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PRESIDENT AND PHILIPPINES.

Democratic Press Howls Over Continuance of Military Rule.

It must be admitted that Democratic organs are hard to please. The necessity of a civil government in the Philippines is admitted. In fact, there is not a day that there is not more or less howling on the part of the Democratic press over the continuance of military rule. But they are in favor of civil government, but opposed to any way of establishing the same. They have suggested nothing, and their patriotic efforts are directed toward opposing anything that Republicans may suggest. The Spooner bill provided for that in the following terms: "All military, civil and judicial authority shall, until otherwise ordered by congress, be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the president of the United States shall direct for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion." It will be seen that this simply provides for an interregnum until the next meeting of congress, providing the insurrection shall be suppressed in the meantime. And where, otherwise than in the president, could this power be vested unless it was in the military authorities that the Democratic editors are now complaining of?

In order to avoid the possibility of an extra session caused by Democratic filibustering, this provision was made a part of the military reorganization bill. It is word for word the same as the Spooner resolution, with this addition: "Provided that all franchises granted under the authority hereof shall contain a reservation of the right to alter, amend or repeal the same." And there is another ground for Democratic objection. The only reasonable inference is that they are in favor of making these franchises perpetual and not subject to the revision of congress. There are millions of money waiting to be invested in street cars, electric lights, gas and public utilities of various kinds, but this resolution foresees that in the chaotic condition of affairs over in the Philippines, some of these privileges might be unduly or unwisely granted, and hence they are made subject to revision. We might well despair of doing anything that would gratify the average chump-head Democratic editor.—Peoria Journal.

Relations with Cuba.

The amendment to the army appropriation bill, reported to the senate by the committee on relations with Cuba, received the approval of every member of that committee, irrespective of political affiliations. Such unanimity of an important question of public policy is rare, and in this case is a gratifying indication of singleness of conviction regarding the terms upon which the United States can safely withdraw from Cuba and leave the government of the island to its own people.

The full text of the amendment was printed in the metropolitan papers. The conditions of independence are in the main necessary to the interests and safety of the United States and of Cuba. This is conceded by far-sighted and by conservative Cubans, and it is hoped that the majority of the people of the island will take a like view.

It is suggested in some quarters that the Cubans will resent the amendment as a too direct interference in their affairs. But as the terms laid down are, substantially, those that must govern our relation with Cuba, it will be better to have an understanding at the outset than to leave the situation at loose ends and take the risk of disagreement and trouble in the future.

The United States should be firm but not harsh in the matter, and the Cubans should treat it reasonably and temperately. There is nothing that can rightly stand in the way of an amicable settlement that shall be satisfactory to both sides.

There Will Be No Extravagance.

Governor Yates finds the finances of the state of Illinois in splendid shape and he can be trusted to keep them so. While Democratic calamity howlers are bewailing the condition of things which will necessitate larger appropriations than ever before, a wide-awake progressive and up-to-date citizenship, will see in this condition something to rejoice over. They recognize that it is the material growth of the state under wise Republican rule, her extended business and stable industries, that make these extra appropriations necessary and enable the people to meet them easier than ever before. This is over a billion dollar country and it grows richer and greater every day. No state in the Union has greater reason to be proud of her splendid reformatory, charitable and educational institutions. A Republican legislature and a Republican governor can be relied upon to look after these great institutions, and conduct the same economically, wisely and humanely. There will be no extravagant or unnecessary appropriations, but the sum will be commensurate with the demands, and in keeping with the greatness of the state.

The Mugwump Press.

Governor Yates has appointed a number of trustees, and aside from a few Democrats that the law required him to appoint, most of the men named are the governor's personal friends or did good service for him at Peoria or during the campaign. In making these appointments Governor Yates has followed the example of his predecessors, including ex-Governor Tanner, and named the men who have been or can be of use to him in the future. If Mr. Yates had followed the ideas of the mugwump press he would have selected men for these places who were opposed to him and would have ignored his friends. This is not human nature and no one has ever done it, but it is the theory of a class of reformers who do not happen to belong to the machine. It will very naturally follow when Mr. Yates' time is out, if he wants a second election, that these men will favor him. Then he is simply building up a machine. Of course these men ought not to do such a thing, they should oppose him. That is what the mugwumps found fault with Tanner's friends for because they favored him.—Kankakee Times.

TWO VIEWS OF CUBA

Opinions Expressed by the New York Times and Buffalo Express.

Of the proposed conditions of our withdrawal from Cuba the New York Times says:

"The most that we ask is that Cuba shall recognize by treaty rights which we hold and should always exercise under the supreme law of self-preservation. Neither the Cuban constitution nor the Teller resolution can in the least impair our right of forcible intervention in Cuba for the repulse of assaults or the suppression of disorders that imperil our peace. Spain was sovereign of Cuba, but we intervened to put a stop to intolerable tumults. Cuba can be no more than sovereign, treaty or no treaty; and she may be sure that we shall assert our right of self-protection whether or not she formally concedes to us the right to do it. We possess the right, anyway. She loses nothing by giving it formal expression. She gains, on the contrary, by acquiring for herself the right to call upon her powerful friend and neighbor to protect her whenever she may be in peril."

