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McKinley is for expansion when he can get land by shooting Filipinos, but he is for contraction when Great Britain wants a slice of Alaska.

Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, a local republican paper, has been appointed on the advisory attachment to the republican national committee.

Every little while some fellow "returns from Colorado" and reports that everything is all right for McKinley. Last week C. H. Kloop of Omaha discovered that it was safe for a man to speak well of McKinley in Colorado, and consequently he feels sure of a republican victory.

An attempt was made to censure Mr. W. O. Brubaker of Peoria, Ill., who had charge of the temperance work at the Lincoln Epworth assembly, because he roasted President McKinley every day of his labors at Lincoln park. A resolution of censure which was sneaked in at a late hour was spotted and promptly tabled. The Epworth assembly was not muzzling its teachers and preachers this year.

This writer is thankful that he does not have to write for the rabble. The writers on the republican side must constantly appeal by slurs, innuendoes and inferences to the worst passions of the lowest and vilest and it is a very dirty kind of work. The Independent is printed for the intelligent and thinking portion of our citizenship and it is a pleasure to hunt up the best literature and print discussions of policies and legislation that will bear the closest scrutiny of thinking men and women.

The reserve of gold in the Bank of England got the lowest for years the other day and to avoid a disaster the British government placed fifty million dollars of the new war loan in Wall street. That was their only salvation and it was done before the London bankers knew anything about it. The English government had two objects in view in placing that loan here. First, it removed the pressure for gold over there, and second, it will make the men who held English bonds on this side more enthusiastic Anglophiles than they have ever been before. Every English bondholder on this side will be a supporter of English policies and secret alliances.

The republicans are claiming the vote of every naturalized Englishman. In that they will be very much disappointed. While some of the English-Americans are very hot on account of the sympathy expressed by the fusion forces for the Boers there are a great many who believe as heartily in the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence as any American. The English people at home are very much divided upon the subject. Nearly all the great writers, thinkers and scientists of England are opposed to the Boer war. They have the rabble to fight there, just as the reform forces have it to fight here. The new loan that England has been forced to make to carry on Joe Chamberlain's jingo policy is causing a good deal of hard thinking in England just at the present time. The opposition to the war grows in the United Kingdom just in the ratio that the war is prolonged.

INDEPENDENT'S GREETING.

The Independent comes to its readers this week in a new dress. It is printed from new type and every edition hereafter will also be printed on new type, then melted up and cast over again for the next edition. That is to say, that the management has put in a linotype machine and the paper will all be set up on that machine every week. This will enable us to greatly improve the paper. Hereafter there will be sixteen different departments, all carefully edited and prepared. The news column will be extended and every happening inside the state and outside that it is important its readers should know will find a place somewhere in its columns.

The Independent is able to make this enlargement through the unselfish work of its subscribers who have on their motion greatly extended its circulation by getting up clubs and asking their neighbors to subscribe. They all like the paper and they are not afraid to tell their neighbors of its good qualities. So The Independent grows and grows, and as it grows the management adds new features and tries to make the paper still better. For the enthusiastic support of its readers, The Independent is very grateful and to each and everyone of them sends most hearty thanks.

If it was easy to get up clubs before, it will be much easier now. No reform weekly in the United States publishes one-half the original matter that The Independent sends out each week, and its selections are made up after reading all the magazines and best current literature of the day. You get the cream of it all in The Independent. Its correspondents in Washington and at home are of the very best. Here is a paper where the farmer is heard when he has anything of interest to say to the public and they often say the most interesting things of any.

The Independent will stand as heretofore for the constitution, the Declaration of Independence and for every beneficial reform. It will fight the coming battle with all the vigor that it has fought in the past and when Bryan is elected president we will have the greatest justification that the world ever saw.

THEY NEVER DID.

Ross Hammond in his Fremont Tribune says with a great deal of positiveness:

"No republican of high or low degree has ever proclaimed or admitted a purpose to embark in imperialism."

