The Commercial Phase of Imperialism.

A PHILOSOPHIC ARGUMENT.

Shall Our Government Be a Re- their own ground. public or an Empire?

Vast Pleets and Armies Must Be Built and Raised - Our Farmers and Workers Would Be Compelled to Compete With the Products and and Raw Material Abundant - A

Special Washington Letter.

One of the very ablest of the young Democrats in congress is the Hon. William M. Howard of Georgia. He possegmes as fine a judicial and analytical mind as does any other man in public life. His besetting sin is his modesty, which perhaps, in this age of brass ought to be accounted a virtue. He is \* fine illustration of the truth of the old adage that "still water runs deep." He represents the district formerly represented by Judge Lawson, who was universally regarded as one of the ablest men in the house.

committee on foreign affairs by Hon. I got acquainted with him at an early day in his congressional career and learned to value his great qualities at

Our Motives Honorable.

many other problems not yet suggested ture. by this new and strange relation, allen After 20 pages of close reasoning Mr. commerce, driving every rival from her to the spirit of 1776 and repugnant to Howard sums up the situation in a market and every dollar of this trade the Declaration of Independence and most interesting fashion. It is well was profit how does the account stand?

"The decision to go to war with Spain not err therein." Here it is: was suddenly made notwithstanding conquest for commercial gain. The honor and prosperity in peace. change of purpose was as radical as it . "Let me now assume that the greater

rope might not bear her cries while we fleet of warships about our Asiatic stastripped her of the Philippines. It is tion. no wonder, then, that the succeeding "American money is invested in Chichapter in our history was written in na: American citizens have large inter- commercial power in the world and if the Delphic phrases. Who will haul ests there. The critical moment ar- every dollar of that commerce went in-

in the United States who believe they high as the volcano of Taal. The trig- for government of \$500,000,000, \$150,the expansion of our commerce and whoever our allies may be, sooner or who for the sake of this supposed ad- later our base is an object of attack. vantage will justify and defend a poli- To resist successfully it must prove ey which results in the permanent re- stronger than the assault. tention of these islands.

Republic or Empire!

cuss the question of commercial expansion involved in this new condition from a purely commercial standpoint of profit and loss. Whether it is desirable that grave questions of constitutional government should ever be considered from the standpoint of commercial gain, the fact is that every male citizen in the United States, not legally disqualified, is by virtue of his power to vote a lawmaker, and whether he will preserve existing institutions or overturn them is a matter of his own will, and those who would overturn settled policies must be met at the threshold of such a controversy on

empire, the people will be responsible most liberal in the world WHAT IMPERIALISM WILL ENTAIL. for that, and, this being so, it is the part of wisdom to talk about the things limit of the possibilities for commercial

> ment in the islands." Here Mr. Howard inserts some tables their manufactures. of figures showing exactly the imports "But the wheatfields of China and Siof the Philippines from all the coun- beria are nearer than our great westports of the archipelago to these same ic labor, with whose low wages our facts as stated by him in his opening ton fields of China are white with Asi-

Facts to Consider.

In the Fifty-fifth congress Howard wise and unjust to the people of these cotton out. When you have cut the and I were both placed on the great islands, and in its last analysis the Nicaragua canal, Indian cotton is still competition is that of the cooly con-Thomas Brackett Reed; consequently tract labor with the free labor of the States in the production of sugar and does not really compete with it. Their for iron and steel in our new domain, their true worth. He is very much dis- best tobacco is better than ours and and Russian, Siberian, Sumatran and posed to hide his light under a bushel. hence does not compete, but they now Chinese oil is still in the hands of the but gradually members on both sides raise and will raise still more of a old or a new Standard Oil company, of the house are coming to understand grade of tobacco which is not better who finds it cheaper to plug up Amerithat he is one of the really forceful than ours that will compete with us. can wells and supply China from Chi-

