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Dewey is playing a sharp game on the would-be Nonians as he ever did on the Spanish. He will manage to escape the silly business men when he gets back to the United States. Watch him and see if he does't.

Let every populist community have a big celebration on the Fourth of July and read the Declaration of Independence. If McKinley orders us all hanged for high treason all right. There will be a high old time at the hanging.

Self Culture says that "The prolonged attempt to secure the regulation of public service corporations by means of open competition has made every municipal legislative body the source of a moral contagion which has permeated all departments of public and private life."

Two down fellows met down at Kansas City and declared that they were the peoples party. The associated press just laid itself out to give publicity to their proceedings. Never before were the doings of a little handful of men given so much attention in the great dailies. Wonder why?

Of the fifty large cities in the United States, only nine are supplied by privately owned waterworks. These nine are Omaha, San Francisco, New Orleans, Denver, Indianapolis, New Haven, Paterson, Scranton, and Memphis. It is about time Omaha, situated in this populist state as it is, was cutting loose from that crowd.

The building of the Niobrara canal should be made one of the demands in the next national platform of the peoples party. It should be built by the government. No contracts should be made with any construction company. The building of that canal by the government and running it at cost would reduce freight rates on the railroads between California and New York one-half.

While some of the preachers were making speeches in the auditorium at Chicago denouncing the Declaration of Independence as the work of the devil, a large congregation met in another hall and engaged in the worship of Buddha and other heathen divinities. While they were advocating the shooting of Christianity into the Philippines, the heathen were taking possession of their own town.

During the revolution, King George was told that the rich men of New York were as loyal as the Prince of Wales. Now over in Manila, they send word to McKinley that the rich men of the Philippines are as loyal to him as are the members of his own cabinet. This is a strange sort of coincidence and it will not do to comment upon it, for if you do you will be called a copperhead and Mark Hanna will have you hung for a traitor.

A negro bishop down south solemnly declares that the blacks were much better off before the war than they are now, and he ought to know for he was a slave himself. He might have added that the wage working white men of the north were also much better off than they are now. This gold standard slavery makes no exceptions on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. It treats all workers alike.

Is it any wonder after we take a look at the factory that has been going on in Manila between McKinley's commission, Otis, and the Filipino representatives, that Dewey a long time ago made a requisition on the government for a statesman. As McKinley could not find a thing that had wearing the republican brand in the whole United States, he did not honor that requisition, but sent out some tyros who have been in a man ever since they have been there.

The Mohammedism that is being preached in some of our churches is sort of the half way, or milk and water sort. It is the straight thing. Conversion of unbelievers by the sword and faith in fighting or intemperance. It is our destiny, and we have nothing to do with shaping it. It is the will of Allah, and what is the use of shaking. The only consolation they make is that the unbelievers shall be hung, and not demagogued as we was done when Mohammed was on earth. Great is Allah! Get out and yell or your doom is sealed.

A COSTLY JUDGE.

The cost of a republican judge to the people of Lincoln is many thousands of dollars a year more than his salary. One of them issued an injunction the other day that will force the people of Lincoln to pay \$2 a thousand for 1 lump-summing gas for several years to a private corporation, while the citizens of all other cities are getting their gas at from one-fourth to one-half that cost. That is one of the things that the people have to pay, for the pleasure of having a republican judge. The multi-headed who compose the majority in this judicial district will re-elect that judge and call every man a copperhead who does not vote for him. There never was seen in all the world before such a consummate set of fools. The naphtha gas that is furnished to the people of Lincoln can be manufactured here just as cheaply as it can be anywhere, and the amount that they are swindled out of by this judge can be seen by reading the following dispatch:

New York, May 22.—Bids of the gas companies for city contracts were opened today. For lighting public buildings the Consolidated gas company offered to supply gas at 50 cents for 1,000 cubic feet. This is less than one-half the present rate. Bids on street lamps were \$12 and \$12.90 a lamp, as against \$17 last year.

NEW ENGLAND DEGENERATES.

