

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN'S VIEW

Head of Cornell University Discusses Questions of National Importance.

DISCUSSES FUTURE OF PHILIPPINES

Points Out that President McKinley Has Fully Followed Precedent of Democratic Predecessors.

There is no man in the United States who is better qualified to speak with authority on the Philippine question or, indeed, on matters of almost any kind affecting the policy of the American nation, than President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university of Ithaca, N. Y. President Schurman, it will be remembered, was president of the commission appointed to visit the Philippines and investigate conditions in those islands, and what he has to say on this point is the result of his personal observations. As the head of one of the greatest institutions of learning in the Empire state, he is naturally obliged to keep closely in touch with political sentiment, both state and national, and his views are, for this reason, especially worthy of consideration.

President Schurman was in the city yesterday and was interrogated as to what he had been doing in Nebraska. In reply he said:

"What have I been doing in Nebraska? I have been speaking in Lincoln Monday evening and Geneva yesterday, where I had very large and enthusiastic audiences. From gentlemen of influential position in the republican party I gathered the impression that this state was likely to give McKinley a majority. I am going to speak in Weeping Water tonight, and for the rest of the week in Indiana."

"The state of New York is as safe for McKinley as the state of Massachusetts. Just look at the facts in the case: McKinley received four years ago a majority of over 250,000 votes. There may have been some slight change since that time on the part of democrats who desired to get back into their own organization. The change, however, is not large and it is fully offset by workingmen and farmers who are now returning to the republican party which they deserted four years ago in the stress of hard times, thinking that in Bryan's free silver nostrum they might find a cure for the evils under which they labored. Apart from these changes the McKinley majority of four years ago remains practically unimpaired. Republicans do not claim as large a majority as of that time, but the most reliable sources claim a majority of at least 100,000."

Bryan's Bad Break.

Mr. Bryan's speeches in New York City, in his judgment, have contributed to enhance the republican majority. The single statement which he made in New York—Green's Tammany and Croker to its proper—identified Bryanism with the worst enemy of free institutions in the United States and has, as a result, alienated hundreds of thousands of independent and democratic voters who are destined to get back to their party. No party can carry the state of New York without the support of the independent men in both parties and the muckrump. These elements, which were formerly not disposed to support McKinley, have been swung over by irresistible force through the effect of Mr. Bryan's identification of his party with that of Richard Croker. In addition to the effect of his speeches in New York City, we must reckon as adverse to Mr. Bryan's cause his efforts in New York state to stir up rivalry, dissensions and class animosities, which have been resented by decent people in both parties.

"As to the issue of imperialism there was some danger of that a few months ago, but as the facts come to be better understood the danger is disappearing, or has, perhaps, completely disappeared. There are in the state of New York independent men in both parties who are opposed to the annexation of the Philippine islands, but they have come to see that the taking of the archipelago was a necessary consequence of the war with Spain, and since the ratification of the treaty, by Mr. Bryan's aid, absolutely nothing remained to the administration but to enforce our national authority in this new part of our territory."

"The question of the future of the Philippines is not up in this campaign. The only question is whether we shall maintain the authority of the United States in a piece of territory Mr. Bryan helped to annex to the nation and the issue of the people of New York state have made up their mind and will certainly support President McKinley."

Democratic Precedents Followed.

"It is charged that the republican policy in the Philippines involves tyranny and violates the principle of the consent of the governed."

CULLED from the Field of POLITICS

The greatest parade of the campaign is the sound money parade booked for New York City next Saturday. Advance estimates of the number of voters who will be in line is 125,000. The wholesale dry goods trade expects to turn out 37,000 strong and the paper trade next with 25,000 men. General Anson G. McCook will command the great pageant, which will be reviewed by Governor Roosevelt. There will be no postponement on account of weather, but in case of rain the number who will turn out will be reduced and should the weather be generally unfavorable organizations are asked to hold themselves in readiness to start at an earlier hour than is set in the schedule, which is laid out in anticipation of fine weather and ranks at least as large as those of the famous parade of 1895. In that great demonstration there were 110,000 marchers, making it the largest in the history of the metropolis. The purpose of the managers of next Saturday's parade is to make it surpass the parade of four years ago and they are confident it will break the record by nearly 50,000. From almost every window along the line of march, from staffs, from lines stretched across streets and avenues, from roof to cornice, from the historic Battery to the Bronx, from the Hudson to the waterway which skirts Manhattan island on its eastern shore, will the national emblem be unfurled. Not less significant is the fact that every person in line will be a voter.

