TRUST ORDERS

That the trusts are in absolute con trol of this government and that their every order is instantly obeyed cannot be denied by any man who reads the current news of the day. Look at the record for the last year.

The president declared for free trade with Porto Rico. The ways and means committee prepared a bill to carry out that declaration. The sugar trust issued an order to tax the Porto Ricans. Instantly the president reversed himself and the ways and means committee withdrew their bill and presented another in accordance with trust or- The Independent is prepared to offer to

The asphalt trust got into a difficulty about the title to some property in Venezuela. It ordered a squadron of warships sent there and they were sent practically under the orders of the trust's attorney who was taken on board, contrary to all the rules of the navy. The secretary of state has announced to the attorney of the other claimant of the property that if the Venezuela courts do not decide in favor of the asphalt trust, that this government will intervene. Could anything short of a positive trust order produce such an anamoly as that?

The sugar trust ordered the secretary of the treasury to impose an additional duty of one cent per pound on Russian sugar. The additional tariff was instantly imposed, notwithstanding that it was certain to bring disaster upon many honest American

These orders were all issued to the general government and were al! obeyed. But the trusts issue orders to private parties as well as to the government, and the private parties are as helpless to antagonize a trust order as is McKinley himself. It was found that newsstands all over the country were exposing for sale very immoral books. When the dealers were brought to account they said that the literature which they sold was all controlled by a trust and that the trust ordered them to expose such books in and they were compelled to obey the hopes. order. If they did not, the trust would refuse to furnish them with any goods at all. So the order had to be obeyed.

When an appeal was made to the courts, the judges said that they could not interfere with the sale of any books other than those that were obscene. With immoral books, the law rate increased. had nothing to do. The helpless news dealers are therefore compelled, as much as many of them regret it, to obey the trust order.

The republican majority in the United States senate has refused to even allow the subject of trusts to be considered in that body. What the next a rival by fair means or foul, will cororder from the trusts will be cannot be foretold, but when it is issued, it will have to be obeyed.

Tom Watson Replies

letter in the New York Journal in which he said: "The Spaniards blusn when your system is described to them, though every Spanish official has his salary stolen by the man above of the Khedive's bonds, and did we him, and lives by stealing the salary of the man below him." And "You Americans cannot govern. Why not here. All our people notice it when they go over there."

Then he added: "Here in London we have a new underground railway called the twopenny tube. We recognized that the Americans could construct it better than we, and we gave them the contract. Why should you rules Canada-by letting Canada rule not recognize that we govern better herself. And just in proportion as she than you, and pay us to do it for

Tom Watson replied as follows: There is a breezy impudence about the proposition of Mr. Shaw which we any less serf. English poverty less rather like. He must have fallen under its spell himself, for the further he went the larger became the scope ours? of his arraignment. Not only is our municipal government wrong, but our whole system is rotten, demoralized by "doctrinaire democracy," and our United States, "which destroys life, persecutes liberty," and so forth,

The indictment, then, is against the entire fabric of government, and it is mayor, and a mayor who is not auto-

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government. Shall Germany show us how to govern? Shall the uniform and the mili-

tary strut dominate? Shall we force unwilling millions from fields and mills and shops, and teach them now to kill? Shall we move to the crack of the kaiser's whip, and go to jail when we venture to criticise that exaggerated "boss?" Shall we vote our millions yearly to pamper this boss and his courtiers? Shall we become a flock of sheep, to be sheared from sire to son in the holy name of "Divine right?" Is administration so pure in Germany? Is there no "reptile fund?"

Will Russia come over and take a hand in the bettering of our govern-She can give us all that Germany brings, and more. I think we would grow fond of Russia-state church, absolute czar, hereditary local autocrats, political and ecclesiastical despotism, the ready knout, the arbitrary arrest, the trial with but one as prominent positions as any other, side to it, and Siberia to crown our

> Can France teach us good government? She is a republic, yet not republican. It is aristocracy, dashed with priestcraft and royalism. Can she preach to us of public honesty? Not till the Panama canal episode is rinsed from her mouth. Of public or private morals? Not yet, at least. Not till her vices are dropped and her birth

> But England remains-Mr. Bernard Shaw's England. He mentions Rockefeller, Croker, the railroad king, the "mammoth pigsticker" and other unwholesome American oddities.

