

Commoner Comment.

Extracts From W. J. Bryan's Paper.

Upsetting the Government.

Referring to the Porto Rico case now pending in the supreme court, Senator Spooner of Wisconsin recently predicted that the court's decision would support the administration's policy of imperialism. He based his prediction on the belief that "the supreme court will not dare to upset the government." What Senator Spooner meant was that the supreme court would not dare to upset the administration. Since we have assumed imperialistic habits we have unconsciously employed imperialistic phraseology. For instance, in the good old days when our republican form of government was jealously guarded, none thought of referring to the administration as the "government."

The fathers taught their children that the people and their constitution constituted the government, and that the men in immediate authority were but the servants of the people. A supreme court decision antagonistic to a policy of imperialism might upset the administration but would not upset the government. A decision supporting the administration's policy of imperialism would in truth and in fact upset the government. Not that there would be any disbanding of authority or crumbling of the national structure, but such a decision would upset the government as it was founded by the Washingtons and preserved by the Lincolns. It would upset the government as the American people have understood the government.

We have been taught that every man of whom this government requires allegiance, obtains in return the same privileges and immunities guaranteed to every other citizen.

We have been taught that there cannot be under our system of government any such thing as a subject.

We have been taught that the constitution is the fundamental law of the land; that in it the men in authority find their powers, and that where no powers are granted, no powers can exist.

We have been taught that there are three distinct branches of government: executive, legislative and judicial, and that one should not encroach upon the other.

We have been taught that tariff duties must be uniform throughout the United States and all places subject to their jurisdiction.

We have been taught that it is impossible for congress to lay an export tax.

A decision upholding the administration's policy would mean that the American people must learn their lessons over again.

It would mean that the government as we have learned it, and as the fathers founded it, would be completely upset and that a new government fashioned on imperialistic lines would take its place; it would be a government in which the executive possesses whatever arbitrary powers he may choose to assume; a government in which the congress is not controlled by the constitution; a government in which the judiciary is not bound by the fundamental law of the land; a government which may mean liberty to one man and despotism to another; a government which may give to one territory free trade with the states, and erect between the states and another territory a high protective wall; a government wherein citizens may be burdened with a tax upon the goods they export; a government which assumes authority over the people of Porto Rico while declining to recognize them as citizens of the United States and designating them as "citizens of Porto Rico"; a government in which slavery may, at the pleasure of the executive, thrive and flourish beneath a flag that has been dedicated and re-dedicated to the absolute freedom of men; a government, part of whose people are subjects; a government that is part slave and part free; a government comprising not a union of indestructible states and territories, each territory enjoying the hope of ultimately becoming a state, but a government comprising some states and some territories enjoying the privilege of ultimately becoming states, and some colonies specifically denied the right of entertaining such a hope, or realizing such an ambition.

This is the government as it would exist if the supreme court upheld the administration's policy of imperialism. The old government would in fact be "upset"; the old constitution, the old notions, the traditions of a century, the sentiments of an age, the lessons of generations, would all be "upset," and in their place the notions of kings, the sentiment of monarchs and a government of imperialism would be enthroned. Are not the American people justified in believing that Senator Spooner unwittingly told the truth when he said, "The supreme court will not dare to 'upset' the government."

Perhaps Mr. Morgan seeks to secure control of the ocean so as to have plenty of water for the proper dilution of his railroad and industrial stocks.

Possibly the supreme court is holding back on that Porto Rican decision in the hope that the crippled constitution will be able to overtake the flag.

Albert Williams of Michigan, one of the founders of the republican party, loses no opportunity to express his condemnation of the position taken by the republicans and thinks it better to abandon the party with which he affiliated than to surrender the principles which made him a republican.

Criminal Speculation.

If a crime is defined as an act the doing of which is prohibited by law, stock speculation cannot be considered, but when the word crime is used in its broader sense to describe an act which offends against morality or the public welfare, it certainly includes that species of gambling upon the market which endangers the community as well as injures the participants. A good record of Wall Street's doings for the last week is an indictment against our boasted civilization. That such transactions are allowed is as much a reflection upon the intelligence of the country as it is upon the conscience of the people. It is little less than amazing that a few men should be permitted to corner the market for their own selfish purposes, beat down the price of one stock and boom the price of another stock, demoralizing business and jeopardizing the interests of all classes of society. It is reported that the slump in stocks amounted to seven hundred millions in value, and that the New York banks had to put up nearly twenty millions of dollars to prevent a panic. How will the historian describe an age in which a petty thief is severely punished while great criminals go unwhipped? It often takes an object lesson to arouse the people to the evils of a bad system and the recent fluctuations in the stock market, costly as they have been, will be cheap if they lead to legislation which will put an end to stock gambling, erroneously described as "business."

