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until the whole population has become convinced that the only object the foreigners have in China is to finally divide the whole kingdom among themselves, and great secret societies have been organized to preserve China for the Chinese. He does not lay any part of the blame for this uprising upon the missionaries, although most of them have been indiscreet.

The views of this Russian writer is upheld by some of the returned missionaries. Rev. Thomas Marshall, field secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and a man who has had long experience in China, made a speech in Chicago last week in which he said that European nations, especially England, Germany and France, are responsible for all the trouble typified in the national uprising against foreigners in China; that the missionaries are not to blame and that the "robber nations" of Europe, when caught in the act of despoiling the Chinese of their territory and desecrating Chinese graves by running railroads through them, are trying to make scapegoats of the innocent missionaries and are using the Christian evangelizing forces for political and selfish ends.

It will be seen from both of these statements that all this trouble and danger, the end of which no man can see, has been caused by imperialism. The Russian writer said that the intelligent class in China always had a friendly feeling for the United States until the Philippines were seized upon. Then they came to the conclusion that all foreign devils are just alike and that our government instead of being a friend to China, would join the other robbers at the first opportunity and demand a slice too.

If anyone will examine a map of the Chinese empire, and take into consideration the enormous population, he cannot fail to see that any attempt to divide up that country and divide it among the imperialistic powers of the world would result in a war more bloody and terrible than the world ever saw. Do the citizens of the United States want to engage in such a war? Do they want to send their sons to Asia by the thousands to die of the horrible diseases of that climate or perish on its battle field? To these questions the answer must be made at the ballot box.

The Independent believes that this government should make a public declaration that it does not want and will not accept of any territory in China. Along with that it should assert its settled determination to send enough troops to expedite the escape of Americans who are now in China under treaty rights and to

enforce an indemnity for the outrages inflicted on American citizens. It does not believe that this government has any right to demand of China any privileges for American citizens there, or any trade franchises, that it is not willing to grant to the subjects of the Chinese empire. When we get our citizens out of China, and indemnity for their losses paid, then let China alone. If the European powers want to try the job of slicing China and dividing the pieces among themselves, let them. We will be neutral and supply the contending forces with all the goods they want that are not contraband of war.

McKinley's imperialism in the Philippines is turning into the most horrid of butcheries. Tales of the slaughter of whole villages, men, women and children keep coming in, in spite of the strict control that is maintained. A recent story, so terrible in its details that Gen. Otis had to come to the rescue with a commendation of the officer in command, related how eighty people were killed in revenge for the death of one soldier, and that after that the little town was leveled by a gunboat until it was reduced to ashes. The whole occupation of those islands, the demoralization of the army, the increase of crime wherever our soldiers are found, the continual murder of the innocent inhabitants, everything connected with it, is revolting, un-American, un-Christian, inhuman and devilish. These people seem to stick to their first declaration, "independence or death."

The Taft commission is proving a failure. McKinley's amnesty proclamation is of no effect, as will be seen by the following press cablegram:

Manila, July 29.—11:10 p. m.—(Edited by the Censor.)—The two days' fiesta in Manila organized by Senor Paterno and his political followers to commemorate the amnesty resulted in a fiasco. The people were passive, unenthusiastic and not even interested. Failing to see any tangible effective results from amnesty they say they can see no reason for celebrating.

Judge Taft and his colleagues of the commission are constrained to decline to attend the banquet, as they had been informed that the speeches would favor independence under American protection, and they could not passively lend their acquiescence by being present.

Senor Paterno, foreseeing the suspension of the banquet without the Americans, frantically appealed to them to attend, promising that there should be no speeches. The provost's precautions were extreme. The guards were doubled both days and the authorities forbade the display of Filipino flags and pictures of President McKinley and Aguinaldo fraternally framed. The fiesta is

generally considered to have been premature and unfortunate. During last week's scouting ten Americans were killed and fourteen wounded. One hundred and eighty Filipinos were killed and sixty taken prisoners. Forty insurgent rifles were captured.

