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Melkijohn has gone home and is cogitating over the proverb: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Two more votes in the United States senate for Mark Hanna's ship subsidy bill. Mark Hanna is still the commander-in-chief.

Has Thompson had enough of it, or will he sail in and elect another republican legislature? Prospective republican office-seekers are cogitating over that matter.

George Leidigh passed through Lincoln on his way to Denver the other day. When George was warden of the penitentiary there were no mutinies or disastrous fires down there.

The government pays eight times as much for hauling mail matter as the express companies do for the same sort of service. Millard and Dietrich will see to it that that practice is continued.

The railroads picked up to men who were never mentioned for the office during the campaign and sent them to the United States senate. What did the mullet heads who voted the republican ticket have to do with the matter?

It is said that Thompson wobbled on the tariff and that Rosewater at one time denounced the "corporation cormorants." Therefore it was utterly impossible for either of them to be elected United States senator.

There have been many queer remarks made by Lincoln citizens about the election of United States senators. One of them was: "It wasn't a fair deal at all to send Bartley to the penitentiary and Joe Millard to the United States senate."

Bartley and Millard were equally concerned in the theft of over two hundred thousand dollars from the school fund. The fusionists sent Bartley to the penitentiary for twenty years and the republicans sent Millard to the United States senate for six years.

If any republican has an ambition to be a United States senator he would better go and buy a national bank. That is the only kind that the party are sending to the United States senate at the beginning of this century. No others need apply.

It seems that not one of the republican candidates who pledged himself to the election of senators by the people had a ghost of a chance when it came to a show-down. Dietrich and Millard are not bound by the promises made by the defeated candidates.

It is Senator Steel and not Senator Blair who is the new lieutenant governor. It was Mr. Franse and not De France who announced to the joint committee of the fusion parties last fall that there were no populists in Cuming county. Something seems to have got wrong with the machine last week.

Rosewater also remarks that "the defunct legislature is to be commanded not so much for the good laws it has passed as for the vicious bills it has killed." Doubtlessly he refers to that infernal ballot law and the attempt to gerrymander the state so as to get two more republican congressmen.

Rosewater has kept whacking away at republicanism for the whole week. Monday he remarked that "the outlook for silver seems most favorable," and "the tariff proposed by the Philippine commission is meeting with a good deal of criticism." Go it, Rosey! The independent is with you on both those propositions.

Who is the real donor of the enormous sums that Carnegie is distributing? The independent may be mistaken, but it firmly believes that it was the workers in the iron mills and mines. Carnegie kept the wealth which they created and is now giving it away to libraries. It is to workers in Carnegie's factories to whom we should be grateful.

**TWO MORE PLUNKIES**

The election of Dietrich and Millard will continue the subserviency of the west to the plutocrats, trusts and protectionists of the east. The residents of the rocky hills and barren valleys of the Atlantic coast have laid the west under tribute to them for very many decades through the manipulation of the slick spittle politicians that the republican party sends to the house and senate. Millions upon millions have been appropriated and expended in those states by the votes of the western congressmen. If an appropriation of public money is proposed for the west, the men whose election has been bought by eastern money and sent from the west, give it but a heartless support, while appropriations to the east are voted for by every one of them without any urging at all. When these eastern representatives vilify and misrepresent the west our cowardly republican congressmen have not a word to say in reply. If one of them, like Burkett, succeeds in getting a few dollars appropriated for the repair of a worn-out sidewalk, he comes home and brags about it during the whole campaign. If a pop attempts to get our share of the millions thus appropriated then the sneaking, servile, cowardly, hypocritical republican editors come forward and try to beat it as the old State Hypocrite did when the pop senator from Nebraska had a bill before the senate to build, not a sidewalk, that it has bragged so much about for two years, but a necessary extension to the postoffice building, so that the awful crush that lasts for an hour or more every Sunday when the office is opened and the distribution of the immense amount of mail could be attended to on the days of publication of the many weeklies that are printed here. The great weeklies like the Free Press and The Independent have had to make arrangements in their own offices and do their own distributing for months, because there was not room enough in the postoffice building to attend to it. The independent mail never goes near the postoffice, neither does that of the Free Press. The room that is allotted to handling the mail sacks at the Lincoln postoffice would not hold the sacks containing one edition of The Independent, Free Press and Commoner, even if it were piled clear up to the ceiling.

