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The sultan of Sulu is a republican and Mark Hanna might not like it if anything was said against him. That's the reason that the State Journal keeps so mum.

The republicans raked the state over to get a soldier to make speeches for them and the best they could do was to get a Malay chaplain. The rest of them said "No."

Honesty is the best policy. Even Barley would not agree to that, but it is doubtful whether Eugene More and Alcott would; However the books are not finally balanced on those two cases yet.

A recent report upon the great increase in lunacy in Scotland says that poverty and the increase in lunacy go hand in hand. There are now 15,360 lunatics in confinement in Scotland, an increase in one year of 487.

Two weeks ago there were two republican papers at Weeping Water and now there are none. One is out and out for the fusion party and the other claims to be independent. What's the matter with the g. o. p.?

President Kruger, is a dispatch to a New York paper, says: "The republicans have determined that if they must step back to England, a price must be paid that will stagger humanity." Com Paul will make his words good, too.

It comes with poor grace from the republican managers to upbraid their opponents with being friends of Aguinaldo when they themselves have hired a Malay, and a very disreputable one at that, to run their campaign for them.

The positive, undeniable, overwhelming proof of the existence of McKinley prosperity in this county of Lancaster is \$235,396 of delinquent taxes. Any man who says that that does not prove prosperity is a traitor and Teddy Roosevelt will swear to it.

The defense that the republicans make of the infamous record that Judge Reese left at the state house consists of printing a portrait of their candidate and not saying a word about him. That is about as much as any editor can do unless he has the cheek of a brass monkey.

The reception that was given to Dewey is said to be the grandest ever given to any American. But every day, and generally six times a day, Bryan is given just such a reception. When we consider the thinness of the population of the west and compare it with the east Bryan's receptions seem to be the greatest.

The populist weeklies are full of challenges to republicans to meet their candidates in joint debates. So far not one of them has dared to do it. They "don't propose to furnish audiences for populist orators," not even in counties where the republicans haven't a corporal's guard of voters left. Brand them as cowards. That's what they are.

IGNORANCE OR MENDACITY. One is sometimes in doubt whether the writer of the editorials in the State Journal is afflicted with unlimited ignorance or is wholly given over to mendacious lying. Last Monday he got off the following:

The fact about the balance between Great Britain and the United States today, as generally believed by people who are in business and who know something about the matter, is that Great Britain owes us.

If Great Britain is owing us what became of the \$4,000,000,000 of goods and gold and silver that we shipped to Europe more than we received since 1873? And what became of \$600,000,000 excess of exports last year when we received only \$100,000,000 in return? The statement is so mendacious that it is impossible to discuss it with patience. There is no doubt, however, that every mullet head speaker during the rest of this campaign will calmly announce to his audiences that under McKinley prosperity, Great Britain has become greatly indebted to us and that now we have the English paying us large sums for interest. Furthermore every mullet head voter will believe every word of it.

JINGOISM RAMPANT.

Polish citizens held a meeting at Grand Rapids, Mich. Governor Pingree delivered an address in which he said: "Jingoism is now rampant. The judgment of the people is being supplanted by artificial enthusiasm excited by hysterical waving of the stars and stripes. If we pause a moment, recollecting our own country's early struggle, we will modify our zeal for new possessions and will be more tolerant of the rights and liberties of other peoples."

America has long been the refuge of the oppressed of all nations. Thousands of the very best liberty loving citizens of all the countries of the old world have made this land their home. We have always been proud of them. Now that they have a chance to show their gratitude, they are rallying around the declaration of independence with, if possible, more enthusiasm than the liberty loving Americans themselves. These Poles cheered themselves hoarse at Pingree's words. The foreign voters of all nationalities are nearly solid against imperialism. The Bohemians and the Poles, who have suffered so much from it in their own countries, are especially determined to do all within their power to prevent its adoption in this country.

ADVANCE OF DESPOTISM.

