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Who appointed Clem Deaver to a lucrative office? William McKinley.

It begins to look as if Mark Hanna would transfer his fatherly kindness and accompanying checks to the middle-of-the-road democrats during the next campaign in Nebraska.

Jerry Simpson has removed from Kansas to the newly opened Indian reservations in Oklahoma. He will engage in the practice of law and farming.

One thing is certain. W. F. Wright was more successful in shooting rain into Lancaster county than McKinley has been in shooting Christianity into the Philippines.

There is neither money nor offices for a pop mid-roader in this campaign, but it is not so certain that there would not be both for a democratic deal in that line.

The republicans would teach the young of this state by their example that embezzlement pays and that treason should be rewarded. They illustrate those truths by the lives of Deaver and Bartley.

The individual, which, according to Sampson, is "the most distinguished living American historian," draws a salary of \$248 per day from the navy department and is doubtless overpaid for the work that he does.

John D. Rockefeller, the first bill. The republicans wanted one dollar as good as any other dollar and the first thing that they did was to issue one hundred millions of bank paper dollars that were "redeemable" in some other dollars that were thought to be better.

The first thing that the reorganizers heard in Kansas after they resolved that they would not fuse with the pops was that the very corn was popping on the cob all over the state. An ear of it was sent to Governor Savage.

Honore, owns one-eighth of all the property in a country where 74,000,000 people dwell. A government under which that thing was developed is the ideal of the republican party, and that party will fight with all its power against any change in it. Go and vote or straight.

It was the Record-Herald and not the World-Herald that ran Rosewater's picture and labelled it Dan Lamont. These hyphenated dailies are getting so numerous that it is no wonder the linotype mixes them up once in a while. Of course the comments were intended for the Chicago hyphenated and not the Omaha one.

The Independent remarked last week that while California thief had stolen less than half the amount that Bartley got away with, namely \$280,000, he had probably got enough to secure a pardon. The press dispatches now say that he is not to be imprisoned at all and will get \$25,000 for telling where he hid the gold. The Savage and McKinley precedents seem to be firmly established as a rule for the powers that be.

Are not some of the southern statesmen carrying the doctrine of heredity to an extreme? The Alabama constitution makers seem to think that if a man had a grandfather who was qualified to vote that the grandson has inherited intelligence enough to make him a sovereign. The entailment of land which Jefferson abolished rests upon exactly the same reasoning as the heredity of intelligence.

When the republicans think that they have a sure majority, then populists are "funatics," "anarchists," "socialists," "repudiators," "wild-eyed," "hogs in a parlor," and everything else that is vile and low. Now that they are not so sure about a majority they say, "please vote for our candidate for supreme judge, for the supreme court ought to be non-partisan, you know." They are equally ready to play the tyrant or the baby act as occasion may dictate.

THE ASIATIC DANGER

The other day the dispatches contained an item saying that in the strike at San Francisco two steamers had no trouble in getting crews of Filipinos which they secured without trouble and sailed away, leaving the American sailors on shore with nothing to do. That is only a foretaste of what is coming in an overwhelming avalanche in the near future.

The treaty excluding the Chinese from the United States does not terminate until December 8, 1904; but the law providing for the enforcement of the treaty stipulations expires May 5, 1902.

Hence, unless congress shall before the latter date re-enact the present law, with such additions and extensions as experience has demonstrated to be necessary, the gates will be thrown wide open for the full, free, untrammelled, and possibly overwhelming immigration of the hordes of Chinese into America.

The McKinley administration has given no indication that any such legislation will be introduced or passed as will tend to continue the laws now on the statute books restricting Asiatic immigration and those who have watched the trend of events have no idea that such legislation will be enacted when the present law expires.

