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If Whitney, Cleveland and Hill are right, then the republicans are right and the organization of another party to fight the republicans is only a waste of time and money.

We have learned how to create wealth in larger amount than the world ever saw before. Now we will have to learn how to distribute wealth or there will be such a cataclysm as the world never saw.

The most pitiable sight ever beheld on this continent are the poor, decrepit, old millionaires who hang around the senate lobbies holding out their thin hands and long fingers, begging a dime from the taxes collected from the people. It is enough to draw tears from a granite rock.

In a newspaper paragraph the fact is noted that at a Fourth of July affair last summer in Oklahoma there were six hundred Nebraskans present. And yet the republicans managed to increase the vote of this state over 20,000 at the last election and all the increase went to McKinley.

Tom Reed was in Washington the other day and propounded the following question in the rule of three to some of the imperialists: "If the United States can kill 10,000 Filipinos in ten months and call it benevolent assimilation, how many did Spain have to kill in three hundred years to warrant the United States in designating Spanish rule as barbarism?"

The first of the ocean-going steamships built by the Northwestern Steamship Co. of Chicago was launched last Saturday. The owners of these western ship yards were never seen in Washington holding out their hands begging like common mendicants. It takes the ship builders of the east to engage in that sort of business.

Those cadets at the military academy, according to the testimony given before the investigating committee, have discovered an infallible receipt for making "officers and gentlemen." It reads this way: "Stand the applicant on his head in a bath tub until he is nearly strangled. Next, make him eat 85 prunes at one meal. Third, give him a dose of tobacco sauce. If he lives after that he is 'an officer and a gentleman.'"

Wherever the populists have been in power, there the common schools have prospered as they never prospered before. The dailies out in Denver say: "At no time in the history of the state have its school affairs been so efficiently administered as they have under Mrs. Grenfell's direction. She has placed the office above all partisan criticism and made it a controlling factor in the educational advancement of the commonwealth that merits the highest praise and commendation."

There are tens of thousands of men who believe in the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform who will never have anything to do with the democratic party either by co-operation or in any other way, until they are satisfied that that party is forever beyond the influences of the Hills and Gormans and Cleverlands and the Morgans. The sooner the leaders recognize that fact and act in accordance with it, the sooner the party will be "reorganized" and placed in a position to win victories.

No man who takes a glance at the map of the world can fail to see Central America is the strategic point. If America ever loses control of that, she loses her dominating influence upon world affairs. Shall a few railroad magnates change the destiny of this republic? That is the broad question involved in building the Nicaragua canal. There lies that narrow strip of land. From the west it is a defense against hostile fleets of all Asia to all cities of the eastern coasts. From the east it is a defense against all Europe for our western coasts. Would England, if situated as we are, ever allow any foreign power to get any manner of control there? Would she open a highway there at her own cost for hostile fleets?

OUR COMMITTEEMEN

The work of reform and the salvation of the republic as handed down to us by our fathers is almost wholly in the hands of the national, state, county and precinct committeemen. To them is committed great responsibilities. They should avail themselves of the most reliable means of information. Prof. Bryce in his American Commonwealth points out that this is not a government of law, but of public opinion. When public intelligence condemns a law it is repealed. When public intelligence demands the enactment of a law, such enactment is sure to follow. The newspaper is the organ of public intelligence. Years ago The Independent pointed out how monopoly, by the organization of the Associated press, whose board of directors appoints censors over all the news that reaches the American people control the dissemination of intelligence. At New York, Chicago and one or two other centres where all the intelligence of daily affairs is sent before it is given to the newspapers, there is a "press editor" appointed by and under the control of monopoly, who is a press censor. Nothing goes to the general public that is inimicable to plutocracy.

It will be seen that those who wish to know the real facts must rely upon some other means of communication than the daily papers and the weeklies which are made up from them. The Independent is such a source of information. It does not rely upon the Associated press for its facts. It has other means of information and while this information comes by mail, it is often days ahead of the garbled accounts that appear in the plutocratic journals. The readers of The Independent get the truth. It is only necessary to refer to its reports of the war in the Philippines, in South Africa and to the negotiations in China to prove the assertion.

For months, the whole American people were deceived in regard to the facts in these cases except that portion that read The Independent. Time, returning officers and men, and the mails have abundantly substantiated the information furnished to the readers of this paper.

