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The republican new testament reads this way: "Go into all the world and shout the gospel into every creature."

If the university presidents don't stop asking Rockefeller for donations, kerosene oil will soon be a dollar a gallon.

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The republicans proclaimed some months ago that Secretary Hay had accomplished the most astonishing diplomatic feat in the history of the world. He had secured an "open door" to China. But from recent dispatches it appears that instead of the door being open it is closed so tight that even the foreign ministers have much trouble in getting out.

After having declared almost every day for four years that the silver issue was dead, the St. Paul Pioneer-Press headed an editorial last week with these words: "Silver not a dead issue." Then it writes a long article to prove that it has been lying all the time. That is a way the republican editors have of showing that they are true followers of Mark Hanna.

Mark Hanna thinks that the campaign is shaping up all right. He has managed that there are already ten residential tickets in the field and expects the arrival of one or two more. If they won't vote for McKinley, then by all means prevent them from voting for Bryan—even a fuzzle wuzzle candidate. "I'll poll a few votes that would otherwise go to Bryan."

The supreme court has just handed down a decision disbaring from the practice of law in North Dakota L. A. Simpson, state's attorney of Stark county and republican candidate for state senator. He will not be taken off the ticket and all the mullah heads will vote for him, for they will never know that he has been disbarred. They read nothing but republican papers.

Some people seem to think that you cannot have an empire without an emperor. France has a colonial empire, but the home government is republican. The one essential feature of an empire is the possession of subject provinces that are not in process of becoming part of itself. It makes no difference to the people of these provinces whether the mother country is ruled by an emperor or by a congress—as far as they are concerned the government is imperial. Our rule in the Philippines is a despotism just as absolute as that prevailing in any part of Russia.

The Prince of Wales ended the social career of William Waldorf Astor by using the following words in regard to him: "I know Captain Milne to be an officer and a gentleman. We will stand by him and end the career of that cad, Astor." Astor renounced his American citizenship and went to London and swore allegiance to the queen where he has been attempting to ape the British aristocracy. His last performance was order Captain Milne out of his house then publish that the captain had died one of his parties without an action. The captain proved that he was there through a mistake. What poor Willie do now?

KING AND HIS COURTIER

All the recognized leaders of the republican party assume that imperialism is an accomplished fact. Senator Lodge who made the principal speech at the Philadelphia convention and was the orator of the notification committee, addressed McKinley as emperors are addressed. He adopted the fawning language of a courtier of the Fifteenth century and ascribed everything and all things to the mighty power of McKinley unaided by ministers or congress. Listen to the words and ponder them well:

"The peace," said Mr. Lodge "you had to make alone. Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines you had to assume alone the responsibility of taking them from Spain. Alone, and weighted with the terrible responsibility of the unchecked powers of the constitution, you were obliged to govern these islands and to repress rebellion and disorder in the Philippines. No party creed defined the course you were to follow."

Here is the courtier addressing his monarch. "You are all powerful and all wise. You did these things by your own might. No party creed, no adviser did you need. You could do no wrong and what you have done must forever be continued as the policy of the government of the United States."

Then Roosevelt brings up the rear and shouts that all who doubt the wisdom of this all-wise emperor, are cowards unworthy to be called Americans. The fawning sycophants of the court of Louis XIV never exceeded this.

It will not do to look upon all this with simple scorn. The old spirit of kinglycraft is growing stronger in the United States. The constitution is ignored and the declaration of independence is scoffed at openly. There are open demands made to limit the suffrage. Foreign born citizens who have fled from imperialism in the countries of their birth and who know better than any American its blighting tyranny, are told that they should not be allowed to vote. Little by little, as the Independent has often pointed out, despotism advances. Now is the time to fight for your liberty. Four more years of McKinley as emperor and Lodge and Roosevelt as chief courtiers and then it will be too late.

ABOUT "THREATS"

When the Harrison administration was about closing and a treasury deficit of abnormal proportions was staring the nation in the face, when the last dollar of gold was about to disappear from the vaults, when Foster had plates prepared for the issue of bonds, when the destruction of credit and the good name of the nation was bringing disgrace and disaster, the magnates of the republican party rose up in the senate and declared that it was all the result of the "threat" of free silver. Day after day that was heard in the senate.