haracters in congress. In the Porte "Nor will it do to say that the cane nese and other nearby wells. And now to five or six dollars a head. We also Rican debate the subject was discussed and beet sugar industry of the states for the first time the American farmer, remember that under the succeeding from every conceivable standpoint ex- yields so small a per cent of the total the American miner and the American republican administration some of cept the commercial. Howard made a consumed that our industries will not factory band learn that trade does not great speech on the commercial phase be affected. The price of our sugar is follow the flag, but that capital does, "Mr. Chairman, we are now perhaps the beet sugar industry in the United the tax as best it can to fly the flag in well beyond the sentimental stage of States promises in the future to supply a foreign land. our victory over Spain, and thoughtful our bome market. Germany and people are no longer willing to solve France not only supply their home the problems that confront us as the market, but export largely of beet sug- has gone where he can practice impe- can administration. According to relegacy of that war by the patriotic ex- ar. The fact is that beet sugar sup- rialism, where labor is cheap, raw maclamation. Who will haul down the plies two-thirds of the sugar consumed terial abundant and men must work, Clevelandism sent prices booming. flag? nor will they accept as an accu- in the world, and the adaptability of but shall not vote. The great valley of while republicanism sent them down rate measurement of our responsibili- sections of the west and the south to the Mississippi is listless, and the plains ties the mystical solution that it is its production promises some relief of the great west seem bare. But the

"Whether the inhabitants of Porto "Cotton was formerly grown in the compete with the contract cooly labor Slice and the Philippine Islands are cit. Philippines and may be grown there of tropical Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba lasers of the United States, or whether again, and, while you add this industry and the Philippines. The south may republican form of government, or crease the production of a staple the to tobacco. For what? To compete whether the tariff and excise tax laws price of which, when a normal crop is with Cuban and Philippine tobacco. apply equally to all the territory of the made in the United States, is below the "What, then, does the balance sheet United States, or whether these islands cost of production, bringing distress show? The total import and export may be held perpetually as colonies and want to many of the people now trade of China for a year does not exwithout the right of statehood, and dependent upon that branch of agricul- ceed \$250,000,000. Now, if the United

"a wayfaring man, though a fool, can-

A Look Into the Future.

the long continued existence of the "If the powers in China act in concauses which we proclaimed as justify- cert in excluding all commerce except ing hostilities, and the public mind was their own, the question is fairly preas little prepared for the ready compresented whether we are sufficiently powbension of the consequences of victory erful to overcome their resistance by counts every dollar of their trade as as was our government for the conflict, owning the Philippines. I take it that profit, and the sheet is balanced against and it was therefore but natural that in our generation no American govern. us by \$175,000,000. the hysteria of our exultation should ment would inaugurate a war in a be prolonged by mysticism on the part large sense offensive against England. of those who conceived that the golden Germany, Russia and France. The opportunity was present to convert a question will not admit of argument. war begun for bumanity into one of In that contingency we would discover responsibilities of our new obligations.

was sudden and involved our plighted probability is from the relation befaith to the world and with each other. tween these powers that they may present appropriation and double the enolyment of their liberty, property, "No matter that Europe was not de- quarrel among themselves, and if we ceived. We ourselves believed that our | were in possession of the Philippines motives were honorable and that we we should have an opportunity to be 000. fought to restore peace and establish drawn into the quarrel on more favorliberty where despotism was reveling able terms than those just supposed, in a carnival of death. In July, when and with the fortunes of war more the blood of our heroes was yet wet on, evenly balanced we could better afford San Juan bill, we spurned the sugges- its risks, and in this more hopeful view tion of indemnity as a taint upon our we keep the Philippine Islands. We government \$500,000,000, or twice what honor, and in December, at Paris, we will fortify and garrison the best harwere stiffing the protest of our pros- bors, build drydocks, equip coaling stafrate foe with a bribe of gold that Eu- tions, build repair shops and keep a gate of all the commerce of China, the

down the fing? 'It is our destiny' and rives, the diplomatic triggers are set, to the pockets of American citizens as we scan the situation and make choice profit. "It is not my purpose to enter at this of sides, with whom or in what partic-

