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THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 1900.

Dr. Rhodes Speaks.
It is seldom a people is treated to so fine a panegyric of reform buncombe as the historian of the pops, viz. Dr. Rhodes, gave to his people in last week's Chief. If that denunciation were scattered among the Boers it would equal to an army of 20,000 men. The pops should send it to Aguinaldo at once. Surely Dr. Rhodes is not a near relative of Cecil Rhodes. It would not be surprising if Dr. Rhodes should head an army and start afoot, like Coxey, across country to the aid of the Boers. Maybe however, he will remain to see if he can't be of more service to Aguinaldo in the next Nebraska legislature. The Dr. is fair in some of his statements; for instance he says: "The issues which will separate political parties this year have already been framed." Yes, very true; and not a single old time principle is left in these issues. Bryan has made the issue, and it will be old time democratic "alarms." Dr. Rhodes has been one of the "middle of the road" disciples until he aspired for the legislature, and since then he has swallowed Bryan, democracy and Aguinaldo, hides, hoofs and horns.

Rhodes talks just like Vanlandingham and Fernando Woods used to talk. The same things the Dr. says of McKinley, the above patriots of secession said about Lincoln. We would almost think the Dr. has been reading some of their old speeches. Just to think of it: After Bryan is defeated and the democrats have swallowed the pops then there will be no more "human freedom" and all "inalienable" rights will be gone. It makes one almost weep to think of the Dr. and all the pops in the belly of democracy, without any political "human freedom" and denied their inalienable rights to run for office and howl "alarms." The Dr. says: "It must be humiliating to a loyal American citizen to have it hinted that this nation has formed an alliance with Great Britain." Yes, it might be were the people not used to it; but like many other disagreeable things people consider the source of annoyance, and go on about their business. People learn to have great sympathy for men like the Dr. when their ailments become chronic. These periodical blow offs of the Dr. are about the only way he has of getting rid of the foul gasses which collect on his political stomach. Again, the Dr. says, "When this nation was in the throes of rebellion and disunion, it was Great Britain that gave comfort to the nation's enemy." Well! Here the Dr.'s democracy tripped itself. Great Britain aiding democracy during the civil war, and this democracy "the nation's enemy!" However, it was no worse for Great Britain to give comfort then to democracy than for the Dr. and his pop allies to give comfort to the same democracy today when they are in alliance with our nation's enemies. No doubt the Dr. wants the republican administration to take sides in the South African war and help the Boers. This would give him and democrats an opportunity to swing around on Washington's farewell address, about no "entangling alliances" with foreign countries. It is not right for the Dr. and democrats to be able to do nothing more than "hint" that there is an "entangling alliance." They want an alliance made, no matter what might be the consequence, so they can kick, just as Bryan wanted the treaty with Spain ratified so he could kick. The Dr. says again, "No nation has fought with greater tenacity the principles of republicanism than England." Now, if this were true, it is strange that

one of the first efforts at reform the pops made was to copy a law from an English government—the Australian ballot law. Strange that Australia, and Canada, and other English provinces do not start a demo-pop party, if they are so cruelly treated. Really we wonder if the Dr. ever read English history. The story of Raneymede and the long training our forefathers had in political rights while yet in England, were the basis of our Declaration of Independence. All the rights of revolution our forefathers set up were rights that Englishmen in England had acquired, and which even Great Britain now allows to her subjects. We suppose that it is true that wrongs still exist, but what promise have we of anything better from a party that appeals to the lowest passions of man for its strength? The next time the Dr. prescribes his political dose, we suggest that he gives it in homoeopathic pills. It is better to gently develop the disease, and when the people get somewhat used to his treatment, and see just how the thing is, then they can stand these strong allopathic injections.

Democratic Record.