When the courts adopted a new policy, never heard of in any civilized nation before, and judges accused men of crime—crimes that were not specified in any statute—ordered the sheriffs to arrest them, brought the accused into court, and when there the judges acted as prosecuting attorney, judge and jury and sent the men to jail upon their own motion—when this occurred and a protest was made against such tyrannical proceedings, again the republican leaders raised the cry of a "threat" against the independence of the judiciary.

When money had increased in purchasing power more than 50 per cent and debtors and taxpayers were bearing a burden heavier than was ever imposed upon the laboring classes of the world in all the ages of the past, and it was proposed that legislation should be secured that would produce a currency stable in value, then they said that that was a "threat" against the honor and credit of the nation.

When the people in different national conventions proposed to stand by the declaration of independence and the constitution, that was said to be a "threat" against order, honesty, and honor and an advocacy of disaster at home and a cowardly shirking of duty abroad.

When the financial papers of the country continue to point out, as Keene does in his London interview, that the fall in prices after the trust inflation has not yet reached its climax, the republican leaders reply in concert that this is not the result of the legislation of the republican party and the attempt to set up a gold standard, but the "threat" of the Bryan campaign.

According to their philosophy, every disaster that has fallen upon the people has been the result of a "threat." "Threats" are more powerful than performances. If you want to bring a disaster about, it is only necessary to make a "threat."

When George Frisby Hoar, United States Senator from Massachusetts for a quarter of a century, announced that he was opposed to imperialism, then all the republican papers denounced him as a traitor, a copperhead, a little American, and declared that he was old and senile. Afterwards, when the said Hoar announced that he would support McKinley for the presidency, although he still believed that McKinley's policies would end in the overthrow of the republic, then the said republican papers declared that the said George Frisby Hoar was a patriot and a statesman of the very highest order; that he retained all the mental vigor of his younger days and had the brightest mind in the United

States. The only conclusion to be drawn from such a course is that republican editors believe a man to be a patriot, statesman, and of sound mind as long as he is willing to vote for McKinley, but if he refuses to vote for McKinley he is a traitor, a demagogue, and not of sound mind. That is the point to which republican journalism has degenerated. What sort of American citizens will that kind of newspaper work have a tendency to produce?

Forty years ago it would have been impossible to conduct a newspaper as many are now conducted. What would have been the result if some great daily in New York had attempted to publish a republican paper and at the same time filled its columns with falsehoods and slurs about Abraham Lincoln. In a presidential year, a democratic or republican paper that fought the presidential candidate would have been a total failure. Now it is different. There are dailies in nearly all the great cities which call themselves democratic, that fight Bryan with more bitterness than the republicans. The same thing is coming to pass in regard to the people's party and its candidates. Papers calling themselves populists, fight the candidates of the party in every issue. They never have any hard things to say about McKinley and his boss. This is the most dastardly business that was ever engaged in by any set of men on earth. Men who do it are no better than those who fire on a flag or who come to a man's house as a guest and then secretly poison his food. They are despicable beyond the power of words to describe. They are the off-fall of creation. They do not rise to the dignity of ordinary cowards. They are at the lowest point that it is possible for a degenerate to reach.

The Philadelphia North American, which claims to be a high class, moral newspaper says: "The treaty of Paris was forced upon the country by Mr. Bryan and his party." The Independent after reading that felt like the good old lady who when told of anything uncommonly wicked would hold up her hands and say: "What is this world coming to?" When Wanne-maker's great religious paper will lie like that, what better could we expect from the degenerates who run the State Journal than what we see in its daily output? The democratic party "forced" the ratification of that treaty! If the democrats had to use force to put it through, then the republicans must have been opposed to it. There must have been forcible opposition to it. But every one knows that nearly all the opposition to that treaty was among the democratic senators and it was finally ratified by the deciding vote of the republican vice president. It is true that some democrats favored the ratification, among them Mr. Bryan. But it was with the distinct understanding that the Bacon resolution should be passed which granted independence to the Filipinos.