Who ever supposed they would? If any man ever did suppose they would, he had very little knowledge of the republican way of doing things. About twenty-seven years ago the republicans started out to demonetize silver and establish the gold standard. Did any republican of high or low degree ever proclaim or admit that that was their purpose? Not much. They continually announced up to 1896 that they were for the use of both metals as standard money without discriminating against either, and in that year they declared that they were for international bi-metallicism which they pledged themselves to promote. All the time their only object was to establish the gold standard.

Now they have planned to make this republic an empire, that is, to hold conquered nations in subjection and deny to them the rights guaranteed to all men in the Declaration of Independence. It is the old game, but it won't work this time. They can't fool all the people all the time. No doubt they can fool some of them all the time, for there are poor mullet heads who actually believe that imposing a tariff on the Porto Ricans is only expansion and not imperialism at all. They are even so blinded in their minds that they think that the constitution does not follow the flag, and that we can raise the flag over a conquered nation, deny to them the right of a trial by jury and all other rights guaranteed to American citizens and that also is only expansion and not imperialism. No, they never said they were for imperialism and they never will. That is not their way. But if McKinley is re-elected they will proceed forthwith, to increase the standing army, 100,000 more troops will be sent to the Philippines, war taxes will be increased, Porto Ricans and Filipinos will remain "subjects" and we shall have empire and imperialism.

THE TRUE GOSPEL.

Some of the imperialist preachers who have been assailing Bryan and advocating the spread of the gospel of the Man of Peace with battalions of infantry, squadrons and cavalry and parks of artillery, should read the following from the introduction to an article written by Mr. Bryan for the New York Journal and then go and hide themselves for very shame.

"Standard oil and the water of life will not mix.

"If a man say I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?"

Thus does John in his first epistle denounce those who pretend to love the Heavenly Father while they hate the earthly brother.

ond is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The first defines man's duty toward the Almighty, the second his duty toward his fellow-men. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are parts of the same gospel and cannot be separated. We have no way of measuring man's love toward the Creator except by the good will which he manifests toward his fellow creatures.

There is a wide zone between the affirmative benevolence which religion commands and the rectitude which government compels. The Christian cannot content himself with a life of negative harmlessness; the fruits of the spirit must manifest themselves to positive helpfulness.

CENSUS FRAUDS.

Since the census bulletins have begun to be issued it is apparent that there have been systematic frauds committed in the interest of the republican party. The enormous increase in population reported in some of the eastern cities and the small gains in the west bear the marks of fraud on the very face of them. It is in the rotten boroughs of the east where the republicans get their congressional majorities. The eastern cities are packed with the rabble of Europe and the outscourings of all America. Their votes can be controlled, and by their votes will the trusts and money power control legislation at Washington. The more free, intelligent and patriotic agricultural population of the middle and western states cannot be so controlled, and as congressional legislation is based on population it is in the interest of plutocracy to pad the census in all those regions where the mass of ignorance outweighs the intelligence.

The men who manage and run the republican party will spend millions to fight in the China seas, but they will never vote a dollar that would have a tendency to settle up the arid regions of the west. If the money already spent fighting Filipinos had been spent in irrigation, it would have brought under cultivation enough land to have supported the surplus of population for a long time to come. But eastern plutocracy don't want that, for that region would be settled up by farmers whose votes could not be controlled. It is to their interest to fill up the slums of the great cities, and if they haven't enough to keep their present superiority in congress, pad the census until they do have enough. Sioux City is making a vigorous kick about the count made in that town as several western cities.

OUR EMPEROR.

There is not a government on the face of the earth today that is run on such despotic principles as McKinley runs the government of the United States. Russia is an autocratic government in theory, the czar could declare war at any time of his own motion. But the fact is he did, it would end in his overthrow. He would not dare to do such a thing. But McKinley has carried on two wars of his own motion. He has carried on a war against the Filipinos for eighteen months without the sanction of congress or anyone else. The war ended with the treaty of peace with Spain. Legally the United States has not been at war since. But in fact, a war has been carried on at an expense of many millions of dollars by the orders of the president.

