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The gold democrats met in Indianapolis this week and declared their continued and undying opposition to Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform. They belong to the same class as the mid-roads—the republican aid society.

England has already spent nearly \$550,000,000 on the Boer war and we spent about the same amount on the war in the Philippines. Imperialism comes high on both sides of the world, but then we must have it. "Its English, you know."

The republican editors are unanimously of the opinion that the foreigner does not pay the tariff on paper, and during the next campaign in reply to any attacks on them they will say: "You need not quote any speeches on us. We have changed our minds."

Mr. D. E. Thompson, has published an "ultimatum" to other republican aspirants for the United States senate from this state. Don't worry, Mr. Thompson, your chances are as good as those of any republican and perhaps better, but the legislature will be safely demo-pop—no republicans need apply.

Many of the republican speakers seem very fond these days in referring to the people as "the populace." That is only an indication of how they are unconsciously adopting the very forms of expression that have been in use in monarchies for hundreds of years. Just imagine the curl of the lip of a republican congressman as he rises to address the house and pronounces the word "populace."

The Irish have a strange fashion of graduating from an English jail to the English parliament. John O'Dowd has

just come out of jail where he was confined for making patriotic speeches for the Irish cause, and he will take Michael Davitt's place in parliament, which Davitt resigned because he said he would not continue to associate with the English butchers who were murdering the God fearing people of South Africa.

The Missouri World gives up in the following words: "In some states it will be absolutely necessary to change the name of the Peoples party, as fusionists control the name. A slight change is all that is necessary for this purpose, such as by adding the prefix, "Middle of the Road," "Straight," "Progressive," "Independent," thus retaining the name Peoples but having a prefix making it a new name in the eyes of the law. A more radical change, however, may be necessary to avoid confusion."

Under the Spanish rule, Porto Ricans were able to live, though poor and oppressed. Under the rule of McKinley the direst distress prevails and the conditions that have been produced by English rule in India are duplicated. The government as administered by the republican party is a despotism worse than any to be found anywhere else on earth. The inalienable rights of man are ignored and according to the majority in congress, Porto Ricans have no rights except what a republican congress is pleased to grant them. This is the first fruits of imperialism. The vengeance of God is sure to follow such inhuman cruelty.

McKinley says that the territories are outside of the constitution—that the constitution does not apply to them. It has always been held that if a territorial legislature passes an act that is contrary to the constitution, that that act was null

and void. If they are not under the constitution, how could that be? If any of these republican congressmen who have been making long speeches to prove that a territory is outside of the United States and the people are not citizens of the United States, goes down into Arizona or New Mexico, he will be apt to find out that that country is not a healthful one for republican congressmen to live in.

The eastern dailies are saying that it was the Nebraska beet sugar growers that secured the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill in the house. They claim that the Nebraska beet growers had a big lobby there. Now, there is not a word of truth in those statements. The men who raise sugar beets in Nebraska haven't money enough to go to Washington and lay around there lobbying. There was a man there, however, who pretended that he represented the beet growers, but he represented instead the sugar trust and his name was Oxnard. What great lobbyists the men who raise sugar beets in Nebraska would be! Fancy them going down to Washington and living at five dollar hotels! A whole year's crop of beets wouldn't pay their expenses for ten days.

In answer to a correspondent who asks: "How are we going to even up things with the democrats when we hold our convention nearly two months before the democrats hold theirs? It seems to me that if we are going to have fusion at all, we should have managed it the same way we have always done in Nebraska, and both conventions should have met at the same time and place." Well this is the way we are going to "even up." The last time the democrats stole our platform and we stole their candidate. This time we are going to steal their candidate and then make them a present of our platform which we are willing that they shall adopt without the erasure of a word. We think that will make things just about even.

HARDY'S COLUMN
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The time is near by when candidates for congress must be nominated. It would be a sensible move to nominate a pop or silver republican this time in the First district. The democrats have had a fair chance twice, now let us pull on a new string. The man should be nominated who will pull the most votes. We have a plenty of good men.

There are some queer things in Kentucky. Both sides have a coloring of law. A man was shot at twice or more, in open day light, on a public square, by the side of a friend, other people in sight, and yet no one can tell where the shots were fired from or who fired them. One side lays the blame on his friend in order to cast odium on the enemy. It really looks as though there would have to be a little more blood letting.

