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The imperialists say that the Philippine situation is "a legacy of the war." Well, a man isn't obliged to accept a legacy unless he wants to.

If Gov. Poynter don't sue Senator Thurston for the price of hauling his private car from Denver to Omaha—Well this editor will visit the state house with blood in his eye.

A colored sergeant in Manila was asked by a Filipino what he was there for and he replied: "I am here to take up the white man's burden." That "half devil and half child" Filipino couldn't see the point at all.

The republicans have the Associated Press, the telegraph, and the big dailies. We have the truth and the arguments. We shall see who shall win. Truth crushed to earth will rise again for the eternal years of God are hers.

The editor of the Quill says he knows what Senator Thurston said to the rose but he wants to find out what he said to the railroad company when his private car was attached to a train paid for by the people of this state against the protest of Governor Poynter.

Congress declared the people of Cuba are free and of right ought to be free. Haven't the Filipinos the same rights that the Cubans have? Did God restrict their rights? Were the Filipinos born with fewer rights than the Cubans? Those are some of the things that no pop can find out by asking republicans.

The republican dailies are still keeping up their cry that the scarcity of harvest hands shows that there is no unemployed labor in the United States. Even their poets, who write doggerel at so much a line are ordered to furnish rhymes on the subject. All of which shows how very hard up they are for argument.

The Nicaragua canal has been written about and talked about ever since Humboldt declared that it was feasible in 1805. It has been surveyed and surveyed, time after time and now Admiral Walker declares in the very strongest terms in favor of its construction. It is time that we quit resolving, talking and writing and went to work to build it. But then we can't. Huntington and the railroads won't let the United States do such a thing. That ends it.

SHORTAGE OF

What the Independent says all the time about reserves being wind, a foretold, has all come to pass. This last Saturday from New York, Sept. 16, the statement issued today shows a pro- haustion of the surplus which stand at \$275,430 requirements.

Now here is a condition like which started the failure of the Barings which the world has not covered. Banking, as a business, has been carried on with money to ten of credit, run for a few months, a collapse is sure to come. It is just one way to stop money and that way we need or we will have the experience to go through that the country has since 1893. There is a great reduction in prices of the country of at the present price level amount of money in circulation and there is no use to try to be pushed further one without the certain lapse.

As usually the secretary has rushed the banks, by advancing interest on the United States bonds. The crops cannot be moved and the wheat, cattle, everything, must be sold for cash. If this is not done, we may look at again.

A SHARP SA

McKinley sent the gunboat Petrel to the Island of Cebu and demanded the surrender to the United States government. The governor was to make reply. Du McKinley and Roosevelt, wrote out and forwarded a reply of every scholarly person who has seen it. The reply was as follows: In the face of the demand of the United States government, the governor of Cebu, in the limit of the great council of the country, resolved to these demands in view of the superiority of the American arms, but not without the whole of its inhabitants, nor the president of the Philippine republic, our legitimate government and its qualities of just and honorable conduct, is the situation of the country, compelled to accept of the demands before this occupation is any rights which any civilized nation is supposed to be entitled to.

The talk of cession, as if the people, above all, were merchant princes, when one only of these worlds, even that metal called gold, which is composed of vile, which possible the eyes of a serpent, it may, the only pretender, or Aginaldo, with- the act of government is neither being too momentary, or, Governor, y 22, 1899.

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arbitration in Paris. It is the argu- ment that the great lawyers from this country are making. It covers the exact point in the claim of Great Britain to a part of the soil of a South American republic against which we are contending. Aside from the ability, the forcible language, the scholarly construction of the whole document, is the pathetic appeal to justice. But McKinley has adopted the doctrine of force and justice weighs not a grain in the balance. The demand made on that day was the demand of power. It was the old Roman demand. Rome set up force against the cry of justice and the whole world knows what was the fate of Rome.

Another thing the document shows. McKinley claims that Aguinaldo represents but a small part of the people of the islands and that those who favor him are all on the Island of Luzon. This document proves the falsity of that statement. At least the people of the Island of Cebu acknowledge their allegiance to him.

OTIS, CENSORSHIP.

Mr. Collins, the Associated Press agent in the Philippines, has written an article in which he shows just what the censorship in the Philippines is for. He says that it is wholly for political purposes. He declares that experienced war correspondents who have worked in Japan and China, and reported the wars in Africa and in Cuba, all declare that they have never been subject to anything like it—not even under Weyler in Cuba. Further than this, Mr. Collins charges that there has been a perfect orgie of looting of the property of non-combatant Filipinos. To these charges he says every respectable correspondent in the islands will testify. This state of affairs is just a taste of militarism. We will get plenty more of it.

ANOTHER GREAT SCHEME.

The gold bugs have another great scheme on hand. They are going to take W. J. Bryan up on a high mountain and offer him all the kingdoms of this world if he will only agree to make silver a secondary issue in the next campaign. They say that they have organized seven great anti-imperialist leagues and that all those leagues will pledge their support to him if he will only promise. Carl Schurz and Bourke Cochran are to manage the thing. They will get, "get thee behind me Satan," in a voice that will make each individual hair stand on end.

