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What is the matter with the "Initiative and Referendum," the pops have let it get away from them of late.

Bryan is still feasting on free silver chicken served with anti-trust desert and washed down with Aguinardo run.

England advised Canada to accept the proposition as made by the United States to settle the Alaskan boundary dispute as the proposal was equitable, but Canada refused to listen. The sound of a Krag Jorgensen might open her ears.

The voting machine is coming in to quick and well deserved prominence all over the country. Buffalo, N. Y., has decided to purchase 110 of them for city use. This has no reference to the genuine double back action democratic machine used in New York City.

Major Comte Ferdinand Waisin Ananias Benedict Arnold Esterhazy, former chief clerk in the private parlors of his satanic majesty in France, has at last made a statement to the effect that he, and not Dryfus, wrote the famous bordereau, the document that sent Dryfus to Devils Island and thereby cursed the integrity of the French Republic. He says he did it at the dictation of his superiors and stands ready to prove his assertion. Poor Zola, will he get his 30,000f back that they fined him for telling the truth.

Spain has ceded the Caroline Islands to Germany, also all her other island possessions in the far east except Fernando Po, which she still retains as a reminder of what she once was but never will be again. She also retained several coaling stations in different parts of the group and it is said that Germany engages to defend those coaling stations for her. Old glory waves over the Island of Guam, in this group. Poor old Spain, tis sad to see, but it is the inexorable law, the survival of the fittest hence the tyrant whither in individual or nation, must sooner or later get off the earth.

One of the Twentieth Kansas boys sent home a copy of an address issued by Aguinardo to his followers just before Malolos was captured and the most striking feature of it to an American is this. "Dear countrymen \* \* \* there is in the United States a powerful party of democrats of great influence who have spontaneously constituted themselves our defenders in Washington \* \* \* for which we extend to them our friendship and most profound expression of gratitude." Such words of praise must make Bryan, Jones, Hoar and the balance of the half breeds in America, feel like hugging themselves.

On the 18th of April 1892, Jefferson, then President of the United States wrote to our minister to France, as follows. "That there was one spot on the face of the earth so important to the United States that whoever held it was for that reason naturally and forever our enemy, and that spot was New Orleans." Again he wrote, "The day that France, takes possession of New Orleans fixes the sentence which is to restrain her forever within her low wate, mark. It seals the union of two nations which in conjunction can maintain exclusive possession of the ocean. From that moment we must marry ourselves to the British fleet and nation." And this is the man and patriot whose livery Bryan is trying to filch to masquerade in as an Anti-Imperialist.

W. J. Bryan, started out as a brilliant young orator, championing the cause of the common people with as bright a prospect as ever did mortal man. He took up the cause of sil-

ver against the combined wisdom of the majority of statesmen of the civilized nations of the earth. He then made the mistake of going up against everything that is, if it was propagated, formed or fostered by the republican party it mattered not whether it was good or bad. He seems to have no world but democracy, no choice but to oppose ever; act of the administration and no desire but to fill the office which sober second thought must convince one he is not large enough for. He is following closely in the tracks of former democratic statesmen generally, and convincing the masses that he is ready to subordinate the best interests of the country that gave him birth if he can steal democracy into the whitehouse. His "Imperialism" is a bug-a-boo to prejudice voters and will redound to his detriment as did the sedicious speeches of his proteges during the civil war. The principle and manhood of an honest rebel during that struggle can be seen and appreciated in General Joe. Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee, who are to day honored and honorable citizens of this great Republic, both are upholding the administration and carving a name on the escutcheon of our country that will be pointed out with pride by both north and south after they are laid in an honored grave. Bryan's name will go down in history as a political agitator of great talent and little value. The difference between a southern rebel and a northern copperhead is well illustrated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jenkins of the Atcadia Fruit Farm was in the city last Thursday. They remained over night and attended the commencement exercises of the Loup City High School in the evening. Their grand son Robert Mathew, was one of the graduating class.

Mr. Jenkins called on us Friday morning and we ventured to ask to what extent his extensive fruit farm was damaged during the last severe winter. In answer to our question Mr. Jenkins made the following statement, which will comprise a part of his report to be sent to the Horticultural station at Washington: In speaking of apple trees he said that the Dutches, Wealthy and Whitney No. 20 are the most hardy and came out perfectly. The Wine Sap, he said, stood better than the Ben Davis. The Jennett came out 90 per cent. This is his experience in his large orchard where cultivation and exposure are all alike.

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