The republican congressmen and the republican state organ would not give the least assistance to get an appropriation for a necessary building in which to handle the mail of this city, but they are all for an appropriation of nine millions a year for Mark Hanna's ships. Whenever anything is asked for the west, then these gentlemen get up in the halls of congress and lie about it like horse thieves. When the question was before congress concerning irrigation, Mr. Hill of Connecticut declared that it would cost thirty-six billion, and Cannon of Illinois said it would cost seven hundred and fifty million, when the careful estimates of both the geological survey and the army engineer corps was that all the water of the arid region could be conserved at a cost to the government not to exceed \$150,000,000.

Now all the mullet heads of the state are in a high state of glee because they have sent to the senate two more fusionists, who will vote for ship subsidies and prove traitors to every western interest.

There is not a particle of doubt that there are some millions of silver dollars in circulation that were never coined at the United States mints. There has been another flurry about the matter in Washington. It is said that a large quantity have been made in Mexico and put in circulation. Another writer of an investigating turn of mind has been trying to find out what has become of all the silver mined in the last few years. After investigating every avenue of consumption he declares that there is a large amount unaccounted for. He does not say that it has been surreptitiously coined, but that there is no other known way of accounting for its disappearance. What is to hinder the coining of silver? There is no possible way of distinguishing a silver dollar that is coined outside of the mint from one that is coined at the mint, if ordinary care is exercised. It is not difficult to do. The most danger lies in getting the exact weight of silver and alloy, and a discrepancy there can only be detected by a careful chemical analysis. The profit in making them is more than a hundred per cent.

**CHEAP MONEY**

Morton is still talking about "cheap money." He really does not seem to know that money has been getting cheaper every day. It took nearly 50 cents to buy a bushel of corn in Chicago the other day. When his patron saint ruled the roost at Washington and Morton was his adviser, it only took ten cents to buy a bushel of corn in relation to corn, money is about three hundred per cent cheaper than in the days when Morton and Grover spent their time denouncing "cheap money." Just in proportion that money has grown cheaper, the farmers have prospered. Think of the time when the mullet head farmer went around

declaring that he wanted the money of the greatest purchasing power, good money, sound money, and all that sort of thing. It hasn't penetrated his brain yet, any more than it has Morton's, that it only took two bushels of corn to buy a dollar in Chicago the other day, while it took ten bushels to buy a dollar when Grover and Morton joined the republican party. That makes money nearly four times cheaper and brings wealth to the farmer who has corn to sell. The main reason for it is that McKinley has been coining more silver than was ever coined under the Sherman act.

The old White house hypocrite has done another thing which is in perfect accord with his whole career. He has appointed W. A. Rodenberg, a defeated candidate for the house, a member of the civil service commission. Rodenberg has always been an active opponent of civil service reform and went so far when he was a member of congress as to vote against the appropriation to pay the expenses of the board, which was in effect voting to abolish it and return to the practice of changing the whole force of employees engaged in the government service, in the post offices, letter carriers and everywhere else upon the change of the administration. McKinley ran on a platform endorsing civil service and that is the way he proposes to keep his promises.

The recent publication of the instructions sent to the commissioners to negotiate the treaty with Spain show that McKinley was the first one to advocate "conquest" as a principle to be adopted by this government. He insisted upon the theory of "conquest" and so instructed the commissioners although Judge Day and a majority of the commission protested. That is another illustration of the character of the White house hypocrite, for he was at the same time talking about our "moral code," "divine providence" and "benevolent assimilation." As the records continue to come to light, they show more and more that he is the villain of the ages.