So great was the stringency

in the money market last Saturday, the clearing house bankers called a meeting to consider the situation. They talked of clearing certificates and aid from the treasury and all those sort of things and then did nothing. The average banker is the biggest idiot in the whole population when it comes to questions of this sort. If one of them shows a tendency to learn something all the rest of them jump on him and tear him to pieces or persecute him unto death as they did St. John of the Commercial National. Back of them all, is the guiding hand that holds the bonds of the world and whose only interest is to constantly increase the purchasing power of money. The slightest nod of this mogul, they all obey, even if it means the ruin of their country. In regard to bankers, there are just enough exceptions to prove the rule and since St. John died, they all seem to be in the west.

The imperialistic preachers have to change their premises every once in a while, but they can do it as sleek as a sleight-of-hand man can make a silver dollar disappear. In the beginning they declared that God was for imperialism because victory crowned our army and navy everywhere. That was during the war against the Spanish. In the war against the Filipinos our campaign is pronounced by everyone to be a failure. So according to their logic God must have gone over to the other side. But that don't trouble the preachers a bit. They have a new system of logic ready to use the emergency. They say now that God is trying us by fire.

In a letter from an old populist worker which was burned up in the fire, was the remark that in the next campaign we would have an advantage over the last inasmuch as the authorities in the republican party had given up the contest against the quantity theory of money and were now saying that the increase in the output of gold was the cause of the present "prosperity." The editor of the Independent does not look for much from that source. Even if we should read to them the report of the director of the mint and their paper should announce that the more money there was in circulation the scarcer and harder it would be to get, the mullet would immediately declare, "that's so, the pops are all lunatics."

Senator Thurston in his first speech in the United States senate said that he had given his father to the service of his country and was going to give his son. As for himself, he hitched his private car onto a train paid for by the people of the state and rode in it from Denver to Omaha. That is the sum total of his sacrifices for his country. But the mullet heads think that Thurston is the most patriotic man in the state. He is, in their eyes, far superior to a man who followed the flag of the First Nebraska in the Philippines and then came home and dared to say that he did not believe this war in the Philippines was defending the principles of our government. That sort of a soldier is a copperhead in their eyes.

Tom Reed has returned thanks

to his old district for keeping him in congress so long. He says: "It would not be just in me to withhold my thanks to those democrats who have so often given me their votes." He winds up his letter with the words: "Whatever may happen I am sure that the First Maine district will always be true to the principles of liberty, self-government and the rights of man. (Signed) "THOMAS B. REED."

There is not the word republican

or republican party in the whole letter. The last line, in which the word "self-government" occurs, is especially significant just at the present time.

DEPTH OF DEPRAVITY.

The contemptible meanness of the State Journal was exhibited in a new way last week. In all the history of journalism in this country we defy any man to find any thing that will compare with it. For thirty years this writer has been engaged in newspaper work, in New York, Washington, St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, and this city. It has been his fortune to be connected with papers that have suffered from fires and has seen other papers burned out. In all these cases until he came to this town, he has only known among the profession, however they may have fought each other, the greatest sympathy from rival concerns and offers of help from all sides. It remained for the State Journal to break this record in the profession.

In its "list" of losses it carefully refrained from mentioning that the Nebraska Independent had been burned out and then at the close of its account of the fire said that the subscription list of this paper had been lost. The subscribers who will receive their papers as usual this week will know how much truth there was in that statement. That was a lie told with forethought and malice. Every one knows that if the subscription list of a paper is lost it means irretrievable ruin.

The loss of this paper was about \$2,000, but it will continue publication. New offices have been secured on the northeast corner of P and 12th streets; \$2,600 of new material have already been purchased and is being placed in position. The paper will be enlarged and the fight against plutocracy and imperialism will be continued with more vigor than ever. Now is a good time to send in subscriptions and pay up back dues. The management needs the money.

If what the correspondents in the Philippines say is only half true, France can say in reply to our criticism of the Dreyfus case: "You have an Otis and we have a Mercier. It is a Roland for an Oliver." All that we can reply is: It is not Otis, it is McKinley.

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Mr. Smith says that the last edition of the Independent was so terrifically hot that it set the whole block on fire.

Gen. Lawton says that "the Filipinos are the bravest men I ever saw," and "all they want is a little justice." They will never get it at the hands of McKinley.

The cabinet meetings are longer

now and more frequent than at the height of the Spanish war. The way the people have commented on McKinley's impial policy seem to trouble their minds.

Rockefeller has donated to

the building of another church. Now they should adorn the altar with a statue of Saint Coal Oil, and all the members should fall down and worship it once a week.

The republican propaganda

as it exists in this year of our Lord, 1899, is for the single gold standard, tariff, trusts, imperialism, militarism, polygamy and slavery. How much has it in common with the life and speeches of Abraham Lincoln?

Secretary Hay wants a court dress

adopted at Washington. What do you suppose would have happened if he had proposed that to Lincoln when he was Lincoln's private secretary? Thirty-five years has produced a great change in Hay.

According to the Independent

Herald, Gibson was not a socialist. The Ruskin colonists are not socialists and there is not a socialist in the state of Nebraska aside from Mr. Brown himself. In this matter probably Mr. Brown is eminently correct.

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ing that in this year of trusts and McKinley prosperity every man hereabouts was at work who wanted work. But when there was great demand for carpenters to build booths for the street fair, it was found that there were plenty of carpenters in this city who wanted work.

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