Now he has engaged in another war. Thousands of troops are being hurled across the continent and over the sea. Shipyards of munitions of war and supplies to the amount of millions are being hurried after the troops. But the congress of the United States, in which the constitution places the power to declare war, has not done so. It is all done in accordance with the orders of our emperor.

Senator Teller called attention to this state of affairs in a speech a few days ago. "In my judgment," said he, "the situation in China demands the immediate assembling of congress. I know congress will not be called in special session because the administration prefers to act without the approval of congress. The president is not justified in going further than to protect our official representatives in that country. When that is done our army must be withdrawn unless congress shall order otherwise. The president cannot declare war; that can only be done by an act of congress, and the president cannot legally carry on a war in China without such declaration."

Of course McKinley cannot "legally" carry on a war without the sanction of congress. But what cares he about legality? He has carried on one war without that sanction and why should he not another? He has assumed the position that he is our emperor and seems determined to maintain it. With all these facts before the people, the republican papers continue to declare that there is nothing in this question of imperialism.

Hon. Peter Jansen, in a letter to the State Journal, tells about seeing seven Deering mowers across the Ural in Asia, each drawn by a pair of camels. But the Honorable Peter failed to mention that these camel-driving Russians buy American farm machines at a much less price than our American farmers can procure them right at home. The "beneficent" Dingley bill does it.

A CHANGE OF BASE.

The forthcoming report of the director of the mint will show that the gold mined in the United States during the year ending December 31, 1899, exceeds that of any year in our history, and for the first time surpasses the record established in 1853, when the mines of California made their highest record of \$65,000,000. The gold production of the United States was in 1898, according to the estimate of the director of the mint, \$72,500,000, while no prior year had shown so high a total as that of 1853, \$65,000,000, though the total for 1898 was \$64,463,000. The annual average gold product of the United States is now double that of a decade earlier, though in this particular the growth has been no more rapid than in other parts of the world, the world's product in 1899 having been, according to the best estimates, \$315,000,000, against \$123,000,000 a decade earlier.

This report is further evidence that the position that populists have always taken in regard to money is the only sound and scientific theory that has ever been advanced. Not that they were the first to advance it by any means, for it is the sum and substance of the conclusions of all economists of authority the world over. We have always said that when the mines were productive and money was plenty, there was prosperity, and when the mines failed and money became scarce times were hard.

It is interesting to note that change in the arguments of the gold standard advocated since 1896. Then they declared with one voice that the quantity of money in circulation had nothing to do with prices. Lambertson, getting his information from the pamphlets issued by the sound money league, even went so far as to tell the members of the class of economics in the state university that a redundancy in the currency produced lower prices. Now the republican papers "point with pride" to the unprecedented output of gold and claim that there is a greater per capita circulation than ever before, and that the result of it is great prosperity.

The gold standard advocates have completely abandoned the position that they took in 1896, and are now using the very arguments that the populists used in that campaign, and which at that time they denounced as anarchy, repudiation and an effort to debase currency. They have made a complete change of base, but then they have become accustomed to that mode of political warfare and it does not disconnect them in the least.

If they had declared in 1896 that there was to be an unprecedented output of gold, that the increase in the volume of money from this output would be sufficient to maintain a stable level of prices, then their course would have been consistent. But they did no such thing. All their arguments were to the effect that a very small amount of money was necessary to transact an enormous amount of business. Senator Hoar arose in the senate one day and told a story about some transaction in which some gentlemen in Wall street were engaged which involved millions, but when the business was closed, it was found that it only took 19 cents to settle the balance between them. He did not draw any conclusion from these remarks, but the intended inference was to the effect that the amount of money had very little part in the business transactions of this age. The argument was so childish that no senator thought it worth while to reply to it. If Senator Hoar had ever had the experience of a working man's wife, he would have found that when the monthly grocery bill came in, 19 cents would not have gone very far toward settling the balance.