Look over this edition of The Independent and see of what great value it is to every man who takes an intelligent interest in good government. You will find the official returns of the vote of the state and every county in it. You will find a roster of the new state officers and employes. You will find a complete roll of the members of both branches of the legislature. It is in fact a document that will be of use during the whole year. Besides all that you will find the current matters of interest to every citizen intelligently and honestly discussed on the editorial page.

In the "News of the Week" the whole field of news, domestic and foreign, is covered. The readers of The Independent know, not only what is happening in the United States, but all matters of general interest in every part of the world. It is a condensation of useful knowledge, just such knowledge as it is necessary for every man who takes an interest in good government should have. You may read all the leading dailies and weeklies made up from them, and you will not get the live facts that you will find in this paper.

It lays out in advance the ground-work of every argument that public speakers use in their defense of the policies of the party. Those who read The Independent have the facts and figures furnished to them with which to fight the battles of the common people. The leading men of all the reform parties take it and what is more they read it every week. That is why they are prepared to make a speech anywhere at any time, full of power and force. Scores of them carry little scrap-books filled with clippings from The Independent upon which they implicitly rely, for they have learned by long experience that they can rely on what they find in The Independent.

The committeemen of the various reform parties can find no publication in the United States of such value to them as The Independent. It is different from every other reform paper in the United States. It has had a long record of faithfulness to the principles that it advocates. It has established a character in journalism that all men respect. The fight against plutocracy and imperialism will go on and The Independent will continue in charge of the supply train from which the men at the front will draw sustenance and ammunition. It has no favorites and belongs to no faction. Every man who is for the Declaration of Independence, the constitution and the flag, one and inseparable, it looks upon as a friend and co-worker.

MILLIONAIRE BEGGARS.

Everybody around Washington goes about singing or whistling, "The Beggars Are Coming to Town." They are accustomed to beggars in Washington. They are more in number and greater in variety than can be found on any other spot of the same size on this green earth. They range from the one-legged man and the poor

widow with ten small children, up to the sort who have a suite of rooms at eight-dollars-a-day hotels. These latter sort have valets and ride in coaches with a footman who sits upon a high seat behind and tries his best to look like an idiot. The nearer he comes to looking like an idiot, the better the beggar who rides inside is pleased.

Washington is never without its millionaire beggars, but this year they are more numerous than ever. They swarm around the hotels. They crowd the lobbies. They are everywhere. They all want congress to vote them money. The most persistent of them are the ship subsidy beggars. Having Mark Hanna and McKinley both to back them, they are not only important, but insolent. It is all for patriotism they say. They want old glory to float on every sea and wave in every harbor. That is all that they want, but to get it they must have millions of money voted to them.

Meanwhile the real patriots are at work building ships to float on every sea. Hill of the Northern Pacific is building a number of the largest freighters that every slid down the ways into the sea. Chicago shipbuilders are building four large ocean-going ships that will go out through the canals and carry the stars and stripes to every part of the world as tramp steamers. Detroit is building one or two more. All this time the millionaire beggars are at Washington holding out their hands begging for a few millions so that they can build some ships that will carry the flag to foreign ports all for pure patriotism. At first they whine and plead. Then they grow insolent. Next they begin to make threats. The Independent would not be surprised to see them finally paint the town red. They are after the cash and are bound to get it.

Congress should make provisions for an organized charity association and hire an expert agent to investigate these cases before any donations are made to them, based upon the same plan that we have adopted here in Lincoln. Let us know all the facts in the case. If there are any millionaires likely to suffer for want of donations of money, apply the same principles that are everywhere now accepted in scientific charity.

The beggar on the street is a nuisance. The beggar in the halls of congress is a hundred times worse and a thousand times more insolent. They should all be treated alike. If they won't work in the wood yard let them starve. A ship yard is no better than a wood yard. There isn't any more patriotism in one than the other.

The republican leaders have adopted their old motto: "The flag and an appropriation." The flag and an appropriation always go together, but the flag and the constitution do not. That is the new doctrine. If you don't believe it you're an anarchist.

An Englishman writes a letter to the editor of The Independent and accuses him of unfairness in that he called attention to the fact that a year ago London society was exerting itself to the utmost to send comforts to the British soldiers in South Africa, while this year the devotees of society went off on their Christmas holidays and left poor Tommy Atkins to his fate without a single Christmas present. He wants to know if the Americans did not act the same way in regard to the troops in the Philippines. He says that a while ago, enormous amounts of goods were collected and shipped to Manila as presents to the troops and now we hear no more of it. All that is true, but we thought that we had pounded the supporters of the war in the Philippines enough to satisfy even an Englishman. If this said Englishman thinks he can hit them any harder knocks, the columns of The Independent are open for him to try. American society has no more interest in the suffering of our troops in the Philippines than the London dukes have in the Tommies in South Africa. Society and imperialism is all cut from the same piece of cloth, both in England and America.