The awful degeneracy of the rural population of the New England states, where the great gold standard majorities are counted, is being acknowledged even in the high-toned plutocratic magazines. The articles of Rollin Lynde Hart in the Atlantic Monthly on the moral and physical degeneracy of New England towns is creating a great deal of discussion and criticism. Even the New York Tribune says that Mr. Hart properly stands by his guns in re-iterating his charges, knowing that he has the facts behind him. The general consensus of opinion about the degeneracy of the people is that it is caused by what Mary A. Jordan of Smith college calls "a prevailing air of hopelessness." Philip Morgan describes the conditions there as follows:

"The number of illegitimate children among us is so large that a definite amount has been fixed by common consent as the proper one to be paid by the putative father to the parents of the unmarried mother. Not infrequently men and women take new wives and husbands without the formality of a divorce or re-marriage. Whole families are sunk in a slough of vice and poverty, from which, occasionally, some enterprising son or daughter will emerge, perhaps only to fall back again in a moment of temptation or despair."

Compare such a condition as that to populistic, educated, enterprising Nebraska. Concentration of wealth and poverty of the masses is what has bro't this awful degeneracy upon the New England states. "My people," declares a Congregational minister of that part of the country, "are degenerates; the people all through my district are degenerates."

This condition is just what was fore-told by the economists of every country as a result of the endeavor to increase the purchasing power of money through the demonetization of silver and the establishment of the gold standard. The darkest picture ever painted by a wild-eyed pop will not equal the degeneracy to be found all over New England.

"Hopelessness," "poverty," "no chance for advancement," these things are said to be the cause of the degeneracy of a people who once led the world in enterprise, statesmanship, and education. But what has caused the hopelessness and poverty. The value has gone from their lands and the products of the work of their hands, while their taxes, interest, and all fixed charges have remained the same. That is what has caused them to be poor. That is what has taken all the hope out of their hearts.

Now how do these plutocratic philanthropists propose to regenerate the people? Mr. Hart would "teach the people to call upon each other often and to talk more upon things that are worth while. Get up entertainments and re-hallow card playing and dancing. Stimulate and deepen their intellectual life through courses of lectures." Mr. Hart does not call himself a degenerate, but one would be excused for calling him so after reading that. What would an old pop Nebraska farmer advise as he stood and looked, with tears in his eyes and sorrow in his heart, at helpless degenerates like those described by Mr. Hart?

This is what he would say: "You have put upon these people burdens too heavy to be borne. You have doubled their taxes, their interest, their railroad charges, by doubling the purchasing power of money. You have cut in half the prices they receive for the products they produce. You have increased their burden four fold. The men who receive interest, taxes, and railroad charges have become millionaires and multimillionaires. Their enormous increase in wealth has been taken from these people, and it has left them in poverty and without hope. Undo what you have done. Cut off half the tribute the people pay in taxes, half they pay in interest, half of the freight charges the people pay on what they consume and you will soon see hope spring up in their breasts. Their eyes will grow bright

and their step elastic. They will marry wives, raise children, and preserve and defend their homes."

If you ask how these charges that the rich collect from the poor can be cut in half and the price of their products raised as much, he will smile and say: "I thought any one knew how to do that. It is the easiest thing in the world to do. Double the amount of money in circulation. That will cut taxes, interest, and railroad charges right in two at the middle. That will double the price of all the products of labor."

The would-be wise of this world call such talk as that lunacy. They say: "Adorn the church, the school house, and the town hall. Encourage the farmers to purchase inexpensive reproductions of good pictures; arrange an art exhibition each winter. Better music can be had in the churches. Provide occasional concerts; make amateur dramatics a means of culture. Develop a taste for horticulture and landscape gardening." That is what Hart says, and it is about the sum and substance of what all these plutocratic philanthropists say.

One might as well tell them when they came to a fence to lift themselves over by their boot straps. There is just as much sense in the one proposition as the other. Music, dramatics, church adorning, even if the poverty-stricken degenerates could buy them, would only make their poverty-stricken condition worse, for what they spent on those things would only be taken from the things they have now.

New England degenerates are the direct result of the "crime of '73." It is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Wolowski made in 1868, of Seyer in '70, and all economists who forwarded the world when John Sherman and the Rothschilds started out to demonetize silver and establish the gold standard. Degeneracy will continue to spread as long as present conditions continue.

IN MORTON'S NODDLE.

A bourbon democrat never forgets anything that he has once learned, and never changes his opinion. If he can manage to conquer an idea after a long and hard struggle, which is always necessary before it can be accomplished by one of them, that idea sticks until death removes him from this earthly sphere. Now, here is J. Sterling Morton. He learned to write for a weekly newspaper long ago, when alliteration was a fad among newspaper men. All intelligent writers have long since discarded it, but Morton got it into his noddle, and there the idea has stuck ever since. In his last paper he goes on after this fashion:

"Fusion and confusion, valiant varlets, fusion and fallacyites, propagating poverty, amalgamated and emulsified, modern or midway, fancies and financiers, forcible and fervid, financial forecasters." These alliterations were caught at a glance in looking over a column or two. We might have caught a few more more but happened to see the following, and quit:

"Placed a dwelling 'Small Fox Here,' and it will not be free from callers than that town which supports a genuine 16 to 1 Bryanarchaic newspaper will be from incoming capital seeking investment."

