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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.

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.

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.

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.

One would think to read the Monday Journal and the same day 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 McKinley sent a general of the army to the sultan of the Sulu 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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HAVE A HARD TIME.

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"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.

"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.

"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.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Includes: Deaths from wounds, Deaths from diseases, Total number of deaths, Total number wounded, Cost of war in cash.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

McKinley has driven out, shot or imprisoned the Christian leaders of the Filipinos 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 Sulu islands.

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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."

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 channel—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.

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 remorse in the United States.

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."

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.

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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.

"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 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.

cause 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.