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The way the republican party is fighting trusts could be seen in last Monday's State Journal. It had four editorials in the first column all defending them.

It is announced that Hanna has purchased in Europe an automobile. He probably intends to put McKinley in it when he starts him out to run for the presidency the second time.

The republicans should not lay the whole responsibility of this war on "Providence." The most casual investigator cannot fail to find that McKinley had something to do with it.

The republicans are for a British financial policy, a British colonial system, a British alliance, the old flag and an appropriation. They are sure the combination will win if they can get the appropriation in advance.

A Canadian paper says, in speaking of the Filipino war, that the American bird of freedom is dead. Not by a long shot. He got pretty sick through an overdose of the gold cure, but he is rapidly regaining his accustomed vigor.

Since the protests in the foreign papers against the claim that nations can be bought and sold like cattle without their consent, Spain declares that she did not sell the Philippines, but only gave an option on the fighting.

McKinley took by force the Philippines—or as much of them as he could and intends to take the whole. After that, he is for the "protection of property, peace and charity for all." That program would secure the assent of the worst thief that ever lived.

Melting Pot Morton is at it again but as usual he brings up the rear. Bixby rode the "boar black pig" until he wore all the hair off his back. Now that Bixby has dismounted, Morton with his melting pot has mounted it. The old man thinks he can ride a pig as well as anybody. Hurrah for Morton and the boar black pig!

The way the unrepublishers can tangle up the English language is an astonishment to all the world. They talk about dear money making high prices and declare that men are rebels against this government who were never citizens and whom they assert never shall be citizens. They are a crazy lot.

General Anderson in his speech before the American Bar association calls the common people "groundlings." That's right general. That's just what they are. Out of the earth comes all of the wealth of the world. The men who produce it may properly be called groundlings or earthlings. But what are the other fellows? Give us a name for them.

T. L. Adams who was nominated to succeed Judge Deal is one of the best selections for a district judge ever made by the populist party in this state and they have had some judges who would rank in ability with any men on the bench anywhere. As the nomination is equivalent to election the people of that district have reason for congratulations all around.

THE CAMPAIGN.

Within a week the campaign as far as the populists are concerned will be in full swing in this state. The chairman, Mr. Edmisten, has already secured many speakers, among them Cyclone Davis and General Weaver. The meeting of the state committee was the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held for many years. Many of the old Alliance workers were there and this campaign will be conducted largely on the old Alliance plan.

The republicans are still at sea with no harbor in sight. They first proposed to run Judge Harrison but he positively declined. Then they applied to Judge Reese and he would have nothing to do with it. Judge Dickinson was then solicited to take up the burden but he thought that it was altogether too heavy for him to carry. Every prominent lawyer of good character in the republican party who has been solicited to take the nomination has declined. There remains nothing but the small fry for them to make a selection from.

This is the result of the failure of the republican plan to prevent the nomination of Holcomb. They had great faith in that plan. They called on their sniffling committee; they filed their papers with lies and slanders, they did every thing in their power to prevent the nomination of Holcomb. When the three conventions met in Omaha and nominated him on the first ballot their whole plan was ruined and they had to begin anew and under distressing circumstances.

Cyclone Davis will begin his series of speeches on September 16th and from that time on until the close of the campaign the fur will fly for the populist party has its war paint on this time and means business. Let no one think however that the republicans will be inactive. They will fight with the desperation of despair. They have unlimited means. They know all the tricks of politics and will not fail to apply everyone of them. This campaign can be won and will be won but every populist must do his whole duty.

The fight is not for offices. It is to gain control of the judicial system of the state which has so long been simply an adjunct of the corporations. It has done the principles of reform but little good to elect district judges while the supreme court has been owned and controlled by railroad corporations. The corporations always had the money and the lawyers to appeal every case and when it got to the supreme court they felt perfectly safe. The election of Holcomb puts the whole judiciary in the hands of reform and the railroads will put up such a fight as they have never put up before. The railroads have never yet been defeated when they have laid themselves out to win. That makes the crucial fight for the reform forces in this state. Up and at them and never let up until the last vote is counted.

NOT THAT KIND.

