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The Washington Blade, in speaking of the treatment of Bryan by the citizens of his own city, says: "Let Lincoln rot—she defiles a hallowed name."

The capitalistic element in the democratic party united with the capitalistic republican party to defeat Bryan. That is the whole story and if one should write ten columns it could not be told better.

A couple of Chicago evangelists went down to Tarkio, Mo., converted the whole town and got $1,800 for their two weeks' work. It is said that they gathered in both the lawyers and the gamblers.

The government has coined since the mint was first established in gold, silver, copper, nickel and bronze the sum total of $2,996,763,218.27. Of this amount $20,716,277.58 was nickel. Over $12,000,000 more of it was in copper and bronze.

The Southern Mercury has all of a sudden, at it were, come to the conclusion that such men as Cyclone Davis, Harry Tracy, Stump Ashby, Barney Gibbs and J. H. Bradley after all were honest men. It pours its sweet words all over them in the hope to get them to join the Wharton Barker party. It won't work.

It seems that the whole reform press, democratic, silver republican and populist, follow the lead of The Independent. The next issue after the election, The Independent said let there be no factious opposition to the measures proposed by the republican party. That has been repeated in thousands of papers since that time. Perhaps it was telepathy. It may be only coincidence.

The Philippines cost not only in men, but in ships. We have already lost two big battle ships and came very near losing another. The Charleston and the Yosemite, costing over $5,000,000 each are total losses and the Oregon came very near being a wreck. The damage she sustained is not yet known, but the diver who went down and plugged up the big hole stove in her hull got $15,000 for his work.

A recent interview with Count Tolstoi has been published in which he makes some very pugnent remarks. They were after the following sort: "Socialism is organized selfishness." "You help your government to kill Filipinos. If you do that you are not a Christian." "You Americans are worse than the Mohammedans. They preach war and fight. You preach liberty and peace and go out to conquer through war."

According to the dispatches sent from Manila the Filipinos have been taking the oath of allegiance to the United States in bunches of a thousand at a time and there are only about seventy-three Aguinaldoites left in the islands. Secretary Robt also insists that he must have an army of 100,000 because it will take 70,000 soldiers to whip those terrible seventy-three fighting Filipinos.

"When the only industries were soup houses" was the time that the republican spell-binders were cock sure that our troubles all came from over-production. In those days they also said if the coinage of silver was not stopped, repudiation, anarchy and universal ruin was sure to follow. Now they brag about our exports and increased production and have coined more silver than was ever coined before in the same length of time since the government was founded.

Meserve has taken such precaution with the funds of the state that the republicans will not have a chance to play Bartley for some months to come. Following out the populist principles to the fullest extent and paying the debts of the state as fast as money came into the treasury, instead of hoarding it in the banks after the republican fashion, there will be but about $150,000 in the treasury to turn over. That is less than some of the republican city treasurers keep in the banks, while the people pay interest and the rake-off from the banks is unknown.

NONE TO MAKE REPLY.

It is exasperating almost beyond endurance to have to suffer the constant reproach of the plutocratic journals when we have so complete and overwhelming a reply and no way to make reply, so as to reach the mass of the people. The Independent can speak to not more than 30,000 or 40,000 people out of the 76,000,000 that constitutes our population. If we only had some man in congress whose words would be read in every state or some great daily that went everywhere, to make plain to the people the simple facts of the economic situation these arrogant writers of the republican party could be silenced.

What are the facts? In 1896 the republicans went before the people to praise low prices and glorify cheapness. One United States senator travelled all over the west and whenever he appeared before an audience he bragged to them that the suit of clothes he wore only cost $9. They declared that the coinage of silver must be stopped, or universal bankruptcy would ensue. They declared that the future coinage of silver was equivalent to repudiation.

The opposition took issue with them and said that prosperity would never return until more silver was coined and more money was put in circulation. They said that prices rose and fell in the ratio of increase or decrease of money in circulation. That, the republicans and sound money league, flatly denied. Those were the issues.

For a year after McKinley was elected times continued as hard as they ever had been. What did the republicans do? They began to coin silver in large quantities. In 1897 they coined $18,478,297. In 1898 they coined $23,034,083. In 1899 they coined $26,061,519. During the first six months of 1900 they coined $17,890,754 of silver. The gradual increase in the coinage of silver for the three years and a half may be represented as follows: 18-23-26-35. Times grew better just in the ratio of the increase of the coinage of silver. In 1893 and 1895, the days of the soup house industry, about which the republicans have so much to say, the coinage of silver was as follows: 1893, $848,760; in 1895, $5,698,010.

