

LET NEBRASKA LEAD

Let us Have Fusion That Will Fuse and no More Vain Attempts at Mixing Oil and Water.

Editor Independent: I take it for granted that all men not blinded by political prejudice realize that a great industrial destroying malady is raging in our country, and without present hope of abatement. Looking out over the arena of political strife and turbulence, we behold conditions and environments that sicken the stoutest hearts of those who love justice and just government.

This is an absolute necessity for those who exploit the laboring masses, otherwise these dupes would vote for their interest. To unmask these hypocrites is both one of the problems and duties of the day. When this is done and the people brought to a realization of these stupendous frauds, the perpetrators will lose their present power to steal by law.

The people mean to be politically honest and would be if political shysters would let them be. The republican voter believes that he is voting for the principles of Lincoln. The eastern democrat believes that he is voting for the principles of Jefferson and Jackson.

But, my good sirs, don't cross the bridge yet. Democrats and populists as such may be separated, but patriots, as patriots will be together. Fusion of these that can fuse and should fuse will be perfected—a something that has never been. Plutocracy will then be forced to sail under its true colors.

Four years more of unconstituted and galling gun Christian civilization will arouse the latent manhood of this nation and the pulses of foreign nations, and the predicament in which our country will be found will bring a revolt against wars of conquest and greed. The time will be ripe for the fusion of the oppressed and robbed of every party into one grand and mighty party of the producing masses.

Shall Nebraska lead in this great fight for civil, religious and industrial freedom? She has been in the forefront in the past, though now temporarily checked by frauds of the stupendous nature, the spirit of her people is not phased in the least. The greatest of living statesmen, her own Bryan, will lead and the hell-fire of commercial greed, though belched forth in torrents, will not deter her patriotic people from following where he leads.

JONATHAN HIGGINS, Cambridge, Neb.

We Can Stand It

Editor Independent: Enclosed please find my subscription for another year to The Independent. We got beaten in the election, but I think a great many who voted the republican ticket will have plenty of McKinley soup in the next two years—enough to be eaten with a quart spoon.

If Dietrich is an upright man, then I am deceived by the looks of a man for the first time in my life and I am now sixty-seven years old. I think that we shall see some wonderful changes in politics in the next two years. The people who have endorsed the McKinley administration will have enough of it and a little to spare.

GOTTLIEB BALLMER, Gothenberg, Neb.

Never Give Up

Editor Independent: You will here receive my subscription. I feel sorry that your earnest work for our cause did not produce a different result, but so long as there are so many rascals who will sell their votes, we never will win. They are worse than the mullet heads. One of those great rascals will shake hands with a man who offers him a cigar or a drink, and say: "Oh! he is such a nice fellow."

CHRISTIAN BROTHIE, Minden, Neb.

CLARK'S LETTER

Democrats Insist on Tax Reduction.

ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD.

Vast Revenues Collected a Source of Peril.

BUT THEIR PROTEST IS IN VAIN.

Republicans sneer at Economy, and Appropriations of Public Money Are Growing Vaster—Senator Frye's Indictment of His Party's Policies. How the Country May Acquire a Merchant Navy—Remove Tariff From Shipbuilding Materials—Philippine Outlook—Ratio of Representation—Eagan White-washed.

If it be true that imitation is the sincerest flattery, it must be particularly gratifying to our American imperialists to learn from the declarations of a member of the British ministry that the burning of houses, sacking of towns and other outrages perpetrated against the Boers are only imitations of our performances in the Philippines. Like teacher, like pupil! Fine exemplars truly of Christian civilization in the closing days of the nineteenth century!

Hon. James D. Richardson and the other minority members of the committee on ways and means do well to insist on a \$70,000,000 annual reduction of taxes instead of the \$40,000,000 cut suggested by the majority. "Economy in the public service that labor may be lightly burdened" was one of Jefferson's tenets, and it is a tenet of his followers today. "Lower taxes and more economical expenditures" is and should be the battlecry of Democrats everywhere.

The minority report very properly and tersely declares that "the vast revenues now collected and the expenditures now made by the government, if not remedied, must ultimately become a peril to our home and foreign enterprise and business. The pruning knife should be applied vigorously to both taxation and expenditures."

Food for Reflection. Nevertheless the appropriation bills for this session of congress should afford much food for reflection to those palpitating patriots who in the melancholy days of November voted a new lease of power to the Republicans. There has been a vast deal of splendid talking done about our commerce growing by leaps and bounds. So do our appropriations. They grow after the fashion of Jonah's gourd vine. Economy and economists are sneered at. The cry is that "the people endorsed the administration in every respect," "the administration," I suppose, being intended to embrace congress. So they appropriate the public money in vast sums, ever growing vaster, because they were endorsed at the polls in November, don't you know?