Here is the facts known of all men. An effort was made by the military authorities to induce the volunteers to re-enlist in this new war against the Filipinos. There were extraordinary inducements offered besides a cash bounty in travel pay and ration allowances that would average about \$500.00 for enlisted men up to \$2,000 for officers. Circulars were sent to each company setting forth the inducements so that all the men might be acquainted with them. Privates who had seen service were told that if they re-enlisted that they would be made non commissioned officers as the new recruits that would come in would need them. After all this effort, but one man in the First Nebraska re-enlisted. All the other regiments refused to re-enlist. The most recruits were obtained from a Tennessee regiment that had been stationed in one of the southern islands where they had seen no hard service, and only about 100 were obtained from that regiment.

Now what does all that mean? Does it mean that the volunteer regiments from the various states want this war to go on, but for somebody else to do the fighting? No more dishonorable suggestion could be made concerning the volunteers than such a suggestion as that. Whenever a republican editor claims that the returned volunteers are in favor of this war, he makes just that charge against their honor. We claim that 90 percent of them are against this war. That their action in refusing to enlist can not be honorable under any other hypothesis. If they were in favor of the war and believed that the Filipinos were savages that were not entitled to self-government, if they believed in the doctrine that one nation could buy another nation, land and people, without the consent of the inhabitants, if they believed that the flag should not be hauled down in the Philippines and the flag of a self governed people raised in place of it, if they believed that shooting Filipinos was defending the principles of this government, they are brave enough to fight for such a belief. They would not come home, lay down their arms and ask some one else to do the fighting. They are not that kind of men. Especially the men of the first Nebraska were not.

FILIPINO SAVAGES.

Naval cadet, Leonard R. Sargeant, whom Dewey sent into the interior of Luzon along with another officer

and whose report Dewey highly commended has an article in the Outlook upon the Filipinos that will have a tendency to open the eyes of Theodore Roosevelt if he reads it. The rough rider will find that his celebrated speech in which he denounced the Filipinos as savages was a mass of falsehoods from beginning to end. Roosevelt claims to be a man of honor. He will prove that he is if he will make a public correction of that speech.

Mr. Sargeant spent the months of October and November 1898 in the interior of the island and traveled all the time. He says that "many millions" of the inhabitants at that time had no government but the provisional government established by Aguinaldo. There was peace and good order everywhere. In one city where they stayed three days, a dinner was tendered them each day and the shortest of them was fifteen courses. There was fine table linen, napkins, silverware and imported wines. He says that he never saw an intoxicated Filipino. They were liberal in religion. Their heroes were not men of war but men of science and education. Education had been beyond the reason of the poor because it was so costly but it was the desire of all. One of the first things that the provisional government did was to establish common schools and Mr. Sargeant thinks that if the war had not come on with the Americans they would now be well established all over the island.

These are the people that the imperialists want to slaughter by the thousand because they believe in the declaration of independence and believe that it applies to all men and not to the white race alone, taking exactly the same ground that Abraham Lincoln did in his celebrated contest with Douglas.

THEY DON'T KNOW.

The people should always remember that economic forces act slowly. The change in the purchasing power of money does not begin to be felt until a long time after the law passed to bring it about is enacted. If silver had been demonetized one day and next day prices had fallen fifty per cent, there would have been a revolution, but when it took twenty years to produce the full effect of that law, there was no revolution and it was hard to make the people see what was the cause of the continual decline of prices. The economic secondary effects are just as slow. Two years ago there was a rise in the price of wheat caused by the famine in other wheat producing countries. There was a large crop in this country for that year and the year following. Now if the farmers had begun, the next week after the rise, to build barns, employ carpenters and bricklayers, purchase lumber, new agricultural implements, buy hardware, clothing, and house furnishing goods, no one would have doubted that the rise in the price of wheat and other cereals was the cause of increased employment of labor and activity in every line of business. But the economic force manifested itself so slowly it was difficult to make the people understand the real cause of the effect produced. Some people believe that what little of increased activity has come about was the result of the election of McKinley and that the rise in prices of farm products was a result of that election instead of the shortage of crops in other countries and good crops in this.

The result of the rise in the price of farm products is just what the populists said it would be. They did not say that that result would be manifested in every line of business the next day after a rise was started. They supposed that the average man would know that much without being told. But it seems that a good many didn't.

'TWOULD RUIN A MONKEY.

