

THE COMMONER

The Commoner may be pardoned for reproducing an editorial which appeared recently in the Joplin, Missouri, Globe. This editorial follows:

"With this week's issue, The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's weekly paper, enters upon its seventh year. Perhaps the best thing to be said about this paper is to call the reader's attention to the contents of its current issue. On the first page is found an effective cartoon, showing the inconsistency of President Roosevelt's attitude during the late congressional campaign and the present relationship between the president and congress. As a politician Roosevelt, it will be remembered, urged the people to return a republican majority to congress. If the attitude of the majority now in session is a criterion of what the attitude of the sixtieth session will be, the president will have every reason to regret that the people complied with his wishes.

An article entitled "Sacrificing the Children" is an interesting review of the anti-child labor crusade and by its graphic portrayal of conditions a strong argument for immediate and effective remedial legislation.

"In the Railroad's Grip," an article reproduced from a republican paper, The Chicago Tribune, shows the imperial power wielded by the transportation monopoly.

"Following this is a number of editorials, after which are some interesting communications from Commoner readers and selections in verse from current publications.

A page of bright editorial paragraphs, containing a great deal of information and cleverly turned into neat observation and wholesome sentiment, is an attractive feature. This is a department which at times has been neglected, much to the disappointment of regular readers. It is a pleasure to note that The Commoner's paragrapher is back in the harness.

Orwell C. Riddle, of Columbus, O., recognized as one of the most learned lawyers in that city, contributes a letter on how the election of senators by direct vote of the people can be accomplished by an act of congress without amending the constitution. A timely article, indeed, on a question commanding the serious attention of the people of the entire nation.

The exchange department of The Commoner, under the caption "Current Topics," is finely edited. The reader who intelligently follows that department may set up the claim to being well informed as to present events.

"The Home Department," a regular feature appealing especially to woman readers, appears as usual; and Maupin's humor and pathos complete the issue.

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THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF

Senator Lodge is quoted as saying that the Philippine bill is dead. This is the first admission from any administration source that there would be no further effort to pass this just and righteous bill. Senator Hale is the great obstacle.

There have been few incidents in our history more discreditable than this. The Filipinos have only asked a fair chance to trade with us. We know perfectly well that their prosperity and welfare—nay, their very salvation—depend on their ability to sell their products. Secretary Taft has told us this. The Philippine government has always urged a lowering of our taxes on Philippine trade. The Filipinos themselves have appealed over and over again to our sense of justice. The people of the United States as a whole favor the abolition of these duties. All who have studied the situation at first hand take this view. Yet Hale, of Maine, objects, and so nothing can be done.

We have taken an exalted stand in regard to the Philippines. Our patriots have told us that we ought to keep the islands, not because it was good for us, but in the interest of the helpless islanders. It was our duty to give them good government, to develop their industrial and commercial life, to make them self-supporting, to teach them how to govern themselves, and to give them the blessing of American prosperity. To abandon the islands would, we were told, be to abandon a helpless people to whom we stood in the relation of guardian. We were going to "take up the white man's burden." We were going to make sacrifices for the Filipinos—never to think of compelling them to make sacrifices for us. There was to be no exploitation. What fine and beautiful talk of this sort we have listened to! It almost converted the anti-imperialists.

Well, the record is made. We are going to govern the Philippines in the interest of our trade—and worse than that, in the interest of the tobacco and sugar trusts. Not only that, but with a cruelty of which we should not have believed our government capable, we have imposed an additional tax of 100 per cent. over and above the high duties already in force on cheap cottons entering the islands. This was done so quietly and secretly, and for such false reasons, that no one in this country knew anything about it till Bishop Brent, of the Philippines, told us about it. We know all about it now, and yet no one, from the president down, has made any effort at reparation.

But the Philippine bill is dead for the present. The trusts have triumphed. The Filipinos appeal to us for justice in vain. The American people want to do the right, the just, the honorable thing, but they find themselves helpless. It is not a question of what they want, but of what the tobacco trust and sugar trust will permit. We are governing the Philippines not for the Filipinos, but for the benefit of two greedy American trusts.—Indianapolis, Ind., News.

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