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for everybody" on page seven. Carl Schurz announces that he wil support Bryan for the presidency and

McKinley are a menace to republican institutions.

linquent, please give the matter your at- polls or carriages to bring the voters. tention and oblige the publishers.

borhood of William the Wobbler.

An Omaha man says that since Rosewater effected his three recent tie ups. that is, with Clem Deaver, John L. Webster and D. E. Thompson he goes around with his head cocked on one side

The subscription blank inserted in your paper this week is an invitation to you to get up a club of campaign subscriptions. We'll prove our appreciation by sending you a durable watch, a guaranteed time keeper, as a premium for unpretending supporters of the party. the call for the meeting of the state com- United States for 12 when he could get a slaughter house of the innocents in they have made the nation great. They neighbors to secure their subscriptions twelve.

with these words: "The editor of the more comes from men who never held Independent, the official tool of the sec- office and never expect to. One old retaries of the Board of Transportation." farmer comes into the Independent the matter whether that is done by the he sees it in his party paper. Such a statement leads us to remark office and told the editor that it had cost that all mullet head editors are not re- him \$28.50 to attend the last state con-

President Kruger asks: "Are the tears of the widows and orphans to pay for the gold fields?" That will be but part of the payment which Chamberlain and Rhodes have demanded from the poor of prove.

The brutality of the English has an other exemplification. They have confined the Boer prisoners in a pest hole where four hundred of them are down with the typhoid fever, while they have sent Cronje and a thousand more to the barren rock of St. Helena.

The reason why the play called "The Degenerates" has been so bitterly assailed by the great dailies is said to be because it bears too close a relation to the republican majority in congress and Porto Rican legislation to make it agreeable to the hightened gentlemen who are supporters of Mrs. Langtry.

The Chicago Record and the Civic Federation by a joint effort succeeded in electing a majority of republicans for Chicago aldermen as non partisans. As soon as the votes were counted the said non partisans got together and resolved to organize the council on strictly republican lines.

Away down at the bottom of all this trust question and the root from which all the evils grow of which we complain is the legal fiction that attributes personality to a corporation. Trusts and monopolies will never be overthrown until that fact is recognized.

The republican papers that have been denouncing the Porto Rican bill now calmly remark: "The legislation regarding Porto Rico is different from that of an ordinary territorial government because the conditions are different." There never was such a set of dastards permitted to live on this earth before.

Why not help along the fight for the preservation of a "government of the people, by the people and for the people" by sending in a club of campaign subscriptions to the Independent? We've

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

the constitution and discard the Declaration of Independence has been prothese forty-five states. Every state and and things of that sort. county would have to be looked after. Men would have to be selected in every where they were voted for.

Who would go into the several states and make these arrangements. Would they spend their time and pay their declares that the policies pursued by traveling expenses out of their own pockets? If there was any canvass to be made, where would the speakers come Admiral Dewey said he would not be from and who would pay their expenses. for one attorney to protect the interests a candidate for president and now he If there was literature to be circulated says he will. He has evidently been de- who would prepare it and pay the print- of corporations. moralized by living in the same neigh- ing and postage bills? Who would engage halls and theatres? Anyone will You will find the date at which your could not be carried on among 70,000, subscription expired with the address on 000 of people for less than a million of barons, fifty-two heirs to peerages and lish loaner does not. Instead of bankyour paper or on the wrapper. If de- dollars and without any workers at the thirty baronets. They are there to fight ers getting only 11 per cent on their

it takes. The large expenditures of state and national campaign committees does not cover half of the cost. Hundreds of nied that millions were contributed by bread. the banks, trusts and corporations to the republican campaign fund. Among the vention. He came from one of the far western counties. He said that he would convention also and at the same cost.

