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What will poor Morton do now? His anti-imperialist league, of which he was vice president, has endorsed Bryan:

A chorus to one of the campaign songs is as follows:
McKinley trusts
In all the trusts,
And Hanna fries the fat.

It looks now as though it was going to be a landslide. Let us make it the biggest since the glaciers ground their way down from the north and covered this continent a thousand feet deep.

Lieutenant Colonel Eager of the First Nebraska was elected by the anti-imperialist convention held at Indianapolis vice president for the state of Nebraska and has accepted the position.

In 1896 the silver republicans left the g. o. p. The other day the anti-imperialist republicans left. Now if all the anti-trust republicans will walk out, there will be nothing left but Rockefeller, Steve Elkins and Mark Hanna.

Organize a Bryan club in your precinct right away. Any one, male or female, over fifteen years of age can become a member. With such a club in every town and precinct the management of the campaign will be a very easy affair.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean in commenting on Bryan's speech at Indianapolis says: "He is a voice and nothing more." John the Baptist was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," but that voice has been reverberating down the ages and is now heard in all the languages of the world.

For four years the g. o. p. papers declared every day, morning and night, that free silver was dead. Now they say that it is not only a live issue, but the paramount issue in this campaign. The question is: Did they lie then, do they lie now or do they lie all the time.

Every one is surprised at the apathy in the republican ranks. Mark Hanna does not seem to be doing anything except buying up newspapers. Let him buy them. He played that game on the people once and they understand it now. If he bought nine-tenths of all the papers, he could not carry this country for McKinley and imperialism.

The State Journal and the Omaha Bee suppressed most of the associated press report of the second day of the anti-imperialist convention at Indianapolis. The first day's report was such a damper on their feelings that they doubtless gave orders not to let any more of that stuff get in. The telegraph editors let a few paragraphs go and they will doubtless get the grand bounce on the first pay day. Great "news" papers are those concerns. If you want the news, read The Independent.

One would think to read the Monday Journal and the same date Omaha Bee that there was an avalanche of gold democrats to McKinley, but the five columns devoted to the matter only covers ten men, most of whom voted for McKinley in 1896. The Independent can furnish enough republicans who have changed to Bryan since 1896 to offset that record several times. The fact is nobody cares what George L. Miller, Billy Paxton and J. Sterling Morton are going to do this year—they have known for years.

The cablegrams announce that the German papers in the Fatherland are all up in arms. The cause of the uproar is that Emperor William is following too closely in the footsteps of Emperor McKinley and is making war without the consent of the German parliament. The kaiser evidently thought that if McKinley, a ruler of a so-called republic, could make war without the consent of congress, he, the said kaiser, and acknowledged emperor of the German empire, could do the same thing. But it seems that this was too much imperialism for subjects of an empire to endure and there is a general protest. There is no emperor like our emperor and there are no such long enduring, complaisant subjects in all the world as are the mullet heads.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS.

Until ten years ago the republican party ruled Nebraska to such an extent that a republican nomination was equal to an election. But its leaders in the meantime had become the obedient tools of the corporation interests and had committed such gross blunders that they drove thousands upon thousands over to the populists and alienated especially the German element. A decade ago they betrayed the true republican cause by putting an honest republican judge of the supreme court, when his term was out, on the shelf for ten long years because the corporations did not like his stubborn and incorruptible independence. And some years later they elected him a great flourish of trumpets one of the most obedient railroad tools to the United States senate. These were a few of their misdeeds and hundreds of similar vicious and stupid blunders had the natural result that every candidate was in bad repute when it was known that he was a favorite of the republican railroad attorneys and other corporation leaders who controlled nominations by packed caucuses and packed conventions.

The above is not a pop editorial, but an extract from an article in the Omaha Bee, signed by Fred Hedde of Grand Island. Ten years ago, when the populists proclaimed those facts, no one denounced the statements with more bitterness than did Mr. Hedde. It is only another demonstration of the fact that the old moss backs who run the republican party are always ten years behind the procession of intelligent and progressive reformers who have redeemed this state from the power of the corporations.

