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Like Sampson, Gen. Otis has slain his thousands, and done it with the same instrument, too.

Nebraskans are great on reading matter. There are over sixty papers, including dailies, weeklies, and monthlies, published in Lincoln alone.

McKinley is a dead political duck. He will never get the republican nomination again. Wish he would. Mark Hanna and the Philippines did him up.

Havemeyer wants the tariff raised on refined sugar and lowered to ten per cent on everything else. That sugar trust King is a regular brick.

Now look out for something awful to happen. Dispatches are being constantly sent out from Washington which say that "the president is determined to down Aguinaldo."

McKinley went to the hot springs to get the nicotine boiled out of him. The imperialism will be boiled out of him in a hotter place than that. When the dead soldiers who lost their precious lives in an unholy and unlawful war rise up to accuse him, the boiling may take an indefinite time.

There can no benefit come to the people by a rise in prices which is forced by monopoly and trusts. The rise in price to be beneficial to the people generally must be to the producers. That will bring prosperity to all classes. When a trust raises prices the proceeds of the rise goes to the holders of preferred stock only. No one else gets any benefit out of it. It is simply making the rich richer. It brings disaster and not prosperity.

The Ohio republican convention put a plank in their platform denouncing trusts and when the nominations were made, Attorney General Monett, who had been fighting the Standard Oil trust, got only 26 votes for renomination. Now the Ohio mullet heads will vote the republican ticket and truly believe that they are voting to down the trusts. There is nothing too absurd for a mullet head to believe if it is only labeled "republican." That settles it.

For a long time Whitelaw Reid ran the Tribune as a "rat" office. Then he got the nomination for vice-president or something of that sort. When he found that he needed the votes of labor unions he fired the matter up pretty quick. If the labor unions would always make use of their votes and put them where they would do the most good for labor, they would soon have things pretty much their own way. They don't always have sense enough to do that.

Three or four years ago the coal mine operators in Indiana thought that the low price of coal was caused by overproduction, so they intimidated to the miners' union that they would make no objection to the passage of an eight hour law. Such a law was passed and enforced, but there never was a set of men so badly fooled as those operators were. They say that it did not reduce the output of coal, but rather increased it. The men dug more coal in eight hours than they did before in nine. Besides they were happier and contented. The eight hour day is coming. But it will not reduce production.

Every one but a mullet head knows that the consent of the governed means the consent of the majority. Now the mullet head don't know that and he goes to work to construct an argument to prove the declaration of independence is an old worn out document no longer having any force, because during the years from 1861 to 1865 Uncle Sam took a rebellious minority and whipped some sense into them. The said minority gentlemen are now extremely glad they got whipped. When the mullet head got his argument finished and printed in the editorial columns of some good daily, he humbly believes that he has humbled Thomas Jefferson clear out of the land, and that the doctrine that governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed must go into the same basket. Then he proceeds up and down the street and says that if you are a set of lunatics and his argument is unanswerable.

IT'S A BAD JOB.

The republican editors who have been relying on the censored dispatches from Manila find themselves in a pretty fix. They have been denouncing everybody who would not admit that the "niggers" were whipped, as copperheads and traitors. Now that they are forced to admit that there are no signs of the "niggers" being whipped into subjection and that the papers which refused to believe in all the grand and glorious victories that Otis reported from day to day, were the ones which were giving the news while republicans were printing mere fakes, and the whole lot of them feel pretty sore.

Otis seems to be about the greatest Munchausen of the nineteenth century. On June 15th he sent by cablegram the following official bulletin: "Adjutant General, Washington—Success of Lawton's troops in Cavite province greater than reported yesterday. Enemy numbered over 4,000; lost in killed, wounded and captured more than one-third; remainder much scattered; have retreated south to Imus; their arsenal, of five pieces of artillery, three captured. Navy aided greatly on shore of bay, landing forces occasionally. Inhabitants in that country rejoice at deliverance and welcome with enthusiastic demonstrations arrival of our troops."

A few days afterwards he sent two or three regiments of regulars down to Cavite, and the inhabitants who "rejoiced at deliverance" turned round and shot the stuffing out of them. Filipinos must grow up in a night like mushrooms. Just a few days before Otis declared he had killed one-third of them, but when his generals got back there a second time there seemed to be more Filipinos than ever before, and if the navy had not come to his assistance he would have been whipped out of his boots. This consorship don't work worth a cent. Before the days of cables, telegraphs, and steamships it was a great thing, and tyrants made great use of it. McKinley may be able to fool the people for a while, by the use of his consors, but he can't fool them long. It's a bad job and he might as well give it up.