The windup of the campaign in Chicago, Saturday next, promises to be much livelier than in New York City, inasmuch as both parties will be in the whirl. Bryan will be there to stir anew the waning hopes of fusion and give the fight a semblance of activity. Four years ago the republicans practically closed their campaign before Bryan returned to Chicago for the windup and they had nothing to offset the efforts of the democratic candidate. This year the reverse will be the order. There will be 250 republican speakers in the city and county holding meetings every night and there will be no cessation of activity until the votes are in the boxes.

"There is only one thing about it that I don't understand," says a New York business man, "and that is why all hands

Philippine islands before annexing them, but in that course they followed the example set by Jefferson in the annexation of Louisiana in 1803, and by all his democratic successors who had been responsible for the annexation of our entire transmississippi country. To have consulted the inhabitants of the soil, after making the treaty with the power exercising sovereignty over them, would have been to make it absolutely unnecessary to consult American public opinion. President McKinley wisely followed in the footsteps of his predecessors. Even if it had been desired to secure the consent of the Philippine inhabitants, it would have been necessary to send a great number of interpreters to the different tribes, and if these interpreters could have been secured and the different tribes could have been made to understand their mission—which, very much doubt—then the answer of all but one would have been that they either acquiesced in American sovereignty or were absolutely indifferent to the matter; and the one exception would have been the Tagalogs, whose opposition would have been due to the fact that they—a tribe numbering 1,500,000 of people—were to be despoiled of their land over the other 5,500,000 inhabitants of the archipelago.

"Those who propose turning the government of the Philippines over to the Philippine people always fail to specify what tribe or tribes of the island they assume that the 1,500,000 Tagalogs from whom Aguinaldo has secured his insurrectionists, represent all the tribes and all the peoples of the archipelago. No assumption could do greater violence to the facts. "There are no tribes who do not understand the language of the Tagalogs and whose hatred toward them is of the bitterest type. If this country invested Aguinaldo and his band of insurrectionists with sovereignty over all the other peoples of the island, the result would be to follow the sailing away of our navy and then a few months of anarchy would have succeeded and the intervention of the great powers of Europe for the protection of their citizens and their properties would have been inevitable."

Philippine Only Hope.

"The only hope for a free, self-governing Philippine commonwealth is under the tutelage and protection of the United States for a sufficient period to enable the tribes, who are now separated by diversities of language and sentiment and physical conditions, to come together and gain an experience for a generation or two in the practice of self-government, with which heretofore they have had absolutely nothing to do."

"I would like to say for myself I am no Jingo and never have been an Asiatic fanaticist. I am one of those who had the Philippine islands been offered to the United States three years ago as a gift, would have voted against taking them. But the islands have come under our sovereignty as a result of the war with Spain, and in virtue of the ratification of the treaty which Mr. Bryan helped the administration to secure—which without Mr. Bryan's help could not have been ratified, I believe in the nation doing its duty with regard to them. "My present sentiments on the Philippine question are determined solely by the facts of the case—namely, by the circumstances of the inhabitants of the archipelago and by the obligations towards them and towards the nations of the world which the United States assumed in the treaty of peace which it made with Spain. I would not have our nation shrink a single one of these obligations even though the performance of them requires us to hold the Philippine islands. We must do our national duty and trust that in doing so we shall come out all right."

Mission in the Philippines.

"Our mission in the Philippine islands at the present time is to suppress the remaining embers of the insurrection, to establish peace, to make life and property secure, to found schools for the people of the Philippine islands and to give the inhabitants their first lessons in self-government, which, beginning, with villages and towns, may gradually be extended to the provinces and ultimately to the general government for the entire archipelago."

"From the political point, however, our mission is to train the Filipinos to govern themselves and the flag stands for self-government in the Philippines as it stands for self-government in Nebraska."

"What about trusts? Mr. Bryan has been speaking much on trusts throughout his eastern tour, but intelligent people recognize that, if you mean by trusts great combinations of capital, they are a necessary phase of our modern industrial civilization; an indispensable result of the use of steam and electricity—for, like the introduction of machinery 100 years ago, they have some perilous results. The tendency undoubtedly is to cheapen the cost of commodities to the consumer, to supply the workmen with betterment and to pay at a higher wage than he could get

from competing concerns. While trusts bring these advantages, it is recognized that there are evils in this form of industrial organization. That is to say, when a trust gets a monopoly, it is necessary to exist and raises prices to the consumer, as was the case with the New York ice trust, then there is a call for regulation—if not suppression—in the interest of the public."

Bryan's Remedy Ineffective.

