UNDER COVER

Editor Independent:

I have been reading quite a good deal about imperialism and have had nothing to say against the administration hitherto, but it seems that it is my time now. I am glad that you have asked the farmer to help you edit the Independent, because that gives me a chance. My hands are a little stiff after holding the plow all the week, to handle the typewriter, but nevertheless I am going to say something about the administration. I noticed in your paper that McKinley ordered that certain mail should be removed from the United States mails at San Francisco. Edward Atkinson, the anti-imperialistic leader, of Boston, is the man on whose rights the president has infringed.

It would seem that justice had a peculiar cause to fight if it had to fight it under cover of darkness. It has been my idea, since I have had the opporunity to study the science of government and the nature and philosophy of law, that JUSTICE NEVER NEEDS A COVER TO HIDE BEHIND. It is not a thing that needs hiding. Take the very opposite of justice, and that is the thing that must be hidden for its safety. Justice never needs a cover and the man that tries to cover justice does justice that much harm. McKinley is trying to cover his cause. If it be right that the Filipino be conquered, why should it be hidden from the eyes of the people? There must be something wrong, and if it be the correct thing for McKinley to subdue the Filipino, then he is doing justice a great wrong in trying to lay a blanket over his acts that they may be concealed from the American people.

When we come to disturb the United States mails for the advancement of a cause, then we are doing a thing that is entirely out of the line of justice. The freedom of speech is guaranteed to every citizen of the United States. The constitution of the United States says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Any person of ordinary intelligence can see that the constitution gives every person a right to express himself regarding the government or the administration. Certainly a man cannot be held as a traitor in saying a thing against the supremacy of the government. It was Thomas Jefferson who said that when this government should become of no benefit to the people, the people should have the right to dissolve it and build another in its place. Here he was telling what might be done against the supremacy of the government; so we could hardly consider that Mr. Atkinson is a traitor as the attorney general considers him. Atkinson is not saying anything against the government; he is he is only speaking against the action of the president, regarding the position of the president as to the supremacy of the government. A man's words do not make him a traitor under the constitution; his deeds are the real treason. If Atkinson was a traitor, Jefferson was a traitor. You cannot judge a man by what he says, you judge him by his deeds. It was the intention of the founders of the government that a man should have the right to express himself freely regarding the government. That was one of the things that caused the decay of the monarchy. Many a man has lost his head because of saying a thing against his government. What was it in the time of the revolution? Was it not the case that the printing press of the colonies was subjected to tyranny? This was the very object of the British government, to destroy the press and its influence. The colonies were greatly wronged in this respect and that is the reason that we have that part of the constitution which defends the right of the press. How long would the Russian government stand if its people were guaranteed the right that the constitution guarantees to us? It would stand but a short time. The Russian people would not become as wise as a pop until the yoke would be shaken off. McKinley has overreached his authority. WALT JOHNSON.

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THE CHICAGO LIARS.

Editor Independent:

At a meeting of the imperialists at Chicago in the auditorium on the 7th inst. among other things the resolutions adopted stated that "on the 4th of February last an insurgent force assailed our army in its own fortifications and encampments under cover of darkness, and by this act of aggression inaugurated hostilities, and that the government of the United States has sought in every honorable way to secure cessation of hostilities."

General Reeves, who has been in the Philippines, and who is a brave and gallant officer, made the following statement in regard to the opening of hostilities:

"On Sunday, February 5th, the day after the fighting began, General Torres, of the insurgents, came through our lines under a flag of truce and had a personal interview with General Otis in which, speaking for Aguinaldo, he declared that the fighting had been begun accidentally and was not authorized by Aguinaldo; that Aguinaldo wished to have it stopped, and that to bring about a conclusion of hostilities he proposed the establishment of a neutral zone between the two armies of any width that would be agreeable to General Otis, so that during the peace negotiations there might be no further danger of conflicts between the two armies. To these representations of General Torres, General Otis sternly replied that the fighting having once begun, must go on to the grim end."

General Reeves Knows what he is talking about, as he was an eye witness to this affair, and no doubt the American people will place more confidence and reliance in his statement than they will in the resolutions adopted by the pie-biters and hypocritical ministers who desecrated the Sabbath by aiding in the passage of the resolutions at the Chicago meeting.

