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who has horse sense knows that there is no such amount invested in the milk business in Chicago—not even half of it. But stock will be issued and put on the market for that amount. Here is where the lambs come in. They will buy the stock, Leiter will get the money, and they will part with their wool. After a while there will be a round up—a "day of liquidation," as the bankers say. The stock will not be worth a cent on the dollar. Then the lambs will bleat most piteously, but no one will pity them. Any number of other trusts, so called, that have been announced in the newspapers with ten times the stock issued that the plants going into the combine are worth, will go the same way. There will be some more black Fridays on Wall street and the lambs will bleat still more piteously.

Every once in a while these simplotons, who never will cease to believe that everybody can get rich by means of swindling each other, must have a South Sea bubble, a tulip speculation, or a Hooly Napoleon of finance leader or they cannot be happy. They seem to be born to be sheared just like a sheep. It will be noticed that old financiers who really understand political economy, like Pierpont Morgan, Heidelberg Kehlheimer & Co., are not investing in any of these so called trusts. Their investments are still confined to bonds and franchises where the interest is collected at the point of the bayonet if need be and is paid over quarterly at the fiscal agency in New York of the nation, state, county or municipality issuing the bonds.

A Swell Head Imperialist writing of the slaughter of the Filipinos resulting from the fierce charges of the American troops says "the rebels die." By what sort of reasoning does this writer arrive at the conclusion that the Filipinos are rebels? Until the treaty is ratified by the Spanish Cortes and signed by the representatives of both governments the Filipinos are subjects of Spain. When Spanish subjects fight the acknowledged enemies of Spain are they rebels? The Swell Head who wrote the item was perhaps so saturated with imperialistic theories that in his mind any people who dare to fight for liberty and independence are rebels.

For 300 years the Spanish supplied the Philippine islands with a far worse government than the Filipinos will set, even if we withdraw every soldier from the islands, but the imperialists never in all that time even suggested that it was the duty of the United States to go over there and set up a government to take the place of it. "Manifest destiny" did not occur to them until the people of the island undertook to apply the principles of the declaration of independence to themselves, then it suddenly, in their minds, became our "duty" to give good government to the Latin and Malay races.

The stop in the fall of prices has had the same effect in England that it has had here and the cause of it is the same, viz: the tremendous output in gold. The crazy republicans, however, go around claiming that it all came from the Dughey bill and the election of McKinley. As there is no Dughey bill in England and no McKinley has been elected over there, the republicans is somewhat disconcerted when asked to explain why the same effect has been produced clear over the ocean.

### News of the Week.

It is said that the president will order a regular military court of inquiry to investigate the embalmed beef question.

In the vote upon the ratification of the treaty with Spain the senators of seventeen states divided their votes, one voting for and the other against the treaty.

Chicago was pretty badly frozen up during the last cold spell. Water mains and supply pipes all over the city were rendered useless. The usual desperate efforts were made to supply the men in the cribs away out in the lake, who attend to the intake of the water supply had to be made. Every winter this same thing occurs. The fact never seems to have entered the Chicago mind that it was possible to store enough provisions and coal in these cribs to supply the men through a freeze up. Some one ought to write the mayor a letter and inform him that the thing could be done.

The committee of the house has resolved to spend \$42,000,000 for ships. We have already 103 war ships. They have gone into a saturnalia of expenditure and seem resolved to tax the very life out of American citizens that we may go into wars for conquest.

Yellow fever has broken out in three different regiments in Cuba and the sickly season has not yet arrived. McKinley has no just excuse for sending our boys down there to die. Get them out of there quick.

According to the precedent set by McKinley, if there are any officers in the army who are inclined to be lazy all they have to do is to call the commander in chief a liar and take a sentence of six years with no work and full pay. That is what happened to Eagan.

McKinley was asking a while ago: "Who will haul down the flag?" Now he goes about asking: "Who will haul down Miles?"

The Minden Courier gives the people of the west some good advice. It says: "For good solid reading but few, if any, papers excel the Nebraska Independent. It teaches populist doctrine in a forcible and reasonable manner. Anyone wishing an extra paper should take it."