> We Overtake Our Destiny. "Should our base be destroyed we are

"Waiving all considerations of right at least crippled. It may lead to de- Philippines." and wrong involved in the policy of re- feat. If so, we withdraw gracefully, tention and passing the question of the pay the indemnity and console ourconstitutional power to maintain a co- selves as best we may and curse the losial system and of the resultant ef- bour we took the Philippines. If we feet on our republican form of govern- win, a port of China is the reward. ment of a colonial system, I shall dis- We select a port and whatever more

may be agreed on. We fortify and garrison the port and garrison the territory taken. The Asiatic fleet must be enlarged, our new dependency governed. We are a world power now. We must aid in maintaining peace if peace be profitable or in waging more war if war promises the greater ad-

"The Philippines were only the step- Independent American. ping stone in the march. Our ships must outnumber our factories if we would be respectable in the company we keep and our soldiers outnumber our voters if we would not have troufor it; if it is to be converted into an list extravagant, the pension list the County Sun.

Farmer and Worker Injured. "Our army is larger than ever; the some of the people are thinking about. white squadron is to be seen in every It is safe to say that if the commerce sea, our flag in every zone. What have with the Philippine Islands was the we accomplished for our commerce? We have added Porto Rico, Cuba, the kind was made eighteen months ago expansion in the east the question of Philippine Islands, a province or more and similar predictions have followed their permaneut retention would have in China, and if it was Russia that suc-Labor of China and Siberta-Capi- been settled long ago against such a cumbed in the conflict we will take tal Will Go Where Labor Is Cheap policy. The average annual aggregate some of her Siberian territory, or if it of the imports and exports of the is- was England we shall add islands in Careful Study of a Great Question. lands for a period of ten years, ending Australasia, or if it was France we with the year 1896, is \$33,000,000. If shall take some of her possessions, prefevery dollar of this commerce was with erably in Africa, and should Germany anxious to buy them at that. Six years the United States and every dollar of be the unfortunate one we will despoil of "fusion" state management has init was profit, it would not pay the ex- her in the Pacific. This, then, is our creased the value of our warrants to penses of a civil and orderly govern- gain for commerce, for our surplus a premium. And yet republican camwheat, cotton, oil, iron and steel and

> tries of the world as well as the ex- ern plains, and they are tilled by Asiatcountries, perfectly substantiating the wheat growers would starve. The cotatic staple, and the cotton of India is nearer than that of America, and by "If this is wise for us, just to our la- the law of cheaper products and boring element, a contrary policy is un- cheaper transportation keeps America: cheaper in your new possessions in China than American.

> "The coal and iron of China, develtobacco. It is no reply to say that the oped by European and American monisland tobacco, being better than ours. ey and skill, are supplying the demand fixed by the price of theirs. Besides, and leaves dear labor at home to pay

> Where Is the Imperialist? from the unprefitable production of will reduce the acreage in wheat and seed to the sugar beet. For what? To

States absorbed every dollar of this

unprovided for in the constitution, are written, it is good reading, and it makes "For the year 1901 recommended apquestions too vital too momentous, to the eastern situation so plain that even propriations for our army are \$128,000,-,000 and for our navy \$75,000,000, a total of \$203,000,000, taking no account of pensions incident to the Spanish and Philippine war. Add to this sum the past cost of the war, \$250,000,000, and allow for the commerce of the Philippines and Porto Rico \$30,000,000, which

The Old Way and the New. "But the army is to be permanently increased, and the navy is to be built to proportions commensurate with the If you double the existing navy, which will make us then only a fourth rate present army, and you at least double and religion.' the present appropriation to \$400,000,-

"In other words, an army and navy adequate for the requirements, with the attendant increase of pensions, civil government and unforeseen expenses. will add to the cost of running this it cost us in 1897, before the war with Spain, or twice as much as the aggre-Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii if every dollar of their commerce was with us to the exclusion of every other

