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The senate ought to get back to first principles long enough to hold one Towne meeting before that Minnesota legislature gets in its deadly work.

Now Morton wants the state judges appointed instead of elected. Suppose that we quit having elections at all. That would probably accord with Morton's mental reservations more accurately than anything that he will say in his paper.

The State Journal remarks that "The foreign manufacturers of machinery are unable to explain why it is that the Americans are taking business away from them." Yet that paper always insists that we must have a high protective tariff to protect our manufacturers from the pauper-made goods of these same foreign manufacturers! It is very evident that the writers of the Journal have not yet arrived at the age of reason.

When Meserve wanted a bond he got a guarantee company to furnish it and it was expected that the incoming treasurer would do likewise. The Bee announces that the companies want a premium that is greater than Steuffer's whole salary before they will take the risk of guaranteeing that the republican treasurer will not play Bartley on them. They seem to have a sort of a pop idea that republican treasurers are very shaky risks, and they have put the premium to a point where they will not be likely to be asked to assume any responsibilities.

The other day Senator Allen introduced a bill in the senate providing for subsidies upon farm products. Of course it was done as a set-off to Hanna's ship subsidies. Already the bill is being quoted by the republicans as a populist measure. Senator Allen should have taken that probability into consideration before he ventured upon such a proceeding. A little thought would have convinced him that it was very bad policy. We will never hear an end to that business. Every campaign it will be bobbing up to torment the men who never believed in any sort of subsidies and who have fought them in state and nation ever since the populist party was first organized. The Bee jumped onto it the next day after it was announced and made the most of Allen's ill-advised action. The Independent desires to say for itself, and every populist in the land, that it and they are now, ever have been and always will be opposed to bounties on anything. The game of bounties is only a plutocratic plan of stealing, and the men who engage in it are thieves.

HARDY'S COLUMN

Previous Condition—Bryan's Paper—Prosperity—State Factions—Cause of Crime—No Reason for Subsidy—Crime is Crime Every Time—Marriage and Divorce.

Is it not depriving a man of his right to vote on account of previous condition when the law says you can't vote unless your father, grandfather or great grandfather voted. The vote hinges upon the previous condition of the parents.

The best news of the week was the announcement that W. J. Bryan is preparing to start a weekly paper in which to defend Bryan democracy. Hundreds will be able to read his writing where one may be able to hear him talk. No man ever had half the influence for good in this country that Horace Greeley had through the columns of the New York Tribune. The field is as wide for the harvest of truth and justice now as it was then and harvesters are in the minority. The "Commoner" is an expressive name.

One of the best proofs of McKinley prosperity can be found in the annual report of R. G. Dun & Co. The total number of failures in this country during the year ending the 30th of last November was 10,520, sixty of these being bank failures. The total number in 1899 was 9,752, fifty-two of these being bank failures. The increase was 768. The liabilities this year were $994,066,199; last year the liabilities were $101,048,466. Another evidence of prosperity is the number of factories of all kinds now closed. Nearly one-half are standing idle from various causes.

We believe it would be a good plan for the state to start a beet sugar factory on the state farm and also a starch factory. They would go well with the butter and cheese factories already there. They need not be very large. Let farmers raise beets, bring them and draw sugar at actual cost or cash as they choose. The government has got to do these things or the trusts are going to govern, more than they do now.

Crime and whisky are partners. They travel together and sleep in the same bed. Take the crime of murder and where the most whisky is drank there murders multiply. California had one murder the last year to every 3,000 of her population. Maine had a murder to every 38,000. New York had a murder to every 14,000. Vermont had one to every 40,000. Nebraska had one to every 6,000. Iowa had one to every 11,000. Yet they say prohibition does not prohibit.

We have not seen a single good reason given for taxing the people nine millions a year and giving it to ship owners. The only reason given, so far, is that a lot of merchant vessels of our own would come handy in case of another war. No one denies but that ships can be built for less money in this country than anywhere else in the world. It is hard to make millionaires by shipping in competition with the rest of the world so the common people must be taxed and the money given to ship owners. There would be ten times more justice in giving it to wheat growers.

It ought not to be counted any more of a crime for the Chinese to violate a treaty than for the Americans to do the same thing. Previous to the Burlingame treaty which was made in the early sixties, no Chinaman was allowed to leave China nor was any foreigner allowed to settle in China. That treaty stipulated Americans could settle in China and that Chinamen could settle in America. No limit was placed upon emigration either way. Yankees were the first to go back on the treaty. Nations as well as individuals should respect poor bargains as well as good ones.

A national marriage and divorce law is now before congress and we hope it will pass. Marriage is an institution that concerns every part of the country alike and a legal marriage and a legal divorce should be the same in every part of the country. Then if they would make a companion in marriage the first heir it would be carrying justice still further. It is a fact that marriage is the nearest earthly relation and the law should so treat it. Young people leave their relatives and cleave to each other and it is a great injustice for a relative of the dead husband to come in and rob the widow. It is also unjust that the child should be permitted to crowd the mother out. Children are as safe in the care of the mother as in care of the father. Then polygamy should be prohibited and a severe penalty attached. If our Creator had intended that men should have scores of wives there would have been born a score of girl babies for every boy baby. The sexes, in number, are just about even, and the ratio holds good all through the animal kingdom. In a natural state animals pair off, one of each sex. Many of the fowls are very strict in their pairing relations, more so than humans. Equality before the law should prevail everywhere, at every time and with everybody whether wife or husband.

