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## Mr. Bryan in the Philippines

At the reception given at Bacolod, Negros, January 5, Senor Joaquin Jorlich spoke as follows:
"Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and distinguished party-Gentlemen:
"The people of Bacolod and the province in general, through me, have today the honor of greeting their distinguished visitors, giving to them all a most cordial and sincere welcome, and very especially to the illustrious leader of the democratic party who has deigned to grant us the high distinction of his visit
"Mr. Bryan has doubtless noticed since he set foot on Filipino soil that the people of the islands received him as if he were an old and beloved friend.
"There is nothing strange in this; ond of the most striking qualities of the Filipino is gratitude, even though his enemles and detractors assert the contrary. The Filipino people know that Mr, Bryan has been and is a sincere champion of the Filipino ideals and interests in America, and this little suffices to make all here, without distinction, receive him today with open arms and with hearts swelling with joy.
"His visit today to this province gives us the satisfaction of knowing him personally as well as the opporments tow expressing our true sentipeople, to whom we North American our humble voice through the make nel of our illustrious visitor. "The Filipino people can. to thank Providence which not fail pointed to them the good fortun apbeing under the protection fortune of aoble and powerful stars and of the "No one familiar with the history and the constitution of North Amer ica can fail to admire the spirit of its most liberal insticutions.
is not in every way Philippines bill rinciples which that constitution reathes, and it is also constitution the government administration there xist certain prejudices which find to place in so wise a constitution; we hope will be rectified in time and hrough the education of the people "To deny that the FIllpino people aspire to independence in the future would be to deny the light of the sun
day. But in spite of this aspiration, we understand that peoples, like men, in order to be inde pendent must necessarily pass in strictly chronological order, through different stages, which they can not traverse by leaps and bounds. Nor do we fail to realize that the liberty, great or small, which may be granted to a people, must be in direct relation to the state of their culture. "Our ambition is just and within the bounds of reason and logic. We wish independence through evolution because we understand that a people, differing from another in race and in its ethnographical and ethnological conditions, can never be governed with justice and equity except by itself; and this, bscause the pride of superiority will always dominate the gov erning race to the detriment of the governed, and the latter will never be happy. Some of the congressmen and senators who were here a short time ago have said in Washington that the Flifinino people are growing away from the American people. That statement is by no means as clear as it should
"The Filipino people, by virtue of being a tropical race, are very sensiwith which they same impetuosity benefactor, they hate and admire a "The American people have brought us in the Philippines many thingigh great value; they have bestowed upon us many benefits and have granted did not enjor: bu which formerly we among enjoy; but it is also true that brought some evils: things they have fits there evils; among the bene brambles certaine sprung up like among the many liberties conceded and them yrants have arisen to restrict have Therefore, the Filipino people have grown away from the bad Amer cans, but in no way from the Ameri tude and to whom we owe but grat "We love.
despise those who who love us and ver defective our despise us. How hay have been, it has left in our befits a people of of dignity which "Unforteople of culture.
not all those w, in the Philippines, icans possess who are here as Amer the Amerion the nuble sentiments of
mire and love, for we would be con temptible did we through the fault hate an ontire restion which has been and is lending us its aid.
"Our illustrious visitor has proo positive of my assertion. The Fllipino people, without knowing him person ally, receive him with open arms and as to an old and beloved friend open to him their hearts, telling him their troubles.

This is the Filipino people, these are their real feelings towards the people of North America
"We trust that these prejudices may disappear in time, as these two races destined to live together, continue on the road of mutual sympathy and better understanding.
tion, with regard to our present situa fon, with an administrative stand point, although we are, relatively bet there are in the present government many defects which merit censure.
"Against such defects we shall con tinue to struggle so long as the Phil ippines shall not possess a legislative body which shall know better than that of today the needs and cond tions of this people.
At present we have no legislative body but the civil commission, com posed of three Filipino members, with out portfolios, and four America members with them. The latter mem know the country in its inside phases, clearly can never dictate laws which are adapted to the circumstances and conditions of the people.
"The Philippine archipelago is very diverse in its ethnographical and ethnological conditions, and, there fore, it is very difficult to frame a necessities, unless one to its genera rate and profound knowled an accusituation and conditions of each the every one of the thirty-some province which form the archipelago.
"Another of the greatest
which we observe in the presefect ernment is the inequality and lack justice in the appointments of lack of ment positions, as between Filipino and Americans, with the exception the judiciary which is the department most evenly distributed.
"In the civil commission and in the ipino is not in the majority, neither

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