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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 Frenchman 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 Esau's canned beef was just the right kind of stuff to feed soldiers has made another discovery. This time he asserts that alcohol is a food. Dr. Lyman Abbott of imperialistic fame backs him up in it. The next thing that Professor Atwater will announce 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 copperheads, for they are all opposed to the war. The question is what will the State Journal do when so many copperheads 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 collect interest upon their lies, then they will have the world by the tail and so on.

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 billingsgate that would be appropriate to a drunken loafer on the streets, but not at all to be expected 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 follows:

Suppose the new issue of bonds builds 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 compared to that paid before the "crime of 1873." "Idiots 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 duplicitous 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 understand 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 standard when wheat is worth only fifty cents a bushel. What he calls a reduction 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 patronized his road was the foundation of the Vanderbilt fortune. Railroad managers have been working the same game ever since. It seems now that the Burlington has gone into it. When a road gets bonded so that it can't pay interest, then it goes into the hands of a receiver 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 printing 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 this 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 hundred 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 attacks upon him are nothing short of fiendish. 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 notice 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 subscriber 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 into shreds with the records we will consent to lose our one thousand subscribers. We challenge 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 republican press of the state. A populist is always ready to meet a gold standard argument but the ability to make an argument don't seem to be among the qualifications of a republican editor.

DON'T GET MAD.

It is not good to let the angry passions 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 looking 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 credited 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 thieving 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 apologizes 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 trust 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 Nebraska, and he ought to be able to instruct the people of this state on the money question. He could if he would talk as he acted. It will be remembered he drew his money in gold, out of the bank in Chicago during the late democratic 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 knows just how hard up he was. He had spent his last dollar and more than his last dollar publishing bimetallic literature. But suppose he had, what is the inference that the Tribune would have its readers draw from that statement? Had not Mr. Harvey declared continuously 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 perpetuation of the free silver issue in the democratic party "will be fatal to democratic success." Now who does it suppose 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 power to get the democratic party to perpetuate 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 disinterestedness 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, however, shows that the Journal is not quite totally depraved, since it wince 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 personal character of persons whom they dislike or consider dangerous if nominated by the opposing party. They never discuss the principles of their opponents. They spend their time in writing about little petty scandals. The populists advocate government savings banks, ownership of the telegraphs, telephones, 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 independence, 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 anything or attacking anything.

The water trust in California has progressed 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 declares 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 to 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 delegates 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 Philippines 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 opinion 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 rich 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 redressed 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 toter. So he swallows them both and calls it "benevolent assimilation."

Walk up and pay your share of that \$10,000 that McKinley sent to the Sultan of Sulu to help him, the said Sultan, to maintain a harem of sufficient number 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 discussing 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 unreasonable in you to ask them to perform 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 infamous that decent papers of all parties, among them many republican papers, have become disgusted and are printing sharp reproofs. 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 gentleman.

Governor Poynter never vetoed any resolution of thanks to the First Nebraska 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 eliminated from the next campaign is nothing but a scheme to aid the Wharton Barker crowd by making populists believe 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 Chicago 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 Illinois 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 attacks the administration. The same in Iowa and in other states. As things look now the German element is largely loyal 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 strategic 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 nausea 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 Philippines 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 Philippines 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 proposition will meet with the same fate of that of the former one.

REPUBLICAN BRILLIANCY.

The brilliancy of the republican management 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 superintendent and asked for water to supply the camp from the asylum. The first wrong was committed when the superintendent 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 Methodism 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 declare 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-Secretary 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.—Lincoln News.

It is not to be expected that the melting 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 always pay their bets, and much more an offer like the one referred to. But Morton 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 doorway or anywhere else, go to Senator Allen."

The use made of the word "patriotism" by the republican press establishes the correctness of the definition of it by Sam 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 ears 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 standing army, a great navy, enormous increase in taxation, the holding of heterogeneous 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 Seibbins 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 Seminole chief that swam the sea of slaughter till he sank beneath the waves." Now that is truly awful to contemplate. 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 Rockefeller, the Goulds, the Vanderbilts and the Havemeyers never sent any checks to help the democratic party after it repudiated Cleveland. Now they all go into the Mark Hanna fund. The love we have for the democratic party is because 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 Taylor was governor, it cost \$93.25 per month in Bryan's term, and during Holcomb's time \$50.12 per month. Holcomb is dishonest because he made this revelation. Read the republican papers.—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 Advertiser.