When McKinley makes a speech like Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, or issues a proclamation giving freedom to 8,000,000 people of the colored race, republicans will have some excuse for comparing him to Lincoln. He is carrying on a war against such races, shouting them down by the thousands because they want to be free and independent. That makes a difference between the two men that republicans should make a note of.

According to the big gold bug dailies there have been trusts organized during the last few weeks whose collective capital would amount to about seventy-five thousand millions. They publish lists giving the capital of the various combines varying all the way from \$10,000,000 to \$200,000,000. A little trust with ten million capital, like Leiter's milk trust, is hardly worth mentioning any more. The truth about the matter

is that when these papers have nothing handy to lie about they take up the trusts. They have invested in trusts in this way ten times the amount of capital that is available in the whole United States. However the trusts go merrily on their way getting hold of all the productions of the country, while McKinley's attorney sits in his office, draws his salary and lets the statutes of the United States be trodden underfoot by anything that can combine to restrict commerce and bid defiance to law. The way to secure the attorney general's esteem is to violate a statute. Then he will love you with his whole heart. But it must be a statute that was intended to protect the poor against the rich. Better not try to infringe the other kind. You will be copped pretty quick.

Up to this writing the losses in the fights around Manila amount to 59 killed and 207 wounded. The losses in the First Nebraska being six killed and 23 wounded. Is there any one in Nebraska better off? What have we gained by this enormous sacrifice?

A prominent republican in the city of Lincoln in speaking of the death of a member of the First Nebraska, with whom he was well acquainted said: "I would not give the life of one such young man for the whole of the islands. I am afraid that the president is making a very great mistake." Why does not he, and thousands of other republicans who feel the same way, take some action to let their sentiments be known? If the republican papers are closed to their appeals and protests they can make use of the columns of the INDEPENDENT. Speak out, it may be too late by and bye.

The Hanna ship subsidy bill calls for appropriations amounting to \$167,000,000. It is a scheme for the robbery of the producers for the benefit of the men of wealth. It is one of the dangerous policies which if once started there will be no stopping it. It will be a tax upon the people for generations to come. No nation was ever benefited by taxing one portion of the people and giving the money to another portion. Wealth is not created that way.

The Custer County Beacon infers from something that the INDEPENDENT said that the crazy republicans who run around the streets of Lincoln are dangerous, but they are not. The streets are perfectly safe notwithstanding their presence. All they do is to howl for McKinley and vote to make themselves pawns. The racket of traffic and the howling of the winds drowns their shrieks to such an extent that we are able to live in the same city with them.

It is said that the Nicaragua canal bill will be put on as a rider to one of the appropriation bills. It is not all probable. Nothing has transpired to indicate that the Pacific railroads have lost their control of congress. No canal across the isthmus will ever be built until they have.

There was a great spurge made by the republicans about deficiencies when the legislature first met and a special committee was appointed to look after the matter. That committee seems to have gone into "innocuous desuetude" or something of that kind.

The last act in the pretended prosecution of Eugene Moore occurred in the Lincoln courts the other day. The republican county attorney entered a nolle pro. in all the cases against him. At the same time to just wipe the slate clean as it were, all the cases against Mayor Graham and other republicans charged with bribery and such like things were also dismissed.

Extravagance runs rampant in every department in Washington. Recent disclosures show that of the \$600,000 appropriated for the Paris exposition more than a fourth has already been paid out for salaries to parties holding synecure positions. One man designated as appointment clerk draws a salary of \$4,000 a year and eight dollars a day for expenses. Commissioner Peck seems to have money to throw away. All this is simply to prepare the way for another bond issue.

Mr. Lichty was discharged last week by auditor Cornell. The pass question, as has been intimated in the Journal, had nothing to do with it. If any one is anxious to know why he was discharged he can go to the office and find out. The whole thing is a matter of record there.

The republicans went to work and ousted Nils Anderson last week. There was no reason for it except one of the republican candidates wanted another vote and that was the cheapest way to get it. Talking about it at the Lindell hotel, one of the republicans remarked that he was only a fool Swede anyhow. Some of them got frightened over what they had

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done and introduced a resolution of condolence. But when a pop member remarked that the resolution was undoubtedly sincere and moved to reconsider the vote whereby Anderson was deprived of his seat, every republican voted against it. The conclusion of the whole matter is that the republicans have no use for Swedes.