at the last populist state convention and if it only cost them on an average of other countries, as the thousands of dead \$10.00 each there is an expenditure of and wounded on the battle fields already \$12,000 dollars and the campaign has not yet begun. The man who attended to attend and hall rents, printing and real campaign begins after the conventions have all been held. Then speakbe paid, an enormous amount of printlarge amounts of stationery must be se-

more than their proportion of these expenses even on a per capita basis and they make much less fuss about it. The expenses of the state committee to which the office holders contribute, are but a small part of the expenses of a state campaign. If there were no expenditures made in the counties and precincts. there would be a very poor campaign made no matter how much the state

committee exerted itself. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance and it costs money also. No campaign can be carried on without money. Quite a large number of men must give all their time to it-sometimes for days both day and night. You may land the best organizer at the head of the best executive committee that can be found in a state at the capitol, and they can't write a letter or make an appointment until they have money. Many men are wondering if Dewey ever thought of any of these things when he announced him self as a candidate for the presidency?

Want to trade? We do. We trade good watch for a club of twelve. What do you say?

send you as a memento—a kind of "for- and most successful farmers read the centrated wealth or to take a step for- land. get us not"-a valuable watch, warrant- advertisements in every well established ward into that broader ground that and reputable paper which they receive. truth must be sought without prejudice It is business that they should. Did and for truth's sake alone. If the stand nounces in his speech that while the Wharton Barker says in his paper you ever think of the fact that men who is taken that because a man has ex- discontented and the populist agitators that "Nebraska will send a full delega- advertise are men who have something pressed sympathy with the toiling masses denounce the "barons," the "magnates," tion to Cincinnati. A strong delegation that they wish to sell? Don't you know no matter how learned he may be, he "trust managers," and all those who of forty-two populists have been named." that it is easier to buy from a man who must be excluded because that would be have accumulated property continuous-There are about 70,000 resolute popu- wants to sell, than from a man who bringing politics into the university, ly, as without heart and consumed with lists in Nebraska who would like to see doesn't care whether he sells or not? then has our work all been in vain. the names of those forty-two populists Another thing, you may not know so who are going to Cincinnati. No list of well, but it is equally true that the men names of such delegates has ever been who write advertisements, as a class, are a good one for a club of twelve cam- nates." The trouble of that speech congiven to the public here. Give us the paid higher and better wages than the paign subscriptions. Read the offer on sists in the misuse of one word. The vertised on page eleven is warranted for ever showed that all the magnificence in the same kind of business. Englar men who write the stories and other page 7.

reading matter. Many of the brightest, Admiral Dewey and General Miles wittlest, and sharpest thinkers in the both announced that they would like to country are found among the men who be candidates for the presidency and write advertisements. Why not read they both declare that they are demo- their productions? You'll get many crats. No one besides McKinley seems bright ideas from the ads they write at all anxious to run on the republican You'll think of things you never thought ticket since the full intent and purpose of before. If you read the ads you'll of this administration, supported as it is learn something. If you'll patronize adby a majority in congress, to override vertisers judiciously you'll save money.

Julian Ralph's tirade against the Boers claimed through the passage of the and their generals has excited the con-Porto Rican bill. If either Dewey or tempt of the whole world. The bravery Miles run, the question arises as to who of the Boers and the skill of their genwill pay the campaign expenses. It erals is acknowledged by all men everywould be impossible for any candidate where. Ralph seems to think that the to get one electoral vote short of the ex- Boers were measley cowards and that penditure of about a million dollars. It the only thing the British had to fear would take that much money to get the were the dongas, drifts, kops, kopjes, ticket in the field in all the counties of dorps, klips, kraals, laagers, neks, spruits

Those who imagine that Attorney state in the union for electors and their General Smyth has had an easy time names put upon the ballots in all states during his term of office should read the review of the work he has done. He has done more hard work than any lawver in the state of Nebraska. The next legislature should make provision for providing the attorney general's office with additional assistance. As the state increases in wealth it will be impossible

where they are given their board free. treasury and from four to five from

populists it comes very largely from the editor of the Independent concerning this country will loan money to the Some of it of course comes from the mittee and what is proposed to be done 24 from the English government and deed when the McKinley appointees have been an inspiration to the sons of if possible. The premium watch offered The Burtonian begins an editorial great deal of fuss about it, but much for the committees to divide the offices ed in the great republican dailies. In spect affairs rebel against the John Hay But the republican party stands to blot committees or by a conference committee appointed after the conventions meet. There are arguments, and good ones, on both sides of the question. Some say cured and several persons employed all have to be gone over again. So there it of escape. the time at the state and county head- is, and you can take your choice. One But that is the doctrine that is pro-The men who never hold office pay conventions will have to be changed republican majority in congress. The