This is a question that affects every home in America. If the millions of Asia can be dumped upon our western shores and spread themselves out all over the land, it means the overthrow of our present civilization. Chinamen can work and live on one-fourth what an American wage-worker can subsist upon. The Chinese do not spend money in the education of their children and the support of churches and other institutions that exist in every civilized community. The American workman does. When the Chinaman takes the American's place, there will come such a change as the world never saw before. That is what plutocracy wants. They desire fawning servants who will work for a pittance.

The McKinley administration will see to it that they have them. After that, what? Will the American worker who has made this continent, which was once a wilderness, a land of cities, farms, schools and churches by the labor of his hands turn it over to a lot of Chinese servants and a few millionaires? The men who have fought the battles of the past and made this nation what it is are not of races which would lead one to think that they will. Old Waite's prophesy of "blood to the bride bits" will become a reality before that thing is accomplished.

A CREDITOR COUNTRY (?) The Chicago American, in answer to a correspondent, insists that "now we have paid off most of our indebtedness to foreign countries, and the greater part of our huge excess of exports, amounting to over \$670,000,000, is helping to transform us from a debtor into a creditor nation."

This is a statement that has constantly been made by those who have supported the policy of "gold and glory," but of late most of them have abandoned it. They were forced to do so when the proof of the statement was demanded. If we were becoming a creditor nation on account of our continual excess of exports, the proof of that fact would be very easily obtainable. To whom have we been lending money in large amounts? What nations have borrowed money from citizens of the United States? A very few such investments have been made, but they are all known. It is an easy matter to make a bald assertion without proof, but before thinking men believe the assertion they "want to be shown," as the man from Missouri said.

Not long ago one of the statisticians who was a government employe declared that nobody knew what had become of this great balance against Europe caused by the enormous excess of our exports over imports. He made that statement after searching for the evidence that we had become a "creditor nation" and finding none he said that foreigners had disposed of but little of the American bonds and stocks that they owned, but on the other hand had made recently very large investments in this country and yet the evidence was indisputable that we had exported an excess of \$665,000,000 of goods and instead of gold coming back we had actually exported \$20,000,000 of gold. Those being the undisputed facts, this pseudo government economist gave it up, and because he did not know what had become of that \$665,000,000, declared that nobody did.

The truth about the matter is that our debt abroad is probably larger than it ever was. Economists have for a long time estimated that three or four hundred million of dollars had to be sent to Europe every year to settle our interest account and not one of them has changed that estimate in the last five or six years. Years ago they said that the "globe trotters" spent in foreign countries from one to two hundred millions a year and everybody knows that during the last two or three years they have spent

more than ever before. There is another thing that goes a long way to explain why no gold is sent to this country. What the amount is no one knows because no one has taken the trouble to find out, and that is the millions that are sent every year to persons in the old countries by relatives in this. The writer knows of two such cases. One a young woman working as a servant girl who sent to her old mother in her native land \$100 and the other a young man who had sent \$275 back to Sweden. There are hundreds of thousands of such persons in the United States and as most of them send the money by means of international postal orders, it would be an easy matter, if the government would permit it, to get the facts in regard to it.

The truth about the matter is that the United States is still a debtor nation and that it takes many millions to pay the interest to foreigners. It will continue to be a debtor nation for years to come and the farmers will toil and sweat to raise the corn and wheat, cattle and hogs, that are sent to Europe, sold there and the amount of the sales retained to pay that interest, instead of the gold being sent back to this country.

MORE CONVICTS ESCAPE The old State Hypocrite did not make a sensational paragraph out of a very interesting item of news that occurred last Friday night. The following is the way it read in the dispatches to the Omaha and Chicago papers:

"Charles Bennett, alias Smith, and Ed Tuttle, the latter serving a third term, escaped from the penitentiary last night by climbing over the eighteen-foot wall. Both were on night duty in the bakery.

"Bennett was convicted of larceny in Douglas county and sentenced to one year. Tuttle was convicted of burglary in Cass county and sentenced to three years. Timbers for the construction of a new building for the Lee Broom and Duster company were used by the convicts in making their ascent over the high stone wall. Up to noon today no clue as to the whereabouts of the man had been found."