Now another step is proposed in the civil service life tenure in office. It is not enough to pay the clerks and hangerson in Washington higher wages than any mechanics, farm hands or factory men, get but they must have a pension for life, after they quit work. The object of this move is to let them spend all their life earnings on lust and appetite and still be sure of luxury out of the earnings of others, in old age and decrepitude.

We have had an eye on the Kearney Industrial School for several years and we are more and more convinced that it is not near as much of a school as it ought to be. Those boys can be educated as well as the boys of any high school, if the right kind of teachers are placed over them. There are scores of teachers in this state that would make them forget their meanness in a month. The teachers fail in management where there is one who fails in book knowledge.

A regular course of study should be adopted and the graduates prepared for any college. It should be a school and not a prison. It is not best that all the teachers should be well educated, we learned that the hardest boys and the hardest schools are best managed by women. Half of every day in the year should be spent in the school room. The Sunday half days should be spent in moral and religious instruction. Smokers, chewers, drinkers and swearers should not be allowed on the ground, either among the students, teachers or officers. A good teacher is a rare specimen of humanity. Neither normal school nor university can make good teachers out of nine-tenths of the human family. A teacher should be well educated, and possess a superior mind naturally. He should be kind and lead by inspiring confidence in pupils. He should rule not by brute force but by superiority and reason. The Kearny school should be made a sort of West Point academy and fathers and mothers be permitted to drop their boys there before they become criminals.

Reform schools for girls should be conducted on the same general plan. Let there be fresh, soph, junior and senior classes, and let them vie with each other in learning rather than in vice. Three or four hours of hard work will mix in well with that number of hours of hard study. Play and recreation should be taught and directed by teachers just as much as recitations. The teacher of the right stamp will fill the place of a parent. It has been a joy, thousands of times to us, to witness the pupil imitating the teacher in deportment and language. There is ten times the responsibility resting upon the state in caring for the boys and girls than there is in caring for the insane patients

in our asylums. The insane cannot be educated or reformed, all we can do is to tenderly care for their physical wants. We are glad that we are done hearing of the cruelty inflicted upon these unfortunate people. A few years ago we often heard of their being pounded and actually murdered by the keepers.

News of the Week

Affairs in the Philippines seem to grow worse instead of better. Every general at the front is asking for reinforcements. Large bodies of insurgents have been reported at various places. There seems now to be no doubt that as soon as the rainy season sets in the war will be in full blast again. During that part of the year these web footed Malays seem to be at their best and they will be assaulting our posts all over the island. They can get in their work then and the Americans can't move at all. The suffering of our troops even during what is called the dry season is horrible to contemplate. The long lists of the killed and wounded continue to come, but worse than that is the almost equally long list of insane and suicides. The insane and suicides are not confined to the privates, there are many officers, some of high rank among them. Otis has been compelled to cable for a large supply of handcuffs and leg irons to keep in restraint those who have lost their minds on account of the suffering that they have endured. This is the most horrible war that the world ever saw. And what is it all for?

There were 505 dead received at San Francisco a short time ago, and last week Otis sent another list of twenty-six who had died in the Philippines besides the name of eight killed and twenty-four wounded. After all this suffering and death we are no nearer the end of the war to all appearances than we were a year ago. It will not be long until a new army will have to be sent to the Philippines if the present policy is pursued, for the army that we sent there last year will soon disappear from the face of the earth.

The contest over the government of Porto Rico is attracting the attention of the whole United States. The question is whether the constitution follows the flag or whether the moment the stars and stripes are carried outside of what has heretofore been the United States, the flag is no longer the symbol of the rights of man and constitutional government but simply the emblem of an army fighting for conquest.

The president at first said: "Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free access to our markets." But the moment the campaign contributors, without whose help McKinley cannot be re-elected showed up in Washington, he made the most shameful retreat that ever disgraced a politician. The pretense that "all the money collected will go to the Porto Ricans" is of a piece with the rest of the fraud and hypocrisy and robbery that are back of this bill. The duties paid upon the food and clothing of the starving and naked Porto Ricans will not go back to the poor wretches who pay it. It will go to the carpet-bag officials and other agents of the Government that Mr. McKinley has set up there, a partial list of whom and their enormous salaries is printed in another column of this paper.

In the argument of this case the republicans have shown more plainly than heretofore their real purposes. They have distinct dislike to the constitution and the restriction it places upon the power of the president. One of them said: "Comparatively few men among the class responsible for government today, in either the legislative or executive branch, and perhaps in the judiciary, have much respect for the narrow restraints of the constitution. A suggestion of their existence with a right to be respected provokes outbreaks of impatience in every debate in congress."