The Topeka Farmer's Advocate has come back to the fold of populism and is now under the ownership and control of Carl Vrooman, Frank Pelret, J. H. Curran and George B. Harrison. In the announcement of this change it says: "Editorially, the paper will henceforth be the advocate of the principles for which the populist party stands, and for any advancement of those principles which would, in our opinion, make for the general welfare and happiness of mankind."

This is the end of the Peffer attempt to take populists back into the republican ranks. Populism will now have an organ at the capitol in Kansas, but it will be well for the Advocate to go slowly in advocating any principle not found in the populist platforms. When the people want an advance, they will say so themselves through the regular constituted channels of conventions duly called and attended by the voters.

The Bee in an editorial item says: "The fact that Nebraska is prosperous is evidenced by the fact that only 77,000 acres of school lands in the state are not now under lease, and practically all of this is in the western counties where plenty of range is to be had at a less figure than the state valuation." Rosey evidently forgot to mention that the reason why there was no more land not under lease was on account of the persistent work of Uncle Jake Wolfe as land commissioner of the state of Nebraska, and the Independent takes this occasion to rectify the error. Rosey is getting along in years and his memory is not as good as it once was.

Clem Deaver and Rosewater counted up the free tickets sent out through the state and then declared that they were willing to swear there were 400 delegates to the Grand Island meeting. Now as several of these tickets are here in Lincoln, never having been used by the parties to whom they were given, including one at this office, it is evident that Rosey and Clem overestimated the number of delegates.

Roosevelt's denunciation of the famous democratic soldiers and sailors who fought in the Spanish war as cowards, has so enraged some of those gentlemen that they now declare they will take an apology from him less than a written statement that he did not whip Spain all alone by himself. Of course Roosevelt will never do that, and there is likely to be pistols and coffee.

IMPERIALIST PRAYERS

The present ruler of Germany is an emperor, his country is an empire and he and his predecessors have practiced imperialism until hundreds of thousands of the best people of the land have sought refuge from such evils in this land of freedom. The emperor made a speech the other day to the soldiers he was sending to China to civilize those heathen. We ask the readers of the Independent to see how closely that speech follows the line of talk that we have heard from the imperialists in this country. His imperial soldiers are "to open the way to civilization." How? "Spare nobody. Take no prisoners." In other words, go back a thousand years to methods of barbarians, kill the innocent along with the guilty. And then follow the cant of the American imperialist—"The blessings of the Lord go with you." Here is what he is reported in the dispatches to have said:

"So I send you out. May you all prove your German efficiency, devotion and bravery, bear joyfully all discomfort and uphold the honor and glory of our arms. You must set an example of discipline, self-domination and self-control. "If you close with the enemy, remember this: Spare nobody. Make no prisoners. Use your weapons so that for a thousand years hence no Chinaman will dare look askance at any German. Open the way for civilization once for all." The address concluded as follows: "The blessing of the Lord be with you. The prayers of the whole people will accompany you in all your ways. My best wishes for yourselves and for the success of your arms will ever follow you."

"Give proofs of your courage no matter where. May the blessings of God rest on you and your banner and may he vouchsafe to you to find a path for Christianity in that far-off country."

Find a path for Christianity by murdering all that they come in contact with. Spare none. Shed oceans of human blood. Kill the women and little children the aged and the helpless, those who have done no wrong as well as those who have committed the inhuman butcheries of which we justly complain. This is the way "to find a path for Christianity in that far-off country."

Have the authorities of the Christian church gone mad? That speech of the emperor is only the same sort of talk that we have heard from many of the so-called Christian ministers of this land, prominent among whom is Dr. Lyman Abbott. All we can say to the readers of the Independent is: Put a white winged messenger of peace in the ballot box. When that is done you can use the words of the German Emperor without hypocrisy and say: "The blessing of God go with you."

A TIRED LAWYER

A republican lawyer down in Kansas has published a book. He says:

"The writer has been in Kansas every year for thirty-five years. He is tired. Oh, so tired. If the pop party carries Kansas this year he will go back to Connecticut, where he was born, and say: 'Good-bye, my lover, good-bye.' And there are others."