If the Southern Mercury and a few other papers could drop their peculiar partisanship for a few weeks, they would be able to see that now is the time to put the populist party on its feet in Texas and some other southern states. The democracy having made such a tremendous failure in the late legislature—a failure so complete and dismal that many decent democrats are ready to abandon the organization—now is the time to say, let us who really believe in reform unite. If an honest effort were made to get the real democrats to act with the real populists in that state—the recent legislature would be the last chance that old gang of anti-Bryan democrats would have to deceive the people.

McKinley has appointed, at the request of Boss Platt, Fred J. Allen as commissioner of patents. Thousands of protests are being sent in. Allen has been a rank partisan of the Bell telephone monopoly. That monopoly figures that if they can get the commissioner of patents that they will have things their own way for a good many years to come. But then McKinley is a saint and combines within himself, as Chaplain McCabe declares, all the virtues of both Christ and Moses. It is not McKinley's fault, for the emperor can do no wrong. It is all the fault of Boss Platt and that wicked telephone monopoly.

The Crete Democrat, after quoting the remarks of The Independent concerning McKinley's audacious lying, says:

"Twenty-five years hence The Independent would not dare to print such words about the head of the republican oligarchy of trusts. Lots of republicans hang their heads in shame at the contradictory acts of the man redeemed from bankruptcy by rich magnates of corporations in order to have the right kind of pious material for president."

The editor of The Independent may not be here twenty-five years from now, but if he is, he will have the same opinion of the old White house hypocrite and dare to express it.

Every man who is opposed to making this republic an empire should get ready for a big fight against calling a constitutional convention. The plutocrats are determined to abolish the constitution and make a new one in its place. The submission of an amendment to the constitution is a far different matter from calling a constitutional convention to make a new one. That is the latest piece of devilry that the old hypocrite of the White house has concocted. A constitutional convention called under his reign would eliminate from that document one of its provisions that has preserved the liberties of the people. That is exactly what they intend to do.

Bartley got a chance to serve the state more than three times as long as Millard did. But then Millard will repeat if the republicans continue to hold power.

**THEY'RE AFTER HIM**

Bryan's shots at Cleveland, Dave Hill, Rolla Wells and a few more democrats who have been playing the buncce game of staying in the democratic party and voting the republican ticket has started the southern coyotes to howling. The Memphis Commercial Appeal lets loose as follows:

"Mr. Bryan does himself no credit when he indulges in vulgar assaults upon Mr. Cleveland's character, representing him as a deserter and traitor, and stating that he 'turned the treasury over to a foreign financial syndicate, and intrusted J. Pierpont Morgan with the combination of the government vaults.' This is cheap claptrap, entirely unworthy of Mr. Bryan."

The Chattanooga Times yelps after this fashion:

"Besides gratifying his pent-up spleen, Mr. Bryan plays the role of the 'business man' in making rowdy, boyish, ill-mannered attacks on Mr. Cleveland."

Hill and Cleveland have persuaded these parasites of plutocracy that they are going to control the national democratic convention and they have begun their yelping at the heels of Bryan. They have concluded that the south will vote any ticket labelled 'democrat' no matter what principles are incorporated in the platform and they have the promise of big contributions from the trusts and banking syndicates. The trusts have figured out that it will be cheaper to run the democratic party, when they once have downed Bryan and the "new democracy," than it has been to run the republican party. Mark Hanna calls on them for so many millions every campaign that they are getting tired.

There is no more conscienceless set of rogues on earth than these southern democrat-republicans. They are such a green lot that the sharpers from the north can twist them around their fingers, and the said greenies will not know that they are being twisted. See how easily they took them in during the last congress. All the trusts want of them is to skin them, but the poor ninnies don't know enough to even know that.

They have hauled up a firm in Manila and are trying them by a court martial for selling supplies to Filipinos. When that court martial gets through with that case, it would be a good idea for it to come over here and try one William McKinley for selling war supplies to the British, who are at war with a nation with which we are at peace.