Many of the populist papers have been printing Altgeld's speech at the Jacksonian banquet at Omaha. They will be glad to learn that Senator Allen has had it and the other speeches delivered on that occasion printed in the Congressional Record. They can now be obtained at cost and franked to the people. That was one of the things, the like of which Allen has been doing ever since he was in the senate, and for which he will receive the hearty thanks of every reformer in the land.

NOTICE: Last April we published a letter headed "How to Preserve Eggs." This letter was unsigned and we would be pleased to hear from the person who wrote it, as we have several letters of inquiry.

**HARDY'S COLUMN.**  
Hollo Massacre—The President's Mistake—Volunteers Best Fighters—Southern Men—Senator Allen—City Corruption—Trout Cholera—Trusts or Competition—Wheat Famines—Education—Queer Things Not Explained in Books.

The report comes that Hollo, the second city in size on the second island in size among the Philippines, was taken with great loss to the natives. It is only another Turkish massacre of innocent Armenians—not a whit more justifiable. The people of that island had driven off the Spaniards and were enjoying a free republic. More blood on McKinley's fingers.

Where McKinley shot his granny was in not extending the same promises of freedom and self government to the Philippines that he gave to the Cubans. The treaty has been ratified now long enough so that his policy should be announced, but nothing yet is known, only that death is the portion of every man who wants liberty. No wonder our victory last week was decisive, for it was rifles against bows and arrows. McKinley will undoubtedly whine for a re-election so he can finish the war.

What is the use of a standing army as long as volunteers are sure to fight better than regulars? They did at Santiago, they are doing now at Manila. If we must have a standing army, set the men to building a government railroad, in times of peace. But that would give New York and New England gout in the gizzard. Our share of the river and harbor appropriation would buy the rails, and lies very soon.

Why have the colored people in the south become so bad? During the war they took the entire care of the women and children and did well. The white men were all gone and no report of any outrages. It must be the trouble is with the whites, and not all with the colored people. It is no more than natural that the old master should harbor enmity toward his free property, and there is where the trouble comes. At any rate the wrong is not all on one side.

We believe Senator Allen did the right thing in voting to ratify the treaty with Spain. That ends the matter as between us and the Dons. Our remaining complications are with the Cubans and the Filipinos.

Don's face the statue of Lincoln that is to be erected on the capitol grounds toward O street, but toward the fellows who want to increase our taxes. Whose face more than that of Lincoln should shame the exorbitant tax gatherers?

Cities have always been the rotten spots which cause national decay. They are our hot beds and sink holes of greed, lust and crime. Ten times more criminals in proportion to population come from our cities than from the country. Our reform schools are filled with city children. Nature seems to abhor a crowd in all departments of animal life. To thin out these crowds she sends pestilence and famine. From overcrowded cities come the cry of hunger and cold. Diseases of all kinds are generated and still the cities are more and more crowded. But God's fifteenth amendment will be enforced with an iron hand.

It appears the hog cholera has broken out among the trout in the state fishery. No disease was ever known among the wild trout in woods and meadows. If cholera or economy should clean out the high-toned, fancy fish business it would save the taxpayers ten or fifteen thousand dollars a year with no loss. The fish planting business is nothing less than a humbug anyway. If a man wants a few fish for pets it is all right, but the farmers ought not to be taxed for them. We have seen load after load of fresh fish come into Lincoln every year right from Nebraska water, but never a single new-fangled planted fish have we yet seen; they are always the same old kind of thirty years ago, planted by nature long before that.

A great majority of our people object to trusts and combinations while another large class object to the competitive system. If farmers could go into a trust and be able to fix their own prices on their own produce, then the matter could be evened up, but they are too numerous, so all these advantages of trusts, corporations, combinations and tariffs are on the other side against them.