Trouble in Japan.

The Philadelphia Record, a thick and thin advocate of the gold standard, gives editorial recognition to the threatened panic in Japan. Here is its confession:

"The statement that Japan is on the verge of a panic, made in a recent report (a summary of which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Record) from Consul General Bellows, at Yokohama, comes as a startling surprise. We have become so accustomed to associating progress and prosperity with the Island Empire since it has adopted our ways of civilization that the thought of financial disaster overtaking it has never occurred to the observer not on the spot."

The Record proceeds to give its explanation, but the significant part of the editorial lies in the statement of fact rather than in the attempt to avoid its force. It will be remembered that Japan was persuaded to adopt the gold standard and the financiers hailed it as an evidence of progress and prosperity. Prior to that time, Japan, with silver as her standard, had been making such gigantic strides that President Cleveland felt called upon to congratulate the United States in one of his messages upon being among the first nations to recognize her advancement. If a nation using silver, has any financial trouble, the gold standard organs promptly attribute it to the use of silver, but they refuse to apply their logic to gold-standard nations which get into trouble. Japan was doing well with silver and has not profited by the change to a gold basis.

Bribing With Patronage.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat prints a special dispatch from Charleston, S. C., to the effect that the president has appointed a former democratic sheriff to be chief deputy U. S. marshal, and it is added that the appointment "is accepted as indication of wider development in the formation of the white republican party in South Carolina." The dispatch says, "Senator McLaurin, who is engineering the new movement, is said to have urged the appointment of McCravy for obvious reasons." The republican papers talk about the use of patronage to make converts and the making of appointments "for obvious reasons" as if they had no more scruples about the purchase of influence with office than they have about the purchase of votes with money.

The Baltimore Sun is authority for the statement that Senator McLaurin offered General Wade Hampton the Columbia postmastership, but that the General refused and added with emphasis: "I would not accept anything in the world from that source. The people of South Carolina should know by this time that I cannot be bought."

Senator H. W. Smith, of Oregon, suggests that the Christian nations appropriate to the support of the starving heathen Chinese the indemnity demanded of that nation. He thinks that such a national charity would give the nations a real Christian character among the Chinese, and would be acceptable in the sight of the Christian's God. The suggestion is a good one, but it is not likely that nations which would demand the amount that the Christians nations are demanding would give it away.

Mr. Morgan prefers to ride in his own conveyance whether he travels by rail, by carriage or by water.

Most of the corn that sold at 50 cents in Chicago the other day was never planted, cultivated, shucked or shipped.

The settlement of the threatened strike of the employees of the steel trust is a triumph for arbitration and an object lesson to employer and employee everywhere.

Of course the protectionists will become free traders just as soon as protection in the United States enables them to filch enough wealth to buy up all the industries of Europe.

Entitled, Presumably.

Joseph Chamberlain usually says his little very well, but he was guilty of a "bull" not very long ago when in parliament he was speaking against a bill proposed by another member and turning toward that person said: "The honorable gentleman shakes his head—I am sorry to hear it."

Sawed-Off Royalty.

The king of Italy, who is but five feet three inches tall, is not the only short monarch in Europe, nor the king of Portugal the only stout one, for King Edward VII., in spite of most of his pictures, is but five feet four inches in height and weighs 257 pounds.

Bullet-Proof Pasteboard Armor.

Pasteboard armor is the latest form of defense. Experiments at Copenhagen show that millboard three inches thick was impervious to carbine bullets which pierced five-inch wooden planks.

For Protection to a Flower.

In an almost despairing effort to stay the dread extinction of the fragrant trailing arbutus flowers, the legislature of Connecticut passed a law forbidding any person to pull up the plants by the roots on land owned by another under a penalty of \$20.

Verdict Meant Death.

Aldrich, Mo., May 27th.—Four of the best doctors in the vicinity have been in attendance on Mrs. Mollie Moore of this place, who has been suffering with a severe case of nervousness and kidney disease. Each of them told her that she would die.

Hearing of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she began to use them, and instantly noticed a change for the better. Her improvement has been continuous since then. She says that the disease first manifested itself by the appearance of dark spots floating before her eyes. Her nerves were so bad that many times they would collapse completely, and she would fall down as if shot.