Step by step, ever since McKinley was inaugurated, has despotism advanced in this once free country. The first step was a declaration of war upon the Filipinos without the sanction of congress, for the proclamation that McKinley issued was a declaration of war. Next the keeping of the volunteers in the service after their term of enlistment expired and forcing them to fight in a war that had never been declared by congress and against a people that had never done us any harm. Next came a violation of the United States mails—a clear act of despotism and again a violation of the constitution. This violation of the mails is still continued. There is sent from Lincoln the press letter of the republican state committee at newspaper rates, the mails are still closed against a populist paper in Cass county, and last Saturday another paper was refused transportation through the mails at Cleveland, Ohio. Saturday Night, a newspaper of Cleveland, has been in existence for six months, and has heretofore passed through the mails without question, but Hanna ordered it thrown out and the paper was excluded. Thus, act after act of despotism is being taken step by step, power is being wrested from the lawmakers and employed by a despot at Washington. Where will this thing stop? Can any man tell?

Our war with Spain was a very small affair compared with this war with the Filipinos, whether we consider the number of troops or the cost of the undertaking. It looks now as if it would turn out to be the largest war in which the country was ever involved with the single exception of the rebellion. Who declared this great war? McKinley. Congress has never been consulted upon the question. Is there any monarch in Europe who would dare to engage in a war of this extent without the sanction of his parliament? Even the Queen of England called a session of parliament before a war was declared on the Boers. McKinley is the greatest autocrat on the whole earth. There is not one other, not even the Czar of Russia, who would have dared alone to exercise the imperial powers that he has assumed on his own responsibility.

WHY IT FLOPPED.

Last week when it was announced that the great Bohemian paper had renounced republicanism it created so much surprise that a man was sent to enquire the cause of the flop. He saw the managing editor and made inquiry. "The reason," said the editor, "was this. We had to flop or stop publication. During the last few weeks we lost over six thousand subscribers. The Bohemians will not stand imperialism and great standing armies. To escape these things they came to this country and they will support no paper that advocates their establishment in this country. That is why we flopped."

There is nothing unfair in turning the sentence that McKinley repeated so often in his swing around the circle, the

other end to and saying that the flag means the same here that it does in the Sulu Islands. In those islands it means that a man who cannot pay his debts is sold into slavery and his children after him to all generations. The Malay barbarian whom the republicans have hired to canvass the state says that the flag means that it shall never be hauled down and we must support McKinley, right or wrong. The women of Nebraska should drive this Asiatic heathen out of the state. Will they allow their children to grow up under the teaching of a professed preacher who says they must uphold wrong if the administration says so?

For unmitigated, everlasting, infernal lying, commend us to Harper's Weekly. Last week it said: "Industry in the United States has never before been so active over so wide an area and throughout so many departments of productive work. The same story comes from the great centers of iron-making, from the agricultural regions of the west and south, from our exporting seaports, and from almost all manufacturing communities." How much prosperity is there in fifty cent wheat when the trusts have raised the price of everything the farmer has to buy from 10 to 150 per cent above what it was a year ago? The farmers of "the agricultural regions of the west" are making no such reports. They were manufactured in the editorial rooms of Harper's Weekly.

Spain could only sell her right to hold the Filipinos in subjection. For that right McKinley paid \$20,000,000. Now he says that they are as much a part of the United States as Texas or Louisiana. We have held for more than a hundred years that certain rights were unalienable. Neither governments nor individuals could dispose of them. But McKinley says he can buy them, nay more, has actually bought them. The Malay chaplain says you must support the president, right or wrong. If he says he can buy unalienable rights, you must swear that it is so or otherwise you are a copperhead.

The supreme court of Illinois rendered a decision against trusts the other day to the effect that combinations made to control production and fix prices were illegal. Within three days the whole republican press of that state jumped onto that court with both feet. That shows two things. First that the republican party is opposed to trusts and that their claim that the judges were never to be criticised was the heartfelt sentiments of all the leaders of the party from Mark Hanna down. Any man who does not believe this statement is a copperhead.

The stress is becoming so great in New York that even the gold bug editors are crying out for more silver. The New York World, and there is no more persistent fighter for the gold standard than that paper says: "This country needs ten million dollars worth of small change, dimes, quarters and half dollars, for the convenient transaction of business." If things go on as they have for the last six months, it will soon add to its call, silver dollars, as well as halves, quarters and dimes.

The cad, J. Sterling Morton, was made chairman of the anti-trust meeting at Chicago. There he proved again that he was not a fit associate of gentlemen. Having told a square lie, a gentleman in the audience arose and told him so. The gentleman was afterward sustained in his position by a vote of the committee, all of which salacious business was duly recorded in a report in the Chicago Record.

