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The greatest sociologist that the world
has ever known lived among men and
not among books. His name was Jesus
of Nazareth.

Mark Hanna has employed many
writers and paid them big wages, but
the foulest mouthed one of them all is
Melting Pot Morton.

The imperialists have given up the
"duty," "destiny" and "providence"
arguments and now say that it "was
the fortune of war." If that is the
cause of it all, McKinley is certainly the
most unfortunate of mortals.

From the testimony in the Dreyfus
trial it would seem that when a French-
man starts out to "save his honor" he
first commits perjury. If that don't do
it he tries forgery. If that fails he then
tries murder. His sure thing, however,
is suicide. That never fails. Always
afterwards his "honor" is safe.

Professor Atwater, whose analysis
showed that Esquau's canned beef was
just the right kind of stuff to feed sol-
diers has made another discovery. This
time he asserts that alcohol is a
food. Dr. Lyman Abbott of imperialist
flame backs him up in it. The next
thing that Professor Atwater will an-
nounce is that corrosive sublimate is a
good thing to feed babies on.

From private letters received from
the boys in the First and interviews that
have been printed it appears that ninety
nine hundredths of them are copper-
heads, for they are all opposed to the
war. The question is what will the
State Journal do when so many copper-
heads are let loose in the state. It will
have to get a battery of rapid fire guns
and point one out every window.

This is the kind of talk we hear from
McKinley: "My desire is to restore
them to the blessings of law and liberty
which have fatally and desperately
changed for the calamities of civil war
and the arbitrary tyranny of their
chiefs." Isn't it an epitome of all that
McKinley has said about the war in the
Philippines? But these are the words of
King George III, when he was dealing
with some American rebels.

Part of the record which McKinley has
made and which the republicans say
that they are going to take for their
platform, is the conscription of free born
Americans and the forcing of them to
engage in a foreign war. Every soldier
who, against his consent, was placed on
the firing line after the treaty with
Spain was ratified was a conscripted
man. The term of enlistment expired
on that day, but McKinley conscripted
30,000 of them and made them serve.

The gold bug papers have indulged in
the free coinage of lies for the last 25
years. Now they want us to pay interest
on their lies. They propose to print
several million lies, lies which say: "We
promise to pay gold dollars for this
piece of paper upon demand," when they
never intend to do anything of the
kind and couldn't if they tried. They
propose to shove those lies out over the
bank counter and charge interest upon
them. When the bankers begin to col-
lect interest upon their lies, then they
will have the world by the tail and
scough.

MELTING POT MORTON.

J. Sterling Morton let his wrath get
the better of him last week and pitched
into the Independent with a lot of bill-
ingate that would be appropriate to a
drunken loafer on the streets, but not at
all to be uxorious in a member of the great
Cleveland's cabinet. His article,
stripped of the indecencies that are not
fit for publication in a family paper that
circulates among the decent citizens of
the intelligent state of Nebraska, after
quoting what the Independent said
about the issue of \$85,000,000 of bonds
by the Burlington system, was as fol-
lows:

Suppose the new issue of bonds build
double tracks and makes betterments
of transportation for the people? The old
bonds "before the crime of 1873" drew 8
and 10 per cent interest. Under the
maintained gold standard the new bonds
draw 4 per cent interest. If "the interest
on those bonds will have to be paid
by the people residing along their lines,"
how outraged those people will feel at
the beggarly low rate of interest com-
pared to that paid before the "crime of
1873." "Idiot's will never be able to
find out that the Burlington has raised
their rate of taxation by lowering the
rate of interest on its own bonds." Even
duplicious preachers ought to know
that old bonds taken up by new bonds
drawing less interest lessen taxation.

Of course it would be impossible for
this "melting pot" statesman to under-
stand that 8 per cent under bimetalism
when wheat was worth \$1.50 per bushel,
was a much smaller tax upon the people
than 4 per cent under the gold stan-
dard when wheat is worth only fifty
cents a bushel. What he calls a reduc-
tion is in fact a raise of 33 per cent. A
farmer pays this tax that a railroad
levies upon him in wheat and other
products of his farm. Under bimetalism
if he had \$100 to pay for interest he could
have paid it with 600 bushels of wheat.
Under the gold standard, it will take 150
bushels to pay it. Of course a "melting
pot" statesman cannot be expected to
understand a statement like that, but it
will take a pop only a small fraction of
a second.

