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"What's the matter with Hanna."
—Times. He's All right.

McKinley's letter of acceptance was a masterly production, and had the true ring of a statesman. Compare it with Bryan's noodles.

The German government has negotiated a large loan in the United States, and it is not likely that it will effect the fraternal insurance societies either, 'eh!

General Barry was in the city last Friday conferring with a few of the faithful carefully called in by the pap suckers. The rank and file were not invited to this love feast. There must be a hen on.

The fusion forces have at last said, Take us just as we are we make no kick and the democrats swallowed 'em whole. The first fortnight it was Towne, the next—and now it is Stevensen. It reminds one of an old maid looking for a husband, good Lord any one will do.

The Times sends up a wail last week that sounds very much as if it realized the fact that the deadly hemlock of its own party perfidy had been drained to the dregs, and the fusionists in Nebraska were kicking their last kick. You cant fool 'em all the time. This cry of stop thief is getting too close home.

The fellows who have been living at the public pop crib for the past decade are beginning to show an uneasiness that did not exist before. Their best workers seem to have got all they desire of chicanery and generally have quit them. This cry of "Hanna money" may please the children but the older heads have caught on.

Illustrated Lecture on Philippines.

A special to the Omaha Bee from Wahoo, Neb., says: The stereopticon lecture on the Philippines and expansion by George R. Boomer of Company C, First Nebraska, has crowded houses in various parts of the county the last week. The views shown were taken by Mr. Boomer while in Manila and shows the country, its people and customs as they are, true to life. Mr. Boomer gives a powerful lecture in connection with the views, logical, patriotic and convincing. Yesterday afternoon he gave the lecture to a delighted audience at the Wahoo opera house in this city. Many of the scenes, together with the eloquent periods of the lecture, elicited the most enthusiastic applause.

These lectures will be delivered in Sherman county as follows: At Ash-ton, Monday night Sept. 24, Rock-ville, Tuesday night Sept. 25, Hazard Wednesday night Sept. 26, Hatch-field, Thursday night Sept. 27, and Loup City, Friday and Saturday nights Sept. 28-29. Don't fail to come out and attend. Free admission. See bills.

ATTEND THE County Fair AT LOUP CITY, Sept. 25-6-7, 1900. BIG PROGRAM OF Attractions ON THE 26, AND 27. COME EVERYBODY

THE FARCE EXPOSED.

Comparison of Armed Strength of the Various Countries.

Bryan's Carping About Militarism and Imperialism Shown to Be Down-right Demagoguery.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 17.—In a state like Nebraska, where the standard of intelligence is high, it would seem unnecessary that anything should be said to disprove the assertions of Bryan and other fusion campaigners concerning "militarism" and "imperialism."

In the first place, where is there a Republican who favors militarism or imperialism?

In the second place, how can this country have militarism or imperialism without the people wanting it? The president could not do anything to encourage it without an act of congress, and congress could not do it without the people voting for it—electing men who would vote for it.

The president and congress could do no more toward establishing this as a fixed policy of the nation, without the consent of a majority of fifteen millions of voters, than could the children of the public schools of Nebraska.

There are fifteen million voters in this country. It would require more than seven million five hundred thousand of them to favor and vote for militarism and imperialism before such a policy would be possible. There are approximately more than seven million five hundred thousand Republicans in the United States. Is it not strange that, if such a policy be contemplated, not one of these favors it? Does not this of itself prove that it is a campaign bugaboo, intended to frighten and fool the unsuspecting voter? No party dare—no political party would be so foolish as to undertake such a move.

This same alarm was sounded when Grant was elected. The "Copperheads" proclaimed from the housetops that if Grant was elected he would call the army around him and proclaim himself military dictator. Grant at that time was fresh from the battlefield where he had just finished disciplining a rebellious confederacy and, being a soldier, there were some who were duped and frightened, or wanted to be and pretended to be, because they were Democrats and opposed to him politically—but that gallant old hero directed the destiny of the American people for eight years and not a single act of his in any way reflected on his sturdy patriotism. He retired from the executive chair with the principles of self-government more firmly inculcated and rooted in the minds and hearts of the American people than they had ever been. The same was said of Abraham Lincoln. Some of the very men who are now pretending to be alarmed at militarism and imperialism were the men who contended in 1861 to 1865 that the slave states had a right to withdraw from the union, resist the constitution, do what would have destroyed the republic and set up a government of their own independent of the regularly established government. The most treasonable acts were pointed to by them as acts of patriotism. When the spirit of secession spread throughout the south, when Jeff Davis established an independent government, many of these same men said it was right, it was patriotic, and when the flower of the youth and manhood of the north went forth in arms to rescue the nation from this awful peril they were stoned, insulted, shot at and shot down by men of the same political party that now pretends to see danger of militarism in the patriotic policy of President McKinley. The Republican party has once saved the gallant old ship of state from being driven by a rebellious Democracy against the rock of treason. It came to the rescue of the nation at a time when its guardianship was sorely needed. It saved the nation from destruction. Is it reasonable to assume that it would now turn around and destroy what it has for 40 years contributed its best genius and statesmanship to develop? Is it reasonable to assume that William McKinley, who wore the blue along with Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and other equally gallant soldiers, braving disease, sickness and death to preserve the nation from destruction, would now attempt to destroy it?