Ever since the republicans got control of the penitentiary the institution has been a disgrace to civilization. If these things had occurred there under a populist administration, there would have been an uproar from one end of the state to the other. Not only that, but the great dailies from New York to San Francisco would have been full of it. A large part of the penitentiary was burned down. Another fire was started right under the nose of the guards in broad daylight. Convict after convict has escaped, some of them walking away while the sun shone brightly upon guard and convict.

It is probable that not one republican out of fifty in the state knows anything about the conditions in the penitentiary, and the republican papers will see to it that they don't. The conditions in the other institutions of the state are not much better. Under this condition of things, the only way to get the truth to the people is to get The Independent and other populist papers into the hands of the people. It is by the subsidizing of the press that the evils that we now suffer from and the dangers that confront us exist. The perpetuity of populist principles depends upon its press. That fact should be made the paramount issue at every county convention.

Where were the republican guards when these convicts climbed over the wall? Were they paid not to see? Does money get other men besides Bartley out of the penitentiary?

IN A BAD FIX

One would think that the readers of the republican papers in this state would get disgusted after a while with the falsehood and trash that is served up to them day after day and week after week. Everywhere they had been led to believe that there would be what they called "a hot old time" when the populist state committee met. There was to be a fight against fusion in which hair was to fly and blood was to be shed. But the reporters and sneaks who hung around the doors were dimly disappointed. The doors were not closed and all the proceedings were open to the public. When the meeting closed and the subject had not even been mentioned at all, they were the most disgusted lot of politicians that ever were seen on the streets of Lincoln. The populist committee proceeded to elect a secretary and then without any discussion appointed a committee to call on the democrats and silver republicans and indicate a day for holding the conventions and that was all there was to it. There was not a dissenting voice in the whole crowd.

There is one journal in the United States that is always the fawning sycophant at the feet of the millionaires and the open, blatant denigrator of the trusts and trust magnates from John D. Rockefeller to Morton and starch. It is published in Lincoln and edited by the P. Street

A RARE CHANCE FOR AGENTS.

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Idiot. In its Sunday issue it declared that Shaffer, the head of the strikers against the steel trust, was "an arrant and dangerous demagogue," "an enemy of society," "and probably an anarchist." That is the state organ of the "redeemers" and they all swear by it. From it can be gathered... feeling toward the wage-workers—the men who produce the wealth of this nation by their sweat and toil.

A man in Greeley county writes to The Independent and wants to know if something can't be done to make the republicans obey republican-made laws. He says that the republicans up there are defying the game law that was passed last winter and he thinks that the game commissioner had better put in an appearance soon for it will be no use in a little while as the republican vandals will have it all killed.

The steel trust will soon distribute \$71,000,000 in dividends on stock and interest on bonds. They are able to do that because they have a tariff of \$7.87 cents a ton on steel and can squeeze high prices out of American consumers. To further increase their unlawful profit they now propose to destroy all the labor unions. The republican party has aided it with a tariff and it will now stand by it with the courts, the militia and the regular army. Without the backing of the republican party the steel trust could not exist.

The election returns show that the vote in Nebraska was increased by over 20,000 at the last election. Mark Hanna and the railroads did that. When the republicans reflect that it is not probable that they can get their uncle Hanna to do that again this fall, there is no wonder that they feel blue. There will be no mid-road treason at this election. Clem Deaver has killed that for all time. The republicans feel sorrowful again when they think of that. If they could only scare up another Clem Deaver, they would fill his pockets with cash and his ears with fulsome flattery while they cursed the old Clem with the fury of a demon.