Rosewater draws it very mildly when writing about the new senators. He says: "While no claim can be laid for either of our new senators to gifts of oratory or training in diplomacy and statescraft we have the gratifying assurance that the interests of this state will be in safe hands in the higher branch of the national legislature."

Tobe Castor, when Cleveland was president, carried a black bound book in which the fate of every office-seeker was recorded. That black bound book is now transferred to the side pocket of D. E. Thompson. Prospective pie eaters of every grade will act accordingly. So far, none of the names of the "big six" or the recalcitrant nine are to be found therein.

Rosewater not only gave the president a whack last week, but he took a shot at the sacred doctrine of protection in the following words: "Our judgment is that there will be a strong pressure upon the Fifty-seventh congress for a revision and modification of the tariff which the party in power will feel called upon to give attention to."

One or two democrats have concluded to get a move on themselves and take a trip to the Philippines so that in the next congress they will be able to speak with as much authority as the exploiters who have secured franchises or timber concessions and whose way is paid out there and back by taxation. Among the number is Senator Bacon of Georgia.

A republican congress declared three years ago that the Cubans were fit for self-government, were, and of right ought to be free and independent. After two years of drilling under the orders of the White house emperor, they now say that they are not capable of self-government at all. That shows the degeneracy caused by the malignant influences of the old free-trade-for-Puerto Rico despot.

The reply of Lord Lansdowne concerning the Hay-Pauncefote treaty indicates that England intends to hold onto everything specified in the Clayton-Bulwer document. Now it appears to the independent that when one party violates a treaty that releases the other party. It is well known that since Great Britain and the United States declared that neither of them would undertake to annex territory in Central America, that England has got hold of a large slice on the Mosquito coast and has held posse-

sion for a long time. She did that in direct violation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Now she says that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty must be held sacred forever and that all coming generations to the end of time will be bound by it. That one set of men can bind all the generations who will be born and live on this continent and that a contract that they make must be held sacred by all the millions who shall in all coming time inhabit this hemisphere, is a doctrine that may be agreeable to the present English government, but here is one pop who will have none of it. The world belongs to the living and the orders and contracts of men who have long since mouldered into dust is not an irrevo-

able law to the living.

Dr. Winnett was elected mayor of Lincoln, but nevertheless this hell hole of republicanism adopted one of the chief principles of populism and voted for the public ownership of city light.

Rosewater says that the failure of the legislature, in spite of its republican majority, to carry out the pledges made for it in the platform of the party is most disappointing. There are 113,879 more republicans in the state who have the same opinion.

McKinley's carpet-baggers are outdoing the Spanish about two hundred and seventy per cent. The Havana Post says that there are 250 office holders in the city's public buildings, whereas in the worst days of Spanish rule there were never to exceed sixty or seventy. The other "new possessions" can doubtless show up just as well. If pie can keep a party in power the republicans will hold the government forever.

Aguinaldo having taken the oath of allegiance, the president now proposes to make him a republican office-holder. A little while ago he was a savage, a bandit, a rebel and all those sort of things. According to their ideas that is the best sort of material for office-holders if they will only take the oath of allegiance to McKinley and they have a great many of that kind on the pay roll of the government. Rosewater endorses the idea and wants Aggy made a governor in the Philippines.

It is announced that McKinley has substituted P. C. Knox of Pittsburgh for Griggs. That is in accordance to the eternal fitness of things. Knox is the lawyer who pulled the armor plate concerns out of a very bad hole when they were caught swindling the government and endangering the navy by furnishing armor full of blow holes. Since that time Knox has been a trust lawyer of the same sort that Griggs was. As long as the trusts hold one cabinet position they will feel perfectly safe.

Three weeks after the facts were printed in The Independent, in its correspondence from Omaha tells about the recent fight in the legislature between the B. & M. and U. P. to control the election of senators. The B. & M. won, and with the aid of Senators Clark and Kearns will proceed to build from Salt Lake to the Pacific and get \$20,000,000 appropriated for a harbor near Los Angeles. When the old hypocrite gets within three weeks of The Independent with its news, it is doing extraordinarily well.

