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The farmer is the corner stone of a nation's wealth and greatness.—Admiral Schley.

There are no paupers in New Zealand while every other English colony has them by the thousand. Why?

"First freedom; then glory—when that fails Wealth, vice, corruption—despotism at last; And history with all her volumes vast, Hath but one page."

Buffalo, N. Y. has adopted the voting machine by a vote of the city council. When will the cities and counties in Nebraska begin to take action in the same direction?

Let every American remember that to violate the Declaration of Independence is to trample on the blood of his fathers and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty.—Abraham Lincoln.

General Otis has begun to send the volunteers home, but the ones that he is sending are the sick, wounded and disabled. Not a man who is able to carry a gun gets a discharge. All such are kept on the firing line.

"United we stand. Divided we fall." That was the motto of the revolutionary fathers and it is a good motto yet, although a few fellows down at Kansas city last week seem to think it ought to read: "Divided we stand. United we fall."

His Imperial Majesty, McKinley, 1st, is just at present engaged with other monarchs in setting up a King in Samoa and in destroying a republic in the Philippines. Any one who says that that is not Abe Lincoln republicanism is a "copperhead."

McKinley and the republican press are engaged in an effort to crush the only republic ever organized in Asia. That is the thing that calls itself Lincoln republicanism in this year of our Lord, Hurrah for the Grand Old Party. Vote 'er straight.

The Imperialist papers declare that a whole lot of people in the United States are traitors but the administration has refused to prosecute and punish them. That is a pretty sort of an administration. Won't punish treason! Are they afraid of the traitors?

Mr. Hearst of the New York Journal is many times over a millionaire. He is red hot for imperialism. His editorial manager is a single taxer. His two chief editorial writers are Granlund and Clossen who are socialists. Money, imperialism, socialism—they are all in one bed together.

If a populist Lieutenant Colonel had refused to go to the front after his colonel had been killed in battle and to get out of it had even refused a promotion, how the republican press of this state would have howled "cowardice." Under the present circumstances they say nothing. That is the best thing that they can do.

According to the Imperialist, the Declaration of Independence is an incendiary document. Will McKinley have its circulation through the mails stopped? To say "governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," is high treason these days. Will every man who attempts to read that document on the Fourth of July be arrested?

Napoleon McKinley thinks that he can conquer the whole world but he surrenders to a cigar in spite of all the doctors can do to inspire him with courage to fight it. When the doctors intimated to General Grant that smoking was injurious to his throat, he threw the cigar out of the window, never smoked another and never mentioned the subject afterwards. Napoleon McKinley isn't that kind of a man.

Perhaps we should not be too hard on these mullet headed republicans. It may be that in their blinded minds that they have read it "the rule of gold" instead of the golden rule and are really doing the best that they know how. Perhaps Mark Hanna's bureau sent a circular to them saying that that was the correct rendering, and as Mark's infallible authority for a mullet head the poor creatures are not to blame.

TURN THE DIAL BACK.

From the articles appearing in the magazines and leading dailies in the country it begins to look as if we must fight the battles of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries all over again. It has been taken for granted by all the leaders of men during the whole of this century that certain great principles of government had been settled and that we had arrived at the truth. The people had traveled a long and bloody way in their search for the truth and the intellectual world had at last agreed upon the principle of self government by the consent of the governed. That was universally accepted among the Anglo-Saxons and to a very large extent among the Germanic and Latin races. In fact they all accepted it in theory, however far they were from practicing it. The principle that government came down from God and not up from men and was represented on earth by kings and priests was fought out on the battle fields of England and the continent and all thinking men accepted the conclusion and began to adjust the governments of the old world to the new idea. The bloodiest of all the battles and the greatest sacrifices ever made for this idea were made by the Germanic peoples.

When Charles the fifth as king of Spain and Emperor of Germany—ruler as he was of half the earth—was beaten and compelled to recognize the right at least in some degree of self government to the brave burghers, the first great step onward was taken. Afterward, the greatest thinkers that the world had ever known began a discussion and an examination of the rights of man. Such men as Hume, Lock, Kant, Rousseau, Voltaire, Montesquieu and Paine reasoned it all out and stated conclusions that all patriotic men have every where accepted. Now comes a large portion of the American people under the leadership of the greatest beast of greed that that world ever saw and denies the fundamental principles upon which this government was founded and in the practice of which it has grown, in a little over a hundred years, to be the greatest moral and political force in all the world.