If one is to judge from the words used in the republican platform of Massachusetts, the whole party there has turned copperheads and traitors. They say that they demand a government for the Filipinos "as free, as liberal and as progressive as our own;" and "in accordance with the sacred principles of liberty and self-government upon which the American government so securely rests." That kind of talk is surely treason.

Of all the fool things that the Hanna managers have done at Washington, the manufacture of proclamations for Aguinaldo is the silliest. They have a bureau down there that grinds out an Aguinaldo proclamation on fifteen minutes notice. When one of these proclamations is sent over via Hong Kong with the name of some reliable newspaper man at the end of it, it will be time to give it some credence, but not before.

How is it that those women's clubs never have a word to say about the Sultan of Sulu while they use up reams of paper writing resolutions about Roberts? According to McKinley, the Sulu Islands are as much a part of the United States as Utah is. Is it because in their tender hearts they have a kind of a liking for the sultan but congressmen are altogether too common.

McKinley is getting to be a common, every day sort of a liar. He has, time and again, during the swing around the circle, said that there was only a part of one small tribe in rebellion against his authority in the Philippines. He knows that all the population of the archipelago is for independence except the old sultan of Sulu and his chiefs whom he has bribed.

WHAT CAUSED THE WAR.

There was just one thing that brought on the war with the Filipinos. That thing was the proclamation issued by President McKinley. It reads as follows:

With the signature of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain by their respective plenipotentiaries at Paris on the 10th instant, and as the result of the victories of American arms, the future control, disposition, and government of the Philippine Islands are ceded to the United States. IN FULFILLMENT OF THE RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY THUS ACQUIRED, and the responsible obligations of government thus assumed, the actual occupation and administration of the entire group of the Philippines becomes immediately necessary. AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT heretofore maintained by the United States in the city, harbor, and bay of Manila is to be extended with all possible dispatch to the whole of the ceded territory.

That is straight, unmistakable imperialism. It was a declaration of war against a people who had been acting faithfully as our allies. It left but one course for the Filipinos to pursue and that was to defend with their lives the doctrine that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. That proclamation meant that the Filipinos were to be forced at the point of the bayonet to submit to a military government. They were to be governed by a military satrapy. They were to be taxed without representation. For further along in the proclamation McKinley says:

The taxes and duties heretofore payable by the inhabitants to the late government of Spain become payable to the authorities of the United States, unless it is seen fit to substitute for them other reasonable rates or modes of contribution to the expenses of government, whether general or local.

The declaration of independence says that taxation without representation is tyranny. In proposing to tax these people without representation, McKinley proclaimed himself a tyrant and the Filipinos, as any brave men would do, resolved to fight. McKinley knew when he issued this proclamation that nothing but war could result from it. He deliberately plunged this nation into war without the consent of congress or the people, and he alone is responsible for the war and the murder of every man who lost his life in it.

PRINT THE REST OF THEM.

It was the earnest desire of every true populist in this state that the present campaign should be devoted to the discussion of principles and policies of government both state and national. Great problems are pending—problems that must be settled in the near future and to the discussion of these problems, the populists would have devoted themselves. But the republicans would not have it that way. They would not meet us in the discussion of principles. They deliberately planned a campaign of personal slander and abuse of candidates for office. They open every meeting with fifteen or twenty minutes devoted to calling a man who has often been honored by the people of this state with the highest places of honor and responsibility within the gift of the people, the vilest names that they can invent. As speaker after speaker comes upon the stage, every one repeats the performance. They began this thing even before the nominations were made and they have kept it up ever since they were made.

This sort of work, continued week after week finally forced the populists to retaliate in kind. The Independent has believed from the first that however unpleasant such course was, the republicans had made it a necessity and it has advocated both publicly and privately the duty of the management when they were forced to do it, to shoot to kill. We say again that letters written to public officials with the intention of influencing official acts, are not private letters, and any request to make them private only shows cowardice or viciousness in the writer. The most important part of the letter for the information of the public is such requests. No high sense of honor should prevent the publication of all of this kind of literature. The Independent says: Print the remainder of them. The public is entitled to know all the facts.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE.