The holding of a continuous session by the legislature from Thursday until Monday morning at 10 o'clock will bring up a very important question about vetoes. The legislature legally adjourned on Thursday and as an act becomes a law unless it is vetoed within five days, all the vetoes will have to be in by Tuesday or else they will be no good. More bills were passed after Thursday than during all the previous time that the legislature was in session. That is one of the peculiar performances of the last republican legislature. It is likely to be "the last republican legislature" for many years to come.

The next day after the election of senators the Bee ventured to adversely criticize the president. Nothing of that sort has appeared in the Bee before. Is it an indication of what is coming? Mr. Rosewater, in commenting on the appointment of Rodenberg, who has always been a fighting opponent of civil service reform, remarks: "The republican party has stood firm for the reform ever since it was adopted. Why, therefore, the president should have selected to administer the civil service law a man who is on record as opposed to the principle, who voted in congress to overthrow the merit system and who, so far as known, has not changed his position regarding the policy, is altogether incomprehensible."

After a while perhaps Mr. Rosewater will conclude that the proper thing to say will be: "The old White house hypocrite has had a habit of saying one thing and then doing the opposite thing all his life. He began with silver and ended with Cuba."

**READ IT CLEAR THROUGH**

The Independent is constantly complimented in the state press and by its subscribers all over the United States. Its matter is more widely copied than that of any other publication, not only in the state, but in many of the great financial and economic papers of the east. No adverse criticism has ever been noticed except the calling of a few bad names by some of the middle-of-the-roaders. Such treatment by the press and subscribers, while fully appreciated and is the cause of gratitude might have the effect of producing vanity. No doubt the editor of the St. Paul Phonograph considered that dangerous, so he gives The Independent a whack or two just to keep it from being vain. He says:

"Most of the populist papers are doing a fairly good work, but almost the whole effort is spent upon criticism of the opposition. While this is useful to a degree, it has its natural bounds. We have often estimated how much more good a paper with the large circulation of the Lincoln Independent could accomplish by taking some space now devoted to treatises upon 'the mullet heads' to constructive and educational work."

Now we really thought we had discussed fundamental principles a good deal. Many subscribers have written and many men have called at the office to say that they were delighted because The Independent never gave up. That it kept fighting for the old principles, when all the rest of the editors had stopped the discussion of economic subjects and devoted their space to the most trivial matters. As the Phonograph is the first dissenting voice that has been heard, the fact is worth recording. The educational work of the "Nebraska" Independent, not "Lincoln" Independent, is found not only on its editorial page as is the custom of most populist papers, but it is scattered all over the paper. Half of the editorial writing is found elsewhere than on the editorial page. Perhaps the great circulation is due in some measure to the fact that it has no "grave yard." Every part of the paper is equally interesting. Many men have declared that it is the only paper that they make a practice of reading clear through from beginning to end.

The progress of populist ideas is simply astonishing. Advocates turn up in the most unexpected places. Men of every position in life adopt them. There is a case in New Jersey which is attracting general attention. Mr. Charles Keigley, a shoe manufacturer and a millionaire, made his advent into public life by advocating the populist idea of public ownership of public utilities. His friends say that he is the first millionaire in New Jersey to put these advanced populist ideas into practice. He has risen very suddenly in politics. He started by running for the council and getting the largest majority ever awarded a local candidate for office. At the head of a citizens' movement he smashed the heretofore invincible republican machine. His friends see in him not only a winning candidate for the state senatorship, but coming big political power in the state.

This is only one example among many. The new declaration of independence proclaimed at Omaha will win in the end.

The republican governor charges the republican legislature with extravagance and says that they gave way to "contaminating influences" and engaged in "barter, trades and deals." Besides that, the said republican legislature was criminally extravagant.