### Our Exchange Table

William G. Curtis in his New York letter to the Chicago Record, says: 'A canvass of the compositors in the New York Herald office last night resulted: Bryan, 106; McKinley, 16; Woolley, 1; undecided, 8. Four years vantage. We have attained to national ago about this time a similar canvess manhood. We have at last overtaken practically among the same men re-our destiny. sulted: McKinley, 64; Bryan, 37."—

Don't ask W. S. Morlan, the repubican candidate for congress, just what he would do under certain circumstances in case he should be elected. He does not know. Being, how-"If this government is to remain a ble with our republican institutions. ever, the candidate of the Hannacrats. republic, the people will be responsible The taxes are burdensome, the civil he will do as they dictate.-Nuckolls

> When "Honest Si" Holcomb was first elected governor of Nebraska state warrants were hawked about at 92 cents on the dollar, and nobody was paign writers are trying to deceive the people into the belief that "the fusionists are dishonest." Vote for Governor Poynter and continue the present business-like administration of state affairs.-Kearney New Era-Standard.

> If an American laborer wishes to compete with 10,000,000 six-cents-perday wage earners he should not hesitate to vote for McKinley and his imperial policy.-Holt County Indepen-

> The Standard Oil company has issued another dividend bringing the total of the last nine months up 38 per cent on a hundred millions of capital.

> A sheep man was boasting Saturday evening of the good prices of sheep and wool under this republican administration. Some of us older men remember that under the first republican administration the lowa farmthose same farmers killed a good there being no market for them, and no profit in keeping them .- The Yeo-

We've seen hogs \$7 a hundred under "Where is the imperialist now? He Cleveland, and \$1.90 under a republipublican philosophy this indicates that low.-The Yeoman.

Fusionists must look well to their principle this year and not be led astray by any sentimental sympathy for any republican candidate for the legislature. There are two United States senators to elect this year, and the constitution guarantees to them a to those existing in the islands, you in- reduce her acreage of cotton and sow they must not be of the g. o. p. brand.

> "Be it enacted, etc., that when all insurrection against the sovereignty and be defeated. There should be a genauthority of the United States in the eral cleaning out of the gang at Wash-Philippine islands, acquired from ington, that would betray this repubthe treaty concluded at Paris on the lic "-Governor Pingree. 10th day of December, 1898, shall have been completely suppressed by the military and naval forces of the Unit- drove up to the minister's house with ed States, all military, civil, and ju- a young woman, to whom he desired dicial powers necessary to govern the to be married. When the ceremony said islands shall, until otherwise pro- was concluded and the minister's fee vided by congress, be vested in such came up, the happy man discovered person and persons, and shall be ex- that he had left his money in his othercised in such manner, as the presi- er trousers. dent of the United States shall direct for maintaining and protecting the innaval power, you double at least the habitants of said islands in the free \$5." said the parson.

> > not an issue. The president devotes two-thirds of his letter of acceptance to that issue. Must be something in it when it takes such a long defense. -Teller Democrat.

It may have cost the republicans a

rebound in votes to their cause. In that can be obtained—the kind that Review. "Contrast the old way with the new, the days when populism was young time into a discussion of any of the ular combination the emergency will and how stupendous is the folly of it' the writer heard Mrs. Lease speakproblems which the permanent reten determine. If we win, we shall have During a century of peace, leading the nobler, better thoughts, more eunotion of Porto Rico and the Philippines a port, a sphere of influence, of our national life planned for us by our fa- bling sentiments were never uttered. involves except that of commercial ex- own. The prize is a rich one. We are thers, our export trade has reached in those days she spoke from the pansion. There are now many people eager for it. We pile coal in Luzon as \$1,252,903,987, at a maximum expense heart and what she knew to be true; she spoke from principle and not for see in the annexation of Cuba and the gers are spring. War is on. Luzon is 000,000 of which is paid in pensions Mary Ellen Lease of old—and who is pelf. Today no one-who knew the permanent retention of Porto Rico and the base of American operations, and and purchases no service for the gov- not an absolute fool-can believe that the Philippines vast opportunities for whatever the combination we are in, ernment, and now it is proposed to she is now advocating. She is doing abandon the ways of peace and con- so for money-or revenge-and the quer trade with force, and we increase spectacle is enough to make the an- are retailed everywhere at 25 cents gathering. If a pond or river is not the north-east quarter of section 2, town 10. the expense of government from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 for the sake of
the opportunity to conquer the commerce of China, Porto Rico and the
Philippines."