News of the Week

Two things have compelled the attention of the world during the week. The Boer war for independence has, however, been the one thing above all others upon which men have fixed their eyes. England is in a most deplorable condition of mind. All their great generals have declared time and again that the Boers were whipped and there was nothing left of them but a few snipping bandits. Now these bandits have fought a great battle and thoroughly whipped the well organized English armies sent against them commanded by some of their most distinguished generals. In ten days the Boers have killed, wounded and taken prisoners more than a thousand of the flower of the English army, and Dewet has not only outfought, but outmaneuvered the regular army of Brittain and has again got away with but little loss.

England is humiliated. The continental press calls attention to the evidence of the most distinguished soldiers of all England that there is nothing in South Africa but a few bandits and they point to the fact that those few bandits whipped the flower of the British army. After that they talk just as irritatingly as a continental savage knows how. All that makes the English editors and English statesmen feel very bad indeed.

The fighting has been spread over a large extent of country, the chief battle being fought about twenty miles from Pretoria. Of this battle Lord Kitchener reports: "The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy—killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, eighteen officers and 555 of other ranks These latter were four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town."

We are in no position to take the part in these continental quips against the English statesmen, for we find ourselves in practically the same plight in the Philippines. Not only our generals, but the president himself has frequently asserted that the Philippines have been conquered, and that there were nothing left bu a few bandits, the only difference being that the deceivers have called them "ladrones." General Otis in making his report months ago said: "The war in the Philippines is already over. The insurrection ended some months ago. There will be no more real fighting in the Philippines. There is no rebel army, nothing but guerilla bands who are ladrones, armed robbers who prey upon their countrymen. Peace is practically restored all through the islands—Luzon is pacified." And in his closing sentence he repeats, "The country has been thoroughly pacified."

A writer whom the New York Outlook, the great ecclesiastical imperialist paper of the country, calls its "Special commissioner to the Philippines," and who says: "I believe in the United States retaining the Philippines . . . it is our plain duty . . . that the Filipinos are wholly incapable of self government, etc.," being upon the ground feels called upon to deny these statements of General Otis. He denies that the Filipinos now in the field are "ladrones." He says: "It is usual for ladrones to move in bodies of three, four or five hundred men? to dress, when they can, in similar uniform? to observe in any measure the rules of war? to besiege towns with none but American soldiers in them and no loot? Does it seem probable that sixty thousand troops and more are needed to keep down bands of 'armed robbers?'

In another place he remarks: "It is a fact well known that robbers and ladrones respect no rules or customs of recognized warfare. They neither give nor expect quarter. They have no self-respect and extend none to others. Near San Miguel, Nueva Ecija, the other day, a ban.. of guerillas captured an American officer and ten enlisted men. After the fight, the insurgents escorted two of our men, who were wounded, to the nearest American garrison in order that they might receive proper medical attention. Of late an insurgent officer known as General Tevson has released several American prisoners, among whom is Captain Roberts, on parole. The Manila papers of August 30 report that near Pasanjan the insurgent General Cailes has just captured seven ladrones whom our troops have been chasing for some time, and turned them over to the American commander for punishment. We have a good deal of evidence that American prisoners have been and are being treated well, and no evidence to the contrary. Do these things look like the work of ladrones, which means thieves or bandits?"

The truth about the matter is that the Filipinos have adopted guerilla warfare. That is a recognized mode of warfare among all nations. If the Filipinos had had good tacticians in command they would have adopted that style of warfare from the first, instead of lining up their men unsupported by artillery, to be shot down by the hundred, as they did in the beginning. It was the style of warfare adopted by Sumpter and other generals during our war for independence and is in fact what gave us our victory over England.

This writer in the Outlook, whose name is Phelps Whitmarsh, further declares that General Lawton was right when he said that it would take 100,000 men to "pacify" the Philippines. He says that is the opinion of every military officer in the islands. "Sixty thousand men," he says" when they were concentrated in Luzon, were sufficient, but when that number is spread out over such a wide, disconnected territory as the Philippine archipelago, its force at any given point is lost."

He does not say anything about an enormous navy which is just as necessary as an army. That fact is too often forgotten by the taxpayers as well as Mr. Whitmarsh. According to the official naval reports there are constantly in service in the Philippines something over fifty war vessels of all kinds. They must all be kept in repair, they all burn immense amounts of coal and all have a full complement of officers and men who must be paid. After the islands are "pacified," the coasts must be forever patrolled—there are six thousand miles of them—for no one can tell when a conquered people will become "unpacified" and go to importing arms, and preparing for another attempt at liberty and independence. Let the toast be: "The army and navy forever—in the Philippines."