These principles for which the common people had fought for more than four hundred years, in defense of which they had left their bones to bleach on a thousand battle fields, found their first full expression in the Declaration of Independence and in the constitution of the United States. For a hundred years we have glorified them and defended them and held them up as a beacon light to all the rest of the world. Now they are denied, scoffed at and called "glittering generalities."

Must we go back and fight all the battles over again? Has the blood shed on a thousand battle fields been shed in vain? Have the conclusions arrived at by the best minds, after centuries of thought, research and calm investigation all been wrong? Is it possible that the truth was never known until the beast of greed, represented in the person of Mark Hanna arrived at the White House?

Not in this country only, but all over Europe are men asking these questions. The patriots of all lands have ever worn the Declaration of Independence next their hearts and preserved it as their most sacred treasure. Upon the constitution of the United States have their bulwarks their political faith. In that document they find it declared that the people shall have a right to a trial by a jury of their peers, the right to bear arms, the freedom of the press, the freedom of speech, the free exercise of religion, the prohibition of cruel punishments, excessive bail, the taking of property without due process of law, and the right to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects.

The patriots of other lands stand aghast when they see this beast of greed in the White House denying all the rights to a helpless people whom we outnumber ten to one and over whom we have brought sovereignty with gold. This beast not only denies these rights to the helpless people he has bought, but to mothers of his own land who have borne sons now fighting under his orders in foreign lands.

Will McKinley be able to turn back the dial of progress four hundred years? Must the old battles of liberty all be fought over again? Shall this beast of greed deluge the earth with blood?

It must not be supposed that men have lost their love for liberty. They will fight for it in the future as they have fought for it in the past.

There used to be ten banks in Lincoln. Now there are only two. What has become of all the cashiers, clerks directors and presidents who, every one of them were certain that they knew all about finance and that the pups were all a set of fools? Some of them went into bankruptcy long ago and some of them are counting toes. We told you so.

Old Tiddle-de-winks has finally concluded to accept the statement of Tim Sedgwick (he is the patriot who printed the Nebraska laws at so much a page and then made one word do duty for a whole line) that the poverty stricken pups have been shipping machine guns and metallic cartridges to Aguinaldo to shoot the boys of the First Nebraska. That story is such a vote getter we hope that Tim and the State Journal will stick to it through all the campaign.

The more witches the old puritans burned the more the witches multiplied. When they stopped burning witches, the witches disappeared. The people of the south might learn something from this if they could control their passions long enough to stop and think. They have been burning negroes at the stake down there, but the more they burn the more black rapists there seem to be. Mobs never suppressed crime and never will.

For 122 years the people have celebrated the Fourth of July. Why? Because that is the date of the Declaration of Independence. Now after a century and a quarter the modern Abe Lincoln, republicans have found out that that declaration is only "a mass glittering generalities." If that is so why should we celebrate it any more? Will the republicans substitute for it when they meet on that day some proclamation of King George III.

Private Koopman in a letter to his parents says that company L of the First Nebraska started into the campaign with two officers and six men. On April 24th when he wrote, the company had been reduced to 19 men and no officers. Their captain was wounded and the other officer fell from exhaustion. It was the mothers of this company whom the State Journal denounced as traitors and copperheads. Has any one any remarks to make?

The democratic party has retired every one of the traitors to Jeffersonian principles who joined the enemy under the leadership of Cleveland, Carlisle, Mills, Gorman and the whole crowd have been discarded. Not one of them, although the party honored them years now holds an office. That as far as it goes, shows the good faith of the party. Perhaps, however, it would be nearer the truth to say that Bryan retired them instead of the democratic party doing it. Anyhow they are knocked out of the box.

The Independent Herald wants this paper to quote some authority to sustain what it has been saying about the social labor party. Here is one taken from the Appeal to Reason, a socialist paper printed in Kansas:

"I am anxious, as you also evidently have been; to have all the property taken from the masses and put into the possession of the trusts, the trust managers have been equally anxious for the same results. Therefore, I throw up my hat for the republican parties, and shy my castor into the arena and ask for their approval and patronage."

During the whole war of the rebellion there was never a regiment treated as the First Nebraska has been treated by General Otis. It was always the rule on the march that the regiment that was in front one day was in the rear the next. The regiment that did the fighting one day was held in the reserve the next. But Otis has kept his well equipped and well fed regulars in the rear all the time and the first has been kept in the front from the day the first shot was fired. Nebraskans will never forget the last words of Colonel Stotsenberg. He was tired of fighting and wanted to come home. No wonder when he had such a commander as Otis.