The republicans have all at once become great advocates of a non-partisan supreme court. Isn't it a little strange that they never saw the beauties of a non-partisan court in all the twenty-five years that they had a majority in this state. In all that time every judge's first qualification was that he must be a republican and could prove that he had voted 'er straight ever since he was old enough to cast a ballot. Now a change has come over the spirit of their dreams. They, one and all, declare that the supreme court should be composed of one democrat, one populist and one republican. If they would apply that doctrine to the institutions in the state that are under their control, then they might possibly convince somebody that they really believed in it.

In answer to several inquiries concerning Father Murphy, The Independent replies that Father Murphy is still in charge of his parish at Seward and performs his pastoral duties as usual. Catholics declare that Bishop Bonaum had no more authority to excommunicate Father Murphy without charges and a trial than he had to excommunicate the pope. It is further said that Father Murphy's church is an incorporated religious society under the laws of the state of Nebraska and that the claim of Bishop Bonaum that he owns the church property at Seward in fee simple in his own name is contrary to the canon laws of the Catholic church and the laws of the state of Nebraska. Father Murphy is all right and the people of his parish will see to it that he suffers for nothing.

The dailies are printing more interviews. This time they assert that Coin Harvey declares that the money with which international balances are settled must be of "intrinsic value."

Since the republican "authorities," like the director of the mint, have been talking about "the variation of the value of gold" and its "depreciation" on account of the tremendous increase in quantity, it is hardly likely that Coin Harvey has adopted the old delusion that gold had an "intrinsic value." If its value were "intrinsic," the increase or decrease of the quan-

tity would have no effect upon its value. If it is "intrinsic," the value is in the thing itself and cannot be added to or diminished. Rosewater would confer a very great favor upon his readers if he would tell them what he thinks value is.

The beauties of a billion-dollar trust is demonstrated at McKeesport, Pa. Because the citizens there sympathized with the strikers, the trust has gone to work to tear down all the mills there and absolutely ruin the town. Talk about imperialism and despotic governments! Has any ruler in all Europe the power of this man Morgan? What one among them would dare to undertake to make desolate a whole city because he had a personal grievance against the citizens thereof? But Morgan has that power. There was a time before the general degeneracy caused by republican policies had such an influence upon the people, that no man would have dared to issue such an order as that against a great American city. Now they merely bow their heads to the great imperator and beg for mercy.

For the last ten years plutocracy in politics has followed one policy. Advocate one thing during a campaign and as soon as in power do the very opposite. Cleveland was elected on a tariff reform issue and then congress went to work and passed the highest protective tariff bill that ever got through that body. They made a reduction where rates had been placed five or six hundred per cent above the prohibitive point, but the bill was the highest protective bill that was ever passed. Mark Hanna made a campaign on the ground that the coinage of silver must be stopped and as soon as in power went to coining more silver than was ever coined before. He declared that they wanted "one dollar as good as every other dollar" and then flooded the country with bank paper under promise to redeem it in a better dollar. That is the way it has been all the time.

The Epworth league disgraced itself and all men who respect truth and honesty by employing Eli Perkins to deliver a lecture before them. Among the many and brilliant liars who stand in the first rank of that profession, Eli Perkins is among the foremost. He was a newspaper man, but he has been blacklisted by every respectable journal in the United States because he was such an outrageous and persistent liar that he got every paper that employed him into trouble. Not many years ago he sent what purported to be a signed interview with a distinguished man in Washington when he had never seen the man at all. To escape from imprisonment he wrote an apology in which he said that every word of the interview was a lie and that he knew that it was a lie when he wrote it. Is that the sort of a man to put up before the young people of a church?

From the way the New York city republican papers talk one would be led to believe that the sweat shops in New York, the crowded tenements, the Wall street gambling, the trusts, the millionaires and all the social and economic evils from which the inhabitants of the great city suffers, is all owing to the rule of Tammany. If Tammany was once downed and out of power there would be no more homeless tramps, no more children without a school house into which they could be crowded, no more tenebric district, no more policy shops and bunco men. Just let the republicans once get control of the city government and New York city would be a real heaven on earth. It is a little queer that they never point to the republican governed city of Philadelphia as an example of what the republicans can do in the way of city government.