Well, suppose we compare Rockefeller to Chamberlain, the oil man to the screw man; how does the contrast pan out? Mr. Rockefeller will destroy rupt a judge or a legislature. Granted. But what does Chamberlain do? The Chartered Company knows: South Africa knows; the thousands of Boers and Britons who fell in bloody strife did know before they killed each other. Do our railway and canal kings An Englishman having published 2 drag us into war? Do our merchants compel us to open the way for their wares with cannon? Did our fleet bombard an Alexandria that Egypt might be held for the London holders

England knows how to govern, does When did she learn it? Surely, call in a people who can? All Am- since the time when she plundered us ericans confess it when they come over as colonies, for her statutes and her methods then were such that Mr. Shaw's Spaniard might blush once

land troops to collect the interest?

Before England comes to govern us, had she not better govern Ireland? For some centuries she has been trying it, and the work is rather unfinished. She lets her other colonies alone they are well governed.

Will we like the English syndicate better than our own? Is English labor bleak and manifold, British vice any less law-defying, law-eluding than

Compare the two trees, London and New York. In God's name, is London the whiter town? What evil spirit possesses New York and shuns Lonwork of reformation must begin with | don? "Have they quit the traffic in the abolition of the constitution of the young girls which Mr. Stead exposed

some years ago? But the mayor has not such power. and does not steal. If to get an honest suggested that the nations of Europe cratic, we must go back to feudalism, fetichism, blind abasement before king, priest and noble, then let the mayor be an occasional thief, a sometimes autocrat. At all events he is our rascal and our boss. We made is not hereditary in the family—thank God! The son will not shear us merehim and we'll unmake him. His office ly because the father did. We put the rascal in; we can put the rascal

Even in aristocratic Europe there was once a time when all were politically equal. The strongest came forward, did great deeds; became leaders,

stay in. Shut the door!" CUT RATE True, we do not know how to gov- officer and temporarily dispersed the ernment pays them. Other clerks who ern, nor does England. We are grop- crowd. ing in the dark. We may find the way . The soldiers reassembled, however, gressional Record are given from \$300 to the light, and we may not, but this and going to the station house de- to \$2,000 for "extra work," although we do say boldly, those things which manded the release of their comrade. they do the work in office hours. And

republic governed by democratic laws standing on the steps of the station. | Loud and Chairman Cannon, the latand breathing a democratic spirit.

The Legislature

Another week of quarrels and rancor has left the republican majority in a more helpless condition in regard to the election of senators than they were at the very beginning. All pretence is now laid aside and the fight is acknowledged to be, not a political battle, but a corporation fight. A member is referred to as a B. & M. man or a U. P. man. The members are conpletely in control of the corporations that elected them. They show the orin the army and sworn to obey every order of a superior officer. At the end of the week D. E. Thompson had 36 the other. votes, Meiklejohn 28, Currie 15, Rosewater 14. Hinshaw 19. Some of the South Platte men forsook Meiklejohn and went to Hinshaw on the last ballot trying to make a tie-up with Thomp-

The B. & M. railroad is in such a fix that it must fight this battle to the bitter end. It would be better for its interest to have no senators at all from of the old dumps in Colorado by the INDEPENDENT PUB. CO., Lincoln, Neb. the Philippines are held, the overland the next few years as it has for the government, will be very large for money power would begin to demand political influence at Washington in money than gold. Some paragraphs through traffic is concerned. That and says: them that it has its being. When the mining, it will never change in value." interests of these corporations clash, then there is trouble.

ple, if they took any interest in the matter at all would, if they knew all rule over them than the U. P. The atus. He said in part: time to come.

can't elect United States senators and they can't legislate.