The Grand Island Republican asks the following question: "Will some populist priest of discontent rise up and point out a time in this country's history when a dollar would buy more food, clothing, transportation and other necessities of life than it will now?"

May the Lord have mercy on your poor ignorant soul. That is just what the "populist priests of discontent" have been saying for the last ten years. A dollar will buy more wheat, corn or anything else than it ever would before. The man who has the wheat and corn is painfully aware of that fact every time he takes a load to town with which to buy money to pay his interest, his taxes and his debts. The fool capers that these mullet head editors do cut up sometimes is beyond all accounting for. That editor had better rely on the Mark Hanna furnished editorials altogether hereafter. Many such breaks as that would ruin a monkey.

The steel plunger by Mark Hanna in that ship subsidy bill is the most enormous that has ever been attempted in the history of the United States, and we had some big stealing in the days of the old Indian ring and Credit Mobilier. But put all these straws together and they would not amount to as much as can be gotten out of this thing. The Ohio state democratic convention specifically denounced it and it should be denounced in every reform convention held. It will be the biggest issue in the next session of congress for Mark expects to put it through before the presidential election comes on.

The authorities in New York seem to be having a big row with the Christian Scientists. The Independent proposes a compromise. The Christian Scientists say that "there is nothing in matter." If that is so, drugs can do no harm. So let the doctors come and give all the drugs they want to and the Scientists go on with their system at the same time. The scientists ought to agree to this, especially in all contagious and infectious diseases. They certainly cannot expect the people of New York to allow them to treat a case of yellow fever or bubonic plague without quarantine regulations. The germ of the bubonic plague or yellow fever may be nothing but "mortal error" but they have a way of getting into the minds or bodies of every one who is exposed to them. It is a little too much for the Christian Scientists to ask the people of New York to abolish their laws against contagious diseases and let the "errors" of diphtheria, scarlet fever, and yellow fever run riot over the millions of that populous city. Make a compromise. That's the thing to do.

The twists and turns of the gold bug beat all the contortions of Chris Hartman's celebrated snake "that wriggled in and wriggled out" with such swiftness. The New York Sun says that "Bryan has two voices." Sometimes he talks silver and sometimes he don't. That is a specimen of the fairness of the best of the gold bug writers. It bases the remark that Bryan talks for silver on his election at Omaha and that sometimes he don't on the fake interview sent out from Des Moines which Mr. Bryan has positively denied several times. The Sun still insists that those interviews are genuine—that some unknown reporter is better authority on what Bryan said than Bryan himself. Republicanism is the same everywhere. False, malicious, deceptive and never honest and honorable. The Sun knows very well that Bryan never at any time or anywhere said he was willing that the ratio of sixteen to one should be dropped.

The veterans of '61 believed in that war and were in favor of it. When their terms of enlistment expired they re-enlisted by whole companies, regiments and brigades. Every one of them had seen as much hard fighting as any of the troops in the Philippines. In this McKinley war the volunteers had no choice. When their terms of enlistment expired they did not re-enlist but came home in a body. Not one per cent of them re-enlisted although they were offered larger bounties than the government ever gave during the civil war. Now Bushnell says that they are all in favor of the war! If they are, they have a queer way of showing it.

Since another item was in print in which it was announced that Bixby had dismounted from the "boar black pig," he has denied the assertion and declares that he is still astride. That sore backed swine is to be pitied for he has now not only to carry the fat Bixby but the stout Morton and his melting pot. Morton has taken his seat in front and Bixby has to ride behind. The sight of them is expected to enthrone the republican rank and file as they were never enthused before.

It is just as much the duty of the people to furnish campaign funds as it is to vote. You can't elect anybody without votes and you can't carry on a campaign without money. When the republicans need money they go to the bankers, trusts and corporations and allow them to dictate the laws that are passed. Why shouldn't they? If any one expects anything else there is something wrong in his upper story.

Attorney General Smyth has started after another trust. This time it is the school furniture combine. That trust represents twenty two companies that have gone into a combination to hold up the people of this and other states and make them pay exorbitant prices for all kinds of school furniture. We will see what the republican courts do about that. Their papers already declare that nothing can be done.