Interest has not been reduced at all.
It has been raised. Four per cent now
is a greater burden on the man who
pays, than 10 per cent was before the
enormous fall in prices caused by the
adoption of the gold standard. No talk
about the "melting pot" will convince
any man who can think that it is not.

Vanderbilt introduced this plan of
issuing first mortgage bonds on railroads.
It is related that he called a meeting of
the directors of his road—and it was his
road for he owned nearly all the stock—
issued \$50,000,000 of bonds, sold the
bonds, put the money in his safe and
raised the rates to pay interest on the
increased indebtedness. That piece of
highway robbery of the men who patri-
onized his road was the foundation of
the Vanderbilt fortune. Railroad man-
agers have been working the same game
ever since. It seems now that the Bur-
lington has gone into it. When a road
gets bonded so that it can't pay interest,
then it goes into the hands of a re-
ceiver and reorganization takes place.
After a time the same old game is played
over again. There is no way out but
government ownership. If Mr. Morton
would put the railroad managers into
his famous "melting pot" he would do
a greater service to his readers than print-
ing billingsgate.

HOLCOMB'S HOUSE RENT.

The state, with the unanimous consent
of all the citizens, has provided for
the house rent for Gov. Poynter and all
future governors, by the purchase of a
valuable residence that becomes one of
the public buildings of the state. The
cost of thus providing rent, when the
capital invested and yearly repairs are
taken into consideration, will be a great
deal more than was appropriated for
rent while Gov. Holcomb was in office,
and Holcomb turned nearly seven hun-
dred dollars of the money appropriated
back into the treasury. When we look
at the careful economy practiced by
Holcomb in this matter of rent, the at-
tacks upon him are nothing short of
fendish. The people of the state want
the governor to live in a respectable
house. They have provided one free of
rent for Gov. Poynter at a greater cost
than the one that was provided for Gov.
Holcomb. It is a vastly better and
more stylish house. Why don't some
republican editor accuse Gov. Poynter
of stealing house rent? There is no
doubt that they would if he was up for
nomination. There has been nothing in
all the foulness of Nebraska politics quite
as low down mean and disreputable as
this talk about the governor's house
rent. Every man who has had any part
in it has shown himself beneath the no-
tice of a gentleman.

HE WAS AFRAID.

Capt. Honchin went to Red Cloud last
week and off red an article on the money
question to the editor of the Argus,
agreeing, if the editor would print it,
to subscribe for the paper for one year.
The editor replied to him: "Get one sub-
scriber and lose a thousand." Now
comes the editor of the Red Cloud Nation
and says: "We will publish any article
on the gold standard that you may
write, and if we can't riddle it in, abroad
with the records we will consent to lose
one thousand subscribers. We chal-
lenge any republican, big or little, to
write an article on the money question
that we dare not print and can't prove
it false according to the records if it be

in support of the single gold standard.

Will some of you republicans tackle it?"
That shows to a remarkable degree
the difference in the populist and repub-
lican press of the state. A pop is always
ready to meet a gold standard argument
but the ability to make an argument
don't seem to be among the qualifica-
tions of a republican editor.

DON'T GET MAD.