It would seem that one who could see the evil that the republicans of Nebraska have done and could state it so forcibly would rejoice over the triumph of reform. But Mr. Hedde takes his place in the front row of those who mourn over the defeat of the republicans and corporations and at considerable length explains how they can be put back in power. And he wants that done after the republican party has added the awful crime of imperialism to those which he enumerates. Mr. Hedde's logic is simply this: "The republican party in Nebraska has been the obedient tool of the corporations. Because of that, it has been hurled from power in this state. For all that I mourn but there is a way that this corrupt party can be put back into power. Let us go to work and put it back."

HONOR THE FLAG.

When the patriots with bleeding feet marched through the snow to Valley Forge following Washington and the flag, they honored it, for that flag represented freedom and independence. When the patriots charged the British lines at Yorktown, surrounded Lord Cornwallis and his force, forced him to haul down the British ensign and the stars and stripes were hoisted over a conquered foe, the flag was honored. When tens of thousands of sons of northern mothers fought and died at Gettysburg, in the wilderness at Petersburg and thousands more followed Grant and Sheridan on to Appomattox, always following the flag, then they honored it, for that flag represented liberty for all men everywhere and of every color and condition. As that flag floated above Lincoln when he delivered that immortal speech in which he declared that "a government of the people, for the people, by the people should not perish," the thousands assembled there and millions more in every land where a hope of liberty existed honored that flag.

When McKinley sent a general of the army to the sultan of the Sulis islands and that general, under orders from Washington, purchased the privilege of raising the flag over him, his wives and his islands, bribed him with a pension and agreed to protect slavery until the slaves were able to purchase their own freedom at the "market price," the flag was dishonored. When the half crazy partisans of imperialism stretched that flag across the main street of Lincoln, desecrated it with the portraits of two candidates for office, it was again dishonored.

That flag has been until now the property of all the people, of every political belief, every shade of religious opinion, of the rich and of the poor. These degenerates would make it a flag of a political party. When the rebels tore it down from the walls of Ft. Sumpter, they did not disgrace it more than these Lincoln-republican degenerates have, in tearing it down from the high position in which it has always floated as the emblem of all the people of the United States and of all the world who love liberty and degrading it to the position of a banner of a political party. As long as it floats there as a banner of a political party, the fusion forces of this state will see to it that O street is deserted by all those who honor the flag as the emblem of liberty for all the people. In some way they will endeavor to show that that flag shall not be taken from the position where the love and affection of the American people have always exalted it and degraded to the low position of the banner of a political party. It shall still remain the banner of the free and the emblem of hope of all men who love liberty the world over.

The Independent does not advise the committing of any unlawful act. It has always stood for law and order, and for obedience to the decisions of the courts—even to the infamous income tax decision. But there are ways in which men who love liberty and revere the flag can show their detestation of the degenerates who would desecrate it, that will be very effective.

BETTER WATCH OUT.

The news from China is to the effect that the American minister has been rescued with all his family and belongings. Now that our minister is safe, our missionaries safe, our merchants safe, it is time to get our military forces out of China and home again. We have no more business there and will have none until the long diplomatic negotiations are closed that will settle the amount of damages. We have no more business in China. Common sense, statesmanship, the true interests of the American people all demand that we get out. No true Christian will ask that we make a way for the propagation of our religion with Kraggs and cannon. We have no right to provide for profits of American exporters by sacrificing the lives of American soldiers to obtain them. No American will claim that we should sacrifice the lives of sons of American mothers to obtain profits for the millionaire merchants who reside in our sea coast cities. If they want trade, let them get it in open competition. The Chinese will continue to buy goods from them if our merchants will offer to them such goods as are saleable in China at the same or lower prices than merchants of other countries offer them.

But the Independent warns its readers that the McKinley administration has adopted the Talleyrand politics, who said that the use of language was to disguise human thought. If the republican party wants to accomplish anything, it starts out by denouncing it. We had therefore better watch these utterances from Washington. At present McKinley declares he has no intention of a permanent occupancy of any more Asiatic territory, but the flag has been raised in China and according to his former utterances it can never be hauled down. We had all "better watch out."

MOSEY WARNER FOR BRYAN.

Mr. Warner has published the Lyons Mirror for a long time. It is the oldest republican paper in Burt county. He has been struggling with his conscience in an endeavor to stay in the party to which he has belonged and to whose success he has devoted so many years of his life, but he gives it up at last. He writes to a friend in this city that he has published the last edition of a republican paper that he will ever publish. He says he can't stand trusts, imperialism, standing armies and turning the financial system over to the money power.