After the election he will be apt to find that Connecticut is also pop, and what amounts to pretty much the same thing, a Bryan democratic state. "What will this lawyer do then? poor thing!" It is said in all the republican papers that Kansas is the most prosperous state in the union, that the wheat crop down there is so big that it is worth more than the land that it is raised upon, that the farmers are so rich that they don't know what to do with their money, that they ride about in automobiles and their wives order their dresses from Paris. This lawyer must yearn for the lean and starving years before the pops appeared in that state, for all this change in circumstances has occurred since the pops raised up their mournful voices and took most of the offices away from the republicans. If that lawyer can't stand Bryan principles, he will find no place of refuge in the United States after the next election and he will have to go to England.

"Button, button, whose got the button," is the game Dietrich has started out to play for the next three months. When the game closes he will find that he hasn't even a button for all his travels and worry. As he retires to the parlors of his national bank he will sigh and say: "Ah! me. Eighty thousand buttons, and all for naught! Then just think of the sauer kraut I ate and the beer I paid for."

According to republican logic, Bryan will get all the votes in Salt Lake and Rokeby in the southern part of Lancaster county. The crops are very poor there on account of a severe hailstorm. The "staff correspondents" who have visited the regions of big crops in the state all declare that the farmers there will vote for McKinley and it was only because that they had bad crops that they ever voted for Bryan.

Dr. A. O. Repeto of Montu, Vila, Oregon, writing to a friend in Philadelphia in regard to the republican vote in that state says: "I notice that none of the eastern papers give the cause of the republican majority in this state in the June election. The heavy vote that went to them was on account of the sympathy of the administration with England in the Boer war. Fully one-half of the population of this state and Washington is of British descent, and all they voted the republican ticket. I hope to see the opposite in the middle states in November." The Canadians

who can't make a living under imperialism over the line, come into all states bordering on the British possessions, but after they get here they keep up their prejudices for a generation and continue to vote for the same conditions that they fled from when they left Canada.

It seems that the populist state convention down in Kansas knocked the socks off Jerry Simpson, or socked it to him, or something of that sort, from the reports in the papers. But that is not the end of Jerry by any means. He will be heard from again.

According to the treasury report the government coined, during the month of June, 59,988,890 silver dollars at the ratio of 16 to 1. Now if 16 to 1 is not the right ratio as stated in the populist and democratic platforms, why didn't Secretary Gage have them coined at the right ratio? But that is something that no pop will ever find out.

"The concert of powers" of which so much is said in the papers, seems to be playing all out of tune. Just as it is time for a cornet solo the bass drum starts up, and when it is time for the bass drum to come in the fife begins to squeal. They say all that is lacking is a director, but when it is proposed to appoint a director every member of the band wants the place.

The eastern papers are making sundry sarcastic remarks about the suppression of Teddy Roosevelt's speech at St. Paul to which the Independent called attention at the time. They say that Mark Hanna has issued an order that Teddy shall stay at home until he learns enough not to insult half the population of the country by calling them names and telling them that they are not worthy of the name of American.

There is no longer any reason to doubt that Mark Hanna has put a quietus on Teddy Roosevelt. Hanna was in New York last Tuesday and had a conference with Roosevelt. After the conference Roosevelt said:

"I have seen Senator Hanna, Senator Scott, Mr. Manley and Mr. Gibbs and have had a pleasant talk with them. I don't expect to be anything but a private citizen during the month of August. Later than that I have not made any definite arrangements."

Roosevelt also said that the suppressed St. Paul speech had been under discussion.

It is remarkable how fast even a woman will degenerate as soon as she comes under the Clem Deaver influence. Read the following from Mrs. Luna E. Kellie, the editor of the Prairie Home, and then reflect upon it:

"All say the Grand Island convention was the largest one of the year. The fusion convention had a lot of counties (sixteen I think) without a representative, while a number more had only two or three when they were entitled to eight or ten. The seats were filled up by resident democrats of Lincoln so it looked full, but except office holders very few were in town from other counties."