"Mr. Bryan's remedy is to require trusts to take out a license from the federal government before doing business outside of the state of their origin. I note with regard to this remedy, first, that it would not avail to relieve the people of New York of the iniquitous extortion of the ice trust if the ice trust had no desire to extend its business outside of the state of its origin; secondly, this remedy, according to the most eminent authorities, is itself absurd, inasmuch as it contravenes the constitution of the United States; and when the republicans, last spring, introduced a bill for the purpose of providing for an amendment of the constitution, with a view to the regulation of trusts, Mr. Bryan's party unanimously opposed the measure. "The republicans have put on the statute books the only law we have for the regulation of trusts and it is their policy to continue this beneficent legislation—more particularly by securing the same inspection and regulation of trusts as banks are now subjected to. "If the public could be informed of the value of trust stocks and what they really represented, or how much water diluted them, the chief evils of which the public complain in connection with the trusts would disappear. This information could be secured by the public trusts were subjected to visitation and inspection like banks. "The republicans have the real remedy for the evil. Mr. Bryan's remedy is either ineffectual or unconstitutional. "Mr. Bryan adds that the trusts have been created by a protective tariff which he therefore proposes to repeal. He overlooks the fact that in repealing the tariff on articles produced by trusts he will ruin the business of thousands of producers in commodities which have no connection with trusts. "That trusts have not been produced by a protective tariff is demonstrated by the fact that in free trade England, during the last decade, there has been a faster development of trusts than in this country under a protective tariff."

WORKINGMEN TO HOLD MEETING.

Mechanics to Meet at Creighton Hall Thursday Night.

The laboring men of the city are laying large plans for their own private demonstration, to be held in Creighton hall tonight. Republicans from every labor union in the city will be present, as well as hundreds from unorganized occupations. G. F. Sherman, of the Bricklayers' Knoll, will act as presiding officer, seconded by a committee of fifty, which will occupy the stage. The speaker of the evening will be E. Rosewater, and his address will be supplemented by brief remarks from E. D. Mulvey, molder; J. Schupp, carpenter; J. E. Baird, secretary of the Central Labor union, and W. B. Christie, carpenter, all workmen. Others than laboring men will be present and the committee expects to fill the hall to the doors. The committee is made up entirely of laboring men, is as follows:

- C. Snyder, Jake Wilson, Peter Shockey, E. E. Smiley, Charles Williams, J. R. O'Connell, Charles Leeder, J. E. Connerhar, Thomas J. Schupp, Fred Johnson, John Larson, Fred McKenna, Charles Russell, Robert White, Fred M. Young, R. E. McKenna, Robert White, William Parrott, C. C. Schuyler, F. Starbuck, R. E. Rowland, Robert Christie, R. E. Rowland, John Johnson, John Lickholm, J. E. Baird, Robert Houghton, R. H. Carter, H. H. Belkender, Harry Brewer, John Lynch, Frank Kelpin, William Richeles.

Political Notes.

The state republican committee has sent out its last budget of literature and the printing department is busy with the number of the typewriting staff in Chairman Lindsay's office has also been discontinued with the work is being brought to a close.

President Houston of the Traveling Men's Republic club has referred to a number of similar organizations throughout the state looking to their attendance at the final meeting of the year. He has assurance that delegations from the following cities will be present as well as the large Traveling Men's Marching club of Lincoln. Secretary J. E. Baird, of McKinley, played an odd brass key at the old Herndon house, now the Union Pacific headquarters, when J. E. Baird, secretary of the club, was proprietor. The safe was nightly made the headquarters of the party, and the committee will suspend the key above its desk as a mascot.

SHIELDS AND THE GAMBLERS

Not a Single Record of Conviction to His Credit.

DISMISSES THROUGH GUILT IS CONCLUSIVE

Lets Gamblers Dictate Their Paid Attorneys as His Deputies—Himself Retained by Gamblers.

When The Bee characterized the candidacy of George W. Shields for re-election as county attorney as "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial" it took only half the time to try to hoodwink half the public by posing as the irreconcilable prosecutor of criminals, and particularly of all connected with gambling or gamblers. The fact is Shields has been playing a masquerade from the moment he was nominated a year ago. The convention which named him on the fusion ticket at that time was dominated by a gang of gamblers and their satellites. The committee which handled his campaign was made up of the gambling fraternity, while on the other side he was elected by the gamblers. Shields is trying to hoodwink half the public by posing as the irreconcilable prosecutor of criminals, and particularly of all connected with gambling or gamblers. The fact is Shields has been playing a masquerade from the moment he was nominated a year ago. 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