King Humbert of Italy was assassinated last Saturday by an anarchist who went from Paterson, New Jersey, for the express purpose of committing the crime. There seems to be a nest of anarchists at Paterson who keep up a secret organization, the object of which is the murder of rulers. Not long since one of them committed suicide and left a note saying that he had been chosen by lot to murder the king of Italy, and that he preferred to commit suicide rather than to go on the mission. It seems that another was chosen in his place and he has done the deed. He fired three shots, all of which took effect. Humbert was the best of the monarchs of Europe. Personally, he was a man of the kindest heart and spent most of his time in efforts for the benefit of the poor. That Italy is overburdened with debt and the poor taxed beyond endurance, was no fault of King Humbert. He had little to do with shaping the policies of the government. That he was a brave man is proven by his heroic conduct when the cholera broke out in Italy. He and his queen refused to flee, although the greatest pressure was brought upon them to do so, but instead he spent his time in the hospitals caring for the sick and dying.

Steps should be taken to prevent this country from being a harbor for anarchists. Two of our presidents have fallen by the hand of the assassin and one got the trial of whose murderer is now proceeding in Kentucky. No good can ever come from the work of the assassin. If a king is murdered, another takes his place and the form of government is not changed. There can be nothing at the bottom of such work but the love of murder.

The very latest news from China is to the effect that the foreign legations in Peking are still safe. Telegrams by the various governments have been received from their representatives there. They all agree that no assassins have been found in the legations since the 18th of July. Gen. Chaffee has landed and gone to Tien Tsin. The colonel of the Ninth Infantry telegraphs that there are 257 sick in the regiment, and the first requisition he makes is for ten doctors and 100 hospital corps men. That shows what we may expect in China, a country inhabited by 6,000,000, and every foot of soil and every drop of water alive with germs of all manner of horrible diseases. It is said that there will be an immediate advance on Peking.

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### HARDY'S COLUMN

Going Home—Hauled Down the Flag—No More Bryan Senators—Minnesota Doubtful—Drying Up—Queue Way of Taxing—Journal Gone Over—Cleveland Caused It All—Foreign Credit—Export of Corn—Hard to Please—Present Congress—They Talk Rates but Mean Less Dollars.

Three weeks outing. Good time every day. If any one should ask where to go, we would advise Minneapolis; there inquire for Chicago City, on Chicago Lake, and there inquire for Schlemmer's Island, where they have good boats, good fishing, good eating and good beds, all for seven dollars a week. Either my clothes have shrunk or I have filled up with fun, politics or fat.

It appears the president has hauled the flag down from over a long strip of territory in Alaska. A territory about which there was no question until gold was found there.

The reason the republicans do not want Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma admitted as states is because they would bring six more Bryan senators into congress. The slave drivers used to oppose the admission of free states because free state senators would be increased.

Minnesota is more of a doubtful state than it was four years ago. The Scandinavians, and there lots of them, are not in love with imperialism and militarism. The governor is of Scandinavian descent, was elected two years ago, and will undoubtedly carry the state again and Bryan with him. Leading republicans acknowledge doubt.

The Minnesota lakes are drying up, about one foot a year. They have already sunk away four or five feet in the vicinity of the Twin Cities. To keep them up in their parks they have dug wells and put in huge pumps. The cause must lie in the plowing of the soil and the banking in of more of the water that falls.

They have a queer way of taxing big corporations and millionaire mining plants in this state. The ore is taxed a cent a ton while the mines and machinery worth millions are not taxed at all. The earnings of railroads are taxed in the same way and not the roads.

It looks as though the Journal had sold out to the middle-of-the-roads, at any rate it manifests more interest in the political division than in any other judging from the sweet medicine mixed

for them. Even Bixby stiffens their backs with poetic candy. The Journal hopes to call Joe Barley from the pen, and the only way to do that is to draw over from Poynter fifty thousand votes to the mid-roads. The reason the Journal does not mix medicine for the other small parties is the fear of loss to the republican party.

