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The self confessed ballot manipulator now goes about saying that no one can deny that he is now "a Simon pure republican." Prout endorses the claim.

It has just come to the knowledge of the average republican that no president has been re-elected since 1872, and they can't figure out how McKinley will reverse that order of things.

The Chicago Public has been investigating the amount that has been collected in war taxes and finds it to be \$303,240,329.21. But like Paul Jones with his fighting, we haven't begun to pay yet.

The State Journal continually asserts that the censorship at Manila has been abolished. It seems rather strange that the Journal is the only paper in the United States that has been given a copy of that order. It is still stranger that it did not publish it so the rest of us could see it.

The people of this city have been anxiously waiting for that letter from General Thayer on house rent for governors. They cannot understand why it has not been forth coming. Upon all like occasions whenever there has been an attack made on a populist office holder, Thayer came boldly to the scratch with a column or two, but now he is silent. Why is this, thus?

The big American puffs himself up, and points to the words of his mortgaged president and asks: "Who will haul down the American flag?" The pop answers: "Otis has hauled it down more times than you can count. Every day the dispatches announce that he has evacuated some town, hauled down the flag and the 'niggers' have some back and taken possession."

The real expansion that the imperialists are interested in, is the expansion of the national debt. They want a safe investment for their millions—most of them stolen—where the interest is collected by taxation. That is what interests them. It is not the tom-foolery about "destiny," "duty," "providence" or anything of that sort. They are making a glorious success of that kind of expansion.

The reason why the imperialists think that Otis is making such sublime success in the Philippines is that he is expanding the national debt at a wonderful rate. That kind of success delights the heart of the imperialist beyond measure. They stand by Otis, every man of them. That means a safe income collected by taxation and handed over to them every quarter at the United States fiscal agency in New York. They like it immensely.

J. Sterling Morton has so improved that he can lie equal to the State Journal. After reading the following specimen most people will be inclined to believe that he can even outlie that ancient prevaricator. Look at this specimen: "Holcomb confesses to petti-larceny! He admits himself a microscopic Joe Bartley."

It certainly can be truthfully said that the State Journal has not excelled that bit of lying in the last few days at all.

When the Nebraska volunteers were suffering from fever in the camp at Chickamauga, in the malarial districts of South Carolina and doing duty around Manila, the World-Herald aided by the country papers all over the state, collected and sent to them thousands of dollars and cartloads of material for their comfort. During all that time the State Journal never attempted to raise a cent. Now that the boys are coming home and all their sufferings are over, it heads a list with \$100 to pay their car fare, provided the governor will send a message to the next legislature recommending that an appropriation be made and the money returned to them. Yet that sheet claims all the patriotism in this town and declares in its columns that "the governor is a private party." It is consistent. It always was for the old flag and an appropriation. It still wants an assurance of the appropriation.

**REPUBLICAN CLOWNS.**

Republicans seem to be very much alike in one particular all over the United States. They utterly disregard all the amenities usually observed among persons of refinement and education and grab at everything in sight like a horde of hungry paupers at a free distribution. We have had some experience with them here in Lincoln and we were prone to think that they were a peculiar breed of republican grabbers resident in this city, but it seems they are only fair specimens of the type wherever they are found. The people of Chicago got up a festival in which all persons of all creeds and sects took part and contributed their money. A part of the performance was the laying the corner stone of the great federal building. A day was set apart for these ceremonies and the program was left to be arranged by a prominent republican official. When the list of speakers was published it was found that every one of them was an imperialistic, McKinley republican. No other sort was allowed the slightest recognition.

Of those who appear on that occasion Chairman Gordon was the president of a McKinley-club and was made post-master; Wm. Penn Nixon ran a republican newspaper and was rewarded with an office; Merriam was a McKinley worker in the state; F. E. Coyne was made collector of internal revenue for work for McKinley, and William P. Williams was made assistant United States' treasurer at Chicago for the same reason.

That is a sample of the way the McKinley pluggers undertook to run the reception for the First Nebraska. It is in line with their claim that two McKinley shouters appointed by a local meeting held in Lincoln were the "state committee" and the only ones authorized to act for the state at San Francisco, notwithstanding the governor and adjutant general were there in person. It is in line with the action of that boor Hayward, who was invited to address a patriotic meeting composed of all parties to commemorate the surrender of Appomattox and tried to turn it into a republican meeting for partisan purposes.

