

of the Filipinos. Nevertheless the members had not abandoned their original aspiration for independence, and therefore he moved that the Filipino delegates to the congress of the United States be instructed to present the question to that body whenever an opportunity was offered. The members of the progreata, or minority party, asked permission to abstain from voting, which was granted. All the nationalists then voted in favor of the resolution."

When Dr. Charles W. Elliot retired as president of Harvard University he was presented with a purse containing \$150,000 contributed by the alumni of the University.

At a meeting of Iowa state bankers, held in Council Bluffs, Congressman Walter I. Smith said that the bankers would better prepare for the enactment of a guaranteed deposits law and the postal savings bank.

Dr. Samuel Avery has been formally elected chancellor of the Nebraska State University.

C. M. Clark of Lincoln, Neb., is circulating a petition of which the following is a copy: "The undersigned hereby petition congress and the president of the United States to enact an income tax law, taxing all incomes from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at the rate of one per cent, and one per cent additional tax for every \$5,000 additional income up to ten per cent on \$50,000, and ten per cent on all incomes over and above \$50,000; and that every legitimate effort be made to have the last supreme court decision on the constitutionality of the national income tax law reversed; and that the measure introduced by Senator Brown, providing for the amendment of the constitution so as to legalize such a law, be adopted by congress if necessary.

Mrs. Fay Irish of Thorp, Clark county, Wisconsin, gave birth to five babies, three daughters and two sons; all are alive and well.

A bill forbidding women to wear big hats was killed in the lower house of the Illinois legislature.

The national good roads congress, in session at Baltimore, was addressed by Vice President Sherman and Congressman John A. Maguire of Nebraska.

A federal grand jury at Cheyenne, Wyo., returned thirteen indictments charging conspiracy to defraud the government of thousands of acres of valuable coal land.

William Christie Herron, a noted world peace advocate, died at his home in Cincinnati, aged 66.

Japan is greatly disturbed because of the sugar fraud recently exposed. The names of some fifty members of the Japanese parliament have been connected with bribery charges.

The United States supreme court has decided that the Tennessee sheriff who failed to protect prisoners, who were then under the protection of the supreme court is guilty of contempt of court. Punishment will be applied later.

Secretary of War Dickinson has returned from his visit to Panama weak from the effects of illness.

The name of Former Secretary of War Jefferson Davis has been restored to the Cabin John Bridge, from which it was ordered erased, prior to the civil war.

Letters from the People

J. J. Miles, Ashland, Wis.—If we desire men to act independently we should strive to create conditions such that they may do so without fear of material injury to themselves. Self interest is first and we can't well avoid it. That old rule "He should take who has the power and he should keep who can," has concentrated wealth and power in the hands of the few in past ages and there is no reason to think it will operate differently in the future. If it is desirable to have the people rule we must champion some plan by which the wealth of the country will be controlled by the many instead of the few, and to begin with would suggest the revision of our monetary laws and customs.

Mrs. M. L. Hollingsworth, De Quean, Ark.—The questions of the last campaign have not been settled according to the standards of righteousness and it is the duty of every American citizen to press on toward higher moral and political standards. "Let the borders of democracy be enlarged and her stakes strengthened," even including the great problem of the saloon and its attendant evils, that are pressing to the front for solution. Let all reform elements unite, organize, educate and press on, and victory, even though long delayed will come.

J. L. Thurman, Kallispell, Mont.—How shall we outlive the contest that will hasten the victory that must come to the people? The party needs newspapers that represent fundamental democracy. To have and to hold and to know that they are to remain with and under the party management and not pass into the hands of the interests, will give strength and confidence to democracy.

George H. Abbott, Soldier, Idaho.—What course shall the democratic party pursue in order to succeed? Go straight forward. Continue to champion the cause of the common people; the man vs. the dollar, without injustice to the dollar; the cause of democracy against plutocracy, without change of principle or purpose, and thus deserve success, and sooner or later success will crown our efforts, or this greatest modern experiment in republican government will prove a failure, and the lovers of liberty throughout the world will grovel in sack-cloth and ashes. Imperialism is rampant in the land and has grown much faster than in ancient Rome, as steam and electricity is faster than the caravan, and for the same cause, inordinate wealth, luxury and extravagance, but the Rubicon has not yet been passed, and let us hope that at the passage in this case the ballot box, the people will repel the imperator. Democratic principles are as immortal as the love of liberty in the hearts of men. We can rely on that love in full confidence. Whether Mr. Bryan will ever be president or not—though some six millions of freemen would rejoice to place him in that high office—he is immortal as the great apostle of the rights of the common people, and let us hope that he will live many years and continue available to lead us out of the wilderness of sin when the forty years of wandering shall be over. He can well afford to say, "I would rather be right than to be president."

J. E. McComas, Carpenter, O.—The democratic party can never come in power. All the republicans have to do in a presidential election is to say, "you know what the Cleveland election did for the country," and that scares the voters back to the republican party.

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