If we have heard it once we have dozens of times that Cleveland caused all the hard times all over the world. If he had never been president, Argentine would have had no trouble, Baring Bros. would never have failed, the common people all through Europe and America would have had prosperity right along. There would have been no bank failures, no receivers for railroads, no mortgage foreclosures; every factory would have run at full capacity, and all laboring men would have had all the work they could do night and day. Cleveland cursed the whole world and anybody who claims to be a democrat would do the same thing if he should get a chance. On the other hand, McKinley has blessed the world, and the millionaires, and will continue to do so should he be counted in again.

They howl about our foreign credit. Foreigners are not our creditors; they are our debtors and we their creditors. The gold bug scare about credit and its boast about the balance of trade being in our favor do not go well together. If I am seeing a man propound his credit, his credit is buying of him, what do I care whether he is bankrupt or solvent? We pay for everything we buy of foreign countries with our own goods and they pay us a good big balance in money, so what has our credit to do with trade anyway; or what has our money to do with European money balances the account.

We are a little surprised that we export more dollars' worth of corn than we do of wheat or flour. That really means we export as many bushels of corn as we do of wheat, counting the flour with the wheat. As cheap breadstuff, corn is bound to take the lead and Nebraska will be on top.

It is a little amusing to see how hard it is to please the moneycrats of the east. Bryan is too much of a backbone, and Stevenson has too little. They call Bryan a dictator because he said he would not run in a McKinley goldbug platform. Nine-tenths of them would vote for him if he would only flop over for gold, as McKinley did. In '92 McKinley's platform was as strong as Bryan's. Bryan is now the hard-headed Cleveland for his opposition to silver as hard as Bryan now lashes McKinley. But when Hanna and the eastern millionaires told him they would make him president on his tariff record if he would only flop on the gold question, he at once flopped. Now they call him a dictator, and he will not flop in the same way. Do you suppose Lincoln would have run on a slavery extension platform if his party had made such a platform for him? Not much. Stevenson they say has no backbone at all because he did not stand up for the gold question, and unless he is just why we now stand up for it for Stevenson, because he did not stand up for Cleveland. The man who has no opinion at all is a poor stick. Honest men do not often change their opinions on the same question. They often drop old parties and stand with new ones on new questions.

The present congress has established the gold standard, as they call it. The people demand it, and the ballot box has said so. Not that the people are afraid for the people will say to Mr. Bryan, tear it down. Why should they be so scared as long as they have another session in which they can patch it up and nail it up to the mast. This congress has decided that the constitution is not with the people, and the sugar and tobacco trusts don't want it to. The constitution has always established free trade among and between the people under the government of the United States. But not so any more, when the trusts want to make the farmer pay two prices for the sugar and tobacco. Text war craft have been ordered and next session will order the army to be increased fifty or a hundred thousand, we presume. But Bryan will be commander in chief and he can reduce the army. The way they are going on, this congress will be the protective congress ever elected. The taxpayers will be made to pay near a billion and a half dollars. There are other bills they intend to pass, but did not dare to do until after election. One is the ship subsidy bill. The farmer will have to pay the price of the wheat, and the market will be at the top of that, pay more taxes that the ship owner may be paid the second time for doing the same work. The rich ship owner must have a law so he can get more than half the farmer earns. They shut Clark and Quay out of the Senate and Roberts out of the House, and they did not dare to shut out all who bribed their way into the Senate, for Hanna and enough more would have to go to spoil the republican majority. Neither did they turn out all the members of the House who cohabit with more than one woman, for the republican majority would go there with them. They did not reduce the war taxes and yet the surplus is piling up about two millions a week. The only use they can make of the surplus is to pay subsidies or let the bank have it without paying interest. They did not carry the reciprocity treaty bill with France and Italy, many because the high protected fellows did not want it.