These figures are taken from circular No. 113, issued July 2, 1900, by the treasury department, page 21.

The coinage of silver since the close of the fiscal year, that is, during the months of August, September, October and November, has been more than double that of any three months of the first half of the year, and if maintained until January 1, the coinage of silver for the year 1900 will be greater than for any year since the government was founded. The largest coinage of silver in any one year was in 1890, when $39,202,908 were coined.

The increase in the volume of money by the coinage of gold which must be added to the immense coinage of silver since 1893 has been $534,709,867. The total increase of both gold and silver since 1893 is $659,020,492.

The result has been just what every populist, democrat and free silver republican said it would be. There has been a rise in the level of prices.

In less than three and a half years of McKinley's administration he has coined $85,473,635 of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one. From that coinage together with the unprecedented coinage of gold, relief from the pressure of the hard times caused by the repeal of the Sherman act and the almost entire stoppage of the coinage of silver, has been secured. The republican party having coined nearly $100,000,000 of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, adopted the policy of their opponents and given relief to the country thereby, now go around with a sneer on their faces and talk about 16 to 1.

That is not half as exasperating however, as to think that we have no leader in congress nor any great paper with general circulation endowed with courage enough to drive these sneering, arrogant plutocrats into silence. Having enthroned themselves in power and the seriorage from which this coinage of silver has been made being nearly exhausted, it remains for them to stop coining silver for a while and we shall have '93 over again. McKinley has coined $85,000,000 of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 in three years and a half and the republicans go around with a sneer on their faces thinking that 16 to 1 has been abolished. But then these insane partisans don't know any better.

There are, however, parties who do know better. When they went about the country in 1896 denying the quantity theory of money, they were consciously and purposely propagating falsehood. So far did they push their contention, General Walker, America's great economist, felt compelled to force an article into the Harvard Journal of economics, confuting them. These gentlemen knew what they were doing when they began coining silver by the ton at the ratio of 16 to 1. They argued that it would be of interest to themselves and plutocracy to ease up on the pressure that was bearing down on the people for just a little, lest their whole scheme should be overthrown. If they could produce just a little prosperity by an increase in the volume of money in circulation, that would be sufficient to keep them in power. If kept in power for another four years, they could establish a great standing army, secure the passage of a ship subsidy bill appropriating millions and other things of like nature, which would not only increase their wealth, but tend to make them secure when the coinage of silver would stop from exhausting the seniorage. They well knew that a very little prosperity would satisfy the hungry and suffering people. They counted on the fact that not one voter in ten thousand had a knowledge of political economy. They could coin silver by the ton, produce better times and say it was the result of the benign influence of McKinley, while they denounced the very thing that they themselves were doing from every stump and in every publication in the land. And there was no one to make reply.

GRIND EXCEEDING FINE.

The Independent warned the little bankers two years ago, when they were giving their aid and influence to the financial manipulators of New York. But most of them never having read a work on banking in their lives, much less one on political economy, they rushed madly forward to help to ruin their own business. Dr. Hall of the state banking board did what he could to restrain their onward rush to ruin. They would listen to nothing. They were told that the system they were helping to establish would finally end in one big bank and they, instead of being independent bankers and business men, would degenerate into clerks, executing the orders of the big mogul located in Wall street. But they had lived on Wall street inspiration so long that they had come to believe that a man who did not do business there of course knew nothing of banking or business. Now some of them are biting their finger nails and really making, perhaps for the first time in their lives, an effort to think. The next thing that they know, they will be sucking their thumbs and patiently waiting for something to turn up. Some of them have been looking over the list of Standard Oil banks and trying to figure out how long it will be before Rockefeller will run the whole thing.

Here are some of the Standard Oil banks, and there soon will be others, all under the control of one man.

New York National City bank, $10,000,000.

Hanover National, $3,000,000.

Second National, $300,000.

Bank of the Metropolis, $300,000.

Lincoln National of New York, $300,000.

National Park, $2,000,000.

First National of Chicago, $3,000,000.

United States Trust Co., $2,000,000

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., $1,000,000.

Central Trust Co., $1,000,000.

Total capital, $22,900,000.