THE UNIVERSITY sympathy with great common people and it is not politics at all, but if he for. adopts the principles of the great writers and thinkers of the past who opposed be seen to that he does not get one.

WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING be bolstered up by falsehoods. When men refuse to defend propositions by argument it is conclusive evidence that they cannot be defended. During all duced that all these chaps have become cussion among the true blues who were jects, we would also follow their other the fight on the financial question the republicans have refused to meet us in debate on the stump and have filled their papers with false statements of facts. They are doing it yet. Take the following from one of the Chicago dai-

lies for an example: "Secretary Gage is rejoicing over the success of the funding operations, and particularly because the transactions of the treasury during the last few days demonstrate that the government of the United States has reached the highest credit ever held in the financial world by any nation at any time. England recently issued a loan drawing 21 per cent interest at 98 cents on the dollar. while the 2 per cent bonds authorized by the recent currency act are now selling at a premium of 106 which is equivalent to interest of about 1# per cent." Nothing is more attrociously false

than that statement. It has not only been made by reporters and editors but by the secretary of the treasury himself. Think of a party so foul that the men whom it has elevated to the highest place in the republic, officially making statements which they know to be false. What are the facts in this case? of the people against the encroachments England did issue a loan drawing 22 per sued one drawing only 2 per cent. But There is now in South Africa four there is this difference. The men who see at once that a presidential campaign British dukes, two marquises, twenty loan the money to the United States get earls, three viscounts, twenty-three it back in bank bills in full. The Enga lot of farmers who do not muster one money loaned to the government and No one without experience in the car- little individual in the whole population. the English getting 24 per cent-which rying on of a political campaign has any Several of these aristocrats have been is preposterous on the face of the stateidea of the enormous amount of money taken by the kindly Boers to Pretoria ment—our bankers get 12 from the Several more were started toward the people on the same capital. It makes same boarding house when that famous no difference on this rate of interest thousands of dollars are expended that regiment wandered into that spruit on that part of it is first paid into the to the smallest pittance. These men do this conspiracy. They are not troubled and an air of "I'm in it this time sure." never pass through the hands of these their retreat toward Bloomfontein. treasury and then given to the bankers not conceal it. Mr. Hammond said: with partisan insanity. They will work committees. Some one may ask where Oom Paul has been very kind to them and far the larger part taken directly "There ought to be no difficulty in ob- and vote with any party and for any all this money comes from. It is not de- and gives them jam to put on their from the people without going through taining 80,000 Kaffirs to work the man that will help place this republic the treasury.

Of course a mullet head is so stupid Several parties have written to the that he will believe that the bankers of here, some in favor of the proposition that is the reason that such rot is printamong the different parties and some fact there is nothing so preposterous anglophobism and actually resign their them all out and turn government over against it. This paper has no choice in that a mullet head will not believe it if offices. Webster Davis and Macrum to be guided by the principles of the