Reform forces everywhere should keep a sharp watch of this newly formed Anti-Imperialist league. The Independent has had its suspicions concerning it for some time. There were some good speeches made at their meeting in Chicago, but because the men who made them were not gold bugs, the dailies gave them but scant notice. When a gold bug made a speech, it was reported in full. When it came to forming their organization, every officer of it is a gold bug. Here are their names:

George S. Boutwell is president of the national organization. Seven vice-presidents were chosen—ex Senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont, J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska, Carl Shurz of New York, Richard T. Crane of Chicago, Senator Donaldson Caffery of Louisiana, Judge Rufus B. Smith of Cincinnati and John J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Fargo company, of San Francisco.

While Boutwell is one of the most bitter and prejudiced gold standard men in the United States and was secretary of the treasury when legislation was secured that doubled the value of the bonds then in the hands of bondholders, there is nothing against him personally. The

first two vice presidents are Edmunds, who declared that he would forswear his allegiance to the United States and leave the country if Bryan were elected, and the unspeakable Mor on.

All the love of country that has heretofore been exhibited by these men, has been the love of the bondholder and the plutocrat. In their old age they may have developed a love of the whole country, including the common people, but it is well to have an eye upon them. It is the opinion of the Independent that their main object is to get rid of McKinley. Not one of them have received any recognition from McKinley.

It is probable that they intend to take advantage of the sentiment against imperialism and work a game to create disunion in the reform forces or prevent republicans who will not, under any circumstances vote for imperialism and great standing armies, from voting the reform ticket. This writer has known some of these men personally for 25 years and he knows that they have an undying hatred for everything that populists hold dear. Keep a sharp watch on them.

The cry of the populist press wherever Grosvenor has spoken is, send us more Grosvenors. He is making votes for the reform ticket by the hundred.

Whenever a republican comes to you with an offer to trade votes—well, we don't wish to advise anything unlawful, but if you give him a good thrashing there will be nothing immoral in the transaction.

The supreme court is still in the injunction business. It has issued another injunction against the board of transportation and commanded them to hold John O. Yeiser down and not let him bother the telephone companies.

According to the logic of blood thirsty preachers like Mailley, all that a president would have to do to hold his office for life would be to get up a war just before his term of office expired. Then every man should be for him, right or wrong, while the war lasted.

You can tax the hide off the back of a mullet head and he will hurrah for the party that does it, provided only that the tax is added to the price of the things that he buys and the tax collector does not come around to get the money. That's all the sense a mullet head has.

A republican editor asks: "What is imperialism, any how?" Well imperialism's first successful leader was one Julius Caesar, it was imported into America by one William McKinley and will be kicked clear off of this continent by an outraged people. It can't live among a free people.

The "boys" are beginning to get their boodle. Unmistakable evidence of it can be seen on the streets of Lincoln. They crawl out of their holes and having fired up with two or three visits to the nearest saloon, they begin in a loud voice to declare for the honor of the old flag and the subjugation of the Philippine rebels.

Cleveland increased the national debt \$202,000,000, and McKinley has increased it about \$300,000,000. Cleveland and McKinley are a good pair for a bondholder to draw to. In the game of increasing national debts, a republican can always beat a gold-bug democrat. McKinley, as will be seen by the figures, is \$38,000,000 ahead.

The State Journal not only lays claim to all the patriotism and all the sanity that there is in Nebraska—calling all who do not agree with it lunatics and copperheads, but it now puts in a claim to all the injunctions. It spreads its horror at the audacity of the fusionists all over a whole column the other day, as it said, the fusionists proposed to sue out an injunction. That seems to be a divine right of the plutocrats.

We see by a correspondent that James Burhaus, one of our best populist workers and an old wheel horse in the Farmers' Alliance, and a man who has done more for the upbuilding of the Farmers' Alliance than any other man in his county, is running for sheriff upon the populist ticket in Dundy county. We predict his election and an honest administration in his office during the time he will hold it.

If the Union Pacific keeps up its record for stock watering at the same rate for another year it will soon have stock and bonded itself up to the billionaire point. It increased its capital stock the other day \$32,718,500. The interest on this \$32,000,000 will have to be paid by the farmers of this and other states in addition to what they have been paying. The idea of it just delights a mullet head and he will vote early and late to continue the practice.