It is not good to let the angry pas-
sions rise. That is especially true in the
case of an editor. Whenever he does he
is sure to get into trouble. That is
what happened to this editor and it
came about in this way. He was look-
ing over a big pile of exchanges and he
saw a whole lot of things taken from the
Independent and credited to Ex., or not
credited at all. In some cases they were
credited to some other paper that had
stolen them. The more he saw of them
the madder he got. Finally he came to
the Dixon County Leader and saw two
credits to Ex. Now he always hated
that fellow Ex. and to see his writing
credited to him made him madder than
ever. Without further investigation he
went for that paper. Now it turns out
that the Dixon County Leader is edited
by a lady who never stole anything in
her life and she had copied these items
from some other paper the editor of
which had done the dastardly deed. In
another column of the same paper there
was an article from the Independent
which the lady had carefully credited.
She was not at all to blame for the
stealing editor who first wrote Ex. after
the articles instead of the paper he clipped
it from. All that comes from getting
mad. So this editor advises all editors
to quit stealing, but above all things
never to get mad. He further apolo-
gizes to the lady who edits the Dixon
County Leader, and declares it is one of
the best populist papers in the state.

THE MEAT TRUST.

The meat trust gave a demonstration
of its power last week that should and
would create a howl from one end of the
land to the other if the great dailies were
not in league with it. Within ten days
the trust raised the price of dressed meat
to the retail butcher four cents a pound.
Meantime the price of cattle and hogs
fell off in the Chicago market from ten
to fifteen cents a hundred. The New
York retail dealers declared that the last
raise would ruin their business—that
there were thousands of their customers
who would have to quit eating meat or
greatly reduce the amount they were in
the habit of consuming.

At a meeting of the retail butchers
held in New York it was declared that
the trust was selling American meats in
London two cents a pound cheaper than
in New York and that it would pay
the retail men to re-import it, for the
freight on it from London would be less
than half a cent a pound.

Meantime all the great dailies and the
members of the trust are declaring that
there is no trust. There are some
Americans who seem to be bigger fools
than Thompson's colt. The way to
make them happy is to swindle them.
The bigger the tribute they have to pay
to a trust the better they like it. For
the most part these chaps write editorials
on republican papers.

PUT HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH.

Coin Harvey has many dates in Ne-
braska, and he ought to be able to in-
struct the people of this state on the
money question. He could if he would
talk as he acted. It will be remem-
bered he drew his money in gold, out of
the bank in Chicago during the late dem-
ocratic panic.—Fremont Tribune.

Coin Harvey never did anything of the
kind, for the reason that he didn't have
any gold money or any other kind of
money about that time. The editor of
the Independent was in Chicago and
knew just how hard up he was. He had
spent his last dollar and more than his
last dollar publishing bimetallic litera-
ture. But suppose he had, what is the
inference that the Tribune would have
its readers draw from that statement?
Had not Mr. Harvey declared continu-
ously that gold was appreciating and
would continue to appreciate as long as
the gold standard was in force. Did not
that act (if he had performed it) show
he was a financier of ability who not
only preached, but practiced what he
preached? If gold was appreciating in
value, and we all know it was, the thing
for Mr. Harvey to do was to get hold of
his gold and keep it. The question is:
did not Brother Hammond put his foot
in his mouth, so to speak, when he wrote
that paragraph?

The Pioneer Press, the great organ of
the Minnesota republicans, says the per-
petration of the free silver issue in the
democratic party "will be fatal to dem-
ocratic success." Now who does it sup-
pose will be fool enough to believe that?
Or who does it suppose will believe that
the man who wrote it believed it himself?
If that partisan editor believed a word
of that he would be doing all in his pow-
er to get the democratic party to per-
petuate the issue. Instead, he is doing
all that he can to get the party to drop
it. He takes his readers for mules heads
and in fact most of them are.

Are McKinley's professions of disinter-
estedness and humanity accepted at
their face value in any civilized country
in the world? Answer honest now, do
you believe that they are?

The State Journal throws some doubts
on the doctrine of total depravity by its
recent actions. Every preacher in the
state when hard pressed, always referred
to that paper as a constant and shining
example of that dogma. That always
floored an opponent and if he wouldn't
agree that it was true, it at least silenced
him. The attacks that have recently
been made on the old prevaricator have
resulted in showing that it at least has
some sense of shame. The first evidence
of it was when it published an editorial
denouncing lying. It has now followed
that up with another and specifies two
interviews which were published all
over the country, as lies. The interviews
were those of Gen. King and that British
captain up at Vancouver. Now if those
interviews were lies the pops were not
responsible for they were sent out by
the Associated Press upon which the
Journal relies for all its news. It, how-
ever, shows that the Journal is not
quite totally depraved, since it wins
under the criticisms that have lately
been hurled at it. It will not publish
another lie against Senator Allen that
can be so easily refuted.