This grand banking organization of Rockefeller also has a surplus of $44,023,274 and carries deposits to the amount of $432,029,200, besides having deposits to the amount of $21,640,000 from the United States treasury, through the good graces of Secretary Gage, without having to pay any interest.

Rather frequently of late some of these bankers swho have been biting their nails all to no purpose, wend their way to the office of Nebraska's fusion bank commissioner or modestly ask for an audienze somewhere else. They don't get much comfort.

Slowly and surely the banking business is going into the hands of a trust, or rather into the control of one man. When these little bankers had a chance to save their business they would not listen to words of wisdom. Now it is too late. Nothing short of a cateclysism will save them. Within a few years they will all be in the maw of the great octopus, which they brought up and developed by their votes. What will the little bankers do then? Part of them will be clerks and cashiers and the remainder will be counting ties. They do not know how to work and they will make very picturesque Wandering Willies. They need not go to Rockefeller's back door for a cold hand-out. He will tell them that he does not believe in that form of charity. He makes his donations only for the founding of great plutocratic universities. The mills of the gods grind slow. That is the way with economic laws. But they grind exceeding fine.

The federation of labor has a committee to look after legislation. President Gompers in speaking of that work in his annual report says: "Although it is true we cannot claim to have been very successful in the passage of laws favorable to the interest of labor during the second session of the present congress, yet we have secured the abolition of slavery, or involuntary servitude, in the Hawaiian islands. If this one feature would be but the only record which we could show, it would still be an achievement worthy of our cause and worthy of our efforts."

Stool pigeon parties had their full swing in the last election and Hanna worked them for all that was in them. Political stool pigeons will probable exist to the end of time. Some of them are stool pigeons for money and some for want of sense.

The "move on" orders of charity boards and police authorities should be stopped. There is nothing more vicious. It has been a practice of both of these powers for some years. Whenever a pauper has appeared and it was possible for the authorities to do so, they took measures to pass him on to some other community to support. Every day in the police courts cases are dismissed against petty criminals if they agree "to leave town immediately." The practice is to be condemned from every consideration that enters into the suppression of crime or the support of the helpless. There is nothing to be gained by it for all the towns are engaged in the same sort of business. As soon as one lot has been gotten rid of another lot is shipped from some other town. The right treatment to be given cannot be learned until new arrests have been made and long and patient investigations have been made. The result is that the same parties are arrested and investigated time and time again when one arrest and investigation would be sufficient if these "move on" orders were abolished. Just at present, Omaha and Lincoln are overrun with this kind of people on account of the "move on" orders recently issued in Chicago.

Joe Chamberlain may find out before he is through with the matter that marshalling the London rabble to back his schemes of conquest and the destruction of two Christian republics has a double back action attachment. When he encouraged the slums of London to engage in a saturnalia of drunkenness lasting for twenty-four hours to celebrate his victory over the Boer farmers, he thought he was at the height of glory. But now there are omnious rumblings to be heard in the East End. On account of the Boer war the cost of living has very greatly increased. Lipton's charity restaurants have been forced to raise the price of meals from nine to eleven cents and the price of coal has doubled. To the hundreds of thousands who were always on the verge of starvation, this sudden rise in prices means starvation itself. Even this sodden mass of humanity can see that the doubling of the price of coal is the direct result of the war, hundreds of thousands of tons of it being consumed in the ships that carry supplies and soldiers to and from Africa. There are omnious mutterings in the east end of London, and it would be but repeating history if their idol of yesterday became the one upon whom they would pour out their wrath. It is a dangerous thing to rely upon the rabble.

The Denver News takes the commissioner of Indian affairs to task in a very savage way for declaring that there are as many Indians as there were in the days of Captain John Smith. The News does not state the source of its authority when it rattles off its sarcastic comments. The writer of the News' editorial probably never gave an hour's time to the investigation of the facts. The editor of The Independent was the first man in the United States to make the public statement, some twenty years ago, that the Indian population was not decreasing and had not materially decreased since the first settlements on this continent. Since that time thousands of dollars and years of time have been spent by the scientists of the Smithsonian institute investigating the subject and they all agree to the statement of Commissioner Jones. The proof is incontestible and of such a nature as to convince any man who will investigate the subject. The Indian is here to stay. As he becomes educated and adopts the white man's way, it may be "seem" that he is disappearing "before the onward march of civilization." But he is not.