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The sides of the troughs, the boards
the sides of parafine wax. the expense of government from \$500,- gels weep. Everything she once ar- each. If you want one invite your accessible, it is perfectly easy to man- range 6, in Lancaster County, Nebraska, to se earnest and honest then—and draw a veil over her conduct of today. Her work can do not harm to our cause. There is no more effective out easily. Ice so manufactured is per cent from the 27th day of April, 1892, and out easily. Ice so manufactured is purer and more satisfactory than the decreed to be sold to satisfy the amount due It can only be of benefit. Let us have Office of the Nebraska Mercantile Mu-

General Otis has taken charge of the department of the lakes, with his military headquarters established at Chicago. He still continues, however, to prophesy an "early peace" in the Philippines. His first prophesy of this every three or four weeks since .-Ithaca Democrat.

-The Benkleman Chronicle.

Continuously republican speakers and republican newspapers deny that there is any intention on the part of their executive, or their law-makers to embark upon the uncertain sea of imperialism. Their executive has given symptoms enough of designs in that direction to convince men of ordinary caution. If what he has done and said is not sufficient, the bill introduced at istration, should settle all doubt. Here it is. It is known as the Spooner bill:

the Spooner bill was not passed at the gamble with yer. I'll wait a year, an' last session of congress. It was held if this pans out O. K. I'll give ye \$10 otherwise have been able to resist. But supply is well known. This applies as up so the people might be fooled by an' if it doan't-" He smiled .- San behind these causes there lies another | well to any place where running wafurther promises, but if Mckinley is Francisco Wave. indorsed by a re-election, this strictly imperialistic measure will become a law.-Sioux Falls Press.

an selling her principles for money .- | 660.

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Saunders County Journal

Gen. Lew Wallace, the author of 'Ben Hur." or the story of a Christ. has renounced the McKinley cast of of the beautiful characteristics of a Christ life as he can, and weave them into life like characters as he did, can see no traits of Christianity in the man who would Christianize the world with Mauser rifles and gatling guns The writer who can picture the wrongs of Roman imperialism as he can will see no teachings of the lowly Nazarine in the policy of imperialism. McKinley is a marked feature of the spirit the last session of congress by Senator of government pictured in the scenes Spooner, at the instance of the admin- that made a galley slave of Ben Hur. -Keith County News.

"The republican party deserves to

In Cripple Creek a sturdy miner

What's your usual fee?" he asked. Sometimes we get \$2, sometimes "Then thar ain't no usual about it.

decided the happy man, quickly add-Because an election was coming on, ing: "Tell ye what I'll do, mister; I'll

Having worked four days without on the track and is killed by a train. Republicans said imperialism was Query: Was it murder or suicide?-New York World.

For a club of three campaign subscriptions at 15 cents each we send as Ohio farms, was almost totally dea premium a genuine photograph but- stroyed by fly and weather conditions ton, elegantly finished and durably combined, the number of plants atgood round sum to secure the services mounted of the size shown in the cut of Mary Ellen Lease-more than will above. It is the best quality of button



ity let us conclude that she was in to increase the circulation of The In- receive a dressing of parafine wax,

forgiveness for her and pity for the tual Insurance Company is 1241 O St. and streams.—Farmers' Review.

### The Farm

politics. The man who can conceive tions, not exceeding 200 words, are solicited of the beautiful characteristics of a from practical men and women on matters pertaining to the farm, stock raising, fruit growing.