Mr. Warner is one of the best known citizens of northern Nebraska, where he has resided since the time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. He is a man of unimpeachable honesty, whose life has been an inspiration to all who have known him. For a long time he has been writing articles against the money power, the trusts and imperialism, although he has kept the republican ticket at the head of his columns. He has now done what a great many of the men who helped form the republican party have done in the last few weeks, left it, and, like Governor Boutwell, will do all in his power to destroy it. The populists of Burt, Cuming and Thurston counties should see to it that his subscription list is made double what it ever has been.

IRREDEEMABLE PAPER.

The republican party having spent years in denouncing irredeemable paper money has ended up in flooding the country with it, for national bank notes are practically irredeemable. They make a pretense of redemption, but it is only a pretense, for the only place where they can be redeemed is at Washington and there only in lots of \$1,000 and upwards. As far as the people generally are concerned, there might as well be no redemption at all. In this, as in everything else, when the plutocratic managers of the republican party start to accomplish a thing, they begin by denouncing it. That is the policy they pursued with silver and that is the way they managed to introduce an irredeemable paper currency. They are attempting the same thing with imperialism. They, with one voice, declare that they are all against it. But look out for them. That is the way they always do.

Republican primaries have been held in Pennsylvania and the result has been announced that in the next legislature there will be 52 Quay republicans, 62 anti-Quay republicans and 64 democrats. That settles the question of whether Quay will be finally retired. He has run his race of corruption and the end has come. Whether that legislature will be able to elect a senator remains to be seen. There are three parties and no one of them has a majority. If they fail to elect, it will only be another demonstration of the necessity of adopting the populist plan and elect senators by the vote of the people.

HAVE A HARD TIME.

The position of editor of a republican paper is a very hard place to occupy these times. To fill the place, a man must of necessity abandon all the attributes of honorable manhood. He must have no opinions of his own. If he writes before he gets orders from headquarters, he is very likely to say something that will displease the emperor and then he must take it all back, flop over to the other side and denounce his own writings in the most vigorous terms at his command. Here in Nebraska we have a conspicuous example in the editor of the Omaha Bee. He wrote against imperialism until McKinley changed his notion about "plain duty," and then he had to flop. The editor of the Des Moines Register is another example. He was red hot against imperialism and wrote as follows:

"We believe it to be safest to abandon our old-world possessions. But this will not interfere with our holding them until we shall have fully satisfied ourselves as to a war indemnity. We can hold the Philippines until we have effected an advantageous settlement of our difficulties with Spain. Nor will it interfere with us in our desire to retain a coaling station on the islands. We are entitled to that much. But as to holding the islands for ourselves permanently, that is out of the question. Unless we abandon our own policies and endanger our republic."

Shortly after he heard from Mark Hanna and he flopped. To do so he had to abdicate his position as a free and independent thinker and writer, but he did it. It was the demand of the emperor's favorite and it had to be done. It would not do to antagonize the favorite. That is the position of every republican editor in the land. It is a most shameful and wholly dishonorable position, but if one edits a republican paper that is what he must do.

"Ain't you glad" that you are a pop. You are no man's intellectual slave. You think what you please, write what you please and never have to wait to hear from a Mark Hanna before you publish what you have written. If anyone should come around this office dictating what policy the paper should pursue he would get kicked into the street. If he said that if you don't do so and so, you shall never have an office, he would be told to stick the office in his pocket and "git."

"MARGARITAS TOP-SIDE."

The two "margaritas topside" of journalism in the west seem to be the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Lincoln State Journal. The other day the Globe-Democrat had a leading editorial in which it declared that Bryan was an anarchist of the same kind as Bresci, the bloody-handed murderer who assassinated King Humbert. Of course that writer did not expect that sensible men would believe that Bryan was an anarchist—that he went around murdering people. It was simply an appeal to the mob, such as the republicans daily engage in. There does not seem to be any other course for them to pursue, if they are to defend McKinley and his policies.