The money question is still an all important question and it will remain so until it is settled on entirely different grounds than "a gold standard" or "a bimetallic standard," or any other so-called standard. Prices, other things being equal, are wholly controlled by the amount of legal tender money in circulation, and if stable prices are ever to be maintained, it must be by the control of the amount of money in circulation. The amount can never be controlled by relying upon the mines.

Notwithstanding the enormous and unexpected output of gold, prices have risen but very little and the trusts have obtained all the benefit of what rise there has been. The producers have obtained little or nothing. Aside from that, the issue of bank paper is paving the way for another panic of huge dimensions. The evil effects of the coming panic will not fall upon the readers of The Independent, if they obey its warning. They will stand from under and let the mullet heads take their own medicine.

THE COMING STATE FAIR

During the last two years there has been no state fair held, unless the very unsatisfactory annex to the Omaha exposition could be so designated, and this fallow term has prepared both the state board of agriculture and the public to make and enjoy a real, old-fashioned cattle show and fair. That is what is going to happen at Lincoln this year. The product of the soil in the best governed state in the union

has furnished the material for the coming fair; it has produced wonderful grains, vegetables, fruits, grasses and flowers, and they have not only grown and fattened the best breeds of live stock, but with them the pocketbooks of the farmers and merchants who are now making ready the best display ever aggregated in Nebraska. The fair management has worked and is still working hard to excel all past efforts and to make the exhibition grounds and buildings inviting and comfortable. The railroads have joined hands without protest and are actively soliciting exhibits and patronage. It will pay you to come and see the thirty-second annual fair, from September 3 to 7.

APPEAL TO THE RABBLE.

The appeal, so far as any has been made to the voters by the republican party, has been an appeal to the rabble. Roosevelt goes forth as a cowboy and appeals for votes by wearing a cowboy hat. Other speakers make appeals that could in no event be addressed to educated, intelligent people and must be intended to deceive the ignorant and excite the passions of the very lowest classes. This is not done by those whom we are accustomed to call ward politicians, but by members of congress and men of national reputation. Congressman Dolliver delivered an address to a Chautauque assembly the other day at Pontiac, Ill. It would be expected that if he intended to deliver a speech at all during the campaign in which he would appeal to the intelligence of the people it would be on an occasion like that. But read the following words as reported in the Chicago Record:

"Bryan is against trusts because they increased during the republican administration, but is for souphouses because they increased during the democratic administration. The only reason trusts were not formed during Cleveland's administration was because the American people wouldn't put money in trusts or any other enterprise, great or small. Bryan would break up all business to break the trusts."

"What are we going to do with the Philippines? Nothing yet. But will we ever be we are compelled to do. We were not in favor of capturing them. We didn't want them, but after Dewey captured the bunch we were in charge of them, and as the law says when a nation is overthrown another can stay until order is restored. Therefore we are in those islands and will stay there."

"Bryan would break up all business." "He is for souphouses because they increased during the democratic administration." Think of a speaker heralded as the greatest orator in the republican ranks making such assertions as that! See the broadness of view displayed in discussing the constitutional questions involved in the war upon the Filipinos! And that is the best that the the greatest orator in the republican party can do!

Is it any wonder that thousands of republicans, many of them men who helped to organize the party, are declaring through the papers and in public addresses that they will no longer be considered members of such an organization? They do not seem to have a man in the whole party who will undertake to address the people soberly or with an argument. Meantime the reform orators are abroad in the land by the thousand. They make no appeal to the rabble, to passion or prejudice. They found their arguments upon the Declaration of Independence and the constitution. Their speeches are full of quotations from Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Clay, Webster and all the great men of the republic. They make an appeal to intelligence, and intelligent men of all parties are announcing day by day that they will support Bryan.

The reformer who does not push the circulation of the Independent is not taking advantage of his strongest means of doing good.

WAR PRICES.

