

WHERE DUTY LIES.

MOTTO OF ALL AMERICANS MUST BE "PRESS AHEAD."

Take Issues Related to Ethical in the Danger of Repudiation and Food-Labor Troubles—The Great Democratic "Take" Issues.

Questions are upon us in this campaign to test the stuff we are made of as to its far-sighted intelligence, its radical honesty and its Saxon courage.

We cannot abdicate without shame. We cannot withdraw from our place of world power without a breach of faith with the nations and with humanity itself.

Who tries to shake us with terrors of imperialism wantonly blasphemes the character, the intelligence and the will of his countrymen. It is but triple-tongued demagoguery that talk one thing in one section, another in another and a third in a third; consent of the governed on one stump and suppression of votes of a constitutional majority on another; one section of the republic to another section, "the enemy's country."

In this campaign lie, not half hidden, all those insurgent questions which perturb the world of capital and labor. Socialistic madness is in the mixture and the gaunt specter of the anarchist stirring the pot is in full view of the man with vision.

The poor are being inflamed against the rich.

Men with their pockets stuffed with the stock of oppressive trusts are declaiming against combinations of capital.

An irruption of the barbarians is at the gates of Rome. The eyes of the civilized world are upon us to see whether honesty, intelligence, courage and patriotism are guarding the glories of the young republic.

Our imports of hay which in 1894 under the low tariff, amounted to over 300,000 tons, were in 1899, under protection, less than 20,000 tons.

APPEAL OF THE A. O. U. W.

We submit the question fairly and honestly to our brethren. Can we afford by voice or vote to do anything that will disturb the present prosperous condition of our country, which has resulted in a most magnificent growth of our order, and which means to us additional and absolute security for our beneficiary certificates, held by us sacredly for the future benefit of the widows and orphans of our membership?

Our brethren in Nebraska who are now flourishing, can you afford to hazard the future of your eastern brethren at this time, having in mind their generosity when, but a few years since, they contributed nearly twenty thousand dollars to purchase seed and otherwise assist you in the dark days of your dreadful drought?—A. O. U. W. Monthly.

DISCOURAGING THE SOLDIERS.

Lieutenant L. A. Darrington of Alliance, Neb.; now in the Philippines, writes:

"There is one saying of Decatur's that rings in my ears, whether in the mountains or in the swamps, along the battle line or away from it. 'My country, may she be always right, but right or wrong, my country.'"

"A soldier's heart is not made glad when he reads in the papers from home that he is a cutthroat and fighting a people who are fighting for their liberty. That is a lie! The people here want our liberty, our flag as their flag, and our laws to govern them. It is a band of highwaymen and cutthroats who pose no place as patriots except in the papers and minds of some of their friends in the United States that are once misled you will hear

OUR LARGE STANDING ARMY.

Our "large standing army," of which the Democracy is in such a state of fear consists of 65,000 men. Switzerland keeps nearly two and one-half times as many in her standing army of 148,000 men, and besides has 361,000 men in reserve.

The United States proportionately has the smallest army in the world. The ratio of soldiers to total population is shown in the following:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Soldiers per 1,000 population. Includes France, Germany, Austro-Hungary, Russia, Turkey, Great Britain, Italy, and United States.

We do not have one soldier for every thousand people.

FEELINGS OF SOLDIERS' MOTHERS.

"If the mothers of the soldiers who are fighting in the Philippines could vote," said Mr. H. C. Maurice of Vermont, while at Washington, "I do not believe many of them would give William Jennings Bryan the benefit of their suffrage. The women of America have ever been patriotic, and it would not be natural for a mother to waste her sympathy upon the men who are trying to take the life of her son. While there has been heartbreaking sorrow at their going, no Spartan mother ever sent her son forth to battle with a braver heart than the American mothers who have sent their boys to fight their country's battles on the other side of the world, and much as they would have them back home, not one in a hundred would call them back until the work there is done."

DIFFERENCE IN HAY PRICES.

The little table which follows shows the importations, the home production, the value of the home crop and the price per ton of hay in the United States in 1894, under the Democratic low tariff and business depression which then existed, and in 1899, under protection and prosperity:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Imports, Production, Tons, Value crop, Dollars, Price per ton, Dollars. Shows data for 1894 and 1899.