Now that is just what the Independent has been telling its readers for four years. It is what every thinking man knows to be the real sentiments of the republican leadership in every state in the union. The claim that the territories are outside of the constitution, means that they are outside of law and are subject to the despotism of the ruling power and have no inherent rights whatever. It is the establishment of unqualified despotism. They think, and they have reason to think, that the mullet heads will vote the ticket anyhow and they take this position to avoid the task of attempting to prove that they have not repudiated the constitution.

The cost of the war is to the English staggering. The new revenue bill that has been submitted to parliament fairly makes the hair of the average Englishman stand on end. In the gold bug papers of New York and other eastern states it has been characterized as rampant populism. So it is. No nation ever yet got into a serious war that did not have to fall back on the principles of populism or perish. England did it in the war with Napoleon, we did it in the

war of the rebellion and now England is forced to in a certain measure do it again. The taxes that England is imposing are in reality direct taxes with the exception of the income tax which is a distinctive populist doctrine. The little income tax that the supreme court pronounced unconstitutional is a bagatelle to the one that England has now imposed. This tax means that the English Jingo who has an income of \$2,500 and a family of five persons will find his taxes increased by the war over one-third.

Table with 2 columns: Present tax, Proposed tax. Items include Beer and spirits, Tea, Tobacco.

The following are samples of increases in the English income taxes: On \$1,000—From \$6.40 to \$10.00. On \$1,500—From \$9.60 to \$13.60. On \$2,000—From \$12.80 to \$17.60. On \$2,500—From \$16.00 to \$21.60. On \$3,000—From \$19.20 to \$25.60. On \$3,500—From \$22.40 to \$29.60. On \$4,000—From \$25.60 to \$33.60. On \$4,500—From \$28.80 to \$37.60. On \$5,000—From \$32.00 to \$41.60.

The English jingo as well as the same breed in this country are finding that imperialism comes high. It is less expensive to American kind, however, for we have no income tax and can't have, so the supreme court says, and all the cost here comes upon the men who toil. In this connection it may be remarked that it is reported that a suit has been brought in New York by some of the rich nabobs there to recover the income tax that they paid during and subsequent to the war. If the supreme court is right, these taxes were unconstitutional and those who paid them have a just claim against the government. There is a nice prospect for some more bonds. Such a prospect will doubtless please the mullet heads.

But the most important news from South Africa during the week has been the proposition of Presidents Kruger and Steyn through the government of the United States for a cessation of the war upon the basis of the independence of the two republics and the protection of the Dutch who inhabit the British possessions in South Africa. These propositions have been received by the British government with scorn and Lord Salisbury has officially announced that nothing but the complete subjugation of the two republics and their disarmament will be listened to at all. Kruger has replied that the burghers will fight to the end.

In Africa the Boers have been on a retreat to their second line of defense. While all the news we get comes through the British censors hands, it is evident that the retreat has been managed in a masterly way. The Boers have brought away all their siege guns and other ordnance stores. The British losses up to the last report have been nearly 16,000 men. Sixteen regiments and many guns! It is enough to make John Bull stop and think.

The situation then is that Great Britain is openly engaged in a war of conquest with the determination to destroy all independent self government and make the whole domain subject to the despotism of Great Britain. She will have a sorry time of it before she gets through with the job. The Dutchmen are of the same breed that fought the Duke of Alva, cut their dykes and turned their country into a sea rather than surrender. They have not degenerated or lost their faith in the God of battles.

It is a common expression that if England succeeds she will have another Ireland upon her hands. She will have something more than that. The Dutch, who largely outnumber the English in all South Africa, are not Irish. They are of a different breed. England will never have regiments of Dutch to fight her battles of despotism for her as she has regiments of Irish to do it. The heaviest fighting and the greatest losses so far in South Africa have been in regiments of Irish. It is also true that an Irish regiment is fighting for the Boers. But if the Dutch inhabited Ireland at the present time, denuded as it is of troops, there would be need of English troops in Ireland.

Meiklejohn gave out an interview which was printed in the State Journal Wednesday morning, to the effect that the war was over in the Philippines. In the make up of the paper, there followed this statement a list of dead American soldiers—killed in battle and died of wounds and disease—of twenty-five. Of course no mullet head will have sound sense enough to put these two articles together and draw a conclusion of the probability of the truth of Meiklejohn's statement. The truth is that for the last month, our army in the Philippines has lost from killed in battle, wounds and disease about one company a week. How long before a new army will have to be sent to the Philippines.

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