We stopped because we caught in connection with it these words: "Money to loan in Nebraska City; money to loan everywhere, at less rates than ever before in Nebraska." And a Bryanarchaic newspaper published in every enterprising town in the state! Oh, Morton! Give us some parity.

Will some Kansas pop please inform the Independent who George B. Harrison & Co., are. They appear before the public as the editors and publishers of the Farmers Advocate of Topeka, Kansas. That paper used to be the organ of the Farmers Alliance and later of the populist party. If there has been anything in it for the last six months advocating the principles upon which it was founded this editor has failed to find it. It is not one of Mark Hanna's subsidized organs it acts as if it were.

There are some strange things in this world, but one of the strangest is to go into a church and hear a preacher read a quotation from the Man of Peace, preach a sermon about it, and in the sermon advocate wars of conquest and subjugation. The surprise is not diminished when one sees with what approval the bellicose words are received by the members of the Society of Christian Endeavor, who meet in the evening and work and pray for universal peace. There is no parity in these things, and the Independent is always great on "parity." How this can be is one of those things that no pop can find out.

When Detroit determined to buy and own the street car lines in that city, a committee of experts placed the value of all the visible property owned by them at \$7,000,000, but the owners asked \$18,000,000, the other \$11,000,000 being the value of the franchises that the city had given away and on which the millionaires who owned them, including the scoundrel Tom Johnson, had never paid a cent of taxes. A good large slice of the millionaires that were this country with their promises were made millionaires by the gift to them of franchises. When in the old anti-monopoly campaign this writer was wont to put in an objection to giving away these millions that belong to all the people he was called a fool and a crank.

KANSAS REPUBLICANS.

The republican leaders in Kansas are in a fair way to wreck the educational institutions of that state by making them the foot ball of politics. The better class of republican papers in the state are denouncing and protesting against the policy inaugurated. Two of the board of regents of the agricultural college were recently dismissed for establishing the student's boarding house, which the "investigating committee" decided was against the law. The boarding house business was then stopped by vote of the republican regents. They didn't want to do anything contrary to law. Last week a petition signed by 264 students asked that the boarding house be reopened. The regents scratched their heads, read the list of names again, and voted to commit the same crime that the populists had been decapitated for.

The ousting of these two regents gave the republicans control and they forthwith proceeded to knock out all the arrangements that had been made for the commencement exercises. They countermanded the engagement made with Bryan for a speech on that occasion. One of the leading republican papers, the Salina Journal, says: "It was certainly poor politics to countermand the engagement of William J. Bryan for the commencement address at the agricultural college. The republicans have been complaining of the extreme partisanship of the populists in the management of the state educational institutions, and now, at the very outset, they are guilty of the same thing. The national reputation of Bryan as an orator is a sufficient warranty for his engagement for the commencement exercises."

In answer to numbers of inquiries in regard to Major Eager, all that can be said is that his mother has received a short letter in addition to the cablegram from him. He says that the bones of his foot were badly mangled, but that while the wound is very painful it is not considered dangerous. He thought it would be two months before he would be fit for duty again. He said that he had the best of care and the only thing to complain of was the excessively hot weather.

What is Mark Hanna going to do with the island of Mindanao? It is almost as large as Luzon and the late Spanish minister of war, Nicolas Estevanay says that it was never conquered by Spain, that the most that they could claim was a little strip of land along certain parts of the coast. He says that the natives, who are all Mohammedans are unconquerable. They have maintained their power and their government for 400 years against all the armies that Spain could send against them. There is a good chance for another war, another issue of bonds and the slaughter of a few thousand more American soldiers. All of which is just to the liking of Hanna, McKinley and a lot of preachers.

The head liar on the gold bug sheet is no longer the circulation man. That position is now given to the headline writer. For a good example, look at the State Journal of last Friday morning. Its headlines over the dispatch concerning the democratic meeting at St. Louis were as follows: "Party badly at sea—Bryan shouts for silver—Says it cannot be shelved, and Altgeld agrees—Strong undercurrent, nevertheless, against giving it a place." When the whole account is read through the "strong undercurrent" fails to appear. There seems to be a mortal dread among the leaders of the republican party that free silver will not be dropped. Every newspaper one takes up has an editorial or two telling how free silver will be dropped by the populists and democrats in the next campaign. That always makes us think of the old saying: "The wish is father to the thought."