A story comes from missionaries in China to the effect that the foreign troops loot and outrage the Chinese Christian converts the same as they do the native heathen. The fact seems to be that the boasted discipline of the long trained regular armies of Europe is no discipline at all. The barrack life of these armies has destroyed all moral sense in both officers and men and they are worse than savages. Demoralization and degeneracy is the tendency in all standing armies, the small army of the United States being an exception to the rule in consequence of their almost continual service in preserving law and order on the frontier. If they had been shut up in barracks year after year, surrounded by a suppliant population, the result would have been different in their case. The old army of the United States, with its high sense of honor, its devotion to duty, its hard and constant service has passed away and we shall know it no more. In its place there will appear one modeled after the European fashion, and scandal, plots and military arrogance will be its distinguishing features.

The Nonconformist, bearing an Omaha date line, edited in the clouds, and published no one knows where, for the paper bears no announcement of a place of business, places The Independent in the category of papers that dare not say anything about Bartley's pardon. If the man who prepares the matter for that institution will reprint what The Independent has said on the subject of Bartley's pardon, its readers will get more interesting reading matter than they have seen in a long time. A paper that dare not announce its place of business, has no editorial room, does not own a single "m"-quad, that has meandered all over the western states, proved a hoodoo to the inhabitants wherever it has been, that is edited by a democrat whom everybody respects, and is owned by a socialist, who pretends to support another political party, will not create any great destruction when it assaults The Independent. It would better work along its own lines and stick to its hog cholera business.

The quality and texture of the hypocrisy of republican editors is something different from what mankind has been acquainted with. It is so childlike and bland, so full of tricks that are vain, so utterly brazen, so inherently devilish, so completely degenerate, that it is not only indescribable, but wholly incomprehensible. Listen to the editor of Kearney county Wilcox Blade. "He (Mr. Mahn) shows about $6,000 paid out, with over $1,800 of unpaid bills. Wonder what all that money went for? If you will only stop to think that that is more in proportion for state officers than what Mr. Dietrich's statement shows of his account."

Now isn't that decidedly rich? Mr. Mahn's statement is an honest account of the whole expenses of the populist national and state campaign in this state. What does any honest man think of that expenditure in comparison with the hundreds of thousands of dollars put into Nebraska by the republican national and state committee? Who paid for Dietrich's buttons that were distributed by the thousand? Their cost has never turned up in any account filed under the law. Who paid the wages of all the men that were brought into this state to vote? No bill for that has ever been filed.

The president enacts laws for the whole Philippine nation consisting of 10,000,000 people, the enacting clause reading: "By the authority of the president of the United States be it enacted." Millions of dollars that are taxed out of those people without representation are thus appropriated at the will of the president acting through a commission of his own appointees. Now congress proposes to give him the authority to double the army of the United States whenever he sees fit. These encroachments upon constitutional government and acts of extreme imperial authority excite but little comment. It begins to look as if when Senator Hoar said that the inauguration of McKinley marked the downfall of the American republic, he was simply telling the truth. But Senator Hoar would not do as much as to raise his little finger to preserve that republic.

That there has been a moral degeneracy during the past fifty years no one can doubt. Fifty years ago there were but two papers in the world vile enough to report prize fights and the students of all the respectable schools in England were forbidden to read them under pain of expulsion. Now the great dailies give columns to the reports of the most disgusting details and those papers go to all the families of the United States. Even my lady takes them into her boudoir to feast her dainty soul upon the blood and bruises. The conflicts of gladiators to which the Roman maidens flocked in thousands were not more brutal. The American girls of fifty years ago thought those Roman maidens were "horrid." Now they imitate them. A football game has no charms for them if there is no contestant killed or wounded.

The Philadelphia Record after calling the corporations "only agencies for taxation," says, "the farmers can compel the corporations and combinations to fair dealing whenever they shall choose to do so." But they don't want to. Hundreds of thousands of them would rather have the glory of saying that they voted the Mark Hanna ticket than to have low freight rates or the benefits arising from purchasing wire, nails, sugar and salt at a reasonable price. All the ambition of their lives consists in the privilege of going to the polls once a year and casting a republican ballot. To even insinuate in the most polite way that it is not to their interest to vote for trusts, great standing armies and national banks, throws them into an insane fury and sometimes they become really dangerous.