Labor is by far the greatest factor in the creation of wealth, yet the writers who fill the pages of the economic magazines seem hardly to realize that such a thing exists. Month after month they will discuss problems connected with foreign and domestic trade, the markets, money and other things, but as far as any one reading their articles could tell, these economists don't seem to know that there is such a thing as labor. These supercilious penmen will one day wake up to the fact in a very unpleasant way

that there is not only such a thing as labor, but it is involved in the whole interests of mankind. Two problems await solution and are in every man's mind: trusts and wages. On neither of them dare the great magazine to express an opinion. They are not cowards. They are simply reduced to what is coming to the whole nation. They are simply hirelings working for the wages that their masters please to give them.

Now the republican papers are at it again. This time they say that this is the end of fusion. When this election is over that will be the end of the populist party. The "democrats will have swallowed the pops." Those who believed the stories about the big row that was going to be, believe this just as readily. The reason why these republican editors engage in this sort of talk is that they are not capable of discussing any question of government or political economy and they are doing their very best when they fill their columns with this sort of silly gossip. It is a hard job to edit a republican paper these days. Vital questions which are of interest to the people must be tabooed. What would become of a republican editor if he should write an article against the trusts? He dare not write one openly defending them, so there he is between the devil and the deep sea and he has either to say nothing or engage in idle gossip.

A good many of the great foreign missionary societies report a heavy falling off in the collections for foreign missions. That is what sober, sensible men have expected. Millions can be collected in the United States to send missionaries to teach peace and brotherhood, but this effort to shoot Christianity into the heathen will, in the end, be the wreck of the church and all its institutions if persisted in. There are millions of men and women in the states who will gladly take from their hard earnings small sums—all that they have to give—to teach less favored people the ways of peace and righteousness, but if this doctrine of war, gold and glory is generally upheld by the leaders of the church, they will find that they will have but few missionary contributions except from the plutocratic rich who give their money in return for the aid that the church gives them in their policies of imperialism and war.

The Boston Herald says that "nothing can be plainer to the intelligent man than that the great prosperity of this country of recent years resulted chiefly from its western harvests. It is entirely clear that without them this prosperity would not have been." Now that is a different song from what the Boston Herald sung in the campaign of 1896 and 1900. Then it insisted every day and sometimes three or four times a day in extra editions that McKinley was "the advance agent of prosperity," that if he were not elected, desolation would sweep over the land. This gold bug democrat has heard that there is a crop shortage in the west and he now fears that having persuaded the mullet heads that McKinley was the advance agent of prosperity and afterwards brought it about, that they will now turn on the republican party and go for McKinley because he did not keep it up. Mullet heads and mullet head editors of the great dailies are a funny lot. According to them McKinley produces prosperity, but adversity—why "providence" is responsible for that. Aren't you glad that you are not a mullet head.

PLEASE ANSWER

The republican editors have now come to the conclusion that a pop traitor is the meanest of all traitors, especially after he has got an office that they wanted. But while this traitor was traitoring all over the state and all of them were aware of the fact, they did not have a word to say. They drummed up meetings for him, they paid for halls, they declared that he was the only "true populist." They did that when they knew that he was a traitor just as well as they know it now. Who is most to be despised in this outfit? Was it the traitor or the men who stood by him, kept him before the public and furnished him with money and profited by his treason? Clem Deaver's treason defeated the fusion state ticket. Governor Savage and all the state officers hold their position by means of Clem Deaver's treason. The voters who were deceived and induced to cast their votes for the mid-road ticket and who would otherwise have cast them for the populist ticket, elected the republican state officers. Every one of these men hold their offices as the result of the vilest treason ever known in politics. They profit by it. Is Clem Deaver any worse than these men? Some of the republican editors denounce the giving of an office to Clem Deaver. All the rest of them got their offices by the same treason. Is Clem Deaver fouler than Governor Savage who profits by the same transaction? Here is a question that The Independent would like some of the republican editors who denounce Clem Deaver's appointment to answer.