In contrast with such actions, look at the speech delivered to the First Nebraska by Gov. Poynter. There is not a word in it that could offend the most violent republican partisan. The populists of Nebraska are determined, whatever the provocation may be to do otherwise, in their dealings with the public generally, to always be gentlemen and not boors. The temptation to pay back in kind has often been great, but so far the populists who have represented the party before the people, have always shown themselves to be gentlemen, even when they have come in contact with republican clowns.

**THE SMALL BANKER.**

The little bankers all over the country are getting the financial life squeezed out of them. The formation of trusts is taking away a large part of their business, for the business that was done by the companies before they were consolidated into trusts through the small banks, is now done by one large bank in the city where the trust has headquarters. That set them to thinking, but a severer blow has just descended upon their bald pates. The clearing houses have organized what they call guarantee companies. These companies send agents through the grain growing states and guarantee for a small fee the grade of the grain shipped. That takes the hands of the local bankers for all of the business is done direct through the great clearing house banks and the little banker out in the country town can sit in his office and suck his thumb.

One of these small bankers hailed an old pop the other day and said to him: "You fellows were not half as crazy as I thought you were three or four years ago." The fact is we always told the small bankers that they had no interest in common with the Wall street money power, but they would not believe us. Poor fellows! A good many of them will have to go counting ties before this matter is settled.

**DENOUNCE HIM.**

Some time ago John J. Ingalls wrote as follows: "Meanwhile the beneficent trusts that were to cheapen commodities and benefit consumers have, during the past thirty days, raised the price of brooms, raisins, butterine, wall paper, rubber goods, glassware, meat, crackers, furniture, wagons, ploughs, fence wire and other necessaries from 15 to 100 per cent, and Captain Oberlin M. Carter, who was convicted more than a year ago of stealing seventeen hundred thousand dollars from the government and sentenced to fine, imprisonment and dismissal, is still wearing the uniform and drawing the pay of his rank. By July 1 his guilty partners will be protected by the statute of limitations."

The first of July has come and gone and Captain Oberlin M. Carter still wears his uniform and draws his pay as an officer of the United States army. His guilty partners are now all safe and will contribute as usual to the republican campaign fund. Is it not about time that the people should openly denounce the foulness of Wm. McKinley. The office of president of the United States should no longer shield this

shielder of criminals from the just scorn of an outraged public. Wm. McKinley is just as foul and loathsome to any honest man as Mark Hanna and the public should make him feel that they no longer consider him. There has never been a transaction at the French capitol so foul as this action of McKinley in shielding a convicted felon in the person of Captain Carter. It brings the presidency to the lowest point it has ever reached.

**ORIGINAL MULLET HEAD.**

The State Journal kindly gave to its readers a description of the original mullet head from which all of those now extant in this state seem to have descended. It calls them "lineal descendants." It appears that that ancestor of mezzotic time had even less brains to the size of its body than the fresh water mullet head. So the State Journal corrects the Independent and claims the dinosaur for its original grandfather. This is what it says:

"The scientific syndicate that dug up that dinosaur over in Wyoming the other day, describes it as an animal 130 feet long, thirty-five feet high, with a probable weight when living of sixty tons. The skeleton will, it is estimated, pan out about 40,000 pounds when it is weighed for shipment. But this immense animal had a head only about the size of a ten gallon beer keg and its brain weighed not more than four or five pounds. The disproportion is as great as that between the broad and the sack of fat of old Sir John's tavern bill. However, there are lineal descendants of the dinosaur or some ancestor like unto him, active today in the politics of Nebraska."

**PINGREE'S FAILURE.**

The newspapers are all saying that Pingree has been downed in his own party and that they have him completely whipped out. So badly has he been downed that he is afraid to run for Mayor again, feeling that he will be defeated if he does. That is just what we have been telling him for the last three years. His attempt at getting reform through through the republican party has been a dismal failure. The street cars of his city are charging higher fares than ever before. His railroad taxation scheme has been a failure, and in fact Michigan is more under the control of corporations than ever before. It is Pingree's attempt at reform within the party that has made such things possible. Thousands of men have voted the republican ticket in that state that never would have done so but for Pingree's promises of reform. It is Pingree and Pingree alone that has held Michigan in the grip of the gold bugs and corporations. Government in this country is by party. A man who supports those things. The party of corporations and money monopoly supports must be beaten and it is about time that men who want reform learned that thing.