The disbursements of dividends and interest in New York on the first of January will be, including interest on government and city bonds, the enormous sum of $695,463,800. Not a cent of tax is levied upon these millions. The men who receive it contribute nothing to the support of armies, navies, courts, police or the common schools. Is it any wonder that wealth continues to concentrate with accelerated velocity in the hands of the few? There is no tax on incomes.

The annual salary of a retired major-general is $5,625 and of a brigadier-general $4,125. They retire under the law at the age of sixty-four years. If the program laid down in the military bill submitted to congress is carried out there will soon be forty or fifty of these gentlemen on the retired list. Militarism and imperialism come high. Call on your republican neighbor and tell him to plant more corn and sow more wheat. The privileged classes grow larger and their salaries constantly increase.

If the Nonconformist objects to being called a hoodoo, The Independent is prepared to defend the use of the term. A "hoodoo" is defined by the lexicographers as one who causes bad luck. The Nonconformist was down in Kansas until it hoodooed the party there. Then it went to Indiana and proved to be the worst hoodoo that ever struck the state. In Nebraska, the populists withstood all kinds of assaults and were ever victorious until this hoodoo landed in Omaha and then we were knocked "galley west." If Mark Hanna wants to carry Texas, let him persuade the Nonconformist to go down there and Joe Bailey and Hogg won't be in it after that.

The glory of the old army has passed away forever. Its officers were men almost without exception of unblemished honor But this new army will be a different affair. When Mark Hanna gets through with the appointment of six major-generals, fourteen brigadier-generals, and colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants without number from the ranks of plutocracy, we will have such an army as the world never saw before. It will be about as much protection to this country as an embankment of paper boxes. But then they will all draw their salaries and there will be plenty of army scandals to interest the people. Long live the Army! If any man says a word against it, let him be sent to Devil's Island for life.

One of the greatest perversions of morals and logic imaginable cropped out in the discussion of the army bill on the floor of the house the other day. Replying to Mr. McCall, Mr. Hull declared that until congress acted to the contrary we must assert and enforce our sovereignty over the Philippines or disgrace ourselves before the world. To declare that we would disgrace ourselves by doing right, by upholding the principles upon which this republic was founded, by reaffirming the Declaration of Independence and standing by the constitution which we have all taken an oath to maintain, is certainly the greatest perversion of the moral nature and the intellectual powers ever recorded.

HARDY'S COLUMN

Equal Taxation—Stand up for America—Republicans Can—Our Courts—Our Schools—Commission Knocked Out—Oil Inspection Can Go—Labor Office, Too—Board of Control—Equal Taxation.

Michigan has just adopted a constitutional amendment requiring railroad companies to pay taxes according to the value of their property the same as farmers. Heretofore railroad property went scott free.

Why should England have anything to say about our isthmus canal? We said nothing about the Suez canal. The time may come when we do not want England to change her navy from one ocean to the other so readily. Stand up for America if you are an American and let England stand up on her continent.

The republicans have it in their hands to bring about reforms in this state that will give them much credit. They can do away with many foolish things, that they themselves adopted and started a few years ago. In the first place the legislature can be run for much less money than it has been. Fifty clerks and waiters in each house are a plenty. The senate, thirty-three members, had at one time one hundred and twenty-two.

Our courts are too expensive. We do not believe that assistant supreme judges are really necessary. The three are working out nearly as many discussions as the six did. The last decisions rendered were on cases tried in district court less than three years ago. Then many of the cases coming up now are almost duplicates of some of those already decided and all that is necessary is to rewrite an old decision. There are five or six more district judges than are necessary. Some of them do not spend to exceed fifteen or twenty weeks in a whole year holding court. They all draw the same salary. The three judges of Lancaster could do the work of Seward and Saline without sweating under the collar.

We believe that the regents should have the same control and management of our university and normal schools that the school boards have of the public schools in our cities. They know better what should be done and what needs doing. Any other public interest should be allowed to suffer for want of care and support rather than our schools. It is now or never with the education of our boys and girls, but not so with any other interest. The different legislatures so far have been quite liberal toward our university.

The railroad commission has already been knocked out by the courts. It has always been an expensive luxury; three men drew large salaries and one of them did most of the work. Then there was a lady secretary who has done the most of the writing for the three secretaries at a good salary. The republicans made the office and run it the same way and at the same excuse, and the fusionist seemed to think it would be a crime to lessen the number of appointments. One commissioner could have done all the work just as well as the three and a clerk, for they could do nothing only look