Another pertinent question in connection with this Chicago meeting: It took a substantial sum of money to pay for the use of so expensive a building as the auditorium. It has been said that this money was furnished largely by members of the trust, by packers of rotten beef and syndicates who are using the government for private gain. The Independent would perform a valuable service to the country by securing the names of those who furnished the money used by the imperialists at Chicago.

JOHN G. MAHER,
Chadron, Neb., May 18, 1899.

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A FRIEND TO ALL

Editor Independent:

In the Independent of April 27th you you said: "Why anyone should want to take a republican paper is beyond comprehension," and quote the following taken from the State Journal of April 22d. "The pessimistic pops who have been figuring as prophets of evil ever since their friend Aguinaldo undertook to break through our picket line at night to loot Manila and murder the foreigners there are much taken back by the late advice from the Philippines. Their prediction that the Tagals would carry on a guarilla warfare on the mountains for a generation were founded on quicksand." In answer to your question I will say I take a republican paper because to be forewarned is to be forarmed. To the charge that I am the friend of Aguinaldo I plead guilty. I am the friend of every human being. To the charge that I hope for a prolonged guarilla warfare I am innocent and so is every populist. The Journal in its charge convicts itself and its party of being the enemy of Aguinaldo and self government for the Filipinos. If for them why not for the masses at home? The pitible excuse that we are protecting foreigners is simply declaring that the war with Spain was unjust. If foreigners were unsafe then Spain was doing all she could to protect them and if unable we should have helped her. I supposed we were according them the same rights we demanded 123 years ago of the world, i. e. a voice in our government.

I want to scold a little bit again. What is the use of our making any fight on either the socalled middle-of-the-road pop or the socialist? Our enemy is the bank of issue advocate. He keeps those little fellows to draw our fire the same as the old frontiersman would show his hat on the end of his ram rod to draw the fire of his opponent. Again the same crowd are willing to get up an imperialist and anti-imperialist party and they don't care which side beats only so they can down the white metal and the greenback. The poor old State Journal is excusable for anything it may say on the ground of ignorance. It don't know enough to spell "one," it always spells it "wun." It thinks it is smart in declaring prosperity is here and here to stay. Our present prosperity reminds me of one of those China imitation eggs. There is not a thing in them but they are alright to fool an old hen.

Hoping government issue of money success, I am GEORGE WATKINS.

THE FARMERS CONGRESS

Editor Independent:

Will you kindly give me a little space while I give your patrons my views on our farmers national congress and if I don't get it right I wish you would set me right. If I understand it right each state has a certain number of delegates appointed by the governor. These delegates in all probability ride on a pass. Last year the governors of the different states appointed five hundred associate delegates for each state. As soon as these delegates received their appointments they began to receive letters from the managers of all railroad companies whose road ran in the direction of the place of meeting. Now I don't know all the regular delegates but I do know some of the leading delegates from Iowa and they are of that class of farmers who farm the farmers and two of them notorious rail road cappers. You will notice they always meet as far from home as possible to get the long haul—two years ago I think it was they met at Minneapolis, last year at Fort Worth, Texas, next year they meet in Boston, perhaps next at Seattle. Say, I imagine there will be some pretty smooth farmers at Boston. Just think of it, five hundred farmers wives taking their men to town and running them through a barber shop and bath tub then through a Jew clothing store then down to the bank to see if they can get $100 or $150 as the case may be to put them through in good shape—perhaps have to give a lien on the next crop and the last jersey cow and of course the good wife would have to remain at home to look after the pigs and all other matters pertaining to home duties. Last year some of the delegates talked to the farmers about cleaning their grain—thought it better to clean the grain before marketing. Of course that was the first intimation they had had that that was the thing to do. Another said he thought it would be a good thing to employ a little army of men to take the mail out to the farmers. I think they called it free rural postal delivery or something of that kind. Now there is no one who knows better than I that we old grangers love to be remembered by the governor of a great state like Nebraska. We know too that there is not fat places for all—hence we feel satisfied with a lean place. Of course we frame these papers having the great seal of the state on and they show up fairly well. Some of our less fortunate neighbors look upon us as quite noted personages, and in fact, I have thought they sometimes envy us. I have never taken time to estimate the cost to five hundred delegates but at a rough estimate I think it would be enough to run a popocrat or demopop state campaign in good shape, hence my plan would be to just let the regular delegates run the congress and lop off the five hundred associates. I may be a little on the old logy order but that is the way I feel about it. How do you feel?

