

upon which they are received; and that no contributions over \$100 shall be accepted within three days of the election.

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Mr. Bryan made his first speech of the campaign at his home, on the 17th, to a delegation of union labor men, from the Central Labor Union of Lincoln. He will be officially notified of his nomination for the Presidency at his home on August 12.

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Political Declaration From the Anti-Imperialist League.

The national Anti-Imperialist League has issued through its executive committee the following statement of political principle, and recommendations for political action:

We believe in the Declaration of Independence. Its truths, not less self-evident today than when first announced by our fathers, are of universal application, and cannot be abandoned while government by the people endures.

We believe in the Constitution of the United States. It gives the President and Congress certain limited powers, and secures to every man within the jurisdiction of our government certain essential rights. We deny that either the President or Congress can govern any person anywhere outside the Constitution.

Because we thus believe, we recommend our friends and fellow-citizens to withhold their votes from Mr. Taft, who stands upon the Republican platform which denies independence to the Philippine Islands and looks to local "home rule" as the only goal to be attained.

So long as these islands are held as possessions in defiance of the principles of the Declaration of Independence and without Constitutional authority, the United States is pledged to the tremendous task of fortifying them and of their defense in time of war, while they remain a continued menace to American labor and American industry.

Though other ways of opposing the attitude of Mr. Taft may be welcomed, it is obvious that direct support of Mr. Bryan is an effective means of rebuking imperialism, because of his sincerity and his earnest purpose to secure to the Filipinos their independence, and because he stands upon a platform which meets, on this vital issue, our unqualified approval.

We recommend to our members and to the members of allied leagues and to our friends generally that they, preserving the independence of the movement, take the most active part in the pending political campaign, and in particular in their respective districts vote and work for the candidates for Congress who will oppose the policy of imperialism.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE,
per Executive Committee,
ERVING WINSLOW, Secretary.

Boston, July 16, 1908.

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National Convention of the Independence Party.

The Independence Party (p. 199) formerly the Independence League, has called its national convention to meet at Chicago, in Orchestra Hall, July 27. Mr. Hearst is scheduled to arrive in

New York from Europe on the 25th, and to leave at once for Chicago, to preside at the convention.

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Newspaper reports from New York assert that a large number of the Independence League men of Brooklyn, including C. Augustus Haviland, chairman of the county committee of the League, have declared for Bryan, among them: Robert Stewart, Chas. Frederic Adams, Joseph A. McGinnis, Durbin B. Van Vleck, John J. Clancy, Francis X. Carmody, Gustave W. Thompson, Thomas F. Magner, Philip N. Cassidy and Walter Burchell. Former Sheriff Michael J. Flaherty, who is credited with great influence among the Independent voters, though he is not a member of the League, is reported also as an ardent Bryanite. The tenth Assembly district Independence League, in Brooklyn, has passed resolutions endorsing Bryan. According to the New York World the Independence League of Herkimer county in that State has passed a resolution to support Bryan, and the State and local Democratic tickets.

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A Free Speech Victory.

The free speech fight of the socialists in Los Angeles (vol. x, p. 1163) was won on the 20th, when the city council repealed the ordinance under which the socialist speakers have been sent to jail, and ordered the release of the fifty socialists then in the jail for violating the ordinance. The repeal was not accomplished without a measure of at least moral coercion. A thousand socialists marched on the city hall, and made demands that the council seems to have thought it best to comply with.

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Cleveland Traction.

During the past week the press of the country has exploited the idea that the three-cent fare system in Cleveland is a failure. Careful reading of the items revealed, not that it is a failure, but that it is *going to be* a failure. Examination of the reports of the Municipal Traction Company, as given in the Cleveland papers, prove the progress, however, to be very encouraging. According to The Press of the 16th, "three-cent fare receipts for June were \$409,210.25. This is an improvement in receipts over May of \$53,367.82. In May—the strike month—receipts were \$355,843.13. June has one less day than May, and one-thirtieth should be added to the June figures to get a comparison for the same number of days as May. Operation for June shows a deficit on which the company has not yet compiled final figures. It is estimated as high as \$25,000, owing to strike expense bills which were paid in June. The May deficit was \$54,916.74. Despite the continued deficit the company will abolish the charge for penny trans-