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An eminent lecturer once said that the longest man he ever knew, his name was short, and the shortest man he ever knew, his name was long, and reasoning on the same lines one would conclude that the name chosen by the founders of the sheet known as the Appeal to Reason, had selected a very appropriate name.

It is rather amusing to see the pop papers declare in one column that McKinley is a coward and controlled by the money power to such an extent that he does not dare declare war against Spain, and in the next column tell you that he cannot declare war, that no power in the United States except congress can do so. Do they think that their readers are so devoid of brains that they will believe both stories, or don't they dare make the proper deductions.

The populist papers in the state are publishing, with glowing head lines the fact that Eugene Moore, was granted a new trial by the decision of the republican majority of the supreme court, and that Judge Sullivan had very positively descended, as he believed that thieves should be punished. But in the next column they very meekly say that "Bartley was granted a new trial" and let it go at that. They forget to say that, Judge Sullivan handed down the decision that freed Bartley, at least for the present, and gives him a first class opportunity to go entirely free. Oh no populists, your organs are apparently only willing to cover up the fact that Judge Sullivan virtually asked it as a personal favor that Bartley be given a rehearing, and that upon his request the republicans acquiesced. Former developments would indicate that our Governor, was pretty badly mixed up with Mr. Bartley, could that fact have any bearing upon their silence.

It has always been a pleasant morsel for pop and popocratic papers, to shove to their constituents that old money bags was always glad when he could see a war cloud hovering in sight as it gave him an opportunity to buy bonds that the government would be forced to issue to carry on the war, and as the capitalist never helped do the fighting, the poor man had to do the fighting and pay the bonds also, but in the last few weeks we have witnessed the peculiar phenomena of a back summersault by these puselanomous pig headed "I told you so's" of avowing that if it were not for the money changers war would have been declared and Cuba freed long ago. But as soon as war is declared and bonds have got to be issued to pay a heavy war expense those same "I told you so's" will say that the money lenders are the fellows that are profiting by the war. They remind one of the Irishman that said he did not know what party he belonged to but he was forinst the Government.

What a job, indeed, the national administration would have if it should try to satisfy the demand of populism? In this state for instance, the demand of the opposition is for war and McKinley is sorely denounced for preferring peace. Here the populist idea is that McKinley has sold out to Wall street and has refused to declare war at the command of the "money power." But Gov. Ledy of Kansas, who has gained some notoriety as being a bigger fool than Waite of Colorado, has a different idea, he says that the preparations now being pushed for national defense is a scheme of the money power to equip a large standing army for the purpose of intimidating labor and crushing out the liberties of the "great common people." Populists stand ready everywhere to damn McKinley whether he does or does not.—Kearney Sun.

## SPAIN'S PAST HISTORY.

Spain has been a thief, a robber and a murderer, ever since she has disgraced the face of the globe, and could her history be blended in colors it would make a black streak across the face of a Guinea "Nigger." Conquest, hypocrisy and assassination has been her most pleasant pastime since her earliest existence, and coupled with her aversacious nature, mark for her the bloodiest record of any nation in the known world. Her blood thirsty enterprise has conquered and ruled many countries in the past ten centuries, yet today she is being fast crowded to the confines of her original kingdom, and her former splendor is a thing of the past.

In 1492, when Columbus sought the Spanish double headed throne to enlist them in his great scheme of discovery, the out come of which was the discovery of America, he found them down in southern Hispania butchering the Moores to their hearts delight, and their treasury entirely empty from the drain put upon it by their wars, and the money to fit out such an expedition not in it. But the enterprising avariciousness of Queen Isabella, was awakened by the ideas of Columbus to such an extent that she sold her jewelry to raise the money, and ere long her bloody hand had a new field for its cunning, but at too great a distance to satisfy her people at home, for they must see real blood to be satisfied, and not merely hear about it, so they inaugurated the world famed inquisitions, and while her soldiers were reveling in blood in the western world she amused herself with the rack, the thumb screw, iron virgin, the knife and many other devices that could only be evolved from the brain of a fiend incarnate until more than 200,000 of her people were put to death in the most horrible manner in their power to devise.

In 1519 Cortez dropped anchor off the coast of Mexico, and at once proceeded to devastate the land of the Aztecs, a people that on general principles were nearer human than their Spanish butchers, but with whom the then modern warfare was unknown and the bow and arrow had to soon go down before the powder and ball of Spain, and the blood of the Aztecs drenched the soil of their once happy land until there was none left to resist, and Spain was sole possessor of the land and the fullness thereof.