A very reliable correspondent writes a long account of the condition of affairs in Cuba to a Chicago paper. He extols the administration, but he winds up with the declaration that the Cubans are practically to a man for independence. He says that forcible annexation would result in certain war. The dream of independence which has been indulged in for generations by Cubans must have a realization. Good government, prosperity, the chance to make fortunes, the enrichment of the population—all together—has no influence. The one thing with them is "Cuba libre." That being the case if McKinley insists upon his imperialistic program, another war looms up in the near future. There is no safety and there can be no peace for this country as long as Mark Hanna and McKinley run things at Washington. The people may as well make up their minds to that.

When the populists printed out the enormous amount of mortgages in this state the republican press first denied that that was any great amount of them. After they could no longer deny so palpable a fact, they declared that mortgages were a sign of prosperity, and the more we had of them the more prosperous we would be. Now that the days of "liquidation" are well nigh passed, the mortgages are foreclosed and less of them are found on the records, they declare that the decrease in mortgages is sure proof of prosperity. No matter which of these things appeared in the partisan republican papers every one of their readers immediately declared in a loud voice: "That's no. Every man who denies it has wheels in his head." What is the right term to designate that kind of fellows? Let some one please inform us.

Mrs. S. H. Steele, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has sent to Cuba for fifty girls made orphans by the wars, and proposes to educate them and find them homes. There are thousands of these helpless orphans with no one to care for them. If some of the ministers who, every Sunday, advocate war and bloodshed in the name of Jesus, would set their congregations to work saying these helpless ones, they would come much nearer practicing the teachings of the Master, than when they spend the hour that should be devoted to preaching, in advocating "criminal aggression and forcible annexation."

The railroad companies of this country and especially the trunk lines leading to the Pacific have had a bonanza ever since the war was declared. The war has put millions into their coffers. They are the ones above all others that have made money out of it. Now that the boys that have been fighting under the folds of the old flag, after leaving many of their comrades dead upon the battle grounds and bringing many more who will be cripples for life with them are landed upon our shores, the railroads will not let up a penny upon the exorbitant charges for transportation. They want the enormous sum of \$35,000 for bringing the First Nebraska, depleted as it is in numbers, from San Francisco to their homes. If there is any person or corporation in the state that should donate liberally to bring the boys home it is the railroad corporations. But not a cent will they donate nor will they lower their rates a penny. They must have it all, and have it in advance, before they will let one of the battle scared veterans on one of their cars. They are still, as they have always been, monsters of greed.

The Independent is informed that as soon as congress meets a searching investigation will be instituted to find out just how far the mails have been violated by the orders of Mark Hanna and McKinley. This is a matter that it will not do to let pass. If the sacredness of the mails can be violated at the order of the president then we no longer have a free government. We have a dictator in the White House. There is nothing so absolutely essential to a free government as the sacredness of the mails. Their violation means an espionage of the private affairs of the people which has never been attempted in modern times except by the autocrat of Russia. It is the destruction of all in government that men have held sacred and let loose upon the people a lot of spies and secret informers, such as flourished in the dark ages.

The Toronto Citizen reproduces a photograph taken in Manitoba showing fourteen women pulling a breaking plow while a man holds the handles. The debasement of women to the level of beasts of burden is becoming more and more common in these gold standard times. It is a result long foretold by all the great economists and proclaimed from a thousand rostrums by populist speakers for the last eight years. Pulling a breaking plow is much more healthful work than what thousands of American women are forced to do in the shops and factories of the eastern states. These Manitoba women are strong and healthy, the eastern female slaves are pale and suffering creatures.

If there is a republican county treasurer in this state who has turned into the county whose business he attends to a single dollar for interest on deposits of the county money, will he please hold up his hand? Many, if not all the populist county treasurers, have an item in their reports for the interest received for county deposits. We have never been such an item in the report of a republican treasurer. If any reader of this paper knows of one, please report. The Butler county treasurer reports \$778.37, Madison county, \$614.78; Merrick county, \$378.45; Kearney, \$1,116.78. It seems that where ever a republican is in office, he practices the old game of subtraction, division and silence.