FOLLOWED MCKINLEY

The republican editors who are criticising Governor Savage for paroling Bartley should remember that he is only following the example of their great and holy McKinley. McKinley has pardoned one after another of the national bank embezzlers in such a continuous string that there is no keeping an account of them. The last one was Charles Mussey of Rutland, Vt., who used his position as cashier of the Merchants' National bank to steal \$147,000. His robbery broke the bank, inflicting heavy loss upon his neighbors and caused much suffering. He was "sent up" for seven years.

In prison Mussey apparently fell ill. His family physician abandoned his case for unstated reasons which may now be conjectured. An out-of-town doctor was obtained by Mussey's friends. In a year he was said to be at death's door, and upon this ground McKinley pardoned him.

That was a month ago. The Rutland dispatches relate that Mussey has just gone into the Adirondacks on a hunting trip, as well as any one.

The bank embezzler is necessarily and always inexcusable; always and necessarily he has sufficient intelligence to know what he is doing and what havoc he may cause. Perhaps the picture of Mr. Mussey gayly departing upon a pleasure trip while his victims toil to repair the ruin he wrought may cause the supporters of McKinley to do a little thinking, that is, if they can think which is somewhat doubtful. The practice under this plutocratic government is, if a man steals a loaf of bread for his starving wife and children, send him to prison as long as the law will allow. If he robs a public treasury or steals the savings of the poor which they have deposited in a bank, pardon him. How long a government can endure that administers justice after that fashion is a thing not very hard to figure out.

WELL DEFINED

Why any wage-worker should ever vote the republican ticket is one of those things which the friends of organized labor can not understand. The position of the republican party towards labor has always been so well defined whenever a contest came up between it and capitalistic employers that it ought to be known by every man of sense in the whole country. Of late the republican papers have been making unequivocal statements upon the subject. The following from the Dakota County Record has been copied with approval in the leading republican dailies of the state and shows how the republican leaders regard labor organizations. It says: "The labor leaders of this country are a menace to the peace and future of both labor and capital. It is equal in importance to the trust question and the man who controls the unions is as dangerous as the president of a trust."

That is, as every man of sense knows, the position of the republican party toward organized labor. That statement should be printed on a poster and the bill-boards of the cities plastered with it so that wage-workers may no longer be deceived by the hypocrisy exhibited by republican candidates during every campaign. Just before an election they are all great organized labor fellows.

THAT IMPERIAL ORDER

It turns out that the new order issued by the postmaster general in regard to second class matter was made wholly in the interest of the railroad corporations and will not save a cent to the government. Contracts for four years have just been made with all the railroads for the carrying of mail matter. The order of the postmaster general will greatly reduce the amount and the railroads will get all the profits. Thousands of publishers will now send their matter by express companies. The result will be that there will be largely increased revenues both for the railroads and express companies. When it is remembered that this McKinley government is by the corporations and for the corporations, this new deal whereby the railroad and express corporations are to be enriched at the expense of the people, will surprise nobody.

The order by which this piece of business was accomplished was an imperial order in the fullest sense of the term. Year after year the postoffice authorities had brought all sorts of pressure to bear to get congress to pass such a law, and congressmen having the fear of their constituents before their eyes refused to pass any such a law. Then the imperial order in his own authority and the thing was done. Now some fifteen or sixteen millions will go into the coffers of the railroads and express companies that ought to have remained in the pockets of the people. Then the imperial order will grin and bear it. It is no use to kick such a law. It is no use to order it if you tell the mullet heads about it they will not believe what you say and they will go and vote 'er straight the next time just as they have for the last forty years. You might get hold of some of them in a kindly way to them. But the old codgers will vote 'er straight while they live and go straight to—the mullet head heaven when they die.