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been up for discussion in the senate in secret session for nearly two weeks. It appears that the republican senators are turning populist on that question as well as on the coinage of silver, for it is said that there are sixty-seven of them who are determined to amend it so it will accord with the populist idea on that subject. One or two amendments have already been adopted which completely change the character of the treaty, giving to the United States absolute control of the Nicaragua canal and the right to fortify and defend it. It is said that the senate is now trying to find words which will abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty without giving offense to Great Britain. Some of the senators are demanding that a new statement of the Monroe doctrine shall be made that shall say to the governments of Europe that if the United States wants to build a canal or do any other thing, either in the United States or on this hemisphere, it is none of the business of any European power and they can all just keep their hands off. That is good populism. Since the election the senate has made mighty strides in that direction.

Hanna is finding hard sledding for his ship subsidy bill. The populist senators are said to be holding caucuses and planning to put all sorts of obstructions in his way. There seems to be a good many republicans who will do all that they can to defeat it and will go as far in that direction as they dare, so as not to get entirely out with the administration. Such a position would be very uncomfortable for a senator, especially at the very beginning of an administration. Four years on the outside with all the commissions to be appointed and at least three thousand commissions to be bestowed on the officers for our new army, including forty brigadier generals and about twelve major generals, would be a situation that no senator would like to place himself in. It is the opinion of The Independent that while Hanna may have some trouble he will get his steal through. He can command McKinley and McKinley's frown at a time when more life appointments are to be bestowed than in all the history of the government before, makes the stoutest-hearted senator tremble in his boots when he thinks of it.

Hanna's bill is the unfinished business in the senate and must come up every day until disposed of unless there is an appropriation bill before the house. Appropriation bills always have the right of way over everything else. That being the case, he may not be able to get a vote on it at this session, but McKinley has already announced that he is going to call an extra session, and then there will be no appropriation bills, unless one or two happen to fail of passage. Then will be Hanna's time. Then will be the days of appointments The patronage will be put on one platter and the subsidy bill on the other and the senators will be told that they must take both or none at all. Mac and Mark are mighty men—made so by the votes of the people—and when they both give a pull together something has got to come or break.

No one in the best informed circles in Washington believes that a Nicaragua canal bill will be passed by this congress or the next. Wars, navies, armies, subsidy bills and other "necessary" things will foot up a sum in the appropriation bills that will endanger the supremacy of the party if anything more is added to them. The republicans have the destiny and world power business to carry on and that costs money. Then there is another reason why such a bill cannot be passed. All the through-line railroad corporations are opposed to it. No bill has ever yet passed congress which they really desired to defeat.

Grover Cleveland has been giving out interviews He thinks that democracy needs reorganizing. "With a sincere return to old times doctrines," he says, "the old time victories of the democratic party will certainly be won." No doubt about it. Just such victories as democracy won in the sixties and for some twenty years afterwards. Having covered the democratic party with an odium that years will never obliterate, he now wants to give advice as to its future. The republicans who aided him made their biggest gains by referring to his reign of soup houses. He stopped the coinage of silver and produced ruin. The republicans began coining it again and brought prosperity thereby. Now this old tub of intestines would have us go back to when no silver was coined and ruin stalked through the land . There are some democrats who are fools enough to believe in that, but they are very few, indeed.

The Filipinos, according to the latest dispatches, keep things from growing stale as far as they are concerned. They burned a town occupied by our troops in the island of Panay and a body of them got within four miles of Manila when they were surrounded and surrendered. So it seems that the "pacification" does not extend very far from the army headquarters and the rooms of the commission who pass laws which are entitled "be it enacted by the authority of the president of the United States."

Negotiations in China seem to be in the same fix that they have been for a long time. The ministers agreed on a joint note, the United States objected. Then they fixed up another and Germany kicked. Then they tried it again and England would have none of it Meantime the generals have their little bouts. The biggest of them seem to be in about the same fix that Grant was after Halleck went to Pittsburg Landing—only their Halleck is 10,000 miles away. Meantime old Li Hung Chang keeps on manufacturing arms and acting in ways to convince all onlookers that the heathen Chinee is peculiar. All the governments are expending large sums of money for rice to keep the people from starving. Having destroyed the railroads, burned the cities and desolated the farms, we are now called upon to furnish our share of money to feed the people. The "powers" move in a mysterious way their wonders to perform.

A lot of the loot secured by the French troops in China arrived at Marseilles the other day and the French government by the order of President Loubet, refused to receive it. The president says the articles cannot be considered as prizes of war and do not belong to the government or the soldiers who seized them. The papers say that this is the result of Chaffee's vigorous protest.

While the Associated press sends but scraps of the arguments presented by those who believe that the constitution covers every portion of the territory of the United States, it gives columns of the argument presented by Attorney General Griggs, who takes the ground that the constitution does not follow the flag, which can be summed up in two of his own sentences, to-wit: "The constitution does not extend of its own force over acquired territory." "International law declares that the new sovereign may deal with the inhabitants of conquered or ceded territory and give them such laws as it sees fit."

Soon after Attorney General Griggs began his argument, Justice Brewer asked him if he did not think that the constitution was in force in Arizona and New Mexico. Mark Hanna's lawyer replied that he would argue that question after a while.

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