It has been discovered that not only the department of education but the treasury department at Washington has been used by the British government as a distributor of documents against the Boers. Secretary Gage has been sending out, in envelopes bearing the government frank, a letter written by a merchant of the Orange River colony and published in the British Trade Journal, to correspondents here for republication in American newspapers. This letter speaks as though English sovereignty were firmly established and the Boer republics wiped out, and calls attention to the chances for American goods in that country. It will be seen that in every way possible the McKinley administration is giving aid and assistance to the British in the endeavor to wipe out the two little African republics. It is hardly possible that such action would be taken unless there was a secret alliance between the two governments. In fact that charge is sustained by accumulating evidence all the time.

CHINA AND ASIATIC COUNTRIES

The Independent this week offers another very valuable new premium. It is the latest Rand McNally & Co. atlas with maps of Asia, China proper, North-western China, the Chinese Empire, Dutch East Indies, Indo-China, Hawaii, Korea, Malaysia, Oceania, Philippine Islands, Siam and a map of the world on a scale large enough to make it very valuable at any time. The map of Eastern China, where all the operations will take place in connection with the powers and the recent disturbances is upon an enlarged scale and will be of use to every one who reads the dispatches. It is in fact a necessity to every intelligent household. Besides the maps, there are a large number of half tone illustrations of Chinese life and manners, reproductions of photographs taken in recent years. The printed matter of which there is several pages is of great importance at the present time giving those facts about the Chinese people and the Chinese government that every one wishes to know.

This atlas will be given as a premium for a club of six campaign subscriptions at fifteen cents each. Price when sent by mail to any address 40 cents. Special rate to regular subscribers of the Independent 30 cents.



MARK—"We have fooled them once, and can do it again."

HOW CAESAR DID IT.

Of the men who have converted republics into empires, Augustus Caesar was by far the ablest. He carefully preserved the forms and legal fictions of the government he had overthrown. He won over the senators by appointing their relatives to office. Distant possessions were ruled by men who had aided him to attain supreme power. He encouraged at home that economic system which concentrated in one individual the exploitation of a special branch of industry. Thus each wealthy magnate controlled the labor of slaves trained as skilled workmen. These slaves could work only for the one master, who was enriched by the fruit of their toil.

Crassus and his clique controlled the money, which they could increase or decrease at pleasure. The food supply was made over to Ahenobarbus. The mines, the woods, and the fisheries had their respective monopolists. And at the right hand of Augustus stood his favorite, whose word was law. This personage, Maecenas, distributed the imperial favors. Offices and special privileges were dispensed by him, and taken away by him. His will was supreme.

Shortly before his death Augustus called for a mirror, arranged his hair neatly and said: "Did I play my part well? If so, applaud me."

It will be well to consider how closely the imperialists of this country are following Caesar's plan. They are controlling special branches of industry by means of the trust. The food supply is in the hands of the flour trust and meat trust. Iron and steel is in the hands of the steel trust, and so with almost everything else. Thousands of wage slaves are toiling day and night for these trusts and they have a more complete monopoly of labor than ever had Ahenobarbus. The black list does it. Their Maecenas is Mark Hanna. The royal favors are distributed by him. It is the way Caesar did it, with some modern improvements added. Secretary Gage has made great improvements on the methods of Crassus, and has secured through the recent financial act a more perfect method of controlling, increasing and diminishing the volume of money than Crassus ever dreamed of. Caesarism, McKinleyism, imperialism—they are all one and the same thing. McKinley plays his part well.

POLITICAL HISTORY

Another premium which is offered for the first time is a large cloth-bound volume entitled: "Political United States." To all who are interested in the coming campaign this work will be of very great value. It has all of the party platforms of all the parties who have run presidential candidates since the constitution was adopted. It shows all the additions of territory to the United States, also of Porto Rico, the Philippines and Hawaii. It has a summary of the Magna Charta, the Meclenburg declaration, the declaration of independence, articles of confederation and constitution. Besides other illustrations it has half tone portraits of all the present candidates for president and vice president and much statistical matter. It is a work that you will find use for almost every day from now until the election. This valuable and costly book of 100 pages 12x15 inches, cloth bound will be given as a premium for fifteen campaign subscribers at fifteen cents each. This splendid book will not be sold—it can only be secured as a premium for a club of 15 new subscriptions at 15 cents each.