How can they defend the government of Manila as it is administered under the imperial orders of McKinley. Manila has simply been turned over to the rich Chinese to establish their "margaritas topside," their opium dens, their whisky shops and to rake in their boodle from every side. McKinley is the emperor in the Philippines. Everything is done by his orders. There is no lawmaking body anywhere to make laws for Manila. The orders of McKinley are the only laws that are in force there. To defend such a thing as that, of course it requires "margaritas topside" journalism. The Globe-Democrat and State Journal come up to the scratch and furnish it.

The cost of the war in the Philippines so far in men and money is reported from Washington to be as follows:
Soldiers killed in action..... 533
Deaths from wounds..... 193
Deaths from diseases and other causes..... 1,668
Total number of deaths..... 2,394
Total number wounded..... 2,073
Cost of war in cash..... \$186,678,000

There is no meaner, contemptible, dirty trust in the United States than the English thread trust. When the McKinley tariff on thread was proclaimed, the Great English manufacturers just packed up and brought their machinery and workmen over to this side and raised the price of sewing thread up to the rates imposed by the McKinley tariff. Not satisfied with that, behind that tariff they proceeded to organize a thread trust and raised the price again. They have finally got prices so high that there is a falling off in the consumption of thread. Every house-wife is very careful with her thread now. The other day the thread trust posted notices in all their factories that the time of workmen would be cut down to four days in a week, which decreases their earning power just one-third. While workmen suffer and economize, the trust hopes to so curtail the supply that women will be forced to pay their prices. While the mills were in the hands of

the Conants, Americans, who were in keen competition with other thread plants, they were kept running on full time, and their operatives received full pay. Now the English trust, which has absorbed them, curtails production for an indefinite time.

This trust lives and has its being solely by virtue of the tariff. Repeal the tariff and it would die. The old state of affairs, when the wage workers had work all the time at good wages would be restored. There are a great many other trusts that exist solely by virtue of the tariff. They sell their goods at just double the price to Americans that they charge foreigners. They have done it for the last fifteen years. They will continue to make a double charge to American consumers as long as the outrageous tariff is on the statute books.

The prominent republicans in Indiana who have renounced McKinley and all his ways are exceedingly numerous. Prominent among them are General Lew Wallace, ex-President Harrison and ex-Congressman Henry U. Johnson. Mr. Johnson will take the stump for Bryan. However, these desertions are no more numerous in Indiana than in several other states. The old time republicans don't like imperialism and a great many have the courage to say so, while others will vote against it and say nothing.

All the republican magnates declare that labor unions are trusts. They also believe that there are good trusts and bad trusts. As they never have anything to say against the Standard Oil trust, the sugar trust, the steel trust or any of those sort of combinations, the labor unions must, in their minds, be the only bad trusts that exist. They introduced a constitutional amendment into congress last winter, if it had been adopted, would have enabled them to suppress the labor unions as trusts. When an amendment was offered to exempt the labor unions, the amendment went over the transom.

McKinley has driven out, shot or imprisoned the Christian leaders of the Philippines in Manila and turned the town over to the heathen Chinese, who has established his opium joints on every street and opened up a market for slave girls. American courts give certificates of concubinage, which is a worse form of polygamy than ever existed in the Sulis islands. He made a treaty with Mohammedan, protected him in his property in slaves and gave him a pension. The Christian men of Manila he would not treat with, but drove them into the wilderness, slaughtered them by the thousands, imprisoned them by the hundreds, taxed them beyond endurance and calls all that spreading the gospel of Christ!

Bryan dominated the national democratic convention, not because he was the head of a machine, but because the members of that convention feared that he would not accept a nomination at their hands unless they promulgated a platform in accordance with his wishes. Such a thing never occurred in this country before and probably never will again. Think of it! A private citizen, without an office, without a machine, his party out of power, all the powers of wealth actively opposing him and yet directing the policies, and leading more than 6,000,000 of free and independent men in paths they have not before trodden without a dissenting voice to be heard among them! It will never occur again.

Poor old Ignatius Donnelly. We knew that if he undertook to associate with the fuzzie wuzgies and republican assistants, that degeneracy would soon mark him for her own. In writing of Towne's declination he says of Stevenson, "He is the pure, unadulterated quintessence of Cleveland democracy." Now Donnelly knows that Stevenson never had any sympathy with Cleveland democracy. That he stood as firm as the rock of ages against Cleveland during all that long fight. Donnelly knows that, and yet he makes the above assertion without a blush. That shows the effect upon a man's character of constantly associating with bad company.