Even Henry Clews is predicting "a currency famine." It is about time that Lambertson called the students of the class in economics together once more and assure them that all our woes come from "a redundant currency." Some of them may read Clews' letter and conclude that Lambertson was a sure enough mullet head. In speaking of the condition of the banks as described in this paper a subscriber of the Hutchison (Kan.) Gazette who was recently in New York said it was hard to get small change at the country towns there and it was difficult to do business.

The way some of these plutocratic judges act would lead one to believe that they at least, did not believe that there was any hereafter. Judge Wheeler of the New Haven superior court recently handed down a decision in which he ruled that when a corporation instantly kills a person and there is no suffering only \$100 can be collected. In the Shelton accident, 23 persons were killed, and this judge says that the limit of damages for each person cannot exceed \$100. That judge may find that there is a hereafter even this side of the grave.

It is reported that the grasshoppers are being killed in large numbers by a little red parasite that eats into them and then turns to grub that feasts on their vitals. Parasites seem to afflict everything in this country. A yellow one is eating the very vitals out of this nation. It has been unchecked and steadily at work ever since 1873.

The truth is that with all of Bryan's vehement energy, honesty and never ending toil, he could not hold the democratic party solid to the Chicago platform, if it were not for the 3,000,000 populists who stand as one man against any backward step on the money question.

Dr. Lyman Abbott thinks that a complete answer to all the anti-imperialists have to say is: "The nations of the earth will hold the United States responsible for the Philippines for years to come." Well, let 'em hold. When they get tired of holding they can let go. No one will make any objection.

So the State Journal lied about the censorship being abolished in the Philippines. Instead of that, it has been officially established by an order issued by the direction of McKinley. The substance of the order is given in another column. It will be in order now for the State Journal to publish another editorial against lying.

The bondsmen of Hilton walked up to the captain's office and paid over something like \$7,000 to the state the other day. We've got that much back from the republican thieves anyway. When that other judgment of over \$600,000 will be paid no one can tell. Probably sometime after Gabriel blows his trumpet.

Wharton Barker, the Philadelphia banker, high protectionist, and middle of the road pop candidate for the presidency tells the readers of his paper in his last issue just what to do to "down Bryanism," and make him, the said Barker, president of the United States. Who paid for the printing of it? As the paper is distributed free, someone must put up a good sized sum every week.

Attorney General Smyth is going after the Standard Oil trust. He has been so busy convicting the numerous republican embezzlers that a turning over the books to the fusion state government revealed, that he has not had time to fight the Standard Oil combination. He has filed his papers in the district court and now we will see what the republican judges will do toward overthrowing the trusts which they denounce in their political platforms.

Some of the pop editors are getting a good deal of fun out of the fact that the Independent used the name of the Stanton Register for that of the Stanton Picket. Now this editor sometimes writes off hand, not stopping to look at the printed records. He got the two papers published at Stanton Mixed up in his mind. The Register is one of the most efficient populist papers in Nebraska and there is not a smell of Mark Hanna about the office. It was the other fellow.

A dispatch from Washington indicates that some of the clerks who have been drawing big salaries for years and doing little or nothing, will now have to go to work. For years, one could go through the big pension building and see hundreds of these well-dressed dudes lounging, reading, or flirting, and only now and then find one at work, while thousands of old soldiers were wearily waiting to have their pension claims examined. The department is usually about two years behind. In all the other departments the same state of affairs has existed to a very large extent. It is now stated that Mr. Vanderlip, the assistant secretary, has given them all notice that they must work or get out. The regulations only require them to work six hours a day, but they are too lazy to do even that much.

The railroad magnate makes a great cry and says it is an act of robbery to make him sell out to the government and the government own the railroads. Now he needn't howl at all for there is nothing to howl about more than what he has been doing himself all the time, when he located his line through a farmer's land and ruined the place by the exercise of the right of eminent domain. It will be only doing to him what he has done to others, in these many years. He takes the city streets and the farmers' land and runs death dealing engines right through the farmers best land all for the good of the public. The roads by the same parity of reason, can be taken by the government for the public good and the railroad magnate has no just cause of complaint. If the government and the railroad magnate can't agree on a price, let the dispute be settled in the same way that a dispute is now settled about the price for the right of way.

An imperialist writer got off the following bit of standing army argument the other day:

"Whatever may be said of the industrial evils of immense armies in Europe, the fact is plain that an army just large enough to provide employment for a reasonable number of men, exerts a beneficial effect particularly in making soldiers of persons who have no trade or skill, and who, in hard times, are an expense to the state."