The commissioner of pensions has just made his report, from which it appears that there are 1,090,866 persons drawing pensions. There are four widows of the revolutionary war which was closed 117 years ago, still drawing pensions. There is also one soldier and 1,998 widows drawing pensions for the war of 1812. For the Mexican war, 9,204 soldiers and 8,177 widows still draw pensions.

Even Roosevelt seems to have "smelt a mouse." In his speech at Little Valley the other day he said "he hoped to see the day when the Filipinos would build an independent nation of their own." That is a complete flop from the speech that he made a while ago when he talked about the Filipino "savages." Teddy has had his ear to the ground and heard something.

The Omaha Labor Bulletin got out a magnificent labor day issue. On the first page was a cut of Abraham Lincoln with the words: "An immortal friend of labor. When will we have another." It was printed on fine paper and had twelve pages. The party that Lincoln founded is the party of plutocracy and trusts now.

The Chicago Record winds up its account of the reception to the First Nebraska boys with these words: "Briefly stated, most of the soldiers of the First Nebraska are opposed to the war."

Some of the republican papers are advertising for a new war song. The old song "We'll rally 'round the flag boys, shouting the battle-cry of freedom," doesn't seem to suit them any longer. In an army bent on conquest it does not enthuse the men.

The populist headquarters this year will be at the Windsor Hotel, southeast corner of Eleventh and Q streets. Populists having business with the committee can get entertainment there for \$1.25 per day and good enough for anybody.

The Capital Collection agency advertises a judgment for sale against Bud Lindsay. That agency should employ Whedon to collect it. In that way he might get revenge for the time Bud beat him in a contest for delegate to the national republican convention.

A correspondent writing from northern China says that the Chinese up that way "are big, strong, and independent, many of them standing over six feet." When the slicing up of China comes among the great powers he looks for lots of trouble for the white man.

There is a statement going the rounds of the press to the effect that the state of Nebraska has bought 3,200 voting machines. That is a story that is made out of whole cloth. There is not a word of truth in it. It is not like most of the republican lies which are usually half truths.

The republicans of Kansas have not been in control much over half a year, but the treasurer has already begun to stamp the state warrants: "Not paid for want of funds." That is the ordinary way that republicans finance the affairs of any government which they control.

Pretty soon the trusts will get things into so fine a shape that they will find that they not only do not need any traveling salesmen, but they do not need to advertise any more. In those days the mullet head editors who have been backing them up will wipe their weeping eyes and take to counting ties.

The G. A. R. reunion will be held in Lincoln the week ending September 16. The First Nebraska will be given their reception that week and without doubt there will be people here from every part of the state. Information has been received to the effect that at least eighty per cent of all those who enlisted in the First Nebraska will be present.

It is said that Oom Paul calls a prayer meeting for every night in the week these days. After the meeting is over he sees that every man has 140 rounds all in good condition and then he tells them as soon as the sun rises to go out and fire forty rounds in target practice. Joe Chamberlain adjusts his binocular and watches, and then writes some more dispatches.

At the meeting at the opera house when the war first broke out, Dr. Rowlands remarked that this was the first war that the United States ever waged where there were no opponents and that all the people without exception were in favor of it. That was the war with the Spanish. Of this other war with the Filipinos he would hardly make any such a remark.

Dr. Wharton's address at the Y. M. C. A., on Sunday as reported by the press, would lead one to believe that the soldiers of the First Nebraska were very much disgusted with some of their mothers and friends when the said mothers and friends sent them a cablegram advising them not to enlist and which Otis refused to deliver to them. How he got the idea is hard to tell. If don't seem to be in accordance with the facts.

It is a very common phrase used by all the imperialist writers that the Spanish war made this nation a world power. How that resulted from the Spanish war is one of the things that no pop can find out. Power rests upon navies, fighting men, guns and money. This nation did not have so much of those things after the Spanish war as it did before. We lost one battleship, the Maine, which was worth more than all the ships we captured. Will some imperialist therefore please to explain to us long haired pop how the Spanish war made us a world power any more than we were before. We really want to know.

The State Journal through its local columns undertakes to make an attack on Adjutant General Barry for his management of the militia. The whole management of militia from the time of the first encampment under General Barry, including the enlistment of three regiments for the Spanish war has been so effective, energetically and skillfully done that it has received the commendation of all the military authorities. The very first encampment of the militia under General Barry showed a great reduction in expenses and greatly increased efficiency. That record has been kept up ever since.