An Outrageous Steal. Hon. William P. Frye, senator from Maine and president of the senate, is one of the ablest of the Republican chieftains. His parts are solid rather than showy. He does not figure in the public press so much as some others, but he is universally regarded as a man of rare good sense. That he is a patriot no one will seriously question. Nevertheless it remains for him to formulate a most serious indictment of the Republican party and its policies. It was in his speech in favor of the Payne-Hanna or Hanna-Payne ship subsidy bill. I really do not know which of those eminent Republicans attained what Milton denominates "the bad eminence" of fathering that outrageous measure. That really is not a question with which the general public is concerned. No matter who concocted it, it is here and is quite likely to become a law. I invite everybody not only to read Senator Frye's indictment, but to ponder it thoroughly. It is found in his exordium, which is as follows:

Mr. President—Our present condition as a great maritime nation is humiliating beyond expression. With thousands of miles of seacoast equipped with fine harbors, boundless forests, iron and coal enough to supply the world, skilled mechanics, enterprising shipbuilders, and the commerce of any country in the world, imports amounting last year to \$640,000,000 and abundant capital we have permitted other countries—our commercial rivals, our inferiors in most of these regards—to seize upon the pathways of the oceans and hold them to our practical exclusion. Last year we carried under our flag to and from Europe only 2 1/2 per cent of our exports and imports; to and from the world a fraction over 2 per cent. We paid foreign nations, principally Great Britain and Germany, \$500,000 a day in gold for transporting our foreign commerce.

premiums on our cargoes even if carriers could be found? We should suffer almost as seriously as either of the combatants. Our farmers, manufacturers and wage earners would pay almost as much as a cost of the war as they do now.

Result of Republican Rule. Now, be it remembered that for only two years since 1837 have the Democrats—even theoretically—had possession of all of the three lawmaking branches of the government at one time—the house, the senate and the presidency. Even then, from March 4, 1839, to March 4, 1845, there were enough so called Democratic senators acting with the Republicans to nullify all attempts to enact any genuine Democratic laws. So that it is not unfair to charge that all the evils complained of and so tersely stated by Senator Frye are the direct result of Republican legislation.

Take Off the Tariff. Take off the tariff which has driven our flag from the high seas and abandoned that rich empire to our competitors in commerce, and at once from a thousand lips will issue the command: Build me straight, O worthy master, Stanch and strong, a goodly vessel That shall laugh at all disaster And with the wind and waves contend!

When the master, With a gesture of command, Waved his hand, And at the word Loud and sudden there was heard And around them and below The sound of hammers, blow on blow, Knocking away the shores and spurs. And see! She skirts; She starts, she moves; she seems to feel The thrill of life along her keel, And, spurning with her foot the ground, With one exulting, joyous bound, She leaps into the ocean's arms!

And, lo, from the assembled crowd There rose a shout prolonged and loud, That to the ocean seemed to say: "Take her, O bridegroom, old and gray! Take her to thy protecting arms. With all her youth and all her charms! And round them and below She lies within those arms that press Her form with many a soft caress Of tenderness and watchful care! Sail forth into the sea, O ship! Through wind and wave right onward steer! The moistened eyes, the trembling lip, Are not the signs of doubt or fear.

Most assuredly there is not much comfort for the American people in the following dispatch from San Francisco: "It will be 15 to 20 years before the Philippines are on the same footing as the United States." This statement is made by Captain C. E. Polk of Company I, Forty-first infantry, who arrived in this city today on the United States ship Kinloch. He is invalided home on account of wounds. Speaking of war in the Philippines, he said: "I wish that the people of the United States could understand conditions that exist in the Philippine Islands. It will take 15 to 20 years before these people are on the same peace basis as we are here in the United States. The conditions at present are such that the United States government cannot say to any one city or town in any of the islands, 'Come here; I will protect you' because of the people.

"It will take 75,000 men to establish peace as it should be, and as long as the United States hesitates about sending this number there will be the same kind of warfare that is now being conducted. The truth of the matter is the Filipinos have come to think Americans 'softer' than anything they have ever had to do with before. Of thousands of prisoners that have been taken during the war there are but few who are not at the present time on the line fighting.

In perusing the foregoing the reader should remember that the words were not uttered by a candidate or spell-binder in the heat of a campaign for the purpose of winning votes for himself or his party, but by a brave soldier, who proved his devotion to his flag and country by sacrificing his wealth and service in the Philippines. Certainly his words present a dismal prospect for the American people. Twenty years of war mean the shedding of much precious American blood, the wanton sacrifice of many valuable American lives and the expenditure of many hard earned American dollars.