In the third place, the regular army now is only a mere handful of men. In 1896 and for years prior thereto the regular army numbered 28,276. In 1898, two years after McKinley was elected, the army numbered only 25,706, or was more than 2,000 less than when the Democrats went out of power. Exclusive of volunteers, who were engaged in the Spanish war and who are now putting down insurrections in the Philippines and numerous riots in China, the regular army now numbers 45,000. The numerical strength of the regular army is fixed by law, and neither the president nor congress can increase or change it in any way.

It will be seen by this that today the average in the United States is one soldier to every 1,154 inhabitants. How ridiculous then becomes the charge of militarism and imperialism in the light of these facts? One has only to compare these figures with the figures representing the armies of imperial countries and other nations of the earth to determine the ridiculousness of it.

ARMED STRENGTH COMPARED. Official statistics show that Russia has a standing army of 558,000 soldiers, or nine soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants; Germany has 580,000 soldiers, or 13 soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants; France has 512,000 soldiers, or 14 soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants; Austria-Hungary has 380,000, or ten soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants; Italy has 300,000, or ten soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants; Great Britain has 250,000, or six to every 1,000 inhabitants; the republic of Switzerland (a republic, not an empire) has 135,000, with only 3,000,000; Spain has 100,000, or six to every 1,000 inhabitants; Belgium has 31,000, or eight to every 1,000 inhabitants; the United States by law is entitled to 65,000, with a population of 75,000,000, or, at the greatest, one soldier to every 1,154 inhabitants.

Thus it will be seen that, compared with absolute monarchies, limited monarchies and republics, the army of the United States dwindle into insignificance. The United States, with a population 25 times as great as that of the republic of Switzerland, has an army less than half as great.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS. Another significant fact is that when the army was reorganized a short time ago and there was a call for 35,000 volunteers the number that volunteered was in excess of 1,000,000. This not alone attests the patriotism of the people, but it should remove all fear or thought of draft, conscription or compulsory military duty any citizen may entertain.

Then, again, why is it if Bryan and his party honestly believe that there is danger from militarism or imperialism that the fusionists or Democrats have not disbanded the militia in states where they are in control? Have not the fusionists not only maintained the militia in Nebraska, but have they not increased the numerical strength and expense of it? Have they not done the same thing in many other states where they are in power?

The constitution makes the president the commander-in-chief of the militia when it is called into actual service, and it would seem that if there be any sincerity in all this carping about "militarism" some of it at least would be directed against the militia, but Bryan and his party have never had a word to say on that score. Bryan is no more consistent in this than he was in 1896, when he tried to contaminate the money of the country and told the people that unless this was done sweeping industrial distress would follow.

Neither Bryan nor any other person of ordinary intelligence believes that this country now or at any future time will change its position from a republic to an empire. When Bryan talks about imperialism and militarism he says what he does not himself believe. He knows it is absolute nonsense. He knows that this sort of talk is likely to fool somebody and perhaps result in a gain of votes. He is after votes and is not above indulging in shameful demagoguery and imposition to get them. That is the secret of his pretended "anxiety." It is such a ridiculous, silly proposition that it is unworthy of consideration or serious thought. There was a time when Mr. Bryan might have pursued this attitude without fear of having his sincerity or integrity impeached, but the people generally at this time know enough of Bryan to know that he is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and they can look upon his attitude in this respect in no other light than that of a political demagogue.

There are many men, while differing with Mr. Bryan in the past, who have never before questioned his sincerity, who will question it now. It is difficult for them to believe—they can't believe—that a man of his intelligence can actually believe what he himself is trying to impress upon the credulity of others.

HAS FAILED TO ACT. Governor Poynter has not as yet taken any action in the matter of correcting abuses at the various state institutions.

It has been charged that at Milford the physician at the Soldiers' home has paid his house rent and office rent in groceries taken from the home. It has been charged that the commandant of the home has bought goods for his relatives, had them booked as groceries and charged to the state. It has been charged that he reserves much space at the home for relatives and that nearly all of his family are provided for at the state's expense. It is charged that he has an adjutant on the pay roll at \$25, when the law explicitly says that he shall perform such service himself or have it performed without expense to the state. It is charged that he has sold property belonging to the state without properly accounting for the money received from the sale of said property. It is charged that he has pastured stock on state grounds, collected for the same and never accounted to the state for the money thus collected.

At Grand Island the physician in charge at the Soldiers' home has been charged with selling liquor to inmates from the state's dispensary without accounting for the money. He is charged with inebriety and with incompetency. He stands charged with having dissipated a \$1,500 drug fund in ten months, when the greatest amount ever required before was \$500 in 12 months. He is charged with cruelty in dealing with the inmates and with neglect in providing relief for the afflicted.

At the Institute for the Feeble-Minded at Beatrice wholesale charges of corruption are made and there is every reason to believe that the worst has yet to be told.

At South Bend the fish hatchery has been converted into a wood hatchery and the property is practically a complete wreck.

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