The reliability of the news that is received through English channels—and all of it from the Transvaal comes that way—can be gathered from the story of a fight that was sent out last week in which it was stated that there were 300 British killed and 800 Boers. As it is an undisputed fact that nearly the whole Boer army are sharp shooters and the troops opposed to them were Tommy Atkins from London, the probability of the truth of the tale can be surmised.

SILVER CIRCULATING.

Of all the contemptible things that the organization which was formed nearly thirty years ago to control the avenues of information have done, there was nothing more contemptible than the stories that they have circulated that there were millions upon millions of silver dollars in the treasury that could not be made to circulate. They would take men who had come to Washington to visit their congressman to the treasury vaults and show them the piles of silver and these men would go home convinced that silver would not circulate. All the time that silver was in circulation by means of silver certificates. If any reader of this paper will look over the bills in his pocket book, he will usually find that nearly all of them are silver certificates. They call for so many silver dollars, and those dollars are in the vaults at Washington and belong to him and not to the government. When he pays one of them out, he starts it circulating. Premiums have been offered to the treasury for some of these silver dollars within the last few days, but they could not be delivered, because they did not belong to the government.

A DISGRACEFUL CAREER.

The one thing that made the democratic party in Nebraska a stench in the nostrils of the people more than all other things put together was the connection that J. Sterling Morton had with it. As long as he was recognized as one of its leaders it grew less and less in the number of its voters and the influence that it had in this state. Finally when Bryan came into the state and the Morton railroad influence was kicked out, there was engendered in Morton's mind—if he can be said to have a mind at all—an undying hatred of the young man.

The only reputation he ever obtained he obtained by fraud. His claim to the honor of having instituted Arbor Day, as every citizen of this state knows, is a fraud. Then he used to go about the state delivering a speech upon the tariff, every word of which that had any point to it, was stolen. That portion of it which possessed any merit was a reproduction, seriatim, verbatim, ad litteram, ad punctum, from a pamphlet published by the Cobden Club of London, addressed to the Western Farmers of America, the author of which was one August Montgredien.

The other day he showed up in Chicago and continuing his disgraceful career, he was publicly denounced on the floor of a great convention as a liar, and the man who made the charge went before a committee and proved that he was a liar. In the meantime about every decent paper in the United States, especially those in the east, continue to denounce him as a cad and unfitted to be admitted to the society of gentlemen.

We are rid of Clem Deaver at last, and as Paul said, we thank the Lord and take courage. Clem appeared before a committee once to pass an examination on the bar. When asked: "What is the source of land titles in Nebraska?" he laboriously wrote out for the answer: "The B. & M. railroad." He was so delighted with that answer he thought that it qualified him for the office of governor and announced his candidacy. Having been put out of office, he has now fallen into the cess pool opened by the Omaha Bee, to catch the offscourings of the populist party. That cess pool now holds such a stinking mass, Stebbins, Mailley, Sam Elder and Deaver, if someone don't put quick lime into it pretty soon we will have a plague.

Silver dollars have been at a slight premium in New York and other large cities during the last few days. Why? Is it because they are redeemable in gold? When a silver dollar is worth more than a gold dollar does anybody want it redeemed in gold? Well, hardly. Why is a silver dollar, with less than fifty cents worth of silver in it, worth more than a gold dollar with a hundred cents worth of gold in it? Will old melting pot Morton's theory work in this case.

The People's Advocate, Meadville, Penn., says:

"The State Department at Harrisburg has rejected the nomination papers of the Wharton Barker Populists. This leaves but one peoples party state ticket possible, the one at the head of our editorial page, and it should be supported by all Populists without regard to former factional connections. Leave next year's trouble to be solved next year, and work now to roll up such a vote that next year the nomination papers will not be needed. Vote the straight People's party ticket."

There is a man up in Cuming county who once declared that any one who would not believe Rosewater would not believe the bible. Some one who lives near him should show him those extracts from Rosewater's pen that were printed in the World-Herald a few days ago in which he described the character of one M. B. Reese.

England would never have dared to suppress the South African Republic if McKinley had not first set the example. He has made himself the curse of the whole of mankind. If, on the other hand, he had declared himself against conquest and for self government among all peoples, he would have taken a place beside Lincoln in the estimation of all the world. He was too small a man to embrace the opportunity that came to him.