Ratio For Representatives. There is likely to be considerable of a fight over the bill to fix a ratio for a representative and to apportion to the representatives among the states under the new census. The present ratio is 173,000 and a few hundred. Mr. Chairman Hopkins of Illinois suggests raising the ratio to 209,000, which would leave the membership of the house at about what it is now. 357 representatives. Truth to tell, there isn't room

for many more unless the suggestion of Hon. Thomas B. Reed to remove the desks is acted on. Evidently Mr. Hopkins has decided in his own mind by the help of skillful statisticians that the ratio of 209,000 is the one which will give the Republicans the greatest advantage in the fractions of the ratio, for a major fraction gives a representative as well as an entire ratio, but while he is figuring he should remember that the ratio of 209,000 will work to lessen the present representation in certain rock ribbed Republican states, such as Maine and Ohio. Perhaps the Republicans of those states will make one grand kick, as no state likes to feel that it is falling to the rear. Maine started in with seven representatives in 1821. She now has four, and the Hopkins plan will reduce her to three. It will be interesting to see Hon. Charles E. Littlefield tackle Hopkins in a fight for his political life. Nous verrons.

Senator From Minnesota. Governor Elect Alexander Monroe Dockery of Missouri has been visiting and resting in Washington, the scene of his labors for 16 years. He seems cheerful even if the country did go Republican, but his troubles are in the future, for Bryan's defeat will cause a dozen good men and true to solicit office from Dockery where one would have solicited favors at his hands had Bryan been elected. Governor Lind of Minnesota did himself and his state proud by appointing that brilliant and courageous young statesman, Charles A. Towne, to the senate, vice Hon. Cushman K. Davis, deceased. Towne made as much reputation in a single term in the house as any other man ever did, not even excepting Bryan himself, who leaped into national fame during his first session. Towne's manly, patriotic and self-abetting course in declining the vice presidential nomination in order to help the good cause by harmonizing the fusion forces endeared him to the hearts of Democrats everywhere, who hail the new senator with delight. The pity is that he is in for only a few weeks instead of for the full term of six years.

Delaware Politics. The probabilities are strongly in favor of the proposition that at last the senatorial ambitions of Hon. "Gas" Addicks of Delaware will be gratified. The legislature stands about one-third Democrats, one-third Republicans and one-third Addicks Republicans. There are two senators to elect, one for four years, the other for six. So it would appear to a mere looker on in Vienna that the Hon. "Gas" is master of the situation and has made his calling and election sure to a curule chair. The regular Republicans will have to combine either with him or with the Democrats. For years they have been denouncing the Hon. "Gas" as the foulest corruptionist unung, as the personification of all villainy, and so forth and so on, but the chances are that they will eat their own words and swallow Addicks.

This complexion has Delaware come at last—Delaware, the home of the Bayards, Saulsbury, Claytons and McLanes! There will be no question about the right of the Hon. "Gas" to his seat, for according to Hon. Anthony Higgins he will hold it by right of purchase. Twice before he has been strong enough to defeat any election, though not strong enough to elect himself. Perhaps Hon. William Eaton Chandler of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, who made such a great show of virtue in the case of Senator William A. Clark of Montana, will be too busy frying his own fish to pester his head about the corruption of the Hon. "Gas," for "Gas" is a Republican, don't you know? And very much depends on whose ox is gored, don't you know? And the Hon. William Eaton Chandler may not be re-elected himself, don't you know? This is a strange world, my masters, don't you know? And according to Josh Billings the best place to have a bull on is on the other fellow's back, don't you know?

General Charles Henry Grosvenor of Ohio, the sage of Athens, has long enjoyed the reputation of being the only major prophet now on earth, and it was confirmed to him by the fulfillment of his long range prediction fired into the world from London last summer to the effect that Utah would go Republican. Even Republicans poked fun at the venerable prophet, and the Democrats laughed loud and long, but he laughs best who laughs last. So the general is happy.

General Eagan has been completely whitewashed or, as he expresses it, "vindicating" by the action of the president in first restoring him to duty as quartermaster general and then retiring him. Such things are not well calculated to promote good order and discipline in the army. Either Eagan was guilty and should have been punished or he was innocent and should have been acquitted. There should have been no farce in the court martial.

California's Redwood Trees. Some at least of the great redwood trees of California will be preserved, the state having recently come into possession of about 400 acres of redwood forest through the will of the late Colonel J. B. Armstrong of Cloverdale, Sonoma county. The tract is to be held as a public park.

His Treat. "Ah!" he exclaimed, meeting her at the stage door. "You look sweet enough to eat." "So kind of you to mention it, Mr. Joney," she replied. "I do feel fit for a nice hot bird and a cold bottle." Philadelphia Press.

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