DEMOCRATS ADVANCING.

The democratic party continues to make long strides in the direction of populism. In the platform adopted by the Ohio state democratic convention were these demands:

"We favor the initiative and referendum, the passage of the eight-hour labor law, the more rigid inspection of mines and workshops, the prohibition of sweat shops, and the abolition of the contract system of prison labor.

"We demand a cessation of national bonded debt building to curse posterity. "We recommend a constitutional amendment providing for the election of president, vice president and senators by a direct vote of the people.

"Political bosses are to be defeated and are inimical to our form of government. Bosses represent simply a concentration of political power, or a ring. They live and exist through jobs and schemes loaded upon the taxpayers. They substitute their rule in their party for the rule of its voters and visit political death upon any who refuse to bow to their dictation. They select the nominees who, if elected, remain their tools and administer their official powers in the interest of their boss and not the people.

"We demand that the Cubans and Filipinos not only be permitted but encouraged to establish independent republics, deriving all their governmental powers from the consent of the governed.

"We are radically and unalterably opposed to imperialism in the United States of America. When we have solved some of the race problems that confront us at home, then by example we can proclaim the blessings that flow from free institutions, and thus procure benevolent assimilation without criminal aggression.

"We are opposed to entangling alliances with foreign kingdoms and empires.

"We declare that all unlawful combinations of capital are the legitimate fruits of a gold standard and other corrupt republican legislation on questions of the tariff, and we demand that all articles, the prices of which are controlled by the trusts be placed on the free list."

They have learned all that from the populists and they will have to learn a few more things before the fusion between the populists and the republicans is declared to be permanent. They will have to come to the point where they will demand the government ownership of railroads and all monopolies of all kinds. When the democratic party has done that, then we will take into consideration the propriety of making fusion permanent. Now we are going with them, as Bryan says, as far as we can and will separate when we must. We will help the democratic party down the money power, we will stand by Bryan because we think that he can be trusted, but after he is inaugurated these other things will have to be attended to.

FORGOT IT.

Russia has just placed an order for \$150,000 worth of farm machinery with a New York firm and France is said to be buying agricultural implements here in larger quantities than ever before. A considerable shipment is also being made to Holland, where the bulk is trans-shipped for us in the Dutch East Indies.—Press Dispatch.

The above which appeared in thousands of papers is very stale news. The shipment of agricultural machinery to foreign countries has been going on for twenty years. The one important point in connection with it, the writer forgot to mention. These goods are sold to foreigners for just half what the American farmers are forced to pay for them. When this writer was in England in 1887, he found all sorts of American farm implements being sold there at just half what the Nebraska farmers had to pay for the same things. He remembers that just before leaving the farm to start for Europe he bought a six tined manure fork for which he was charged \$1.25. At Jedburgh, Scotland, he saw one of the same forks with the very same trade mark on it. He asked the price and it was offered for sale in that far away place for two shillings sixpence, or about 62 1/2 cents. A 6x4 beam, sixteen inch plow, for which he paid \$21.00 was sold in Glasgow for three pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence.

That sort of thing has been going on ever since, although prices under the gold standard have been very much lower. For the blessing of paying twice as much for agricultural implements as their competitors in foreign countries the American farmers are under obligations to the McKinley tariff. The mullet heads think that it is just what they ought to do and go around bragging about it.

THAT BANK STATEMENT.

The New York Financier takes substantially the same stand in regard to the conditions of the banks that was taken by the Independent and which caused several republican editors and a few mullet headed bankers in this state to make such a howl. The Financier says that the banks in their effort to save themselves have decreased their loans since July 20 over \$40,000,000 but the reserves have only been increased \$5,000,000. It announces that the banks can't "expand" any more. We should say not. They have already expanded to the tune of \$10 of credit to \$1 of money. Now they are in a quandary about "how the crops are to be moved." The crops will be moved all right. They would be moved if there was only half as much money as there is now. The trouble will not be in "moving the crops." It is about the "price" at which they will be moved. One million dollars will move 1,000,000 bushels of wheat at a dollar a bushel. It will move 2,000,000 bushels at 50c a bushel. So it is with all the rest of the crops.