No one can get the news who relies on a gold bug, imperialist paper. The Associated press dispatches are edited in the office of every such paper and everything in the news that has the slightest tendency to enlighten the people is scrupulously suppressed. There was a sample of it in the State Journal the other day when it suppressed all of that part of the evidence given by Attorney-General Monnett that showed how the Standard oil company was able to maintain its monopoly, by rebates on the railroads and his demand that if the roads persisted in such discrimination their charters should be annulled.

There is no man in the world who can make such a complete ninny of himself as a middle-of-the-roader. He can do it so unconsciously and sweetly. Now here is Milton Park who says: "Mr. Bryan has become very conservative. He has stood still while such men as Perry Belmont, Henry Waterson and others have grown up to populist ideas that Bryan avoids." Perry Belmont and Henry Waterson have grown up to populist ideas. Now that is decidedly rich. Perry don't seem to think so. It is not long since he wrote a letter in which he denounced Bryan in the most bitter terms because as Perry said, Bryan was a populist.

Dr. Wiley was one of the experts employed to down Miles and uphold Alger. The value of his opinions as to rotten meat can be gained from a circular he sent out from his department some time ago in which he says: "Meats should never be eaten until they have become properly ripened; that is to say until they are about to decay. A chicken killed today ought to hang three weeks in a cool place before going on the table. The same with other meats; it should be kept three weeks, then there would be no danger of eating diseased meat."

A McKinley scientist holding such views as that of course would testify that Paul Armour's rotten canned beef was the most nourishing food that could be given to the common soldier and that General Miles ought to be cashiered and dismissed from the service for saying that it was not.

HOW BRYAN DOES IT.

A friend in the east writing to the editor of this paper asks how it is possible for Bryan to endure what he has passed through and maintain his physical vigor. He says any other man in the United States would have broken down under half the work that he has performed. One of the reasons is that he never gets excited and nothing can make him angry. He is always in perfect good humor with himself, the world and everybody in it. The hurrying of the vilest epithets at him does not affect him any more than the fulsome flattery that is constantly poured into his ears. He wastes no nervous energy on one or the other. Before an audience of twenty thousand people, shouting themselves hoarse, he is no more excited than when he is in his own parlor playing with his children. Nothing disturbs his constant serenity. In a railroad wreck, addressing a national convention on which the nomination for the presidency depends, making a speech in the house of representatives with even his opponents cheering him, at his desk in his cottage home, always and everywhere he is the same calm, good natured kindly man, never harboring ill feeling even for his most implacable enemies, greeting all, friends and foes alike with a smile and kindly word, he moves along without the waste of nervous force which most men constantly expend. That is how Bryan is able to do the work of four ordinary men.

PUT A STOP TO IT.

A friend in New York city writes that recently he had a conversation with one of the multimillionaires. The conversation lasted over an hour. The said millionaire was very fearful of the future and was after information. He referred to that celebrated letter written by Proctor Knott that was read in the house of representatives in the winter of '73 and '74, in which Proctor Knott referred to the time near at hand when gangplanks of the steamers to Europe would not be wide enough to give room for the millionaires fleeing for safety to the old world. This man was fully impressed with the fact that something must be done to stop the concentration of capital but the remark that most impressed the listener was this: "I am dumfounded at the stupidity of the people in allowing this thing to go as far as it has. Free coinage of silver or the free coinage of paper for a few months would put an end to it, and there is not a monied man in the world but knows that it would."

CHRIST OR MOHAMMED.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe D. D. of Washington D. C., preached the opening sermon before the Presbyterian General assembly at Minneapolis last Thursday. In that sermon he said, "He (Christ) calls us to subjugation. Force is the only argument known to savages from Joshua to McKinley." In that statement he traded Christ off for Mohammed and not a voice in the whole assembly was raised to rebuke him. Christ always and everywhere opposed the use of force. Mohammed relied on the force to propagate his religion. Dr. Radcliffe in that statement renounced Christ. When a minister renounces what Christ taught, he renounces Christ. Will the membership of the Presbyterian church renounce Christ also? Will they discard the gospels and adopt the Koran? Will this nation renounce Christ and his teachings and follow Radcliffe, McKinley and Mohammed? Will we renounce the Declaration of Independence the teachings of Christ, our form of government, the religion our mothers taught us, and follow after Mohammed and his religion and the form of government he established?