In 1524 Pizarro, whose blood stained path of carnage and murder is still told in tradition, made a visit to the coast of Peru, South America, but not until seven years later did he begin his work of extermination of the Incas, who had lived in oblivion of the Spanish butcher for so many generations but at last awoke to the fact that the re was men with a whiter skin than theirs but a blacker heart than that of lucifer himself. Taking one of the Inca rulers prisoner through pretension of friendship, he afterwards offered to set him free upon the payment of a heavy ransom and after the natives had heaped precious metals to the value of about \$18,000,000 upon his pile of demand, he ruthlessly put him to death and kept the valuables, but in 1541 was himself assassinated.

Their reign in Cuba, with one exception, that of Gov. Gen. Las Casas, beginning in 1790, has been one of the iron heel, the people of that island have been slaves of Spain under the taskmaster generation after generation almost in sight of the stars and stripes, there can be little wonder that they were almost always in a state of insurrection her misrule had driven the people of Cuba to desperation. The ten years war beginning in 1808, was put down by Spanish arms after 13000 of Cuban noble sons had been killed in battle and 43,000 prisoners of war had been slain, and more than 150,000 soldiers had been sent from Spain to do the butchering, it cost Spain over \$20,000,000 to put down that insurrection only after a lapse of eighteen years to break out again in a more virulent form than ever.

In the past two years she has sent more than 225,000 soldiers to crush the handful of patriotic Cubans, more than two thirds of which have perished in battle or succumbed to

the climate, she has starved more women and children than the amount of soldiers she sent, caused the United States an expense of millions to maintain the neutrality laws besides blowing up one of our best battleships and destroying the lives of 256 of our sailors. Can any government ask for more forbearance, let the United States awake to her duty and wipe the power of this execrable from the face of the western world.

People who express the opinion that President McKinley should make greater haste in action in the Cuban Spanish matter probably do not take into consideration all the difficulties which are apparent to the man who realizes the immense responsibility attached to his individual action in the matter. There has been a constant cry for years that the United States was absolutely and notoriously unprepared for war, yet people are demanding that the President shall jump into a war with merely a few day's preparation, and that too, a war in which a navy and coast defenses would be the most important features, and for the lack of which we should suffer most. Every day of delay is precious to those who are making preparations for war; and to bring about active operations before preparations can be completed would be to court disaster to our seacoast cities and perhaps defeat for the navy. Besides this, there must be taken into consideration the fact that a war which would necessitate the sending of troops to Cuba and a constant communication between this country and that island would be almost certain to introduce yellow fever in the south, and thus endanger millions of lives in this country. It is not because of unwillingness on the part of the President to maintain the honor and dignity of the nation or to protect those in Cuba who are suffering, but because he realizes the danger of entering upon a war before preparation has been made, and the importance of averting hostilities if this can be done in a manner consistent with the facts.

About the latest and most interesting bit of local news is found in the following clipping from the Ord Quiz. It appears that during a recent visit to that town, Jacob Albers of this place resolved to have a little fun with the Ordites and according to reports succeeded pretty well, at least until the tables turned, and now they are having some fun with Jacob. The Quiz says:

A first class fake struck town yesterday. He rode over from Loup City and claimed to be a captain in the Sixth infantry of the regular and went to talking a recruiting station here, saying that the government was establishing such stations all over the country. He was at first accepted as genuine, but it began to crawl through the wool of the citizens soon that he had no uniform. Captain Gudmansen, when he heard about the sixth racket said he was a fake, for he knew that regiment too well. By the time the man got ready to leave the town people were onto him. George McDonough was one of the first to tumble for he knew he lived over in Dead Horse Canyon, and when the "captain" called for his bill George told him that his regular rates for soldiers was \$3.00 a day, but he would let him off with a \$2 rate. He registered as Captain Albers, but he turned out to be simply Jake Alberson.

Had the motion for a rehearing in the Bartley case been made by a republican a howl would of gone up from the throats of Nebraska fusionists that would have scared the war fever out of the Spanish dons for all time to come. But as the immaculate Judge Sullivan is found to be the responsible party, they all resemble the little boy that fell in the river—they haven't a word to say. It may be all right, but there is something mighty peculiar about this business, perhaps the unsavory connection with the case of Sullivan's fellow partisans, the governor, has something to do with it.—St. Paul Republican

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