According to that fellow's idea a standing army is no expense to the state. Just take these chaps who have no trade or skill and are an expense to the state and put them in the army. As soon as they have signed the master-in-roll the expense to the state stops! Now the ordinary pop has gathered from his reading of government reports that it costs the state about \$1,000 a year for every one of these men. An imperialist can put more absurdities and absolute nonsense into a sentence than any other kind of a writer the world has ever seen.

**NO RIGHT TO ASK.**

Persons offering articles for publication in any newspaper or magazine should take into consideration the stated policy of the publication and not insist—for they have no right to insist—upon the publication of articles in direct contradiction to the purpose for which the publication is printed. Now here is the Independent. It is established and supported by men who believe in principles of the populist party as enunciated in the national platform. The object of the men who pay their money to support the paper is to defend those principles—to make them popular and to gain voters to the ranks of the party. If the paper should change its policy it would be a swindle and a cheat. The men who have subscribed and paid their money would not get what the management agreed to give them. The claim that the paper should give the use of its columns to those who oppose the principles of the populist party on the ground of a free discussion, has no equity or justice in it.

We claim to have something to sell. Men buy it because they want it. If we substitute something else for what we sold them, then we are cheats and frauds. The Independent calls the attention of Mr. Hand, whose article we publish this week, to this state of facts. The proposition advocated by him is in direct conflict to the principles of the populist party as expressed in its national platform. Out of courtesy to him, for he is an estimable gentleman, we print it. But in all fairness, he should have sent it to Mr. Brown of the Independent-Herald or some other socialist paper. Populists are not socialists. They are all familiar with the argument of overproduction and have answered it on a thousand rostrums. They do not believe that the concentration of wealth comes from a new inventions and improved machinery, but that at the root of all of it lies the vicious financial system adopted by the civilized nations.

We trust that Mr. Hand will take these comments in the kindly spirit that they are intended. He has a perfect right to hold views in contradiction to the principles of the populist party. But Mr. Hand should not ask this paper to attack in any of its columns, the principles of the party it was founded to defend.

**INFUX OF CAPITAL.**

When ever an imperialist undertakes to say anything that he thinks will have a tendency to induce the Filipinos or Cubans to accept of annexation, he tells them that it will result in an "influx of capital." It seems, however, that they can't fool a Filipino with that kind of talk any better than they can a pop. One of Aguinaldo's representatives in Paris called attention to the argument the other day. He said that the influx of foreign capital was the thing the Filipinos were most afraid of. Instead of being a benefit to them it would result in a commercial slavery to foreign nations. It would not be long, if such a policy were adopted, before the interest charges that would be paid to foreigners would be more than the increase of the wealth of the islands. Then would come of necessity a foreign bonded debt and perpetual enslavement to foreign nations. He preferred that the Philippines should be an independent nation and make what money they needed to transact their business instead of borrowing it from capitalists of foreign nations. That Filipino had been studying political economy to some purpose. If a few writers in this country had known that much thirty years ago, and had had the courage to put their knowledge in print, we would not now be swamped with billions of foreign debt, and would not be sending hundreds of millions to Europe every year as interest on foreign capital.

**SUSTAINED.**

In regard to the assaults that have been made upon this editor for his bank review, it may be stated that many of the financial operators on Wall street have been during the last week, giving out interviews which contain the same words of warning. The following is from Keene and was printed in the Chicago Record:

"The following announcement of views previously reiterated without effect in the stock market was yesterday made by Keene:

"I hold the same opinion today which I have held for two months past; that market prices of stocks have fully discounted present conditions and prospects. I am not buying stocks at this level, nor do I intend to. Money here and in Europe is in great demand. There is not enough to warrant further bull speculation, even if facts justified it, which in my judgment they do not. I think extensive liquidation must inevitably come, for it is the only means in sight to reduce the distended loan accounts of banks and trust companies now out of all proportion to cash resources."

We all know what "extensive liquidation" means when used by a Wall street speculator or banker. We had some of that in '93. "Extended loan accounts out of all proportion to cash resources" is just what the Independent said.

The last part of an article signed by J. W. Edwards was received, the first pages being missing. It seems to concern a matter of some importance and if the first part is forwarded it will receive attention.