About the only record democracy has left, or seems likely to have for many years to come, is a record of hard times and platforms filled with "alarms." Everything that has marked our history with progress has been opposed by democracy, and everything that has brought calamity has been under democratic rule. It would seem that sensible people would some time take precaution by past experiences and cease to trust a party with an unbroken record of failure. It is strange Mr. Bryan can see nothing wrong in the democratic policies of expansion. If ever the United States was engaged in an unholy war, it was when a democratic administration made war upon Mexico because she claimed the right to hold Texas from seceding. Texas was colonized by democracy with the expressed purpose to overrule the resident Mexicans and lead the territory into revolt. It was done also with the understanding to encourage and extend slavery. Mexico at that time had taken a step far ahead of democracy in the United States, and had freed her slaves. The abolition spirit in the north and the anti-slavery movement in Mexico, was too much of a menace to democracy, so a war was incited to antagonize the two countries and humiliate Mexico in behalf of a democratic American policy of slavery. President Jackson had offered Mexico \$5,000,000 for Texas, and would, no doubt have offered more had his propositions not been bluntly refused. Now comes one, Bryan, of democratic pedigree, and says we should not adopt an expansion policy that would necessitate a different condition of political policy. He knows that the democratic policy in wrestling Texas from Mexico, was for no other purpose than to fasten slavery upon us. A policy wholly foreign to a republic, and an insult to the Declaration of Independence. Texas came into the union a democratic rebel, and remained so till a republican administration transformed her conditions consistent with a free and republican government. Every expansion under democracy has been in the interests of un-American principles and policy, and no one knows it better than Bryan, unless he still approves of that policy, which cost our country so dearly in lives and money. He certainly knows that the struggles in Kansas, which were the beginning of the civil war, were all the results of democrats trying to force their un-American policies over the territory purchased by Jefferson. All the territory acquired by democracy became truly American, in spite of democracy, by republican loyalty to American liberty. Every foot of territory gotten by democracy was dedicated in their policy as a curse to the country, and a blow at the dignity and freedom of labor. Strange that soon this same democratic party should quote as a part of their plat-

form, the Declaration of Independence. Strange they should compare the Philippine islanders with our forefathers, unless they have forgotten that they were not all democrats.

The republican party is not taking from the inhabitants of the Philippine island, country, freedom, or opportunity. In fact it offers to them all these things in the only way they could hope to secure them peacefully. A party that is afraid to trust American loyalty and ability to carry our American principles over the world is not fit to represent American people, and should not be trusted upon its promises, or believed in its sudden profession of loyalty. The only true American policy is to carry our ideas of freedom to every people. The Declaration of Independence is eternal and universal truth. It is for all people, and the republican party has taken a grand step, and it will inspire every lover of our country with a higher faith and hope in our national destiny and duty.

A Democrat Reviews Judge (I) Rhodes

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—I attempted to answer the address of Judge (?) Rhodes, published in the Chief of Jan. 19, but found its senility so charlatanic that it would be time wasted. No respectable man should attempt to exchange epithets with a blatherkite, for he will only sink himself to the level of his opponent. A communication which is, as I believe, entirely devoid of truth, is not entitled to any serious consideration. All the charges made are empty and entirely harmless to anyone, and will only bring contempt upon their author. Calling men and nations robbers and pirates does not make them so. Judge, do you know the difference between a robber and a pirate? Permit me to ask the Judge (?) where he finds a scintilla of fact to base his grandiloquent address upon. What is your authority for saying "The McKinley administration is in league with Great Britain; is organized to destroy this God-given right" To what right do you allude? That this government has formed an alliance with Great Britain? Would not an alliance with the highest type of law abiding and equity loving people in the world be a desirable alliance? An alliance with Great Britain! If so is it not better than an alliance with the men for whom you will vote this fall—Boss Croker, Senator Clark of Montana, and Billy Bryan? "When this nation was in the throes of rebellion and disunion, it was Great Britain that gave aid and comfort to the nation's enemy." Are you not a little uncharitable to your ancient friend? Is it not the mass of men that were in rebellion that are your most active leaders now? Is Great Britain a despotic government? If so, when did she become so? I believe that a man who has worn the judicial ermine four years should have absorbed enough legal knowledge to know that the magna carta is the foundation upon which all constitutional governments are based; and that the common law of England is the substratum of all our personal rights. I believe your knowledge of history and of law are about equal, both represented by the figure 9 without a stem. What must have been the humiliation of a lawyer who was compelled to stand up before you and say, "Your Honor!"

To be very serious, Judge, not wishing the public to know it, that senatorial bee in your bonnet has addled your brains, and you have come to the point where I believe you are not responsible for your utterances.

A DEMOCRAT.

The movements of the British froes, so far has availed but little towards subduing the enemy. The Boers continue to keep a close watch of every move they make and are always ready to check them.

The majority of the committee appointed to investigate Quay's

right to a seat in the senate under the appointment of the governor has reported against seating him. We think the report of the majority should be sustained by the senate.

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