A HORRIBLE DOCTRINE

To preserve liberty and prevent the robbery of the masses by legislative probably have to attend the next state that the committeemen, being elected be- bodies, every state in the union has re- else had been selected there was a cause of their known loyalty to the strained them by constitutional law from probability of another rebellion against There were more than 1,200 delegates cause and of the confidence that the doing many things and reserved to the various counties have in them, and be- people all the rights not delegated to cause they will have more time to con- these bodies. Furthermore, cities. sider the matter are the best agencies to counties and towns are restrained from decide this matter. When the conven- imposing excessive taxation and many tions meet the conference committees other things. This restraint upon legisthis last state convention will have very must be appointed by the chairmen of lative bodies has been the safeguard of many other expenses to pay. There are the various conventions from men pres- liberty in all countries and in all subditwo county conventions in each county ent and in many cases men will be se- visions of government. There is not an lected who have given no thought to the unrestrained legislative body in existhotel bills will have to be paid. All these matter, they will be pushed for time, ence on the earth today. No man has things are but the preliminaries. The will have to work during the night and heretofore appeared anywhere to advothe conventions will have to wait on cate such a monstrous thing. It is a them before apything can be done. new doctrine. It embodies in it everyers must be procured, railroad fare must Others seem to think that if the state thing to threaten civilization. It is committees do this work that it will not worse than the despotism of the Caesars. ing must be done, hundreds of dollars give satisfaction and efforts will be It contains within itself all the horrors worth of postage stamps must be bought. made to set it aside when the conven- that the world has fought for a thoutions meet and the whole business will sand years from which to find some way

thing is certain, the date of holding the mulgated by McKinley and upheld by a either to a later or earlier period. That claim is that a majority in congress is an absolute power, unrestrained by any constitution or superior law when treating with the people and territory be-The Independent has no desire to longing to the United States not included bring the university into politics, it in- in the actual states of the union. It is sists that it must keep out of politics. an unlimited and all pervading despot-Some are so over sensitive on this point ism. If Porto Rico is not protected by that they insist that no man among the the constitution, congress can pass a learned of this land who has expressed a law declaring all the people slaves and put them upon the auction block and and the down trodden of earth must sell them to the highest bidder. They come into control of that institution be- have no right congress is bound to recause that would be bringing in politics. spect. What we have known as the Plutocracy has looked after the institu- "rights of man" have been abolished. tions of learning in these states just as They have no rights. They are subject it has after the distribution of intellito the imperial will of men like Elkins, gence in the organization of a great trust Platt and Quay. It is the most horrible to control the dissemination of news. A doctrine that has been proclaimed in a professor or chancellor can advocate thousand years. It is a hundred times openly those principles which result in worse than the Dred Scott decision. the enormous concentration of wealth But that is what republicanism stands

The old idea that "advertisements are much interested in this question of lishment of the United States and ex-

> One of McKinley's congressmen an greed, the fact is that no set of men are more anxious to see the farmers prosper If you want a watch we will give you than these same "barons" and "mag-"barons are very anxious to see the ten years.

farmers "produce." If he will only If a principle is right it can be de- change the word "prosper" to "produce," fended by reason. It does not need to the speech will be all right. If the would soon be counting ties themselves. It is from what the farmers have pro- did not attend the caucus. In the dis- conquests and holding nations as submagnates.

> A war correspondent of the Manches ter (Eng.) Guardian says that where ever Lord Robert's troops have marched they have left a line of desolation behind them. The farmhouses have not merely been sacked; they have been savagely destroyed, mirrors smashed, pianos wrecked, works torn from clocks, children's toys and books wantonly destroyed. Even the buildings themselves stroyed. Even the buildings themselves have been burned or seriously damaged." That is the way the imperialists have had of advancing christianity and civilization for the last thousand years.

Protection got another black eye when volve this precedent." the coal barons began to ship soft coal to Europe last week. They will, however, be before the next congress as they stands for." It is for despotism and the have been before every congress for the right to govern people outside of any re- learn that on two transports alone there last thirty years declaring that they straints of the constitution. It is the were 285 military prisoners and 25 inmust have a tariff on coal to protect the same thing that King George III stood sane. Such items can be found every miners from the pauper labor of Europe. The mullet heads will all shout, "That's Caesars stood for. It is what the effete army over there must be in a very strange so. The barons must have a tariff on monarchies of Europe stand for. But it condition. Most of the officers must be coal." Then they will all go home and is what Washington, Jefferson and Lin- engaged a good part of the time on cent interest and the United States is pay nearly twice as much for their coal coin opposed. The only hope of such a court martials and the soldiers turning as these same barons sell it to foreign- party is that the people, being utterly criminals or engaging in mutinies. The