THE PEOPLE SHOUTED.

Guy S. Mitchell says that when the British government in India reopened the Delhi canal, great concourses of people accompanied the waters as they passed slowly along through the new canal—flowers were thrown into the stream, and the multitudes loudly expressed joy, and welcomed with glad cheers the sight of the long desired waters. Similarly the inhabitants of Milan collected in vast numbers along the banks of the Canal Martesana upon its reopening and cheer after cheer arose as the waters poured past.

Such would be the case in this country if the government would store up the waters that now go to waste and then pour them out on the rich soil of the arid west, but Mark Hanna and McKinley prefer to spend millions that would bring gladness, plenty of peace to millions in our own country, fighting Filipinos under the tropics. What is left after that, Mark wants congress to give him in the shape of a ship subsidy. The mullet heads think that is all right.

A FOREIGN COMMANDER.

If American troops are to serve under any foreign commander in China they would perhaps prefer a German to any other, and the appointment of Count Waldersee as commander in chief of the allied forces will cause no remonstrance in the United States. The question is: What will our troops be expected to do when the great grab game in China begins?

Complimentary telegrams have been exchanged between the German emperor and Emperor McKinley over the appointment of a German commander. They were of the most flattering kind. Of course it was necessary to choose a commander in chief for the allied forces at the time that choice was made, but McKinley seems to have made no reservations at all in making the arrangement, except that our troops shall camp together, march together and fight together.

Will the American troops be used to slice up China for the benefit of the European monarchies? At present England's eye is on Shanghai. Germany will compete for the Yangtze valley. Russia is fighting for New Chwang. France is lined up with Russia and the United States is mixed up in the whole business with no stipulated right to withdraw.

What are Chaffee and the American soldiers to do over there? Since Pekin has been relieved and all Americans are in safe places, why should Chaffee in obedience to the orders of any commander in chief go on killing Chinese? That is what the pops would like to know.

BRAVE WORDS

"I helped to create the republican party, a party at that time of justice and principle and honesty. I believe now it is a party of injustice and despotism and I will help to destroy it."—George S. Boutwell.

These are the words of a man eighty-two years of age who was the friend and companion of Lincoln, Seward, Chase, Sumner and the galaxy of statesmen, patriots and warriors who saved the union and abolished human slavery. They embody the sentiment of nearly every one of the early fighters for freedom who are now living.

Before Boutwell helped to organize the republican party he was a democrat. He left the democratic party when it deserted the principles of Jefferson, just as he has now left the republican party when it deserted the principles of Lincoln. It is certain that Governor Boutwell is not afflicted with the disease known as partisan insanity, and which has taken such a firm footing in the system of Senator Hoar. That poor old man says that the continuance in office of President McKinley and the carrying out of his policies means the overthrow of this republic, but nevertheless, he is going to vote for McKinley. No pop was ever troubled with that disease and never will be. If he gets it, he is no longer a pop, but becomes a fuzzie wuzzie.

MUST SUPPRESS IT.

When Senator Wolcott made his speech before the republican national convention it was announced in all the republican papers that it would be the principal campaign document of the party and that millions of copies of it would be printed and circulated. It seems now that it will have to be greatly revised or suppressed altogether. William the Wobbler wobbles so much that it is impossible to make a campaign document that will last six months and represent him. Wolcott said in that speech:

"Through the policy of the republican party and the wisdom of a republican administration we have not only made stable and permanent our financial credit at home and abroad, are utilizing more silver as money than ever before in our history, but we have left the populist democracy a dead issue, they can never again galvanize into life, and compelled them to seek to create new issues growing out of a war which they were most eager to precipitate."

The republicans have suddenly found out that silver is not "a dead issue," but in fact that it is the paramount issue of this campaign. That is what they are all saying and it will hardly do to circulate this Wolcott speech by millions, side by side with present declarations.

The press has continued to attack the illogical position of Senator Hoar with such vigor that he has deemed it necessary to defend himself. He now says that one reason that makes it impossible for him to support Bryan, although the McKinley policy is sure to end in the overthrow of the republic, is that several judges of the supreme court are very old, and if Bryan is elected president he may have the opportunity of appointing a majority of the judges of that court, "for the overthrowing of the banking system and the establishment of the income tax."