John Hardwick writes a letter to the editor of The Independent and wants to know if he dare print Webster's definition of socialism. Well here it is: "Theory or system of social reform which contemplates A COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOCIETY, with a more just distribution of property and labor. In popular language the term is often employed to indicate any lawless, revolutionary social scheme. See communism." The definition of communism to which Webster refers us is as follows: "A scheme of equalizing the social conditions of life; especially a scheme which contemplates the abolition of inequalities in the possession of property, as by distributing all wealth equally to all, or by holding all wealth in common for the equal use and advantage of all." All the socialist platforms contain the demand for the "public ownership of all means of production and distribution." If these words mean anything they mean the common ownership of everything, for there is no species of property that is not included in either production or distribution.

FIVE YEARS BEHIND.

Hanna's subsidy bill is bringing out facts—a line of facts that have been found only in The Independent heretofore. Now a whole lot of papers are publishing them. They are pointing out that American manufacturers are not only selling their products in every country of the world, but selling them at lower prices than the "pauper made" goods of Europe are sold. They are telling the people that the Americans are paying much more for American made goods than foreigners have to pay for them. All these things The Independent has been impressing upon its readers for five years while the great democratic dailies have been as dumb as oysters on the subject. Besides that a few of the democratic papers have lately been saying that McKinley had coined some silver. In the former things they are five years behind The Independent and in the silver coinage facts more than five months. If you want to keep up with the times, read The Independent. It don't wait for a signal from a party leader or national committee for an indication that it should discuss certain current events, but goes ahead and tells its readers the news at the time that it occurs, not five years afterward. If the speakers in the last campaign had taken up the topics discussed by The Independent and impressed them on their audiences instead of repeating the anti-imperialistic argument, the tale told at the ballot box might have been different.

If the democratic papers will only begin to discuss live issues now, our losses will all be recovered. Let the people know that the trusts are charging them from one-fourth to one-half more for goods than the same goods are sold to foreigners, and then make an appeal to patriotism to sustain them. Let them know that ships and everything else can be made cheaper in the United States than in Europe, let them be able to see that tariffs are sustained for the sole purpose of robbing the American people for the benefit of the foreigner and to build up trusts and they will print some readable matter.

Credulity is the chief characteristic of the average republican. Every mule head carries around with him a believer six feet wide and ten feet long. They believe that Mark Hanna is a disinterested patriot. They believe that you can have high prices and dear money. They believe that if the populists should get into power and coin silver, that ruin would roll over the land in waves a hundred feet high. They believe that if McKinley coins silver it is a great blessing and produces prosperity. They believe that the more goods that are shipped out of the country and the less returned, the richer we will become. They believe that if we produce too much, we shall all starve or freeze to death. A ten-foot believer scarcely suffices them. Especially when they come to matters near home does their believer need extension. They believe that a state treasurer who has brought warrants up to a premium, handled over ten million of money and accounted for every cent, should be turned out and one of the old party which robbed the state of nearly a million dollars should be put in his place. When the thing is done they believe that it is a proper thing to rejoice over and call it redeeming the state. They can outbelieve a Chinaman, who believes that a devil lurks around and listens to every word he says. But it is no use to try to catalogue all that they believe. It would take 400 columns of a newspaper to do it.

TREASURY SECRETARIES.

For forty years the secretaries of the United States treasury have either been bankers or appointees of the bankers. The result has been that the finances of the government have been run in the interest of the bankers as a privileged class. The secretary spends most of his time and energy in devising schemes to add to the privileges of the bankers. In that sort of delightful work Secretary Gage has been engaged for many months. About every two months he makes a speech and tells the bankers what new thing he has discovered for their benefit. A few weeks ago he delivered a lecture to some students on the elementary principles of banking and wound up with an argument in favor of issuing money secured by bank assets. Besides that he told them that bank notes issued as money were the exact equivalent of checks and drafts and it was only a more convenient way of using credit, there being no difference in the principle involved.

The other day he went down to New York and talked to the big bankers themselves at their annual banquet. Here is the gist of his remarks: "Industrial activity increases the public revenue, but is checked if not throttled by its enlarged contributions to the idle funds in the public treasury. It is these influences which have brought our industrial and commercial life into a too dangerous dependency upon our public finances. This marriage between these two, whom God did not join together, ought to be put asunder. But not by any hasty South Dakota divorce method is the separa-

tion to be accomplished. The children of the wedlock must not be dishonored. Time, attention and great care must be exercised."