men have signed and published a pro- this new doctrine on the republic and so loaded down with private soldiers sent test against the Boer war. They make bolster it up with standing armies and home as prisoners or insane? the charge that the chief object of the big navies, that when the effect does be war was to oppress labor. The laws of come evident to these dull minds, they the Transvaul republic interfered with will be as helpless as the disarmed and their plan, and it was resolved to crush down trodden peoples of the old world the republic. They say the plan was to are today. employ as little British labor as possible and to reduce the wages of native labor it is the only party that is solid-against mines." Where does the British work- back on the eternal truths enunciated ing man come in?

ho hold office there or go there to inhave quit, and the only one that sticks, is the son of John Hay. McKinley knew what he was doing when he selected that boy to represent the United States in the Boer republic. If any one the Hay policy.

Mark Hanna and McKinley seem to think that they can slap the American people in the face and tell them that they do not know enough to know what they want. If there was ever a universal expression of public opinion on any subject, it was on this proposition to exclude the people of Porto Rico from the benefits of the constitution and govern and tax them without their consent. In the face of this fact. Mark and Mack proceed to do what every man in the United States of any standing has denounced, These leaders seem to believe that partisan insanity is so wide spread and virulent that they can proceed to do anything and the men of the country will continue to vote the republican ticket. That may be so, but if it is, the end of free government is near at hand.

CLUBS Since last report clubs have been received from the following: N. Holderness

Abner DeFrance......7 J. W. Miller...... T. A. Kinnon 4 Andrew Young9

WHAT THEY STAND FOR

present, one of them said:

either has or has not the right to levy straps. discriminating duties against the new possessions. If the constitution does not extend, and congress has the right the two following items: to discriminate, now is the time to assort that doctrine. The issue has been of all that the party of expansion stands days. The Sheridan brought from Mafor. The right of the United States, or the federal government, to deal with the colonial possessions with a free hand must be defended. Whatever legislation is passed for Porto Rico must in- battalion of the Fourteenth infantry,

own number "what the republican party 175 military prisoners and 25 insane." for. It is the same thing that the few days in the shipping news. That selfish and incapable of reasoning from cause to effect, especially when the effect know anything about it. But how does A large number of leading English is not in plain view, they can so fasten it happen that these ships are constantly

The populist party stands solid—and in the declaration of independence and formulated in the constitution. The situation in South Africa must be these are being swiftly swept away. tyrants who have in all ages deluged the world with blood.

The despotism of a legislative body unchecked by a constitution, is the worst or so little effort on your part. The despotism. It is far worse than the rule watch is given as a premium for twelve of an absolute monarch. An absolute NEW campaign subscriptions at 35 cents monarch, though hedged around with the divine right of kings, is not so dangerous to liberty as an unrestrained par- is low enough that anyone should be tisan legislative body.

WONDERFUL STRATEGY

any change whatever in the condition of | it for use when sending in the club. the Boer forces. Where ever during that day General Buller had "felt" his adversary he found unyielding resistance. Buller pushed forward with his whole the reform club given you the dumps! ure to find not a single Burger to oppose than Bryan and McKinley that you can when the next morning dawned, the Debs and the prohibition candidate, and strongest glasses could just distinguish the woman suffrage candidate. Come. the last end of the great wagon train of cheer up. the retreating Joubert as it turned in be-George Pickerell...... 3 hind the mountains that lay in the dim distance. In one day Joubert had withdrawn to safety every gun, every wagon and all his ammunition and stores. Such H. B. Miller 2 vering, never accomplished anything being American gentlemen. Merit Walton...... 5 retreat is said to have been caused by John A. Erskine..... 2 not been contemplated at all an hour beand was elected without committing

HUNTING FOR NEWS.