CONTEMPTABLE EDITORS.

There was never as contemptible a set of skunks down to mankind as the men who filled the editorial columns of the gold bug papers during the last presidential campaign. Now here is the Minneapolis Tribune, which during all the campaign talked about the "intrinsic" value of gold and continually denied the quantity theory, which after giving the statistics concerning the output of gold says:

"These figures, however, have more than a local or national interest. Such an enormous increase in the world's gold production cannot go on for many years without bringing about important changes in the relative values of money and property." The business of a writer who will make that statement now, after having denied that the increase in the volume of money would raise prices, is beyond description. It is upon the hiring of such low minded creatures as that to furnish the reading matter for the people that the success of Mark Hanna and McKinley depended. The mullet heads think these infamous creatures are philosophers and scientists. That's all that a mullet head knows about such things.

A religious newspaper sent out a lot of questions to prominent men asking them if they believed in the divinity of Christ and the Christian religion. Gen. Shafter replied that "I am a friend of christianity and believe in the divinity of Christ and in the power of Christian religion as a means of salvation." Any man knowing the beastly personal habits of this man and the foulness of his conversation would have observed the proprieties by printing directly after it the words of the apostle: "He that keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." Tom Platt, McKinley and a lot more of them declared themselves good christians, and the religious editor makes a great blow about it. It is very evident that that editor is a mullet head.

INDUSTRIAL VAGABIES.

The industrial commission is in session at Washington and all sorts of people are being summoned to give their opinions before it. Havemeyer has aroused the wrath of the trusts and the favored manufacturers generally because he said that the tariff was the cause of the trouble. Havemeyer is down on the tariff and says that it ought to be reduced to ten per cent, whereas it is now above fifty per cent. He however wants the tariff on refined sugar raised and that on raw sugar reduced. Oxnard is down on Havemeyer because he wants a tariff on raw sugar that will enable him to keep up the price of beet sugar. Both of them want to practice robbery under the protection of law. All the tariff amounts to now, is to enable the manufacturers to charge the American citizens 50 per cent more than they sell their goods to foreigners for. The mullet heads think it is a sign of prosperity when they have to pay a dollar for an article that the same firm sells to an Englishman for 50 cents. They like it.

A man from South Carolina thought that agriculture in the south was in a very depressed condition. He claimed that if local banks were only allowed to loan money things would be all right.

This fellow was not a mullet head. He was simply muddle headed. No man whose brain was not somewhat addled could come to the conclusion that granting the privilege to two or three men in a community to issue their promissory notes and instead of paying interest on them, receive interest, would bring prosperity. How much wealth would there be produced by that performance? There is no doubt that it would be an efficient means of transferring wealth from the pockets of those who produced it to the men who were granted the privilege by law to collect interest on what they owe. But how much wealth would it add to the community? Not a cent.

Other vagaries just as ridiculous, almost without number, are being listened to by the grave and reverend statesmen who compose the commission. After a while they will print it all in great volumes and the cost will be paid by the people. That is what the mullet heads call statesmanship. They don't know any better.

WHO WILL GUESS

The following article appeared in a paper which circulates more or less over the country. We submit it for the inspection of the populist readers of this paper. We would like to have some one guess what was the politics of the paper that published it.

"The picture of the White House which floated before Bryan's fevered vision has faded. The million democrats who refused to vote for him in 1896 have swelled to an army of two million. A million populists who followed his fortunes then are now upholding the banner of Barker and Donnelly. He has made not the faintest inroads into republican ranks. Then what chance has he in 1900? Not the slightest whatever. He may be nominated by his followers, but he will be the worst defeated candidate since the ill starred campaign of Horace Greeley. Even the sordid office seekers see this fact and are searching for new issues and new idols. His repeated statement that wheat and silver kept side by side and went down or up together has been discredited by actual facts. Within the last two years wheat has nearly doubled in price while silver has been steadily going down. He can never hoodoo the western farmers with that argument again. Both as a politician and a prophet he is a failure and in a short time there will be none left to do him honor."

