

THE WOMEN ARE PATRIOTIC

Neligh Woman Retorts the Attack on the Declaration of Independence

Made by Miss Sada Harris. Some time since The Independent published a letter from Mrs. Cary Berryman in answer to the denunciation of the Declaration of Independence in an article that appeared in the Lincoln Courier.

Mrs. Cary Berryman.—Dear Madam: Your letter of September 6th is a timely indignation. I am a resident of the Nebraska Independent. I am proud of your heroic stand for the Declaration of Independence.

I am a mother of two sons. I want to join your federation of woman's clubs. Now I have a proposition to make to you and the educational sisterhood of this state and all states. It is that every mother, every homemaker and every girl twenty years old and above will ballot this coming election and by vote show to this country their sentiments.

Since we are classed with the feeble-minded, we cannot vote with our husbands—consequently let us mothers "girl" ourselves with this spirit of independence that our ancestral grandmothers handed down to us.

Mr. Roosevelt has just declared that the Philippine islands are soaked with the blood of "our" boys, therefore it is our duty to stop it.

We can vote in every precinct, thereby making an effort to save the blood of our boys, who have not been attacked by any foreign enemy, the only excuse for bloodshed.

USURPATION

McKinley Shoots Filipinos, Burns Their Towns and Ravages Their Coast

Editor Independent: Lately I had a pleasant talk with a well-to-do republican farmer of this county in discussing the Filipino subject. I stated that under our Declaration of Independence we should have the republicanism platform of May 1860, both of which declare in the same words for the equality of rights of all men and for government deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

The gentleman in reply to all this said that those principles of mine were like the old-time wooden plows that were in common use in this country. But they have been done away with and now we have better ones made of iron and steel.

Managers do is right and will stand. But the doing away of those great principles has never yet been approved by the people and I think never will. In fact McKinley and his party managers have found that the people upon the whole are opposed to them in this matter and are now trying to conceal their real designs therein until after election.

My friend, the republican farmer above spoken of and thousands of others are honestly mistaken in another thing. They are mistaken in supposing that the aforesaid great principles have been or can be supplanted by anything or things better. The substitute that the McKinley administration seeks to interpose for them is imperialism—the government of other peoples as colonies without their consent.

A famous example of the results of this kind of government is seen in the long continued miserable existence of India under the imperial rule of the British government. If our forefathers had not risen up and proclaimed the aforesaid great principles of liberty and fought them out in the most bloody desperation as they did, this country would now be under the same miserable subjection to British colonial rule as India is.

The Filipinos are now engaged in a most desperate struggle for the same principles for which our forefathers fought, the same exactly that I mentioned to my friend, the republican farmer. The Filipinos have the intelligence to know that any administration of government that will follow them up with such savage and bloody ferocity for the sake of ruling them as is being done by this administration, would rob them into the condition of dependent bondsmen if they should surrender.

President McKinley in his late letter of acceptance of renomination says: "It will be seen that the power of the government has been used for the liberty, the peace and the prosperity of the Philippine people."

Look at it! Did any hypocrisy before God and man ever equal this? For the one purpose of doing the Philippine peoples good, this administration kills some 20,000 of them, keeps that country under the desolation of a most terrible war two years, sacrifices the lives of some thousands of our own soldiers, taxes our own people some hundreds of millions of dollars, and is going to make further sacrifices of all those kinds to an unknown amount just to do the Filipinos good as the president claims.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

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KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

Two-thirds of it is occupied in defending his dolings at the Philippines. In this he makes a clean case against himself. He discloses the fact that from first to last, even before the Spanish-American treaty was made, and before the surrender of Manila by the Spaniards, he, McKinley, had notice from the Filipino leaders that the Filipinos intended to govern their own country even if it had to be done at the cost of war with the United States.

All this effort of the administration to enter upon colonial rule is exceedingly expensive to our own people, is outside of the constitution and in violation thereof, and tends to substitute imperial power in place of our own republican government. It is rank usurpation and revolutionary in its nature. It is a false pretense to say as Mr. McKinley does that its object is to give liberty, peace and prosperity to any people.

Born of the same spirit and purpose is the oppression of the Porto Ricans, holding them aloof from statehood, and the long postponement of Cuban independence.

