

will say, "I will send my boy to school. He may some day be the president of the Philippine Republic!"

MR. FRANK B. SANBORN said:

I wish to make a suggestion, not a motion, for there may be some objection, unknown to me, to such a vote. It is this: that the President will procure the insertion of the speeches we have had today in the unbelieving Boston Transcript, even if it requires payment for the publication of facts and truth, instead of the sophistries and misrepresentations of despotic power.

At the close of the Meeting PRESIDENT MOORFIELD STOREY said:

As I listened to the speech of Senor Kalaw I could not help being reminded of a passage which must be familiar to you all, for every boy who ever declaimed a piece in school knows it: "Set before them the glorious object of entire independence and it will breathe into them anew the breath of life," and with your permission I will add a few more words. Mr. George W. Cable was lunching with me the other day, and speaking of a recent experience in Mississippi said that the roads there had three dimensions, length, breadth and depth, and that the breadth was the least. When I hear men giving as a reason for retaining the Philippine Islands that there are still bad roads in the Islands, and there are still towns and villages which have no proper means of communication with the centers, I cannot help wondering how generally these conditions exist in the United States, and whether the bad roads and lack of proper communication which notoriously exist all over this country are reasons for taking away the right of self-government over the communities thus afflicted. It is possible that if we were to take the fifty million dollars a year which we spend in holding the Philippine Islands, and apply it to remedying these difficulties at home, the money would be more wisely expended.

You are earnestly asked to hand this, after reading, to some other person who will also give it careful consideration.

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"Mr. Winslow's Forecast," from Springfield Republican, February 1.

"Philippine 'Investigators,'" from San Francisco Star, February 8.

"The Filipino People Ask Justice," Speech of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, in the House of Representatives, February 13.

"Truth as to Conditions in the Philippines," Speech of Hon. W. A. Jones in the House of Representatives, February 13.

"Mr. Jones on the Philippines," Hon. Francis E. Woodruff, from Springfield Republican, February 15.

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"The Philippine Problem," Hon. Francis E. Woodruff, from Springfield Republican, March 17.

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"Philippine Slavery," Hon. James F. Tracey, from New York Times, May 3.

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"Winslow to Brent," from Springfield Republican, June 12.

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"Filipino Catholics and Independence," from Lewiston Sun, August 7.

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"The Monroe Doctrine; an obsolete Shibboleth," by Prof. Hiram Bingham, Remarks of Hon. William Kent in the House of Representatives, July 18.

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"What of the Philippines?," Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, from Irish World, September 27.

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"Question of Neutralization," from Springfield Republican, October 3.

"President Wilson's Philippine Policy," from Boston Herald, October 7.

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Address "To the Filipino People," October 22.

"The Moro Situation," Worcester vs. Brent, from the Lewiston Sun, November 25.

"The Philippine Situation," from National Monthly Magazine, December.

Very many applications have been received for material to be used in debates by all kinds of organizations, from colleges, schools and clubs, the question being usually: "Shall the Philippines be granted their independence or not?" We have gladly supplied a little library from our files in response, only asking a report as to the results of the debates. In every case the reply has been that the resultant vote was affirmative!

ERVING WINSLOW, Secretary.

language of the Democratic platform is clear, and that its promise must be kept. To delay is to play into the hands of our opponents,—it is to do just what they want. The present administration must act in such a way that the burden of delaying independence must rest upon those who would keep the islands, and not leave upon the Democratic party and those who have believed its promises the burden of obtaining at some future day the action by Congress which the Democratic National Convention promised should be “immediate.”

“We favor an immediate declaration of the nation’s purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippine Islands as soon as a stable government can be established,” not necessarily a government such as suits the people of the United States, but such a government as suits the people of the Philippine Islands, and because it suits them, is “stable” as no other government can be. It will not be a government which is perfect. It will not be one that Mr. Taft cannot criticize and say “all manner of evil things” about. While colored men are denied the suffrage in defiance of the Fifteenth Amendment, while lynchings go unwhipped of justice, while night-riders are found in Kentucky, and conspiracies are formed like that of the McNamaras, while Tammany threatens New York and politicians living and dead like Quay, Penrose, Lorimer and Cox control great cities and states, it is not for us to insist that the Filipinos must do what after centuries of experience we fail to do. We cannot insist that there shall be no chance of disorder with our record of strikes, riots and civil war. It is not a petty question of mistakes and frauds, but a great principle is at stake, and the Democratic party stands pledged to its support. All “governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,” and from no other source. That is the sheet anchor of American liberty, and until that principle is recognized and applied in the Philippine Islands and in every other region beneath our flag, the United States is false to itself, and its people, denying freedom to others as Lincoln said “deserve it not themselves, and under a just God will not long retain it.” As the representative of that freedom for which America stands, the old as well as the new, we call upon the Democratic party to fulfil its promise, and not to stay its hand until the Philippine Islands are as they of right ought to be free and independent.

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There appear to be only three ultimate solutions to the Philippine problem. One is that we shall hold those islands as colonies; another that we may develop a capacity for self-government and ultimately turn the control of the Islands back to the people who inhabit them, and the third that we shall treat them as we have all other sufficiently populous territory acquired before the Spanish-American War and admit them as