H. B. MILLER,
Winside, Neb.

The editor of the Independent feels just the same way. He once reported for a daily paper the doings of one of these farmer congresses. The committee on resolutions was composed of eleven members. Nine of those farmers on that committee were national bankers. He so stated in his report, but the managing editor struck that line out.

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But when our goverument was established upon a citizenship, widely scattered over a new and sparsely settled territory, the Grecian Agora and Rome Forum seemed impractical and out of the question. The hearts and breasts of the patriots of the revolution, who had cut the chains that bound us to the mother country were filled with high purposes to build a government resting upon and operated by the governed. Filled with patriotism themselves, loving their country newly born out of the mighty throes of a bloody revolution, they believed that through the representative system all their patriotic purposes would be accomplished.

Some there were who feared the corrupting influence of wealth and the aggressiveness of selfish ambitions; but the keenest visioned and the most prescient failed to foresee the present totally wrecked condition of self-government in our country.

They builded upon correct principles: That all men were created equal before the law; and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. The "divine right of kings" was distinctly repudiated. In place thereof they held that the "divine right" to rule resided in the people if any where among men.

And here, upon this proposition, "hang all the law and the prophets:" There is but one place to look for the "divine right" or any right among men, to rule and that is to the people. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this proposition.

But do I need to argue it? Is there a fairly intelligent voter of any party in the United States who will deny it? Strange as it may seem, unfortunately there are many who deny it. Not, however, so much by word of mouth as by their conduct. Yet the old self-sufficient satanic idea that the few are wiser, purer and more honest and therefore more to be trusted in governmental affairs than the many is still possessed by some voters. As a general thing men who possess this intolerable idea look upon their weaker neighbors as their prey, if only they can get their grip of greed upon them. Such men are still dominated by the beastly instincts of the porcine and feline. They deny that their weaker neighbor has rights which they are bound to respect.

Their idea of government is such an one as will help them most by giving to the strong special privileges so they may the more easily plunder their weaker neighbor. And right here we discover the reason why government ought to rest upon the consent of the governed. Give us in this country a government by less than a majority, as by an aristocracy, or plutocracy as at present, and that government will surely help the few and the strong at the expense of the many and the weak. There need be no doubt of this proposition.

And it is herein that our patriot fathers did not build as wisely as they supposed they were building. As administered by them our government was so representative that each citizen had a voice in it through his loyal, faithful and patriotic representative. If the same high sense of honor and patriotism as actuated them, had continued to this day to actuate the servants (so-called) of the people, our country would not have drifted upon the rocks of which government by the people has been hopelessly wrecked.

But it was impossible to maintain government by the people under the representative system.

W. L. HAND,
Kearney, Neb.

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DE SOTO, MO., May 23.—The engine of the Iron Mountain & Southern Texas express, which left St. Louis at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, struck a cow at Tip Top, Mo., on Hogan's mountain, a few miles from here, at 6 o'clock last evening, and jumped the track, turning completely over. Fireman Fred Parker was killed and Engineer H. F. Walter severely injured, but not fatally. The abrupt stopping of the train caused several of the passengers to sustain bruises, but no one was badly injured.

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Dated May 8, 1899.

LOUIS POSKA,
Mortgagee.
(First publication May 11, 1899.)

NOTICE.

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, Third Judicial District.

The State of Nebraska, Lancaster County, ss.

George Joseph Reis, Plaintiff,
vs.
Sarah Ann Reis, Defendant.

Notice to non-resident defendant to take depositions.

The above named defendant, Sarah Ann Reis will take notice that on Wednesday the 14th day of June 1899 the said George Joseph Reis, above named plaintiff will take the depositions of Anna Reis and Fredrick Reis, Sundry witnesses, to be used as evidence on the trial of the above entitled cause, at the office of Sullivan & Co. No. 1150 Columbus Avenue, in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk and state of Massachusetts between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. of said day and the taking of said depositions will be adjourned from day to day, between the same hours, until they are completed.

GEORGE JOSEPH REIS, plaintiff.
By J. C. MCNERNEY, his attorney.

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