STRANGE INSANITY.

Attention is called to an article in another column entitled "Mexico is booming." In that country, half civilized as it is, there is a complete fulfillment of every prediction made by the bimetallic forces in regard to the beneficent effects of the free coinage of silver and the cheapening of the purchasing power of money. Its effect upon a country like the United States, filled as it is with railroads, the best machinery, and the hardest working and most intelligent population on earth, would be still more marvelous.

Stop and consider what the adoption of the gold standard would be upon Mexico. In the first place, all taxes would be doubled, interest would be doubled, every debt would be doubled, railroad freightage and passenger fare would be doubled. The people, having to pay just twice as much as they do now for all these things, would be able to buy only half as many goods as under the present standard. No new factories would be built, and half of the workmen employed in those that are now running would be discharged. Will any man who can think deny that all of those things would be of necessity follow? Just that result followed in this country when the attempt to establish the gold standard in this country was made, and it always will follow the doubling of the purchasing power of money. What sort of insanity is it that will lead men who are not interested in the doubling of debts, railroad charges, and

interest, to advocate the gold standard? Give a reduction in the purchasing power of money, cut in two interest charges, railroad rates, and taxes, and all the ills that have come upon us since the demonetization of silver, including the concentration of capital, combinations, and trusts, will disappear. It is not machinery, it is not inventions, it is not that the nature of man is changed that causes the evils from which the gold standard countries suffer, while the half-civilized countries like Japan and Mexico prosper, build factories, employ all their labor, and increase in wealth. It is the awful burdens of interest, debt, and taxation. Cut these burdens in half and these United States would employ all the labor and create such wealth as was never heard of before. There is nothing in all this furor but the money question. The statements of '96 stand.

THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

A little pamphlet entitled "The Race Problem in the South," has come to this office. It should have a universal circulation among all those who are interested in the welfare of this country. Its modest sub-title says that it is "a paper by Rev. Robert F. Campbell, D.D.," but it is such a calm and able discussion of the whole subject that its general circulation would go far toward the settlement of the question. A paper slip attached says that it can be obtained from the Citizens Company, Ashland, N. C., at 60 per copy. The Presbyterian of Asheville endorses the pamphlet and it is sent out as a tract on home missions, but it is something very much more than that.

This race problem the American people must deal with in the near future. Many millions more of the inferior races have come under our jurisdiction in the last year—in fact more than all we had to deal with when McKinley stepped into the white house. What is to be done with them? That is something that must be answered, and prudence says the answer cannot be delayed. This tract has the ring of the real old gospel in it. It is not to be wondered at that we find appended to this copy the following note:

"Within one month from the publication of this pamphlet the first edition was exhausted, and the demand for a second and larger edition leads the writer to hope that this humble attempt to unite men of all sections and of both races in an unbiased study of this great question will not be in vain."

A WRONG IDEA.

The socialist idea and that of some other people that it is best to let the trusts, the gold bugs and the bankers go on and work their will upon the people until things grow so bad that they cannot be endured, is all wrong. They think that such a condition would force a revolution, but it wouldn't. That kind of talk was heard around Washington in 1893 by men who ought to have known better. They said "Let them demonetize silver if they want to. When the days of bankruptcy come and prices fall one-half or more, when thousands of men are thrown out of employment, they will turn and hurl the republican party from power." But it did not work that way. The days of bankruptcy came. Hundreds of thousands of men were thrown out of employment, but in their distress and want, Mark Hanna was able to buy them with the money furnished by the bankers, the trusts and the insurance companies by the thousand, at a dollar a head. That is the way it worked, and that is the way it will always work. From distress and misery the republican party got the larger part of its votes. Good times and good crops is the hope of the populist party.

Hardy's Column.

Sugar Trust—Yellow Fever—Decorations Day—State Officers Atone to Dead Colonel—The War Goes Sadly On—Otis Calls—Word From the Enemy.

The Journal tries to explain the sugar war by stating that the trust made too big a margin between raw sugar and refined. Just levy the tariff ad valorem and the trusts would wilt. The trusts feed on unjust tariff discrimination. Tariff and trusts are twin sisters, offspring of republican greed.

The yellow fever has appeared in New Orleans this early and the state of Texas has quarantined against her. Not a passenger or package is allowed to cross the line of Texas.

