaiian delegate over had gone down and left that great moral committee of intellectual glants a tie upon the subject of free silver then our good Democratic brethren could vote as they pleased on the money quetion. Then our good friends in the Cook County Democracy could write on one side of their banner "Up with 16 to 1," and upon the other side "Down with 18 to 1." Suppose the delegate from Hawaii had changed his mind and had insisted upon voting for the old sound money doctrine of Democform of our friends have been turned. Imagine the stalwart bone, and sinew, and brain, shouting for 16 to 1, throwing their hats in the air for free sil-shocked intelligence, even before their hats returns to the hand, when they hat returns to the hand, when they were informed that the platform had changed in this great, giant party of intelligent loyalty to—to Andrew Jack-

Would Not Change Monetary Issue. But, they tell us that their shining lights are out saying "never mind, we cannot do anything-our strength is in our weakness," and more than that. they say to you on the sly that if they had the power they would not do it. would not change the monteary issue. God pity the party that invites support upon its secret promise to break the public pledge, and God pity and forgive the man who can vote for a party solely upon the ground that that party will be faithless to its public piatform. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, 16 to 1 is a serious issue, and if it wins or comes near winning this time, it shatters the confidence of the people. Nnety per cent. of our trade is based upon the confidence that one man has in another. They say it would only be a little temporary scare. How many men would go down in the temporary scare, and how many black Fridays would there be? Suppose a fool in this audience was to shout "Fire" tonight, and we went scrambling out upon each other, bruising and breaking bones and taking lives; would we excuse the idiot if he explained it by saying there was no fire, there was no danger? What man who had lost a friend would be willing to ever speak again to him except behind the bars. Yet they say there is no danger-it was only imaginary and destroyed confidence only for a minute, and the destruction of that confidence among the men who rule the trade and commerce of the nation. even though only temporary, would set in motion a condition of affairs that in my honest opinion the black Fridays of the past would be sunshine compared to what we would have upon us, Want Same Kind of Money.

stocks and bonds, who would not say | the of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. "I loaned sound money and I want my investment in some country that will pay the same kind of money they borrowed." How many hundred millions of dollars are tendered by cable in twenty-four hours. What is more disastrous than sudden offering and sudden declining of American securities? What hurts you more than to have it known that your notes have been hawked upon the streets and shaved in the corner shops? We must say once for all that we will not open our mints to the world for the free coinage of silver unless the world will open her mints to us upon the same terms. We must say in November, and say it once for all, that we will never take sixteen ounces of silver for one ounce of gold from all the nations of the world unless they are ready to barter and exchange, to give us back that ounce of gold for sixteen ounces of silver, and when we sell to England American wheat, we must say in November and say it once for all, that we must have money from them that they will take back for English cloth, or anything else they have to sell to us.

Settle Question Forever. And we must say in November, and settle the question forever, that when we buy from Germany or any other country the world their wines, sugars and cigars we must be permitted to pay them the money that they have paid us for the farmers' wheat, his oats and his corn. Sixteen to one, gentlemen, is a live issue, but it is the

intention of the enemy to hide it be neath the dust and clouds and loud talks of "trusts" and imperialism. But if the people should be blinded by this talk, commercial dishonor, commercial disaster would teach us to learn our lessen better the next time. We must in November say once for all and forever, that we will keep even the issues of free silver from disturbing the confidence of the business world, and every dollar must be of equal value, whether gold, silver or paper, and the dollar in the hands of him who tolls must mingle upon the counter of the bank in financial equality with every

dollar that belongs to the bank. I cannot close without entering my protest against . the general habit of our friends, the enemy, who are telling the young men, as Mr. Croker did yesterday, that there is no chance for a young man to succeed. This sort of talk encourages loafing and invites idleness, I cannot understand how it is, with the commercial history of the great commonwealth of the United States staring us in the face, that men can talk so.

Rose from the Ranks. Every manager and general superintendent, today, who marage the great railroads of the country, almost without exception, came from those men who punched the ticket, worked in the office or held the throttle. Most of the leading bankers, today, in the city of Chicago and, I believe, in New York-of course there are exceptions—climbed their way from poor boys into potold to an intelligent and thinking sitions of trust where they control mil-Hone of capital. Your leading lawyers, your leading ministers, your leading men in politics, have, by industry, made themselves what they are.

I had occasion to cross the White pass, the farthermost limit of American territory: the British flag and our flag were there. It was at the borderland: it was where Republicanism left off and monarchy began. An old man told me, who watches our flag, that he had seen thousands of men coming back by the White pass, and when they saw our flag they threw their hands into the air, and that he has seen many of them fall upon their knees in Thanksgiving. That others had pressed their lips to the staff that held our flag in the sky.

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