C. H. Nigh..... dwellers on the plains. Among them would raise the hair on McKinley's Eliza Sowards the steamer, Sumpter, carrying the job and there is no doubt he was au-S. Atkinson...... most valuable cargo that the govern- thorized to enlist Aguinaldo in oppo-Three clubs 5 each no signature 15 ment ever sent abroad. The cargo was sition to the Spanish, and was prom-A. J. Kerr..... 7 worth many millions. Not a dollar of Jackson was elected by a fusion of va- loss to the American people, for it con- boys in Washington. rious parties, Lincoln was elected by a sisted of gold to pay our soldiers fighting fusion and Bryan is going to follow their in foreign countries and of munitions of example and be elected in the same way. war. It was said to be the most sumptu- Boers and condemnation for the op-The Independent sewing machine ad- sailed on any sea. Investigation how- it is not consistent for a thief to repwas reserved for the officers' quarters, should express sympathy for the

which were furnished with solid n The republicans of the house had a hogany and a silver service that cost general round up after the senate passed \$8,000. It simply showed that if we are farmers did not produce, these magnates the Porto Rican bill. The seven who to follow the monarchies of the old voted against the bill on its first passage world in fighting foreign wars, making customs, and widen, by costly magnifi-"Either the constitution does or does cence, the distance between the common not extend over the islands. Congress soldier and the men who wear shoulder

There are other things in this shipping news that also interests us, such as

"San Francisco, April 1-The transport Sheridan arrived from Manila tonila 110 army prisoners, 86 sick, 11 insane and 32 discharged soldiers, and 11 navy prisoners and 14 sick sailors."

"Manila, April 1-The United States transport Sherman sailed today with a Captains Richard T. Yeatman, Armand There we have it from one of their Lieutenants Robert Field and Oliver,

From that bit of shipping news we censored press dispatches don't let us

ASUGGESTION

The attention of the readers of the In dependent is called to the premium offer 'watches for everybody" to be found on page 7. We are anxious to continue the increase in the circulation of the Independent. Thanks to the co-operation of many loyal friends it has been growing steadily. We believe that as it has grown it has been made better in many ways. As it continues to grow it will continue to improve. It is therefore to the interest of every reader to speak a good word for the Independent to his is a good one-fully guaranteed for one year-a watch that retails at six dollars everywhere. The Independent (in connection with another publisher) placed an order for 1000 watches of the same pattern and design. That's why we can give so good a watch for so little money each. It is seven months until election and the rate of 35 cents for that period able to secure the twelve subscriptions in a few hours. Try it and you'll be surprised how easy it is. Get a pre-The retreat of Joubert from the siege mium for yourself or your boy. We of Ladysmith is causing amazement guarantee that you'll not regret it. If among the military men of the whole you want sample copies write and we world. On the night of the 27th neither will send them. A subscription blank is General Buller nor General White saw enclosed is this weeks paper. Preserve

Morton seems to have an attack of melancholly for he mournfully remarks: On every kopje around Ladysmith, the "Seventy-five million of free people and Boer siege guns were roaring away with only permitted to vote for one or two the burghers around them in undimin men!" What's the matter Morton? shed numbers. On the 28th General Has that denial of \$10,000 of boodle by force and was astonished beyond meas- Come, cheer up. There are more men him. He pushed on into Ladysmith and vote for. There is Wharton Barker and

HARDY'S COLUMN

To be a gentleman in England means a feat has never been accomplished in you have money enough to live without work you are a gentleman over there, but here you must be respectful, kind, and gentle, or you are not a the military experts the whole world gentleman. There are lots of rich over. Even Napoleon, in all his maneu- men in America who fall far short of

whether he is a republican or demowhether he was a whig or democrat fore the time when the order was given, himself either way. After his election he did not live long enough to find out that he had not voted in thirty years. To those of us who live out here on had taken interest in the army and that was all. He was just the man the whigs wanted for he had taken no part for or against slavery. The man ised an independent government of his own. Let Dewey tell the whole truth it will every return. It is just that much and would it not make fun for the

It is about time for this government to express sympathy for the fighting ously fitted out troop ship that ever pressive English government, and yet