The degeneracy of the republican press
must somewhat astonish anyone who
looks through a lot of their papers.
How do they carry on a campaign?
What do the editors mostly discuss?
The sum total of their genius seems to
be to talk about the hay on the capital
grounds, buttrine, attacks on the per-
sonal character of persons whom they
dislike or consider dangerous if nomi-
nated by the opposing party. They
never discuss the principles of their op-
ponents. They spend their time in writ-
ing about little petty scandals. The
populists advocate government savings
banks, ownership of the telegraphs, tele-
phones, railroads, city franchises, and
are for the free coinage of silver 16 to 1,
for the issue of all paper money by the
government, the destruction of trusts.
They believe in the declaration of inde-
pendence, the Monroe doctrine and are
against large standing armies. All
these things they defend constantly in
their papers. But the republican papers
don't seem capable of defending any-
thing or attacking anything.

The water trust in California has pro-
gressed so far that it says it owns not
only the water but the land. If a man
says that he wants to go to farming,
the trusts tell him: "Yes you can farm
all you want to, but this is our land and
our water." Then they charge the man
rent for the land—and so much a gallon
for the water. When the farmer comes
to settle with them he finds that his
whole crop will not pay for the rent of
the land and the charge for the water.
Then he gives the trust a note bearing
interest and tries again. After two or
three years he finds that the trust has
not only taken the result of all his labor,
but he owes an interest bearing debt for
more than the land is worth. Then
that man swears a big swear and de-
clares that the pop party is composed
of a lot of cranks and goes and votes
the Huntington and water trust ticket
from top to bottom.

The Chicago Record should not issue
orders for cartoons ahead of the facts as
it seems to have done one day last week.
It first published an article written at
Des Moines, Iowa, the day before the
democratic convention met in which it
was declared that Bryan was willing
that silver should take a back seat on
the platform and that Sells, who was a
Bryan democrat and wanted bimetalism
without a ratio, would be nominated.
When the convention met it was found
that Sells didn't have a handful of dol-
lars and the whole crowd went for
silver 16 to 1. The Record had ordered
its cartoon on that reporter's story and
when it came out the next morning with
the news of the result of the action of
the convention, the editor, and not the
cartoon was the thing laughed. Moral—
Don't be too previous.

When the call for troops to free Cuba
was made, hundreds of thousands of
men rushed to the standards and it took
a fight to get in. When McKinley made
a call for 10,000 to conquer the Philip-
pines there wasn't any rush to speak of.
The bars had to be let down and the
flat-footed and all sorts taken. After
months of advertising the establishment
of hundreds of recruiting stations the
full number have not offered themselves
yet. That shows the difference of opin-
ion the people generally have in regard
to these two wars.

The syndicate of robbers in and
around the White house are after Porto
Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. They
will never let go or hold up until they
are forced out. They see a field of reb-
looting lying before them such as again
may not be discovered in the next half
century. They are after the loot. The
old star route thieves and thieves of
every sort have their eyes upon it. So
eager are they to gather it up that
their very fingers twitch when they
think of it. The way they look at it,
that nothing stands between them and
the loot but the sturdy figure of W. J.
Bryan. Oh! how they hate him.

Who hath won, who hath redness of
eyes? Two chaps appointed by a local
meeting who went out to San Francisco
and declared that they were bigger
than the governor of the state.

A great imperialistic daily can mingle
piety and piracy with such astonishing
skill that the reader of the paper is
unable to tell which is tober. So he
swallows them both and calls it "benev-
olent assimilation."

Walk up and pay your share of that
\$10,000 that McKinley sent to the Sul-
tan of Sulu to help him, the said Sultan,
to maintain a harem of sufficient num-
ber and composed of fair enough women
to correspond to the dignity of his new
position as an officer of the United States
government.