To the ordinary person that does not mean very much. The bankers understood it and cheered it to the echo. That indicates that there will be an effort made to abolish the present sub-treasury system and the placing of the millions of public money, which is always in the treasury, in the banks for them to loan out on call to favored customers as they see fit. In other words it means the re-establishment of the Nick Biddle system which Jackson overthrew and which had grown so strong as to threaten the very existence of free government. Jackson took the United States deposits away from Old Nick and in 1841 he became a bankrupt. Shortly after, the sub-treasury system was adopted and Uncle Sam has taken care of his own cash ever since with the exception of now and then when a few pet banks, by the favor of the secretary, get a few millions to loan out. They take the interest they get and pile it away in their coffers and then invest for their own use ever afterwards.

This scheme that Secretary Gage foreshadows is to put all of Uncle Sam's money in the banks. That, and the privilege of issuing money on bank assets, are the two things that the banks hope to accomplish during the next four years of the reign of plutocracy. That will put all the money actually in their hands and they will be cocks of the walk ever after. No man can do any sort of business except by their permission and after he has guaranteed to give them the principal profits of it. Talk about kings! They won't be in it with those bankers.

Moreover that is just what they will do. The people, except the pops, will know nothing about it until it is done. The great opposition dailies never write on such subjects. They prefer to fill their columns with personal gossip about Cleveland, Gorman and Hill on one side and on the other they never print anything that bears on the fundamental doctrines of the government. What space they have left after their personal gossip about political leaders is printed, is filled with reports of divorce trials, scandals, murders, burglaries and war news, when the censor lets them have any. The Independent is the only newspaper that discusses such matters.

PORTO RICANS REBEL.

There seems to be an incipient rebellion brewing down in Porto Rico. The inhabitants do not take to McKinley despotism and something like a note of defiance has come from the lower house of the legislature. They are just beginning to comprehend the sort of despotism that has been meted out to them. In a discussion in the lower house the other day this is what occurred:

"If this interpretation is correct," said Senor Vevi, "then we should address the American council as continentals, and we are legislators in name only. The Foraker law is a rat hole for Porto Ricans to fall into."

Senor Morales made a motion, which was seconded and carried, to disregard the Foraker law and fix salaries.

It seems that among his "plain duties" McKinley secured the passage of a law for the government of Porto Rico that provides a government about twice as costly as any state government in the United States having approximately the same number of inhabitants. Governors, judges, marshals and like officers receive from \$4,000 to \$10,000 as annual salaries where in the United States they receive from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Besides this our beneficent president reserved the right to appoint the upper house of the legislature and then gave the governor, another McKinley appointee, the right to vote everything that he did not like. This upper house consisting of carpet-baggers appointed by McKinley, claimed the right to fix all the other salaries. No wonder that Senor Vevi thought that they were not legislators at all, but should address the American council sent to rule over them as "continentals."

The truth about the matter is that the American rule in Porto Rico and the Philippines under McKinley is as vile despotism as the world ever saw at any time. Who ever thought that this great American government would become the worst despot of the ages. It will not be many years before its reflex action will be felt in these states. That is in the very nature of things.

REPUBLICANS IN POWER.

The fusionists turn over the state government in splendid condition in every department, a great contrast to the condition in which it was turned over to them. When they came into office they found the treasury looted, the school fund depleted, warrants at a heavy discount, and demoralization in every department. They hand it back to the republicans with the bonded state debt paid off, warrants drawing a reduced interest at a premium, not a cent embezzled or misapplied

STALLIONS

FRANK IAMS returned from France, Oct. 20, 1900, with largest importation of stallions to Nebraska in 1900. Only man in United States that imported ALL BLACK STALLIONS He imported.

28--Black Percherons--28 They are the "TOWN TALK." The people through his bars and bubble over with these compliments. "The most and largest black stallions I ever saw." "Every one a winner." "The best I have ever imported." "But Iams always has the largest and finest horses." "Won't have calls." "His horses always win at state fairs." He has on hand

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during the whole four years, the schools more flourishing with larger endowment, every institution in first class order with many large buildings added and the whole machinery of government in better condition than in any other state in all the west:

The republicans control the whole affair now and if after receiving it in this condition, they fail to keep the expenses down to the point that the fusion government has obtained, if money is again embezzled, if warrants fall to a discount, if it takes more coal to keep the asylum warm in August than the fusionists found necessary in January, if state deposits are lost in broken banks, if journal records are again printed at so much a page and are double loaded between the lines and three words made to fill a line, they will have none but themselves to blame. Neither will the people have any one to blame but themselves. They knew the habits of these fellows and habits, well established, are hard to break.