Just now English writers are talking about a wheat famine in the near future. When wheat gets up to three dollars a bushel, where it was in 1883, will be time enough to begin to scare. All the wheat land on the face of the

earth was thought to be under cultivation fifty years ago, but millions of acres remain untouched at the present time. Then the eastern states that a few years ago were thought to be worn out for wheat, by the use of a few hundred pounds of fertilizer to the acre, are producing heavy crops. Old fields that were considered worthless for wheat thirty years ago are made to yield thirty and forty bushels to the acre. The vacation in wheat growing has killed off the wheat fly and weevil and the crop grows finely. As long as wheat is selling for less than a dollar in this country a wheat famine is not near.

We can't agree with Mrs. Lew Wallace that the present system of education is full of pale faces and skeletons. No healthier looking children were ever seen in America than can be seen around the country school houses in Nebraska at the present time. They are a little more slender in form and their faces a little more peaked in our cities. This is due to the fact that the cities have, generally, no chores or work to do. A grown up hog may fatten faster lying still, but colts and kids need exercise, and it is seldom that they get too much. In all the thousands of children, young men and young women students whom I have known, never but one did I think killed himself by hard study. He was racing for the valedictory against another young man of stronger constitution. He studied and recited eighteen to twenty hours out of the twenty-four and died the last month of his last year. If city parents could put their children's knowledge to a little practical use as they go along it would be better. They have got to be reviewed, examined, unraveled and twisted up as they go through life, and the school is the dress parade round. Never have we met a man or woman who regretted the chafing and prodding they got in their school days.

There are a great many queer things in this world not found in books. Bird's-eye maple, for instance, is made such by small woodpeckers, called sap suckers. In the spring of the year they pick holes through the bark of the tree and drink. They select trees which yield the sweetest sap—perhaps one in ten thousand. Every year they puncture the bark and grow wood and cause a small burl, resembling a bird's eye. Any boy who has milked a cow in fly time can tell you what a cow's tail is for. Not so easy to tell what an alligator's long tail is for, but let him see the sleeping animal knock a chicken or dog into his mouth and the utility of the long tail will be discovered. So let him see two kangaroo fight and he soon discovers the use they make of their long tails. But why should the fox have such a large, furry tail? That is his bed and he takes it up when he walks, and all he has to do when he gets ready to lay down is to curl his tail up and lie down on it. We used to play with a tanner's boy and watch the men shave down the thick neck of ox hides so the whole skin would be of even thickness. Perhaps the next would be a horse hide and they would have to shave down the thick part of that. Why was it that the thick skin was on different ends of those two animals? Because the ox fights head first and the horse heels first, and the thick skin is a fortification where needed.

"He works like a beaver" is an old industrial comparison, and yet the beaver is one of our most indolent stay at home wild animals. He is content with the plainest, cheapest food, mostly brush. The door of his home is under water. He stores his winter food, green brush, in the water so he can reach it under the ice when the water is frozen over. He gnaws down little trees and feeds upon the land in the summer. He builds a dam where food is plenty and the water too shallow for a winter storehouse. He is one of nature's do-nothings.

### JERRY SIMPSON IS SORRY

He Says That he Made two Very bad Political Mistakes That Cannot be Rectified. The proposition to give Gen. Palmer a pension has unlocked the secrets in Jerry Simpson's breast, and has caused him to tell a tale of political negotiations which he carried on some years ago and which now are the cause of great regret.

"I am feeling very sore over the case of Senator Palmer," said Mr. Simpson the other day. "I made possible the election of two senators, both of whom are inimical to the populists, and one of whom was probably the means of defeating Bryan in 1896. It only shows what great events will flow from small sources."

In 1890-1 senatorial contests were raging in Illinois and in South Dakota. In Illinois there were 101 democrats, 101 republicans and three populists in legislature, the populists thus holding the balance of power. In South Dakota the democrats held the balance between the republicans and populists. It was agreed that if the populists would support Palmer in Illinois and elect him in South Dakota and elect him.

"I went to Springfield and labored with the three populist members. Taubeneck stood out, but the others agreed to vote for Palmer if he would pledge himself to free silver. We three went to see him in his private office and he readily gave us the pledge desired. 'Gentlemen,' he said, 'I am not only a silver man, and shall not only stand by that metal, but I am a greenbacker and shall vote for that policy if ever opportunity offers.'"