To read eastern republican papers one would think there was no objection to using silver for money, but the ratio was the question to be settled. They talk that way but they do not mean it. They do not care for the size of silver dollars or of the gold dollars, but the number of them is what they want to control. They know that many dollars will make cheap dollars, no matter whether made of gold or silver and that cheap dollars make dear property. As dollars increase in numbers property increases in price, providing the demand is the same. The French and the German ratio is 15 to 1, while the English ratio is 14 to 1. If 16 to 1 is distasteful to the gold bugs why did they not give us the ratio in their platform, that would suit. The fact of the case is they do not want any silver at all, only for dimes and quarters and if McKinley should be counted in again, silver dollar will be melted and sold as bullion

for horse shoes. Every greenback will be burned too. Anything and everything will be done to lessen the number of dollars. Then the bankers will have everything in their own grip. Supposing we make the ratio 32 to 1, the American people alone would lose not less than four hundred millions of dollars. If they had not meddled with silver by or by clipping the coinage it would be worth as much as gold dollars today. A pound of silver will buy as much today in one half of the world as it ever would, of anything excepting gold. If gold could be increased as fast as the population, property and business of the world increases, the gold standard and no other legal tender money would be all right, but it does not and never has. Hence the purchasing power of gold will steadily increase and that is what the moneycrats want. If the rest of the world should adopt the gold standard tomorrow gold would go up by silver and by clipping the coinage compared with property. Half of the world trades their gold for silver and has no other money in circulation. It is well remembered how silver dropped when India dropped free coinage. Let the same foolishness prevail all over the world and where would we be at?

### Can't Go McKinley

Editor Independent: I send you enclosed six campaign subscribers, the best I can do in this old foggy town. The sentiment for Bryan is good here, considering this always has been a strong republican town. Two of the names that I send are old republicans and several more have told me that they can't go McKinley. S. J. BOIES, Osgo, Michigan.

### BERGE OPENS THE FIGHT

The Slippery Mr. Burckett Has Made no Reply to the Challenge for a Joint Discussion

In Benadom's hall in the Seventh ward of Lincoln, three miles from the business section, George W. Berge last Friday opened his congressional campaign. The meeting was early in the season, the night was dark, there was a band concert down town and a neighborhood social but two blocks away. And yet, without Benadom's was filled with one of the largest and most appreciative crowds that ever assembled there. And the people heard one of the most sensible, most logical and most convincing speeches ever delivered in the city of Lincoln.

It was such a meeting as could not fail to inspire a candidate with confidence. It demonstrated the general interest and alertness of the fusion forces, and was big with promise of a great and successful campaign. Mr. Berge, in this, his opening meeting, amply demonstrated to his hearers his abilities as a campaigner. His earnestness, his fairness, his clear reasoning and never failing courtesy, won him the friendship and respect of every person in the audience, as it will of every one who honestly listens to him throughout the campaign.

It was a happy hour, replete with white duck suits and red, brass-tipped helmets, accompanied by a tife and drum corps, marched to the hall and materially added to the effectiveness of the meeting. When Mr. Berge entered the hall every seat was taken and many people were standing and stood throughout his speaking. Loud cheers greeted his appearance. Mr. Berge was introduced by E. Seiler, and made a hit with the first sentence:

"Judging from this audience," he said, with a gratified smile on his face, "I would not need the assistance of any republican candidate to get crowds to hear me this fall."

And from the shout that went up it was evident that the slippery Mr. Burckett will, this year, have to find some new excuse for refusing to debate with his fusion opponents. The first challenge that was sent to the republicans of this district was refused on the ground that they did not want to furnish audiences for fusion speakers. The second time they refused because, as they said, all their appointments had been made and they would not change them. This time the fusionists took time by the fore lock, so to speak, and sent a challenge for a joint discussion a long time ago so that the last excuse would not apply. This time the republicans have made no reply at all.

With this evidence of their cowardice staring them in the face, the making of any sort of a campaign in this district by the republicans will be a very difficult operation. They may take the Dietrich plan and visit the saloons and dives, shake hands and distribute their money, but that will be about all. Meantime Mr. Berge will go from place to place discussing in his able way the pending problems with eloquence and force and when the votes are counted, Mr. Burckett won't be in it.

### He Took a Flop

Editor Independent: Inclosed you will find the names of sixteen of my neighbors and money to pay for their subscriptions during the campaign. These with the four I sent last week makes the required number to obtain a watch as a premium. Please send me a ladies watch.