The fact that Dodd's Kidney Pills saved her after four doctors had given her up, has caused no end of talk in this neighborhood, and all are loud in their praises of this new remedy—Dodd's Kidney Pills—which is curing so many hitherto incurable cases, in this state and elsewhere.

Magnate Hill's Start.

James J. Hill, the railway magnate, was at one time a Mississippi steamboat "runner," and as such well known in the early development of Milwaukee. He was then accounted one of the best "drummers" of business for river boats.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal flavor of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

One test of intellectual power is sticking to a thing until you have mastered it.

Pilo's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1904.

The Great Eastern has faded into the era of small things. Her tonnage was 10,300 below that of the Celtic, just launched at Belfast.

South Dakota Farms

Is the title of an illustrated booklet just issued by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, descriptive of the country between Aberdeen and the Missouri River, a section heretofore unprovided with railway facilities, but which is now reached by a new line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Everyone contemplating a change of location will be interested in the information contained in it, and a copy may be had by sending a two-cent stamp to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

WESTERN CANADA'S DECEMBER WEATHER

Equal to That of May in Minnesota.

To the Editor:—Thomas Regan and C. Collins of Eden Valley, Minnesota, went out to Western Canada last December as delegates to look over the grazing and grain lands that are being offered at such low prices and reasonable terms. This is what they say:

"We arrived in Calgary about the 20th of December and although we had left winter in Minnesota and Manitoba, we were surprised to find beautiful warm weather at this point, quite equal to what we have in May in Minnesota. There was no snow nor trace of winter to be seen, and the climate was really splendid. Horses, cattle and sheep were running out, in prime condition, with plenty of feed on the prairie, and really better than that of our stables in the south. We are impressed with this country as one of the finest mixed farming countries we have ever seen. The immense tracts of fertile lands well sheltered and abundantly watered leave nothing to be desired.

"Leaving Alberta we returned east and visited the Yorkton district in Assiniboia. We drove out about ten miles at this point and were highly pleased with the splendid samples of grain we were able to see—wheat yielding 25 bushels, oats 60 bushels. Roots were also good specimens. From what we have seen, we have decided to throw in our lot with the Yorktoners—satisfied that this part of the country will furnish good opportunities for anyone anxious to make the best of a really good country."

"Any agent of the Canadian government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in the columns of your paper will give you full particulars of the new districts being opened out this year in Assiniboia and Saskatchewan. Yours truly, Old Reader.

It is easier to call a man a fool than it is to convince him of the truth of your statement.

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"I Followed Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Now I am Well."



A woman is sick—some disease peculiar to her sex is fast developing in her system. She goes to her family physician and tells him a story, but not the whole story.

She holds back something, loses her head, becomes agitated, forgets what she wants to say, and finally conceals what she ought to have told, and this completely mystifies the doctor.

Is it a wonder, therefore, that the doctor fails to cure the disease? Still we cannot blame the woman, for it is very embarrassing to detail some of the symptoms of her suffering, even to her family physician. This is the reason why hundreds of thousands of women are now in correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. To her they can give every symptom, so that when she is ready to advise them she is in possession of more facts from her correspondence with the patient than the physician can possibly obtain through a personal interview.

Following we publish a letter from a woman showing the result of a correspondence with Mrs. Pinkham. All such letters are considered absolutely confidential by Mrs. Pinkham, and are never published in any way or manner without the consent in writing of the patient; but hundreds of women are so grateful for the health which Mrs. Pinkham and her medicine have been able to restore to them that they not only consent to publishing their letters, but write asking that this be done in order that other women who suffer may be benefited by their experience.

Mrs. Ella Rice, Chelsea, Wis., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with falling and inflammation of the womb. I suffered very much with bearing-down pains, headache, backache, and was not able to do anything. What I endured no one knows but those who have suffered as I did. I could hardly drag myself across the floor. I doctored with the physicians of this town for three months and grew worse instead of better. My husband and friends wished me to write to you, but I had no faith in patent medicines. At last I became so bad that I concluded to ask your advice. I received an answer at once advising me to take your Vegetable Compound, and I did so. Before I had taken two bottles I felt better, and after I had taken five bottles there was no happier woman on earth, for I was well again. I know that your Vegetable Compound cured me, and I wish to advise every woman who suffers as I did to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Believe me always grateful for the recovery of my health."—MRS. ELLA RICE, Chelsea, Wis.

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