stand ready at any time to go legislat- | rupled. ing, but as the republicans are in the majority and control all the committees they have to wait on their good pleasure. They attend the joint ses- tered so thinly through the earth. sion and vote very much as they did dy to line up in a solid body at any time when it will be effective.

warrant register and cast their eyes over the names of those who have recently had general fund warrants registered, they would see how often appears the name of that "patriot" from Nemaha, the Hon. Peter Berlet, who claims to represent the Second senatorial district. You will find that he has had registered about \$8,000 in general fund warrants, which ought, un-

"Is it wrong," you ask, "for a state the Hon. Peter, as member of the ways and means committee of the senate. was largely responsible for the senate's action in killing Representative Murray's bill to cut down the interest on state warrants one per cent, are you still such a mullet head that you cannot "smell a mice?" This bill, if enacted into law, would have saved the taxpayers of Nebraska about \$17,-000 per year. But it looks as though the Hon. Peter would gladly see the whole state lose \$17,000 a year that he might gain a paltry \$80 a year on

his own investments. Of course, he is not the only African infesting the treasury wood-pile. The treasurer himself, after assuring the offerer of state warrants that "the state is paying only a half per cent,' will, in certain cases, if the warrant be a large one, wink the other eye and in a confidential stage whisper assure the offerer that "I can get you t'reequarters t'roo a private buyer ' For the benefit of bona fide mullet heads, will the State Journal please

TMPERIAL ADJUNCTS

Emperor McKinley's Tooops Loot and Rict of salary has been made. in the Streets of Washington-The Police Fire Upon Them.

On the evening of the 4th of March

icies which we have borrowed from them three times with their clubs. The out of the year. England. If ever we can spew them soldiers returned to the scene armed out we shall yet be what the pioneers with bottles, bricks and clubs and has grown up was well illustrated in a who colonized the country intended, a hurled them at the police who were brief dialogue between Representative

> hurled the order was given to fire and | tained all these gratuities. the policemen fired. The soldiers dispersed under the fire of the police, only to reassemble two blocks away and re- ger for the committee on accounts?" new their attack on every negro they asked Mr. Loud. could find. They gathered in squads and paraded the streets looking for negroes upon whom to wreak their than I do, he is lost." vengeance.

Notwithstanding these facts and many more like them, the negroes will sued by congress is a remarkable illuscontinue to give their united support tration of the growth of the bureau to Emperor McKinley just as they system. have in the past. When this new army is fully recruited and we have soldiers ders from the ratiroad loadquarthe in every town, the same sort of things as completely as if they were serving will become every-day affairs. It is

WILL FLOP TO SILVER

because, as they said, Meiklejohn was | The First Warning Given that Gold is Getting Too Plentiful and Its Free Coinage Must be Stopped.

The Independent has kept its readers informed about the working over Nebraska than to have U. P. men. The new mining processes and has often U. P. now has a continuous line to the said that if the production of gold con-Pacific and the B. & M. has not. If | tinues to increase at the same rate for traffic, especially on the part of the last, it would not be long before the many years to come. If the U. P. has something else should be used for the shape of two senators who will al- have appeared from time to time about

makes this fight in the Nebraska legis- "If the price of gold goes down anlature a purely railroad fight. Politics other metal must be looked for as a ate. One of them was as follows: or patriotism has nothing whatever to token of international value. I think do with it. The republican party in this metal will be silver, because sil-Nebraska is in power through the in- ver is not found in alluvial plains and fluences of the corporations. It is by because, owing to the difficulty in