Northwest for Bryan

One of the oldest traveling men on the road who was at the Lincoln hotel yesterday, gave it as his opinion that Bryan would carry, not only those states which are generally accredited to the silver forces, but also Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana. He was certain that the city of Chicago would give Bryan a handsome majority, but possibly not sufficient to offset the republican vote in the remainder of Illinois.

"I have been pretty well over Wisconsin and Minnesota," said J. R. Whiteside of Memphis, who travels through all of the middle western states, and I am convinced that the Germans of Wisconsin and the Scandinavians of Minnesota will vote for Bryan in such numbers that the electoral votes of the two states will go in the silver column.

"The sentiment is remarkable. I met many prominent men who admitted that the state would go to Bryan. Among them were two government officials whom I encouraged on my way to Chicago from Milwaukee. They were not in favor of him, as might be imagined, for they were maintaining the fact that he would carry Wisconsin.

Wyoming Safe

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 21.—After making careful polls of the state to determine its political status in the impending campaign, the republican managers have become thoroughly alarmed. The canvass was made through the local committees in the different counties, and these were aided by state and federal officers from Cheyenne who were sent over the state to arouse the local workers and disburse the necessary expenses connected with the work.

The first polls of the political preferences of Wyoming's voting population showed a good majority for the democratic ticket. This was unsatisfactory to Senator Warren. Accordingly a new canvass of the state was ordered, and a closer and more careful count made. This, under the whip and spur of the state committee, made a little better showing, but still the balance was on the wrong side of the g. o. p., and the whole combination has been in a state of panic ever since.

Every effort is being put forth to save the state to Hanna and Warren. A large sum has been appropriated by the national committee for this purpose. It is understood the first installment of the Wyoming fund already paid in is \$75,000 and that more will follow.

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"The old policy, of minding our own business and keeping peace with all nations, has done pretty well by us, and pretty well by the world. * * * Shall we descend from our high estate to mingle with the old world nations in their chattering diplomacies over the balance of power, and in the blood and mire of their perpetual wars? May the God of our fathers deliver us from so sad, so tragical an ending of the history begun in prayer and hope."—Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon.

"The Romans occupied Great Britain, and they occupied it hard upon four centuries, holding the people in 'utelage,' and protecting them against themselves, as well as against their enemies. With what result? * * * As nearly as can be historically stated, it took eight centuries for the people of England to overcome the injurious influence of four centuries of just such a system as is now proposed by us to inflict on the Philippines."—Hon. Charles Francis Adams.

"We can give the Malays and Negritos and Chinese nothing that we do not possess ourselves. The first shot fired by American soldiers at a people fighting for their independence, will be another 'shot heard around the world,' and will be a shot fired under the American flag against all that for which the flag stands. Let us, by some unequivocal declaration, show to the world, that we still possess, not only the spirit of '76, but the spirit of the first Christian message: 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"—Rev. William H. P. Faunce.

Still They Come

"In one precinct in Gage county the poll returned showed that out of forty Germans in the precinct who had voted for McKinley in 1896 thirty-six would vote for Bryan this year. This report was of such a character as to excite disbelief at headquarters, and an agent of the committee was sent down to investigate. He corroborated the poll in every particular. This extraordinary condition is simply cited to show the quick changes that are going on."—Chairman Edmisten.

"A year ago no one would have advocated our seeking to buy the Philippines at any price. I see no occasion now for our holding permanently by conquest what we should never have cared to acquire by purchase."—Simon E. Baldwin.

"Let us face the facts and the underlying problem. We speak with contempt of the Spanish title to the islands. What other title can we acquire by conquest? Next we must govern, either with or without the consent of the people. If with their consent, it must be expressed through republican forms; that is, by suffrage. Is there a man in America who wishes those seven millions of Malays, Negritos and Chinamen for fellow-citizens and joint rulers of this republic? But if we govern them without their consent, it must be by military occupation—by force; that is, by the Spanish method, though we shall not copy the Spanish cruelty. There is no third possibility: we must set up our home form of government—state or territorial—or we must have a governor general, backed by soldiers, and supported by a navy much more powerful than would be required for a mere protectorate, which does not require annexation or control."—Rev. Charles G. Ames.

For Debt and Armies

Editor Independent—I have been studying the platforms of the different parties and have come to the conclusion that the platforms of the democratic and the populist parties are based on the Declaration of Independence, while that of the republicans leads to war and an increase of the national debt, for war tends to debt. Those who oppose Bryan are not in favor of paying the national debt. G. L. BURGESS.

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