The Melting Pot observes while dis-
cussing the candidacy of Tilden for the
presidency, that "the currency then was
made up entirely of irredeemable paper."
Just there a lapse of memory occurred,
or no doubt that versatile writer would
have added that the people of the United
States were also enjoying the best times
that this country ever had.

An old farmer writes: "You are too
hard on the republicans. You say that
they ought to do some thinking. But
then how can they, when the good Lord
never gave them any thinker. It is un-
reasonable in you to ask them to per-
form the impossible. Then what good
would it do if you should force the State
Journal to stop lying. If it should print
the truth nobody would believe it."

Morton's assaults upon Bryan during
the last few weeks have been so infam-
ous that decent papers of all parties, among
them many republican papers, have be-
come disgusted and are printing sharp
reprovals. The New York Sun is not the
only one that has gone after the "melting
pot" statesman. He disgusts every
man who has the instincts of a gentle-
man.

Governor Poynter never vetoed any
resolution of thanks to the First Ne-
braska and there is not a republican
editor in the state who is now reprinting
that statement but who knows that he lies
when he does it. Governor Poynter vetoed
a resolution declaring that the war in
the Philippines was defending the
principles of this government and gave
his hearty approval of the vote of
thanks. Every one of these editors
knows that to be the truth, yet they
keep up their everlasting unmitigated
lying. Every honest man in the state is
ashamed of them.

This talk in the goldbug papers that
Bryan is willing that silver shall be elimi-
nated from the next campaign is noth-
ing but a scheme to aid the Wharton
Barker crowd by making populists be-
lieve that Bryan is willing to forsake
the money question for the prospect of
electing himself to the presidency. The
whole story is a rotten lie. Bryan is not
a fool. He knows very well that there
would not be the slightest chance of his
election if he undertook to do any such
thing. Not only the populists would
forsake him, but two million democrats
and all the silver republicans. The Chi-
cago Record started the lie and it is
traveling with seven league boots. Pay
no attention to it.

The revolt of the Germans all over the
United States is becoming more apparent
every day. The leading Germans as well
as the German press continue to assert
that they will not vote the republican
ticket if imperialism is to be the policy of
the party. The Illinois Staats-Zeitung
is today the only German paper in Illi-
nois not hostile to the administration.
There is no German republican paper in
the state of Indiana, none in northern
Ohio and only one in Cincinnati, which
is lukewarm, for the administration, but
strongly anti-expansion. In St. Louis
and Missouri every German paper at-
tacks the administration. The same in
Iowa and in other states. As things
look now the German element is largely
lost to the republicans.

Senator Cullom made a speech over in
Illinois the other day. It was somewhat
remarkable because he abandoned cant
and placed the desire for conquest in the
Philippines wholly upon the ground of
greed. He said: "The islands themselves
are rich and productive. With them and
Hawaii we cover the Pacific from a strate-
gic and commercial point. The people
of the United States should stand by the
administration and maintain the dignity
and purpose of the nation." Senator
Cullom is to be commended for his
frankness. He doubtless has recognized
the nausua that the talk of the political
preachers has produced all over the
country. Shooting Christianity into the
Philippines with gatling guns has not been
popular with the average American.

The only proposition that McKinley
has made to the Filipinos has been:
"Surrender unconditionally and give up
your arms. After you have done that I
will take into consideration whether you
have any rights at all and if I find that
you have I will then take that matter
into consideration." All our troops say
that the Filipinos are men of courage
and that they have proved it by leaving
their dead bodies on the field of battle by
the hundreds. Will men of courage ever
comply with such conditions? That is
the kind of a proposition that the Duke
of Alva used to make to the Dutch. This
modern Alva will find that his propo-
sition will meet with the same fate of that
of the former one.

REPUBLICAN BRILLIANCY.