This statement was made by Prof. N. S. Shaler, Harvard's eminent geol-It would take too much space to ex- ogist, in a lecture to 600 students. He plain to the reader just the condition | predicted that within the next thirty that these two railroads find them- years there would be an influx of gold selves in. As between them the peo- such as the world has never known. Prof. Shaler bases his statement on geological conditions, combined with the facts, rather have the B. & M. to recent improvements in mining appar-

success of the B. & M. would be less "A large portion of the earth's surdisastrous to the general interest than face is charged with gold. Gold is the success of the great millionaires indissoluble, and when gravel banks who reorganized the U. P. and intend | are cut away it is not easily carried The situation is one most disastrous along, broken up into finer and finer cluded in the above list are very hard to the republican leadership of this fragments and gradually deposited state. With a good working majority over alluvial plains. The new systems in both branches of the legislature of mining which have recently been fluences and the attack of white ants; and a governor to back them, the re- discovered will have produced by the still others that are especially suited publicans have proved that they are middle of the present century an alutterly incompetent to govern. They most intolerable supply of gold. I cannot say definitely what the increase The fusionists in the legislature that the present supply will be quad-

> "Up to the present time men have for gold by the fact that it was scat-

"Now, however, the machinery of in the beginning. But they stand rea- the dredgers has been greatly improved. Within the past three years dredges have been operated in Russia If our republican friends would take and in the United States, especially in the time to step into the state treasur- Leadville and Breckenridge, Colo., er's office and ask to see the current which have proved beyond question that alluvial soil can be profitably worked for gold."

It is well known that the soil just west of Lincoln is heavily impregnated with gold, and so it is all over these vast plains clear across to the Rocky mountains. If this new dredging process is what they say it is, unnumbered tons of gold can be sifted out. In that case, according to Horace White, we der proper management of the state will have no money at all. "Nothing treasury, to have been purchased and but gold is money," says Horace. When registered for the permanent school the plutocrats demonetize gold, what will Horace do then? As for the mullet heads, they will get out and shout senator to buy state warrants as an in for silver just as loud as they ever did flesh and blubber cut up, salted and vestment for his surplus cash?" Cer- for gold if Mark Hanna tells them to. sent to Japan for sale as food. Over tainly not. But when you consider that The pop will stick to the quantity 2,000,000 pounds of the whale meat was theory to the end.

RAIDS ON THE TREASURY

Commissions, Bureaus and Traveling Com mittees Sinecures and Contractors-Everybody Gets a Piece of Pie.

Sound the loud timbrel, lift high the starry banner, shout "E Pluribus Unum" and "Erin Go Bragh." There is cause for great rejoicing.

The senate has actually passed a bill saving the government over \$1,-000 a year by dispensing with the services of a committee clerk. It seems that the committee on foreign relations had two assistant clerks, each drawing \$1,440 a year. By a resolution adopted yesterday there is to be only one clerk who is to get \$1,800. It is the only resolution of its kind that the senate was ever known to pass.

It might be added, nowever, that the two assistant clerks were needed because the clerk of the committee never came to the capitol-never even came to Washington, for that matterand absolutely did nothing but draw his salary. He has lost his sinecure, one of the assistant clerks has been promoted to his place and the change

Talking about sinecures, they are as thick at the capitol as peas in a pod. The revelations made during the debate on the general deficiency bill the Washington police fired into a were astounding. They showed that crowd of soldiers who had attacked committee clerks, the moment they do masters, protectors. But if the son of the first precinct station house to res- any real work for the government, at the strong man proved to be weak, cue a comrade. Three soldiers were once use their influence with members why should he continue in the high injured, none of them seriously. Four to secure additional money, and con-senting them with handsome gratuities \$1.00 Paine's Celery Compound....60c of the strong, why should he not go Early in the evening a member of simply because no one had the nerve the Pennsylvania national guard was to oppose the petty depredations upon Democracy says, keep the way open, arrested by a negro policeman. In the the public treasury. For instance, the \$1.00 Pierce's Golden Medical Dis. 69c come down. Aristocracy says, "We station house the officer split his pris- upon to read proof of the testimony were strong, we won the high places, oner's head with his club. As soon as taken before his committee, actually and these we will keep by hereditary his comrades learned of the affair they claimed and will receive \$1,000 for exright, even though we are no longer procured a rope and capturing the tra work. Pension office clerks who worthy. It was a happy thing for us officer made preparation to hang him happened to be detailed to help the that the door of opportunity was open to a lamp post, but were prevented congressional pension committees are in our day; but since we are in we'll from so doing by the timely arrival of presented with \$500 apiece, in addition the police, who rescued the colored to the regular salaries which the gov-'compile" a few pages out of the Conare most destructive to our prosperity Being refused, they attempted to gain all this, too, when they are at the and O Streets, Lincoln Nebracks. as a people are the governmental pol- entrance by force. The police repulsed capitol never more than six months