The picture of Mr. Bryan is very nice, please accept thanks. The pet hobby of the republicans now is that Bryan ruled the convention because he said he would have free silver mentioned in the platform or he would not be nominated for president. He was man enough to tell what his opinion was and then stick to it, at least he didn't have to get Mark Hanna to tell him what he thought. McKinley was very much in favor of free trade with Porto Rico until the sugar kings informed him he would lose 60,000 votes by continuing in that opinion and he suddenly took a flop.

In fact McKinley has no opinions of his own, they are all Mark Hanna's vote and money grabbing schemes. Some have the same opinion of Mac that the Irishman had of his neighbor; they were talking religion and the neighbor was telling what Dick, Tom and Harry thought but he didn't say what he thought himself. The Irishman's reply was: "It's a poor fool that don't know fur himself what he thinks." NELLE DAWES, Independence, Iowa.

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### Facts and Prosperity.

It is a fashionable feature of campaign argument just now to talk of "republican prosperity," although legitimate prosperity ended with the dawn of the new fiscal year.

The effects of inflation, although still visible in many quarters, are gradually subsiding, and by next October our republican friends will be ready to talk of "democratic adversity."

During the past month the following labor items have been noted: The Washington Woolen Company, employing 5,000 hands, have been closed down. Eighteen mills of the American Steel Company have discontinued work. In the iron mines of the lake Superior and Menominee regions wages have been cut from 10 to 15 per cent. Outputs have been curtailed 2,500,000 tons, and labor will suffer accordingly.

The rail mill billet mill and furnaces composing the plant of the Lorain Steel Company, at Lorain, Ohio, have closed down. The Clinton Cotton Mills, of Clinton, La., have ceased operation, and the output throughout the south has been curtailed. All over the country the railroads report decreased earnings. This shows more plainly than anything else that the tide of prosperity is on the ebb.

The St. Paul, the Rock Island and the American Wabash decreased \$500,000 in net earnings for one month. The Louisville & Nashville earnings decreased \$131,521 and the Southern Pacific \$177,720.

When talking of prosperity for campaign purposes republicans should not fail to mention these things, as they will be going to be a roaring fusion for a seat in the United States senate he can figure on getting there about 1917. Ashford, Neb. N. H. B.

### HE WONT DO IT

Captain O'Farrell Declares He Will Not Play the Idiote Game Announced by Senator Hoar.

The following copy of a letter written by Captain O'Farrell to an old army comrade was sent to the Independent from Washington with the captains permission to publish it: "Washington, D. C., July 20, 1900.—Col. J. P. West, Chicago, Ills.—My Dear Colonel: Your letter of the 6th inst. received. I am glad to hear from you and I appreciate your criticism of my present position. You asked me to hold on to the old party and do as Hoar did. This is to denounce McKinleyism and support McKinley. Senator Hoar says that if the administration is able to carry out its colonial or imperial policy it will be a republican. He calls the roll of past statesmen on the floor of the senate, and calls up Aaron Burr with Wm. McKinley, and yet in the same speech he invokes his friends to support Wm. McKinley for president. I am very proud that I don't think or act like Hoar. I could not denounce highly my robbery and I invite Jesse James or Dick Turpin to tea.

"You don't know how hard it is for me to leave my old political friends, where I made an honored name, and in a small way, achieved distinction as a public speaker. My change is prompted by the best interests of my country. I would rather be right than to preserve the friendship of yourself and many friends and comrades.

"Dear Colonel, I could earn big money on the stump this time, if I were to prostitute my honest convictions to imperialism. Bryan and his party are poor, so I propose to give them my services for nothing. It is not for Bryan, it is for America that I do this. It is to preserve the liberty for which you and I fought and risked our lives, and the principles enunciated at Gettysburg in the immortal speech of Lincoln.

"I cannot support a policy which is today making a second Ireland out of Porto Rico. Our flag there floats over our subjects, and in the Philippines over our slaves.

"No matter, my dear colonel, how you and I may differ about politics, I would earnestly hope for a continuance of our friendship. I believe that if Mrs. West had a vote, she would support the principles which I advocate. Your old comrade. PATRICK O'FARRELL.

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