BRYANISM AND CORN PRICES.

When the Bryan boom culminated in September, 1894, corn had reached the lowest record of the year at 19 1/2 cents a bushel. Then as the Bryan boom began to subside and McKinley's election to look probable the price improved, and in November, right after the election of McKinley, the best price of the last six months of 1894 was reached, at 25 1/2 cents a bushel.

THE POPOCRATIC CRY.

The popocratics are a little early this year with their outcries about coercion of wage earners. Four years ago they deferred this trick until a week before election. Now, as then, the reply to it is the same. No one has voiced it better than President McKinley did in a speech to a Cleveland club of wage workers, Oct. 24:

REMEMBER.

- Remember '92. During the campaign of '92 you thought you were too busy to take an active interest in politics. Remember the result: Consternation. Lack of confidence. Empty pocketbooks. Vicious tariff laws. Emergency bond issues. Losses in bond issues. Losses in business. Assignments. No employment. Distress. Do not make the same mistake this year.

COCKRAN ON DEMOCRACY.

"Democratic leaders may betray a convention to the Populists, but they cannot seduce the footsteps of Democracy voters from the pathway of honor and justice."—Hon. W. Bourke Cockran, Democrat, Madison Square Garden, New York city, Aug. 13, 1898.

DESPAIR IS DROWNED.

"The hum of industry has drowned the voice of calamity, and the voice of despair is no longer heard in the United States, and the orators without occupation here are now looking to the Philippines for comfort."—William McKinley.

SPRINLEY'S POLICY NIGHT.

Events in China Since Vindicated His Judgment.

The Boxer insurrection in China, animated by a fanatical hatred of foreign ideas, methods and purposes, and resulting in unexampled outrages upon the life and property of foreigners, has created one of the most difficult problems in diplomatic history.

To have held the Chinese government to a strict and immediate account for its non-suppression of the Boxer movement would undoubtedly have precipitated a general war between the foreign powers whose interests were imperiled in China and the feeble government which has been unable to suppress the insurrection.

In dealing with this delicate and complicated situation the United States took the lead in trying to preserve the existing central government of China, and thus open the way for the maintenance of the integrity of the empire.

The greatness of the president's policy in dealing with the Chinese problem stands out clear and luminous when we contemplate any alternative course that has been proposed or can be suggested.—George D. Melkiesohn, Assistant Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

NO PAY NO TALK.

Even at this stage of the campaign Mr. Bryan adheres to the doctrine of "No Pay no Talk." He was at Chillicothe, Ohio, the morning of the 14th of October, and delayed the meeting there for at least half an hour until the necessary \$75 to insure the wagging of his jaw was forthcoming.

THEN AND NOW.

Four years ago we laid off about one-half of our men, on account of insufficient business, and the other half were employed only six hours with six hours' pay.

IMPERIALISM 26 YEARS AGO.

If Abraham Lincoln is re-elected President, the liberties of the people are gone forever. Military despotism will rule. There will be no liberty of speech or press. Anarchy, bloody anarchy, will follow.

PANIC WOULD SURELY SET IN.

The agitation which would inevitably follow a Democratic triumph next November would check the volume of business, delay improvements, curtail the output of mine, furnace and loom, and another era of retrenchment with the corresponding lack of work, lack of confidence, lack of comforts, would be inaugurated.

TREASONABLE OPPOSITION.

And if, in performing this work of civilization, American blood should be shed the position of our antiexpansionists would not be enviable. The first shot fired against the American flag would make domestic opposition to the measures of our government avert treason. And those who practice treason find small indulgence in any country.—New York Journal, Jan. 6, 1896.

SMALL AND AQUINALDO.

"I will not vote for a candidate for the Presidency, or help to bring a party into power, who, while they plant one heel on the forehead of Booker Washington, and the other on the forehead of Robert Small, wave the flag over Aquinaldo and Mabiat."—Thomas F. Ryan.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

TELLS OF GREED'S BLIGHTING EFFECT ON MANKIND.

Denunciation of Those Who Worship the Golden Calf of Modern Idolatry and Sacrifice Themselves and Their Families.