> Farming should not be made so hard as to drive away from it all of the best young men of the country. Farmers should not give themselves up to a life of unrewarded toil. They should take time to improve their lands and buildings and they should take an occasional holiday. In short, farmers work too much and think too little. What they need is development of mind along with development of muscle. It is not the strong hand and hard muscle that will bring success. but the intelligent brain along with these other things. The farmer of the future should give a large part of his time to study, thought and recreation .- J. D. Wixom, Seneca county, N. white clover, will make good feed for Y., in Farm and Home.

SUGGESTIONS TO WHEAT GROW-ERS.

Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, is genermuch loss, not only by destruction outright of many plants in the fall. but by so weakening the vitality of others that they succumbed to weather conditions which they would station, in which wheat on new land streams. has, this year, yielded nearly 40 bushels to the acre, without fertilizers, whereas unfertilized wheat on land that has been, for sixty or seventy years, under such cultivation as is practiced on a large proportion of tacked by the fly being in both cases approximately the same.-Farmers'

Before the advent of cold weather every dairyman should see that he has a good place for the storage of ice. purer and more satisfactory than the ice that is obtained from small ponds

Skim-milk is not only a valuable

food for chicks, but it also increases the power of the chicks to consume and use other food. That is, the young chickens will ear more of other [This department will be run in the interest food by reason of having had the of Nebraska Farmers, and short communicaskim-milk. This effect is just the opposite of what might be expected, for having received the milk it might reasonably be supposed that less of other food would be demanded. It is evident that the digestive organs of the chicks are stmulated by the kind of food mentioned. This is a great gain to the poultry raiser for it enables him to bring his fowls to maturity at an earlier age than where the chicks are given meals and grains only. It is, however, worthy of note that the skim milk becomes of less value as the chicks grow older, and if the steady gain is to be maintained meat in some form must be substituted later on .-Farmers' Review.

SAVE THE LAWN CLIPPINGS. The lawn clippings, especially if they contain a large proportion of the laying hens the coming winter. The clippings which fall before the lawn mower should be raked up. It this is not done they will in time form, The almost unparalleled destruction | a mat on the ground and smother out of the wheat crop of 1900, throughout the grass. After a day's curing in the sun they should be gathered up and ally ascribed chiefly to the Hessian fly, packed in loose sacks and put away and undoubtedly this insect has caused in a dry place. They make excellent bulky feed for the hens in winter.

That the preservation of trees in regions dependent upon irrigation a most important feature of water which must not be lost sight of, ter is desired. Little water sinks into namely, the exhaustion of soil fertil- hills and slopes which have been deity. The importance of this factor is nuded of their trees, while letting out a stop, a brakeman falls exhausted shown in the experiments of the Ohio the water through springs and

Gold Medal for Sharples

The P. M. Sharples Cream Separator Co. of West Chester, Pa., has received notice from the Paris exposition authorities stating that the Sharples Separators have been awarded the gold medal at the exposition, which is another proof that American manufacturers and American workmanship lead the world.

Fred Shepherd, Attorney.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS When we say "every dairyman" we whose first name is unknown, Samuel L. Rife, do not mean only those that make a and Mrs. Samuel L. Rife, whose first name is business of dairying, but we mean all unknown will take notice that on the 17th day of September, 1900, Hannah L. Abbott, adminthat make enough butter to require istratrix, plaintiff herein, filed her petition in facilities for keeping. We believe that the district court of Lancaster County, Nebrastoo few farmers pay attention to the ka against said defendants et al, the object and prayer of which are to foreclo storage or crystal cold. Yet ice is a mortgage made by Ephraim Rife and wife thing that can be had for the mere Saville C. Rife, to Wm. M. Abbott, upon lot 1:

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 4th day of November, 1900.

Dated September 17, 1900.

HANNAH L. ABBOTT, Administratrix By her attorney, Fred'k Shepherd.