War prices have always been considered in the economy of public and private affairs, but the present war prices are an astonishment to everybody. Here is the whole world at war. Every civilized nation on the whole earth is not only on a war footing, but is actually engaged in war. There has been nothing to equal it in the history of the world for the last thousand years. But look at the prices of farm products! If these prices are war prices what would they likely be with all the world at peace? What is worth a little over 50 cents a bushel. The old kind of war prices brought wheat up to \$2.50 a bushel. All the armies of Europe are on the move. Trains are hurrying across this continent loaded with war supplies for China and the Philippines. Hundreds of thousands of men are withdrawn from productive industries, thus limiting the supply and property is being destroyed by the millions in the various wars, increasing the demand and see the result under the gold standard! Prices are actually tending downward! There was never such a thing seen in all the world before. If peace should be suddenly brought about, these extra soldiers return to productive employment, the demand decrease and supply increase. Where would prices under the gold standard be then? When the devil got the gold standard established by the leading nations, he planned for a universal smash-up and the thing is coming sooner or later.



Burning the offering at the altar of the Almighty Dollar.

A FARM DEPARTMENT.

With this issue The Independent commences the publication of a farm department which it expects to make of value to every farmer in Nebraska. There are many things which happen on Nebraska farms which happen nowhere else, owing to climatic conditions, soil conditions, etc., and in order to secure all the information possible which might benefit our readers, each and every farmer reader is asked to send The Independent short letters pertaining to farm matters. What we desire is actual experiences, given in the least space possible, as the space devoted to this department must be limited to three columns. Let us hear from you.

Readers of Dunn and Bradstreet reports will notice that for many weeks the working forces of the industrial plants of the country have been constantly reduced. This week nearly every cotton mill in New England will shut down ostensibly for three weeks of repairs and clean-up, but it is probable that several of them will not resume operations for two or three months. There are three hundred thousand iron workers in the country out of employment, and while the statement is made that this is only temporary, one-third of them are out on account of wage difficulties. About half of the glass workers will go to work September 1 at reduced wages. Taken altogether the outlook for men who labor is not bright and the McKinley brand of prosperity is not desirable.

On August 10 the St. Paul Pioneer-Press printed the following item in its editorial page:

"When Mr. Bryan opens his morning paper today he will see something that will not tickle him the least little bit. It is Admiral Dewey's statement of a fact universally understood—that the Filipino rebel leaders are keeping up the war with the hope that Bryan will be elected, and that there will be no peace until the election is held. Hereafter Mr. Bryan will no doubt question Dewey's democracy; but this will not disturb the admiral, who by this utterance proves himself not only candid, but sensible and climbs several notches higher in the respect of the American people."

On the morning of the 11th such republican papers as did not suppress it entirely tucked away in some obscure place a very emphatic denial from Admiral Dewey of ever having uttered a word of the interview credited to him, but the Pioneer-Press seems never to have found it out—at least it has never apologized for its slander upon both Dewey and Bryan.

HARDY'S COLUMN

The Soldiers' Park Not Vandalized—The Two Pictures—The Slouch Hat Coming—Reunion and State Fair—Warships Can Work in Times of Peace as Soldiers Should—Good Eating—Doctor of Divinity—Bryan's Speech—Monstrosities—McKinley Policy—China—Money Circulation.

We had a talk with a Congregational clergyman from Milford this week and he told me the soldiers' home park had been greatly improved by cutting out the scraggy, half dead trees. At first he thought too much had been cut, but he now considers a good job was done.

Four years ago McKinley's pictures filled every window in the state house; now they are all Bryan. In the county court house they are about half and half. These two buildings show the sentiments of the people.

Roosevelt is coming. We will see him twirl his old slouched hat and hear him call everybody "thieves and liars" but McKinley and I. We may not have pure Rooseveltism from the shout der, after this, for it is reported that Mark Hanna has rewritten his speech for him and cut out the things that so offended the republicans and helped Bryan.

The soldiers reunion and the state fair are two more occasions for farmers to take a vacation. It is not time lost for old soldiers to get together, tell stories and relate experiences. Neither is it time lost for farmers to get together and tell each other how to farm it. Spend a whole week even if you do not have as good eating and sleeping as you have at home; it will be a change. Bring tents and live in them as the old soldiers do at the reunion.