Now hasn't that the right ring to it? How accurate the statement of facts! Wheat has doubled and silver has steadily gone down! Bar silver has been worth about 92 cents an ounce in New York for some time. Wheat in Chicago about 74 cents a bushel. On the Liverpool market, which was the market always referred to in the silver discussions, wheat and silver have been keeping as close together as they ever did. That is all that Bryan or any other reformer ever claimed. But what was the politics of the paper that published that trade? Make a guess.

In last week's Conservative Morton talks about "fabergastic oratory," "refrigerated impertinence," and such like things. This is the same Morton who in 1886 made a speech in Plattsmouth which was reported in the Herald. In that speech Morton said: "I believe that morally, socially, and politically, Jeff Davis is superior to Abraham Lincoln. If Jeff Davis and Abraham Lincoln were hung upon the same tree, Lincoln would bear the same relation to Davis that the two thieves did to Christ." (See Omaha Bee, December 17, 1894). This "fabergasted" adjective hunter is now in great favor with the republican party leaders in this state.

The meeting at the Funke opera house on last Thursday evening addressed by W. H. Harvey, author of Coin's Financial School, demonstrates that the interest in the silver question is as great as it ever was. The weather was threatening but the opera house was crowded and the audience cheered with all the vim that such audiences did in the campaign of '96. This was a remarkable meeting when we consider that it was in the heat of summer and no campaign was in progress. It is now in order for the Journal to announce that silver is dead. It skipped making that statement two days last week. It should not permit such an oversight again.

The Albany Journal, one of Tom Platt's supporters, says that "the great majority of the people of the Philippines has consented to accept the authority of the United States, and that Aguinaldo's followers are only a part of one tribe of one island of the group." There is some very queer things about that statement. When did the great majority of the Philippines consent to accept the authority of the United States? If General Otis ever held an election there at which the Philippines voted to accept the authority of the United States he has never permitted the censor to tell us anything about it. On the other hand, it has been reported that when President Sherman proposed to hold an election Otis wouldn't let him. Then if only a part of one tribe in an island, it appears mighty strange to a pop that Otis with his 30,000 troops couldn't conquer them. That part of one tribe must be awful fighters. That editor is muddle-headed, and can't write a line so as to make it appear as the truth at all. Tom Platt ought to cut down his salary.

GOOD REPUBLICANS.

Away back in the "seventies" there were some good men in the republican party. They occasionally delivered populist speeches which had the genuine ring to them. They made a fight to keep the republican party true to the traditions of Lincoln. Some of them fell by the wayside, some gave up the fight, some went over to the enemy, but most of them stood by their principles and when they saw that the republican party was totally depraved, was past redemption or the hope of reform, they organized the populist party and are today among its active workers. Their heads are silvered over with the frosts of many winters but they have obeyed the injunction of Paul: "having done all to stand." For three decades they have stood by their principles and today, there they stand. All the gold, all the offices, all the honors that can be offered them will not move them one inch.

The speeches made by the republicans, the warnings they gave, the appeals they made to the lust of greed that was destroying the principles upon which the battle of 1860 was fought and won and Abe Lincoln sent to the White House, cheer our hearts as we read them today. During all those times when plutocracy was laying the foundations which would result in a government of corporations, by corporations, we were "not left without a witness."

In 1876 Judge Clinton Briggs made a speech in Omaha in which he said: "I hope the people will insist that the hallo shall be unbought, that they will go to the polls and vote without the pressure of the railroads. I am a friend to the railroads—of the Union Pacific—but it should not lay its hands on the vote of the employee. It owns the labor of the employee but it does not own his manhood. It should only perform the functions allotted to it, namely, of constructing and operating a railroad. The constitution gives to each state two senators and the right of representation in congress, but I fall to find any thing in the constitution that makes the Union Pacific or B. & M. entitled to a United States senator for each corporation."

Gen. John C. Cowin, (he is one that fell by the way and would now denounce such talk as copperheadism), said: "The most vital question today is whether or not an honest vote shall control this country and state. The republican party has had a larlat placed around its neck and has been dragged to the verge of the grave, and why? By the democratic party? Not at all. By the virtues of the democratic party? Not at all. Because the democratic party was better than the republican party? Not at all. What has done it then? Simply the thing that you and I cannot deny, though we mention it with tears in our eyes, with sadness in our hearts, with sorrow in our souls—corruption within our own party."