The laxity through which this abuse As soon as the first missile was ter having reported the bill which con-

"Who is William L. Stiles, who is to receive an appropriation as a messen-

"Well," frankly replied Mr. Cannon, "if God doesn't know him any better These are, however, minor raids

upon the treasury. A report just is-Not very long ago congress author-

ized the establishment of the bureau of animal industry. The bureau was to consist of one chief at a salary of \$3,one of the adjuncts of imperialism. If | 000 a year, one clerk at \$1,500 a year we have the one, we must also take and twenty inspectors at \$10 a day. The report just issued shows that during the last year the expenses of the bureau were as follows: Salaries\$769,329 61 Travelling expenses...... 22,647 85

Miscellaneous 101.634 48 From two officials with a combined salary of \$4,500 to a bureau which spends nearly \$1,000,000 in twelve

Consternation Reigned

for Washington.-Washington Post.

months is a pretty good record, even

The carpet-baggers who were in Manila waiting for the Spooner bill to be passed were thrown into consternation by the news that the minority in the senate would make a fight to prevent ways do its bidding, the B. & M. will this new dredging process. Now comes the looting of the islands. They added be left with the sack to hold as far as the geologist of Harvard university very largely to the revenue of the ca- to 13,000,000 square miles, and on this ble companies by sending red-hot messages to the republicans of the sen-

"The news that the Spooner amendment prohibits the sale of land, timber and mining concessions has alarmed those here who are dependent upon such concessions for their business success. Three of the chambers of commerce of Manila, the international, the Spanish and the American, are wiring protests.'

The forestry division of the agricultural department came to the rescue and sent to the senate a special report from which the following extract 's made:

"The forest lands of the Philippine islands, it is estimated by Captain Ahern, cover 40,000,000 acres; larger in population of 130,000,000. Germany extent and greater in value than the had a population of 20,000,000 at the forests of India. There are 385 species | beginning of this century; now she has of timber-producing trees, and about between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000, of Omaha, Neb. of other metals. Instead it is carried | 50 more species as yet unclassified. Inwoods, capable of taking a beautiful polish; woods that resist climatic infor sea-piling or for use as railroad ties. There are many varieties of trees producing valuable gums, oils and will be, but I should think at the least drugs; rubber and gutta-percha are abundant in Mindanao and Tawi-Tawi, while at least 17 dye-woods are found within the limits of the archipelago. been greatly handicapped in searching | Cocoanut palms grow without care or cultivation throughout the islands. There are also many varieties of palms, bamboo, canes and rattan, which are of commercial value and will afford profitable employment to

native labor." Congressman Hull and his partners will clap their hands on these sources of wealth before the next congress meets and you farmers will pay his expenses over there while he does it. That will just make a mullet head tickle himself when he thinks about n. The blessed privilege of raising corn and wheat to pay Congressman Hull's expenses while he loots the Filipinos.

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England's Possessions.

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amounts to a big number. His Record Saved Him from Punishment H. B. Ford was a member of company B, Idaho volunteers, which recently got home from the Philippines, with a splendid record of hard fighting to their credit. Ford went to Spokane after the regiment was discharged. There he was recognized as an escaped convict by Sheriff Tucker of Yakima county, whom Ford, then going under the name of Feamster, attempted to shoot several years ago. For the crime he was arrested at the time and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He escaped from jail while his case was pending on an appeal and volunteered for service in the Philippines. When the sheriff heard his story he offered to ask for his permanent discharge, and the Superior court has just suspended his sentence indefinitely.



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