If all the doctors of divinity in the United States forsake Christ and follow after Mohammed and when we refuse they hang us for treason, if they burn us at the stake, here is one who won't do it. Christ was the great teacher, the true teacher and Mohammed was a false prophet, a cruel and murderous barbarian. If that is treason and we must hang for it, just go ahead with the hanging.

FOOLS AND WISE MEN.

The city halls of New Watcom, Washington and Fairhaven is the same state are two miles apart. Under city ownership, New Watcom gets all the water the city uses free and furnishes families at 40 cents a month and clears \$500 a month. The Fairhaven fools believe in the private ownership of public utilities and pay a private company \$250 a month for the water the city uses and each family is taxed 75 cents a month for what it uses. From all of which it seems that the people there are about on the same level of intelligence as the majority in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska.

"PARITY" ABANDONED.

J. Sterling Morton has lost the "parity" altogether and in proof of that statement the Independent herewith prints two paragraphs, which closely followed each other in the paper which that distinguished man edits. The first is as follows: "A mad dog running wild in the street, barking at the mouth and snapping at everybody, is not a sorer sore nor more dangerous to the community than a populist press preaching Bryanarchy to its inventors and capital in Nebraska." Then the Sage of Arbor Lodge seemed to forget that this is a pop governed

state and goes on to state that "everywhere the farmers of Nebraska are paying off the mortgages which represented the larger part of the purchase money which was to be paid for their farms. These payments are created out of the sale of the products of the lands themselves after paying for the maintenance of the farm and family."

The Independent submits that the "parity" demand is completely abandoned in those two statements, that in fact, there is no parity at all between them.

A GOULD SOMEONE.

Ignatius Donnelly says: "Our patent laws are all wrong. As we advocated twenty years ago, an inventor should receive the returns from his invention until he was paid a fixed sum, say \$100,000 or \$500,000, and then the discovery should be free to all the world. And it should be provided that this reward should go to the inventor himself, and not to those who take advantage of his necessities to buy up the patent for a song. As a rule men who have made our most valuable inventions have died in poverty while some brainless scamp who had not intellect enough to invent anything, has sailed off with millions of dollars."

It is stated that the Gould outfit have already obtained control of the wireless telegraph patents and expect to maintain their monopoly and rob the people through them for another generation or two as they have been doing through their telegraph monopoly. There is no way to beat that scheme except by government ownership of the telegraphs.

MARK'S LITERARY BUREAU.

Just at present the republican literary bureau is engaged in flooding the country with matter in favor of the annexation of Cuba. It is sent out by the carload. The following is a sample: "The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat announces through that publication that President McKinley, after bestowing much thought upon the situation has come to the conclusion that 'it is best for Cuba and best for the United States that the island shall become part of this nation.' 'The Globe-Democrat,' which is a staunch republican newspaper and an ardent supporter of the administration, evidently looks upon this information as of great importance, and as being significant of what will be the outcome of the present relations existing between the United States and Cuba."

Some of the pops may be inclined to smile at that kind of an argument for the annexation of Cuba. But Mark knows what he is about. All one has to do is to get any republican to think a thing is right is to tell him what McKinley thinks about it. Then he thinks the same way mighty quick and keeps on thinking that way and never stops thinking that way.

BE ANSWERED NO.

The one thing that makes the reformer who has been fighting in the ranks for a decade or two, have perfect confidence in Bryan is that he never practices evasion. He says "yes," or "no" to every proposition that is presented to him. The following is a sample: Lincoln, Neb., May 11, 1899. Mr. F. G. R. Gordon, Manchester, N.H. Dear Sir—You ask me whether I am in favor of socialism and define it to mean "collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution." and desire an answer, "yes" or "no." I answer "no." Yours truly, W. J. BRYAN.

McKinley has given unconditional pardons to a number of national bankers convicted of robbing their depositors of large sums of money. Eleven years ago a man by the name of De France was convicted of robbing a mail carrier of one cent. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Several efforts have been made by some of the best citizens of South Dakota to secure a pardon as they looked upon this sentence as cruel and unjust. When McKinley came into office another effort to secure a pardon was made, but the only thing that McKinley would do was to reduce his sentence to fifteen years which leaves him four years yet to serve. He expected a full pardon and was prostrated when he was informed that such was not the case. This is not a government of equal, ity before the law as administered by McKinley. The rich and powerful are favored and the weak and friendless are oppressed.