"I raise my voice against these hands that are dragging the republican party into an everlasting grave. I do it here and now. If I did not do it I would be like that perfidious watchman, who, seeing the building on fire and its inmates sleeping soundly in in their beds, cried out: "5 o'clock and all is well." I trust that I never shall do such a thing."

After a while John forgot that speech and did that very thing, that he said he wouldn't. Every word of that speech is applicable to the conditions of today. The republican party still has a larlat around its neck and every once in a while the banks and the corporations give it such a jerk that it brings it up standing.

All of the anti-corporation republicans have long since been lost to sight and sense. They have gone the way of all the earth and will be seen no more forever. The best of them are still active in the political world, but they are known as populists or silver republicans.

An English paper expresses surprise that no blockade of the island of Luzon has been proclaimed by the president, as arms and supplies are constantly being shipped to the Filipinos. There is a very good reason why. Luzon is as large as Cuba, and in the very heat of the war, McKinley did not pretend to blockade only a part of the coast of Cuba. It would take the whole navy of the United States to make an effective blockade of the whole coast of Luzon. According to the law of nations a blockade is not recognized unless it is effective. The Filipinos will continue to get all the rifles and other war material that they can pay for.

their formation, Mark Hanna's convention passes a resolution condemning trusts! Such a trick as that would not fool a sick kitten.

Later—Since writing the above we notice that the Naligh Advocate says: "Nearly every county convention in Ohio passed a resolution denouncing trusts, and the state convention did likewise. Republican planks on this subject mean something." We did not suppose that in the intelligent state of Nebraska such a noodle as that editor existed. He ought to be exhibited along with the South Sea Islanders that will be shown at the Omaha exposition. Rightly labeled he would be a drawing card.

MULLET HEADS.

The republican lawyer, extracts from whose letters have been printed in the Independent, writes once more. This time he accuses the editor of introducing a new term into the discussion of political economy. He says: "You will excuse me for saying that you have committed a very grave literary offense. In all discussions, terms should be used in their ordinary and generally accepted sense. If a new term is used or an old one is used in a new sense, then by all the canons of literary art, the writer is bound to give a definition. You have committed this offense and so far as I am able to see without any justification. You use the term 'mullet head' and you have never told us what you mean by it. It seems to me that it was time that you did."

The editor pleads guilty and asks for mercy. He will proceed to rectify the wrong as far as possible by now defining what a mullet head is. Therefore know all by these presents that a mullet head is after this manner: Before the St. St. Louis convention he was for free silver. He claimed that he had always been an advocate of silver and was defending it before the pope ever said anything on the subject. As soon as the convention sent a telegram to J. Pierpont Morgan and he replied that he was for the gold standard, the mullet head declared that he had always been for gold and free silver was a heresy.

When the war broke out and McKinley said that forcible annexation was criminal aggression, the mullet head declared that statement to be his belief and that it always had been. Just as soon as Mark Hanna ordered McKinley to forcibly annex the Philippines, the mullet head immediately declared that that was the true doctrine, that forcible annexation and benevolent assimilation was one and the same thing and just as much alike as Cleveland panics and chunks of McKinley prosperity.

When the republican papers declared that the quantity of money had nothing to do with prices, the mullet head said that was so, but when the same papers began to talk about the tremendous output of gold and that the consequence would be, as soon as it got into circulation, a great disarrangement and rise in prices, he declared that he had always believed that and that if it got too plentiful something must be done.

Two mullet heads were sitting in a Lincoln hotel having a quiet talk, which was over heard by a man sitting near. The first mullet head said: "McKinley has made an awful mistake. If instead of this war in the Philippines, he had declared that Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines were to be free, we could have gone into the next campaign and declared that the party was true to the old traditions and to Abraham Lincoln, that its mission was to give freedom to all men and all nations and we would have swept the country from Maine to California and held the government for the next twenty-five years. But he took the other course and now we have the biggest fight on our hands that we ever had, but we must stand by the administration even if McKinley has made an infernal fool of himself."

"That's so," said the other mullet head.

The above is the best definition of a mullet head that we can give. If it don't satisfy that republican lawyer we can't help it.

Gorman is frequently "mentioned" as the democratic candidate for the presidency, but the "mentioners" are always republicans.

Against organized capital there is a necessity for organized labor. There has been discovered no man who has the hardihood to openly deny it.