For several years after we settled in Lincoln we had no decoration day, for there were no soldier's graves to decorate, but now they are numbered by hundreds, and the day passes as one of general interest.

It can be said for the state officers that they have done their best to atone for their former cruelty and misjudgment by the honors they have paid to the memory of Colonel Stotsenberg.—State Journal.

Will the Journal tell us when the republican members of the legislature "atone" for their cruelty? For one man's cruelty McKinley made him postmaster at Omaha. The cruelty was not with the state officers but with the legislature and republicans led the fight.

Several thousand people turned out to view the remains of Colonel Stotsenberg as he lay in state in the senate chamber, Sunday morning. Men, women and

children passed in sad, silent, review. Colonel Stotsenberg was truly a brave soldier but died defending a cowardly cause. He was there to obey, of course. But how much more noble to fall in the defense of one's own home and native land. Next to that would be a death for humanity in liberating an enslaved people. It must be sweeter to die for liberty than for oppression.

Imperialism and expansion may sound sweeter in the ears of the big bloated American but not so with the common people.

We have already been fighting the Filipinos longer than it took to whip the Spaniards and to all appearance we are so nearer the end than when we began. Their arrows and spears backed by the climate and jungles are more than a match for our best equipped soldiers. The rainy season is now at hand and death will be busy. The food our men eat is not suited to the climate. Disease lurks in the canned meats, pork, beans, Rice and vegetable diet would be more conducive to health. Then the liquor that is drunk kills more of our soldiers than bullets. Spain had to build a high wall to protect her soldiers from the assaults of the natives. A wall of American soldiers will need to surround every acre of territory governed by despotic Americans.

General Otis asks for thirty thousand more men. That is what we may expect every six months. Our best blood is to be drained as has been the case with Spain for the last hundred years. Yet she never tried to govern but a few acres. The greater part of the islands went wild. It will take two hundred thousand men to rule the nine millions on those islands. The expense will not be less than fifty millions a year. A better job would be done to let them govern themselves and foot their own bills. The slave drivers wanted Texas, the money drivers want the Philippines.

Fifty miles north of Manila, prisoner under Aguinaldo and permitted to write for Hardy's Column. You must not criticize General Thayer for the old man is nearer right than you pops give him credit for. It is a fact Bryan's speeches have a great influence upon rebels here. They are translated and scattered over the land the next morning after they are delivered. You may doubt it but you must remember that morning doesn't come here until ten hours later than in Lincoln! A telegraph runs from London to Hong Kong. In the winter the telegraph boys skate across and in the summer they swim. They are good swimmers, but you need not believe that unless you want to. After reading one of Bryan's speeches they fight like seventy thousand furries. We saw a lot of women and children crying and howling at no small rate. Come to find out they had received General Thayer's letter and was crying for fear he would be sent there to force them in to stars as was done in Cuba. That night all the soldiers received a certain lecture when they got home. There was no fighting the next day. The general is right, we should not question our hired men. Oh went a head in Spain when starving women and children was criticized. McKinley had better go for a few heads at once for there is no other way to conquer the Filipinos only to starve the women and children and kill the men. It is going to take four or five sets of white men to do the job. A TRUE REPUBLICAN.

MEMORIAL DAY

Services in memory of those who fell in the war for humanity and to bring freedom to another race that was fought by the brave men of the North from 1861 to 1865 were held in most of the churches of Lincoln last Sunday. In some cases, however, the day was given almost wholly to the services in connection with the honors to the memory of those who have fallen in the war with the Philippines and with Spain.

Memorial services were held in All Soul's church and the following paragraphs are from the remarks made there by Rev. Mr. Marsh.

The great enthusiasm of the people over the visit of Admiral Schley, the preparations made for the home coming of Admiral Dewey, the popularity and success of Col. Roosevelt, the admiration of such deeds of daring as those of Hobson at Santiago, of Gen. Funston in the Philippines, and of Col. Stotsenberg, the gallant hero commander of our own regiment of heroes—these and many other similar manifestations prove beyond doubt that heroism is still a quality of United States citizenship and the people of this country are enthusiastic and worshippers.

The events of the past year have revived the sentiment of hero worship and given us confidence in the abilities of our leaders and of our people. We are welcoming the return of soldiers who have served their time or have given all that they could—all that they had to give, their lives and the service those could render for their country.

The memory of those who will never return touches our hearts with sadness and adds a deeper reality and tenderness

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