"We recognize the great principles laid down in the immortal Declaration of Independence as the true foundation of democratic government, and we hail with gladness every effort toward making those principles a living reality on every inch of American soil." That was the declaration of the republican party in its national platform of 1868. Since the beast of greed has taken possession of the white house, the party has repudiated all it ever fought for. The dupes to whom are closed all the avenues of information, who read nothing and who know nothing except what appears in the imperialist press, think that the party that is now under the guiding hand of this beast of greed, is the same party which elected Abraham Lincoln president in 1860. Let the mullet heads think so. There are however some thousands of men in that party who have brains enough to see where this beast of greed at the white house is leading them. They know that the party of Mark Hanna is not the party of Abraham Lincoln and does not stand for a single principle that Lincoln stood for.

AMERICAN SAVAGERY.

The number of actual savages in our cities is very large and seems to be constantly increasing. The New York Journal recently made some slight investigation into the subject and found that there were many thousands within the very shadows of the business blocks and churches who constantly relied upon the vilest incantations and who believed as firmly in them as any savage in the wilds of Africa. The writer says:

"That actual black art is relied upon by many thousands of people in Greater New York, and that money is freely paid to those who pronounce incantations and spells will astonish the greater part of the public. Some, indeed, have known that superstitious rites were observed by a few here and there, but that black art is widely believed in has hardly been thought of. The book upon which Mrs. Miller implicitly relied, and which numerous other similar "healers" use as the basis of their lucrative business, is entitled "Egyptian Secrets;" or, "White and Black Art for Man and Beast." It is printed in both English and German."

These superstitions are not confined to the foreign born or uneducated. Proof of that can be obtained from any daily paper. Look at the long list of "faith healers," fortune tellers, "Gypsies," and things of that sort that are advertised at a cost of thousands of dollars. If there were not believers in these superstitions by the thousands, these advertisements would not appear.

Would not some attempt to civilize these savages be more sensible than to go roaming through the south seas trying to find others on which to try our hands.

LINCOLNIA COPPERHEAD.

Some gentlemen were in a Lincoln hotel the other night when an imperialist republican got to denouncing every one who did not believe in the conquest of Philippines as traitors. A quiet general who had not taken any part in the fracas asked "If he might say a word. Permission being granted, he took a paper from his pocket and asked the traitor imperialist what he thought of a man who would use the following language, reading from the paper these words: "When a white man governs himself and also governs another man, that is more than self government, that is despotism."

"That is pure populist rot," replied the imperialist, "and a man who said it was a copperhead and nothing but a copperhead."

The quiet gentleman folded up his paper, put it in his pocket and remarked: "That is very queer. Those are the words of Abraham Lincoln and can be found in any work containing his life and letters."

The imperialist looked dazed, stood still for a minute, then turned and walked away without saying another word.

While McKinley's white troops were shooting niggers in the Philippines, he had a regiment of nigger troops sent to Montana to shoot white miners. It seems to be "divine providence" to shoot, and don't make any difference whether it is niggers shooting white men or white men shooting niggers. The thing is to shoot. That is "destiny" and "duty." Boston Bishop says that power does not come from the people but it comes from God, so the power of shooting men is the power of God. God seems to be in the shooting business all over the world according to this bishop. Now this editor can't understand that thing at all. Perhaps it is because he is "totally depraved" or is badly afflicted with "original sin." But it is impossible for him to believe that God is ordering the niggers to shoot the white men or the white men to shoot niggers. It seems to him that it was McKinley who issued the orders and it wasn't God. It is awful to say so, but that is the way it seems.

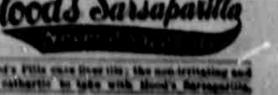
The reason why a silver dollar, with only 50¢ worth of silver in it is worth a hundred cents, is one of those things that no mullet headed republican editor has ever been able to find out. If any of them have, it is one of those things that he never tells.

There was a great uproar down at Arbor Lodge the other day. A telegram came saying: "Cleveland is dead."—J. Sterling was prostrated with grief. Shortly after a messenger boy appeared with an apology from the Western Union saying that the last word of the dispatch had been left off by mistake and it should read: "Cleveland is dead drunk." Then J. Sterling was happy again and set down wrote and an editorial about Bryanarchy.

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