The fusionists have given Nebraska the best state government that it ever had. They did that after the foulest reign of thieves that ever governed a state had been deposed. They took the government when it was bankrupt and disgraced, its credit destroyed, when every department was filled with disreputable men and raised it to the highest standard of excellence, redeemed its credit, and made it a model state government for honesty, efficiency and economy. In that condition they hand it over to the republican party. The power and the responsibility is now with them. The imported voters seemed to think that the sort of government that the fusionists had given Nebraska needed "redeeming," and they proceeded to redeem it.

A NEW WORD WANTED.

The Independent will give a year's subscription to any one of its readers who will furnish the proper word or phrase to describe the conduct of the gold bug editorial writers who continue to talk about the danger of Bryan's silver ideas after McKinley has coined and put in circulation more silver than any other executive who ever occupied the White house. It mustn't be "a swear word" for the editor could supply that himself at a moment's notice whenever he thinks about it. The Chicago Record says:

"According to Mr. Bryan's recent supporters the late campaign was the last chance for redemption for a land 'to hastening ill's a prey.'" The Lincoln speech discloses that the decisive battle, in Mr. Bryan's view, has yet to be fought. He refuses to admit that the election of McKinley twice in succession means a steadfast opposition to free silver. How, then, does he explain the result? How does he explain his own large popular vote, which was gained in a campaign avowedly made upon the issue of anti-imperialism, and which, in the minds of many well-qualified observers, was cast in spite of reservations as to the Bryan silver policy?"

Would the result be any different if silver were coined and put in circulation by Bryan than when it is coined and put in circulation by McKinley? According to the report of the director of the mints, he has run those institutions night and day coining silver and Bryan could not have coined any more unless congress had passed a bill to build new mints. After all that, these chaps continue

to talk about the danger of coining silver. Now give us the right word to describe such hypocrites and deceivers. Is there anything in the English language that will fully reveal their infamy? Will we have to invent a new word to express it?

A populist long in the service and whose integrity no one ever doubted, writes a letter to The Independent in which he assails the democratic party most vehemently. He is mistaken in some of his premises. The democratic party, never since the war had control of "all" branches of the government. It had nominally the control of the legislative and executive branches, but not of the judicial branch, which of late years sometimes seems to be the most important of all. The democratic party with the assistance of the populists in congress passed an income tax law, but the judicial branch of the government, which it did not control, annulled it. He says that "the democratic party never fails to make a fool of itself when it has the opportunity." That is only quoting what the editor of The Independent said to the Sioux Falls convention. Pettigrew and Butler thought otherwise then. Wonder what they think now?

The poor ignoramus who lived down east, at Boston, New York and other towns, are not to be blamed for their ignorance. They don't have any chance to learn. Not a democratic or republican paper down there would dare hint that McKinley had coined some silver or that Americans were charged fifty per cent more for their goods than the same articles were sold to foreigners. How can the people down there know these things? There is no pop paper to inform them, so they live in blissful ignorance and spend their lives in whooping it up for McKinley and Mark Hanna.

An angry pop writes to The Independent and says that D D after a preacher's name stands for d--d. He is moved to make that disgraceful remark because he knew of a certain preacher who was always talking about temperance in the pulpit and then went out and worked all day at the election for Dietrich, although Dietrich had been in that very town and rounded up everybody that he could get and treated them in the low groceries of the place. Nevertheless The Independent must insist that D D stands for Doctor of divinity, although the doctoring the preachers do sometimes damns more than it saves.

If Mark Hanna will so amend his subsidy bill so as to make the principle involved apply universally, The Independent will consider the propriety of giving it support. If he will provide for subsidizing farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters and hard-worked editors--treat all alike with special privileges to none--the project would be worth considering. To subsidize a few millionaire ship owners and leave all the rest of us out, is another and altogether different proposition. No one but a mule head will agree to that. That "sort of a critter" will vote to subsidize a millionaire every time he gets a chance.

The railroad lobby is working all sorts of schemes at Washington. It has its paid agents not only in Washington, but in Costa Rica and Nicaragua as well. With them it is anything to beat the building of an it-