The logic of the senator is peculiar. It is this: "It is better that the republic should be destroyed than that an income tax be imposed on the rich or the bankers should not have the sovereign prerogative of issuing money." Reformers sometimes say very hard things against the republicans because they will not meet their opponents in debate and seldom if ever undertake to make an argument. If they would only take into consideration how impossible it is for a republican to make a logical argument to sustain the policies of the republican party, they would show pity, rather than indulge in anger. Senator Hoar is one of the ablest and most scholarly men in their ranks, and the above is the very best that he can do. What kind of a muss would a degenerate like the one who writes most of the editorial matter for the State Journal get into if he should undertake to make an argument in favor of republicanism when the brilliant and scholarly Hoar makes such a complete failure? The only wisdom that the Journal editor has ever shown is in never trying to make an argument. He knows that it is impossible, so he fills up his columns with appeals to the rabble. That is a kind of work in which he feels perfectly at home.

A large number of newspapers are greatly interested in the amount of taxes that Bryan pays. They seem to have a great antipathy to a man who will pay taxes of his own free will. That is against all their principles. They point out how the amount of Bryan's taxes increase year by year. That disgusts them beyond measure, as his real estate has not increased. They are all very sure that a man who will pay taxes on invisible property is not fit to be president. McKinley doesn't do it, Rockefeller doesn't do it, none of the great millionaires do it, and when they see Bryan pay taxes on all his property, visible and invisible, they gnash their teeth in rage. Why do not some of these republican editors publish something about McKinley's taxes? He was a bankrupt a little while ago. How much property has he now? How much taxes does he pay?

Information has reached The Independent from the most reliable and trustworthy sources in New York that Mark Hanna proposes only to put out enough speakers to make a show of campaigning. He expects to buy this election with cold cash. Curtis reports in the Chicago Record that fifty-four papers in Minnesota have transferred their allegiance from Bryan to McKinley. The same sort of thing is going on in every doubtful state. Besides the purchase of papers, Hanna expects to invest millions in the purchase, outright, of individual voters. Men are to be sent into every township and every precinct to buy voters. In fact, Hanna has adopted the old "blocks of five" plan with unlimited supplies of money to back it up. Many men have been wondering why the republicans did not start their campaign. This information from New York explains things.

Roosevelt has reiterated his insult to all men who do not agree with him concerning the policies of this government in such offensive terms that it puts him outside of the pale of gentlemen. No man is longer under any obligations to treat him as such, and if anyone of the loyal men in this country whom he denounces as "cowards" and declares that "they stand for lawlessness and disorder" should walk up to him and slap his face, he would be administering the only rebuke that such braggadocio is capable of understanding. If imperialism is to become the policy of this government, every citizen will be liable to be abused in this manner by any one who wears shoulder straps or has ever worn them. Roosevelt is giving an exhibition of what imperialism is. To such insults all men will have to submit when a large standing army is once installed. If any man who has an opinion that does not coincide with the views of Roosevelt is to be denounced as a coward and a sneak and the insult meekly accepted in silence by the seven million men at whom it is hurled, then we had better emigrate to Russia where there is some liberty of opinion allowed to subjects.

In commenting upon the queen's speech to the British parliament, an eastern republican daily says: "The war in South Africa, the Ashantee uprising and the Chinese difficulty make up the topics which extended attention is given. Home legislation has played a comparatively small part in the work of the session that has closed. Numerous bills upon minor matters have been passed, but no great principle of domestic reform has occupied the time of the commons and the lords and nation they represent. This is a direct and natural consequence of the entanglements in which Great Britain has become involved through the acquirement of vast territorial possessions in all quarters of the globe."

That is just the condition in which the congress of the United States will find itself if imperialism is made the policy of this government. Much of the time of the last congress was spent in consideration of matters in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. In the future much more will have to be given to them if they are maintained as subject colonies. The result of that will be, that legislation for the benefit of the people of the United States will find no time for consideration. It is hard to get any reform through congress now. It will be a hundred times harder then. Imperialism means the stopping of all advancement in these states.