Washington, Oct. 28.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows how the spirit of greed destroys when it takes possession of a man and that money got in wrong ways is a curse. Text: Exodus, xxxii, 20, "And he took the calf which they had made and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to a powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it."

People will have a god of some kind and they prefer one of their own making. Here come the Israelites, breaking off their golden earrings, the men as well as the women, for in those times there was masculine as well as feminine decoration.

Moses has been six weeks on Mount Sinai, and he comes back and hears the howling and sees the dancing of these golden calf fanatics, and he loses his patience, and he takes the two plates of stone on which were written the Ten Commandments! Moses rushes in, and he takes this "alf god" and throws it into a hot fire until it is melted all out of shape and then pulverizes it, not by the modern appliance of nitromuriatic acid, but by the ancient appliance of silex or by the old fashioned file.

Modern Golden Calf.

Pull aside this curtain, and you see the golden calf of modern idolatry. It is not, like other idols, made out of stocks or stone, but it has an ear so sensitive that it can hear the whistles on Wall street, and Third street and State street, and the footfalls in the Bank of England, and the sutter of a Frenchman's heart on the Bourse. It has an eye so keen that it can see the rust on the farm of Michigan wheat and the insect in the Maryland peach orchard and the trampled grain under the hoof of the Russian war charger.

Its Altar of Sacrifice.

Further, every god must have not only its temple, but its altar of sacrifice, and this golden calf of the text is no exception. Its altar is not made out of stone as other altars, but out of counting room desks and fireproof safes. The victims sacrificed on it are the Swartouts and the Ketchams and the Flaks and 10,000 other people who are slain before this golden calf.

Degrading Worship Goes On.

Still the degrading worship goes on, and the devotees kneel and kiss the dust and count their golden beads and cross themselves with the blood of their own sacrifice. It is made of clinking silver and clinking gold and the rattling spears of the banks and brokers' shops and the voices of all the exchanges.

TELLS OF GREED'S BLIGHTING EFFECT ON MANKIND.

Some people are very much surprised at the actions of people in the Stock Exchange, New York. Indeed, it is a scene sometimes that paralyzes description and is beyond the imagination of any one who has never looked in. What snapping of finger and thumb and wild gesticulation and raving like hyenas and stamping like buffaloes and swaying to and fro and jostling and running one upon the other and deafening uproar, until the president of the exchange strikes with his mallet four or five times, crying, "Order, order!"

But every day is a day of judgment, and God is all the time grinding to pieces the golden calf. Some years ago in a time of panic we learned as never before that forgeries will not pay, that the watering of stocks will not pay, that the spending of \$50,000 on country seats and a palatial city residence when there are only \$30,000 income will not pay, that the appropriation of trust funds to our own private speculation will not pay.

Day of Judgment Coming.

When shriveling like a parrot's neck, the flaming heavens together roll. When louder yet and yet more dread swells the hot trump that wakes the dead.

BUO PUNCTURE.

Evaston, Ill., is now presenting to science the latest freak in bugs—the "bicycle bug." This horn-like insect looks like a caricature of a New Jersey mosquito. On a body little more than an inch long it supports a pair of tentacles four inches long, with which it works havoc with the rubber tires of the wheels. The bug comes into the rubber until the snapping air frightens it away.

Isola Demolished.

But, if we have made this world our god, when we come to die we shall see our idol demolished. How much of this world are you going to take with you into the next? Will you have two pockets—one in each side of your shroud? Will you cushion your casket with bonds and mortgages and certificates of stock? Ah, no! The ferryboat that crosses this Jordan takes no baggage—nothing heavier than an immortal spirit.

Uncle Sam Has a Regular Contributor.

Uncle Sam has a regular contributor to the general fund of the government. Promptly the first week of every quarter a check for \$75 is received at the treasury department, with a request that it be placed in the miscellaneous fund of the treasury, from which it can only be withdrawn by a special act of congress.

Emperor William Has Presented a Noble to Rev. F. Winchell.

Emperor William has presented a noble to Rev. F. Winchell, pastor of the Philadelphia, in recognition of the sixtieth anniversary of the church and Mr. Winchell's thirty years of service in the congregation. The title is taken in the Old Testament, and the emperor's name is written in large letters on the parchment.