Sad news comes from Kansas for the republicans. A little while ago, according to the republicans, the farmers were riding around in automobiles; their wives were dressed in gowns from Worth's; the young ladies were away at the Paris exhibition, and they all had so much money they did not know what to do with it, for the bank vaults were full and the bankers would not take any more. Now there comes a different story. It has been raining down there for three weeks. The wheat has all sprouted in the shock and in the stack. No threshing has been done, the farmers have sold off their automobiles, the women have packed away their Paris gowns and are hoeing in the garden, while the men, when they do not walk, ride behind Indian ponies attached to buckboards. And the whole pack of them are going to vote the pop ticket because after Mc-

Kinley had given them such a bumper crop of wheat he got mixed up in this China business and forgot to stop the rains.

KANSAS ALL RIGHT.

In a private letter to a friend in this city, John M. Breidenthal says: "All agree that it (the last state fusion convention), was the greatest convention ever held in this state by any party, and from the letters I am receiving from all parts of the state it would appear that the enthusiasm engendered at Ft. Scott is extending to every county in the state. I feel confident that we are in better shape than ever before; that our ticket will receive more enthusiastic support than at any time in the past, yet I realize that there is a hard fight" before us. We are receiving notable converts to the cause, among them Ex-Lieutenant Governor Felt, Judge Burnette of Sumner county, and others. We are also receiving large accessions from the Germans."

According to the "staff correspondents" of several of the great dailies in Chicago, many of the farmers of Nebraska are already millionaires and the remainder soon will be. They tell how scores of them are absent at the Paris exhibition and others are globetrotting around in different parts of the world. We are all thankful for this fulsome advertising of the advantages of this state and hope they will keep it up. If they will only add that all this prosperity has visited the state since the pops captured the state government and sent the republican thieves to the penitentiary, they will enable their readers to understand how all this came about. As it is they leave them in a hopeless fog.

Some shrewd pop played a trick on the Ladies Home Journal. That magazine is published by the dilettante, super exclusive, upper tendon, and of course any talk about the money is never allowed in its pages. However, some pop writer concocted a very exciting story about the return of some miners from the Klondyke who had a million in gold dust and nuggets. Their ship ran on a mud bank, and while it lay there stranded they attended an auction. When they came to bid on the goods offered for sale they found that they could buy nothing, for the payment had to be made in money, and they had no money—nothing but gold. It is a good lesson to those who never before found out that nothing is money until the government puts its stamp on it, but with the stamp even a greasy piece of paper becomes money.

News of the Week

After reading scores of columns of matter that has appeared during the last week in the great dailies and many recent magazine articles, the editor of the Independent is forced to confess that he has no information in regard to China to impart that is of any value. At first the dailies would announce one day that the ministers of the foreign powers were all safe and the next day that they had all been murdered. Then they would state in the morning edition that they had been murdered, and in the evening edition that they were all safe. After that they would print a paragraph saying they were safe, and in the same column of the same edition declaring they were dead. From that sort of sensational journalism the Independent beats a retreat. At this writing there is no more known about the situation in Peking than there was three weeks ago.

Some articles have been published in the magazines that have been of value in giving an insight into the conditions out of which the upheaval in China grew. The best one was written by a Russian. He says this trouble has been brewing for very many years. It had its roots in the opium war which was waged upon the Chinese to force them to open their ports for the admission of opium. He says that this war was so horrible in its objects, that of introducing a poison that would demoralize and finally kill the people, that the literati of China denounced it in the most forceful language that they could command, declaring the men engaged in it as foreign devils. Gradually the word has come into use, and has now become a part of the language, just as slang words are engrafted into the English language, and now simply means a foreigner. From that day to this, he says, every powerful nation of Europe has been making constant demands upon China for territory and the Chinese government has in many cases been forced to submit to these demands