It is stated that seventy warships of different classes are now being built by the United States government. That number added to our present number

of government ships cannot only protect our coast trade in times of peace, but do lots of our trade-carrying from port to port and from nation to nation. Let Samuel have all the ship subsidies, and not make millionaires of ship-owners.

It rests with the farmers to live better than any other class of people. Fruit fresh from the orchard and vegetables fresh from the garden are luxuries that city people do not have. And why farmers do not put out fruit trees we cannot imagine. Mr. Russell of Wymore, after testing the soil and climate for twenty years, has proven this to be a good fruit state, especially for peaches. He has a peach orchard near Wymore of 80 acres and one near Lincoln of 160 acres. This year he will be able to sell ten or fifteen thousand bushels of peaches and they are fruit fit to eat and not stale, bitter things, such as come from California. You can get a basket for thirty to forty cents and Russell peaches with cream is the top notch of good eating. Then buy some trees of him this fall or next spring and start an orchard of your own. He is able to tell you what varieties do best in this country. He has trees three years old bearing a peck of good peaches. Mr. Russell is also authority on the variety of apples to put out. He has a forty-acre apple orchard doing well.

According to Doctor Wharton's sermon, God has outgrown the Declaration of Independence and has turned over with the biggest guns and longest purses. The God we worship has one rule for individuals and nations. That rule is do unto others as you would have them do to you. Cheerfully grant them what you demand for yourself or be damned. So of a nation that demands independence and liberty for itself will be damned unless it cheerfully grants the same privileges to other nations. We do not believe that God has thrown up any new highway of justice across lots or through tunnels. The fact that people disagree in regard to governmental measures is the great fact that is going to perpetuate this republic. No reform ever came, either governmental, moral or religious without kicking. Kicking is only the harbinger of reform.

Bryan's notification speech has punched the republican leaders below the belt, and they demand the umpire to rule him out of the ring. It is one of the most answerable political speeches ever spoken in the English language. Not a paper has dared to contradict a single statement or conclusion.

There are creatures having the human form in a measure, but they are not human. For the father was the father of lies and their mother was the mother of all iniquity, so they are half-bores, half liars and half robbers. These monstrosities claim to be republicans, and I guess they are. They hold up Bryan's book and his speeches to ridicule because all the horrors predicted resulting from the gold standard had not yet been visited upon the common people. They claim the gold standard has been adopted, but it has not, neither has it been adopted anywhere in the world except in England, and not half of the English colonies have adopted it. Silver dollars, greenbacks and treasury notes are legal tender for any amount the same as they ever have been. The republicans did not dare to establish the gold standard for fear it would nullify Bryan's prophecy and beat McKinley out of his boots.

We can begin to see what McKinley's plan is and how he expects to retain Cuba as a colony of the United States. Read the call: "It is ordered that general election be held in the island of Cuba on the third Saturday of September in the year 1900 to elect delegates to a convention to meet in the city of Havana at 12 o'clock noon, on the first Monday of November of the year 1900 to frame and adopt a constitution for the people of Cuba, and, as a part thereof to provide for and agree with the government of the United States upon the relations to exist between the two governments."

So the convention is not only to make, but also adopt the constitution. Why not let the people adopt it by ballot? Because the convention can be annexed to the United States easier than the people can. This convention has also not to agree with the United States, which means that McKinley's party. Home rule at consent of the governed seem to sell bad in the nostrils of every republican.

There are two sides to the Chinese trouble. We would not stand it if European nations should commence to grab our territory, build fortifications and demand an "open door" of trade. American and European nations have gone wild after cheap goods produced by cheap labor. Labor in China can be had for less than one-tenth what it can be had for in America or Europe. The government of China has yielded up to the boxers could stand it no longer and gave ample warning for all foreigners to leave the country. The best thing to be done now is to get out of there. We have made enough out of them to pay