"We took him at his word and he was elected on the 154th ballot and Kyle was elected in South Dakota. Since then Palmer has led the fight against free silver and Kyle has practically left the populist party. I failed on both propositions and I have never regretted anything so much in my life as I have the part I played in those two events."

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### OUR TROOPS TO LEAVE CUBA

Only Small Garrisons Expected to Remain in the Island.

### THE LATEST CUBAN PROGRAM.

The Withdrawals, It is Said, Will Begin Next Month—Cubans to be Given a Chance to Show Their Capacity for Self Government.

New York, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the New York Herald from Havana says:

That President McKinley plans the early withdrawal of all the American troops from Cuba became known here to-day. It was welcome news, particularly to the regulars, who had supposed that they would remain in the island several years.

Colonel Pearson of the Tenth regiment told me last night that he had the best of authority for the assertion that only small garrisons would remain in Cuba unless the unforeseen should happen.

I was given to-day an outline of the policy President McKinley will pursue toward the Cubans, my authority being a man of national reputation, who is now making his second visit to the island as the personal representative of the President.

This plan, which will be laid before Gomez next week, and which it is believed he will approve, is first to determine the exact amount necessary to liquidate all the outstanding obligations of the provisional government, including the pay of the army and the civil authorities. It is now believed that not more than \$20,000,000 will be required. To raise this amount, Cuban bonds with an American guarantee will be issued, the Cubans first binding themselves to contract no other indebtedness without first securing the consent of the Congress of the United States.

American officers will administer the custom houses of the island and have general superintendence of all taxation. Consular affairs will be entirely intrusted to the United States, but in all other affairs the island will be free and independent.

The bonds to be issued will mature in ten or twenty years, at the option of the Cuban government, which may rid itself entirely of American interference by paying this debt.

This plan means an American protectorate over Cuba for at least ten years, by which time the island will have demonstrated its ability to govern itself, or will be more than willing to attach itself permanently to the United States. The first great benefit of this scheme will be the protection to foreign capital, which will pour into the island in great volume for investment.

A dispatch from Washington says American troops will be withdrawn from Cuba, beginning next month.

Just as soon as a report is received from Major General Brooks regarding the number of men to be retained in each of the departments for the purpose of assisting the Cubans in maintaining order, instructions will be sent directing the return of all regiments that are not actually needed. In reducing the number of troops in Cuba, the administration has a double purpose; first, to give the Cubans an opportunity to demonstrate that they can govern themselves; second, to save the American troops from the dangers of a rainy season in the island.

The Cubans have asserted from the outset that they could maintain order and during the rainy season they will have a chance to show what they can do. If they succeed the American forces in Cuba will be gradually withdrawn.

This arrangement is in fulfillment of a promise made to the late General Garcia, and is really the beginning of the settlement of the Cuban question by the establishment of an independent government.

Against Theatrical Posters.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 15.—Senator Ramp introduced a bill this morning which provides that it shall be unlawful for "any agent, owner of any theater, manager or representative of any theatrical troupe of actors or actresses to post on any bill board, fence, shed, stable or house situated on any avenue, street or highway in a city or village within the state of Missouri, any theatrical bill, poster or card on which are the pictures of any female figures in a semi-nude state as advertised before the public in order to attract attention so as to have the public attend such performances, whether in any theater, hall or public place of amusement." The penalty for violation is a fine of from \$25 to \$500 or imprisonment.

To Ask Pay for the Treaty.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The London Times publishes a long explanatory historical article on the Nicaragua canal and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty this morning, advocating abrogation of the treaty and declaring that "the Americans will think no loss of us if we confine friendship with business."

For Kansas Troops From Cuba.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 15.—The officers at Fort Leavenworth are arranging for the care of the 600 soldiers of the Twenty-third Kansas volunteers, negroes, who are expected here in a few weeks. Coming from the warm climate of Cuba, it has been decided not to put them in camp on the reservation at this time of year. The privates will be quartered in the infantry barracks and the officers will be placed in the West End officers' quarters.