The brilliancy of the republican man-
agement in this state has had another
exemplification. It is equal to the hay
or butterine business. The Epworth
League held a camp near the insane
asylum. The managers went to the su-
perintendent and asked for water to
supply the camp from the asylum. The
first wrong was committed when the su-
perintendent agreed to give it to them
for it was not his to give. The Epworth
League had no right to ask the state's
assistance. In the old days of Metho-
dism they would never have thought of
doing such a thing. The superintendent
thought the managers should give the
employees of the asylum who are the
closest confined and hardest working
crew in the service of the state, a few
free admissions. A wagon load, mostly
ladies, went down one evening and were
refused in so rude a manner that the
ladies were very much humiliated. When
it was reported to the superintendent he
let his angry passions rise and said he
would not let the management have any
more water. Now the republicans de-
clare that the fusion state government
is a failure and that every Epworth
Leaguer in the state is going to vote for
Mark Hanna and imperialism. That's
Nebraska republican politics. It is
about the smallest thing on the face of
the earth.

PAY THAT BILL.

It is time for J. Sterling Morton to
come down from his perch or else send a
sack of gold to ex Senator Allen, for
the latter has made out a pretty good case.
It will be remembered that J. ex Sec-
retary Morton offered \$100 in gold for
evidence that any pop politician in the
state had ever earned \$2,500 a year by
means of his legitimate business.—Lin-
coln News.

It is not to be expected that the melt-
ing pot statesman will pay that bill.
He is a gold standard repudiator. The
billingsgate that he publishes puts him
outside of the sort of men ordinarily
designated gentlemen. Gentlemen al-
ways pay their bets, and much more an
offer like the one referred to. But Mor-
ton won't do it. See if he does.

A GOOD ONE.

From the scores of letters that come
to this office containing comments on
Senator Allen's reply to the old "melting
pot" of Nebraska City, it is very evident
that every shot went home. Mr. John
Thomas, of Ash Grove, Neb., says: "I
think that Allen's roast of J. Sterling
Morton in your last issue was the best I
ever saw. I would therefore say, for a
good free roast delivered right in your
dooryard or anywhere else, go to Sena-
tor Allen."

The use made of the word "patriot-
ism" by the republican press establishes
the correctness of the definition of it by
San Johnson when he said that it was
the last refuge of the scoundrel.

The bloodthirsty preachers are likely
to go out on a strike. They say that
Mark Hanna has packed the cards on
them and they just won't stand it.
Twenty new regiments have been called
into service and not one of them is to
have a chaplain. The chaplaincies were
the part of the booty that was to go to
the preachers and there are to be no
chaplains! No wonder they are mad.

Expansion means an increase in the
number of American homes, the spread
of American institutions, the building up
of new states founded on the bill of
rights and the Declaration of Independence.
Imperialism means a large stand-
ing army, a great navy, enormous in-
crease in taxation, the holding of hetero-
geneous nations under one flag by force
of arms. Populists are all expansionists
but there is not an imperialist among
them.

Wharton Barker is relying on the
strong right arm and massive intellect
of our own Sibleins to put him in the
White House. Lucien had a letter in
Barker's paper last week which wound
up with these awful words: "We will
redeem Nebraska or will bury it with the
Seminoles chief that swim the sea of
slaughter till he sank beneath the
waves." Now that is truly awful to con-
template. When Lucien gets out his
butcher knife and begins to cut our
throats what will we do!

No trust ever contributed a cent to
the democratic campaign fund since W.
J. Bryan got control of the party. For
years before the trusts divided their
contributions between the two old parties
with perfect impartiality. The Rocke-
lles, the Goulds, the Vanderbilts and the
Havens-yers never sent any checks to
help the democratic party after it re-
pudiated Cleveland. Now they all go
into the Mark Hanna fund. The love
we have for the democratic party is be-
cause of the enemies it has made. Its
enemies are our enemies.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

How the state \$95 a month for rent
while they were government, it cost \$33-
63 per month in Bryan's term, and dur-
ing Holcomb's time \$50.12 per month.
Holcomb is dishonest because he made
this revelation. Read the republican pa-
pers.—Ord Journal.

Boston vs. New York.
The population of Boston is a people
of moods and tenses. The population
of New York is a people of moves and
expenses.—New York Commercial Ad-
vertiser.