One might as well expect the republicans to all commit suicide as to expect them to destroy the trusts. They are a pretty hard lot but no one heretofore thought that they were quite so depraved as to murder their own children. The trust is the child of the republican party.

A good many men have been requiring why the republicans of Lancaster county held their convention so much earlier this year than is customary. It is strange why any one should ask such a question the reason for it is so plain. The first regiment was likely to come home and if they did a great many would have insisted that the boys who had been fighting in the Philippines should be given some of the offices, so they got together and distributed them to the old ward backers in advance. The pope is going to wait and give the boys a chance.

FATE OF A JOKE.

Away back in the early fifties, an editorial writer on the New York Tribune wrote an article in which he summed the various plans that had been proposed to settle the slavery question. Then he added his own plan, which he supposed that every one would take as a sarcastic reference to the whole matter and said that it could be settled by "miscegenation." That sarcasm was taken seriously and set the whole country raving. A consultation was held in the editorial rooms and Greeley said that any attempt to say that it was a joke would only make things worse and that the fool writer should have written after it in brackets: "This is a joke."

This editor is going to adopt Greeley's advice and every time he is inclined to use sarcasm hereafter, to add the words: "this is a joke." He is led to do this from the fact that he, in an article about lawyers declared that hereafter he was in favor of banishing them and electing farmers as supreme judges unless the lawyers behaved themselves better in the future than they had in the past. It never entered his head that any one would take that sentence seriously. But it seems that they have and hereafter to avoid such misunderstandings, he is going to say every time: "This is a joke." In the same paragraph that is taken so seriously, we proposed to give the lawyers all the offices if they would only get a move on them.

The editor of the Hamilton County Register thinks that the lawyers couldn't do anything if they tried, on account of the judges, but he forgets that every judge is a lawyer and it is the lawyers on the bench who have played havoc with the interest of labor and the producing classes. The truth of the matter is that every time a young lawyer in the west has shown marked ability the trusts and corporations have captured him—he has become a corporation lawyer. There has been only two exceptions in this state, namely, W. J. Bryan and Wm. V. Allen. Every one knows how a trust offered Mr. Bryan, at the close of the last campaign, \$25,000 a year, but he was the kind of a lawyer that couldn't be bought. No doubt Senator Allen has had just such offers and he too has said "no." We say again if the lawyers don't get a move on them we are not only going to kick them out of all the offices but run them clear out of the state, judges included, and put bricklayers, plasterers, farmers and day laborers on the wool sacks. (This is a joke.)

The trade of the United States in foreign lands has expanded faster during the last two decades than that of any nation in all history, and that without a standing army and without colonies. Now the imperialistic advocates would have us change our whole policy, and like the dog who saw the shadow of a bone in the water, drop the bone and grab at the shadow. That idea may appear to be a brilliant one to a mullet head, but it will not to any one else.

The idea that political control of a country is necessary to trade with it, is the most preposterous idea that ever got into a newspaper. England has made more money out of this country than she has out of all the rest of the world, her own colonies included. She has made more than if it had been under actual British jurisdiction. If there is anything to be made trading with the Philippines it can be made just as well whether we have political control or not. Trade don't follow the flag, it follows profits. If there is no profit, trade will cease, whether the country is under the control of this government or some other.

Gold is starting back to London. During the last year, on account of the crop failures all over Europe and in India and Argentina, gold had to be sent here to pay for wheat and other food products. Not very much came although we exported \$900,000,000 more goods than we imported, but something over \$100,000,000 did come, while the other \$400,000,000 went to pay the interest on what we owe the Englishmen. Such a universal crop failure in Europe, India and Argentina is not liable to soon occur again and we may look out for continual shipments of gold. The total shipments of gold to London this season so far amount to \$10,750,000. It will not be very long until its effects will be seen in prices if the shipments keep up. Then look out for more of hades in these United States.

The German government taxes the bread and the meat of the poor to support its great standing army. The German laborer eats black bread that the government may expand and spread its colonies over Africa, the south sea islands and China, and thus it is supposed, expand its trade. But the foreign trade of the United States has expanded in the last few years nearly three hundred percent without a colony anywhere. The thirty German cities have noticed this and has come to this country by the thousand. Now that they are here, they don't propose that the German policy from which they had shall be inaugurated here. They know what colonies and standing armies have done for the fatherland and they want no more of it. That is the reason that everyone of them are dead against McKinley and his policy.