On the same subject the Buffalo Express says:

"But when we declare that the Cubans must give what we ask as a condition to being followed to form a government and to the withdrawal of our troops, we are assuming an attitude unworthy of a free and honorable nation."

The words of The Times are thoughtful and true. Those of the Express are superficial and false. Why is the United States exercising sovereignty in Cuba today? Why did not the United States withdraw from Cuba immediately upon the ratification of the treaty which ended Spanish rule in the island? For the simple reason that the United States had, and has, the right to remain in control pending the establishment of safe and satisfactory conditions of withdrawal. From any other point of view there is not the slightest excuse for the continued presence of the American governor general or of a single American soldier.

So far from the attitude of the United States being "unworthy of a free and honorable nation," it is honorable, right and necessary. Under the existing circumstances an unconditional grant of absolute independence in Cuba would be a foolish and foolhardy act of which no nation in its senses would be capable. Our government looks at the matter in the light of justice, sanity and prudence. It would show gross incompetency by leaving an open door for misunderstanding, trouble, conflict and possible war.

Cullom and Yates.

A great deal has been said in the newspapers to the effect that Governor Yates has been turned down by Senators Cullom and Mason and the administration in relation to the appointment of revenue collector for this district. It is well known that Governor Yates desires the appointment of Fred H. Rowe. These newspapers have asserted that the governor would be successful in his wishes and that as a result Cullom would be turned down, but Governor Yates never has been accused of taking that view of it. It now transpires that because Senators Cullom and Mason have refused to recommend Mr. Rowe for appointment these papers say that there is blood on the moon. Governor Yates, however, says his relations with Cullom and the administration are pleasant and the chances are that this is a correct statement. It was entirely legitimate for the governor to desire the appointment of Mr. Rowe and do all he could to secure it. It was also entirely proper for the senators to select some other person for the office for the same reason that the governor favored Rowe. This is all there is of the whole affair and it ought to end there. According to the governor's statement it has ended there so far as he is concerned. Unless the governor attempted to dictate the appointment over the heads of the senators much of his newspaper comment is unjust to him and is only calculated to breed contention among our party leaders. It is not likely that he attempted to dictate the appointment of Mr. Rowe for the reason that he knows he would be powerless to dictate a federal appointment over the heads of the senators as the Illinois senators would be to dictate a state appointment over the head of the governor.—Decatur Herald.

A Good Appointment.

The dispatches bring the announcement of Henry Yates' appointment as superintendent of insurance for the state. This is in line with the suggestions made many times in this city by the governor's best and most trustworthy friends, and they will be very much gratified by the intelligence. Henry Yates is admirably fitted for the duties of the office, and he will have the respect and confidence of all the concerns with which he will do business and they may fully depend on fair treatment at his hands. The office is one of the most important in the state, and it will fare well at the hands of Mr. Yates and the appointment will give general satisfaction. He will find the affairs of the office in good condition and will have a comparatively easy task in carrying on affairs as they have been going the past four years. The Journal congratulates Mr. Yates, the governor and the people of the state also over the excellent appointment and believes everything will be managed to the entire satisfaction of all interested directly or indirectly.—Jacksonville Journal.

The Second Washington.

The capture of Aguinaldo has elicited some new installments of agony from his American admirers. Degenerates like Towne and Lentz are extremely grieved and have gone into emotional spasms over the fate of their modern personification of George Washington.

A mysterious assailant attempted to blind Miss Lillian Hawkins, of Ashkaba, O., by throwing acid in her face.

We hear some criticism of Governor Yates for giving his brother the best paying position at the governor's disposal—that of commissioner of insurance. We don't care for the critics. The good book calls a man a heathen who don't provide for his own household, and none of us are heathens, for we would have done just as Governor Yates did.—Trenton Sun.

Every big newspaper has a surep way of settling the trouble in China with credit to this government and an increase in American trade with the Chinese, but unfortunately no two of them are alike. Meanwhile the people are perfectly satisfied to leave the matter in President McKinley's hands, knowing that he will do all that should be done.—Watsken Stalwart.

A few Democratic papers and statesmen are lost to littleness that they have sought to discredit General Funston's brilliant exploit in the capture of Aguinaldo. Some of them carry their traitorous proclivities to the extent of urging the Philippines to keep up the fight regardless of the fact that their leader is not in a position to do any more mischief. There should be no room in this country for men who will deliberately advocate the murder of American soldiers and lend moral support to the enemies of the flag.—Paris Beacon.

Governor Yates exhibits no haste in making appointments, and when one is announced it strikes men acquainted with political conditions in the state that the governor has displayed wisdom in his choice. Of one fact we may be assured, Governor Yates had none of the places within his gift promised before the election, and it seems to be his intention to distribute appointments so well over the state that no one can fairly complain. If every man who believes himself deserving an appointment from the governor does not receive one, it is probably because there are not enough offices to go around.—Ashley Gazette.

Attorney General H. J. Hamlin has rendered an opinion in the matter of publishing financial reports by village, town and city officials who handle public funds. He says that such a financial statement must include the amount of public funds expended, and for what purpose expended, and must give an itemized statement of the amount expended for each purpose, and the same rule should be followed in setting forth the amount of funds received. He declares there is no other legal way in which this statement can be published. There are a number of officials in this county who do not comply with the law in this respect, but it is not too late to turn over a new leaf.

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