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Since Governor Savage turned the penitentiary over to a fusionist no more convicts have escaped.

The publication of The Independent was greatly delayed this week on account of the closing of the office out of respect to the memory of the dead president.

"The cause I love," said the assassin. The cause he loved was murder. Such creatures should be restrained in some safe institution where escape is impossible.

Mr. Bryan's tribute to the memory of the dead president is so beautiful that The Independent reproduces the whole page of The Commoner that contains it.

J. Sterling Morton has the hysterics again. He now charges that Bryan has formed a trust because he bought the subscription list of the National Watchman which was about to suspend publication.

Governments are instituted to protect the weak against the strong, and an anarchist understands that as well as any one. He is one of the first to appeal to the government for protection whenever he is in danger.

Adam said: "It was the woman, she tempted me and I did eat." Czolgosz says: "It was the woman. Emma Goldman set my brain on fire." Some members of genus man are more contemptible than any other creature on earth.

With big oil gushers in Texas, California, Wyoming and everywhere, the price of oil remains the same. Still Morton says that supply and demand regulates the price. Perhaps it would if rebates and special privileges to the Standard Oil trust were abolished.

In this country where there has been, according to the New York World, 2,130 lynchings in twenty years, it is no wonder that the anarchists have secured a foothold. Mobs and lynchings are breeders of anarchy, in fact, anarchy itself. Let us have no more of them.

The statements of Admiral Howison on the stand showed that he was disqualified to sit as a member of the court of inquiry and he was promptly excused. It is probable that it will be some time before the investigation will be renewed. A new member of the court will have to be appointed.

If anything can be made out of the late gibbering of the Cheerful Idiot it is to the effect that any man who has criticised or cartooned the trusts is a breeder of anarchy and responsible for the murder of the president. Respectable republicans repudiate such talk and are as much disgusted with it as men can be.

It is no trouble at all for a plutocratic judge to find evidence of conspiracy when a wage-worker is involved, but when it comes an anarchist the thing is different. The breeders of anarchy occupy the high official stations under republican rule and it won't do to apply the rules to an anarchist that is always applied to members of organized labor.

There is one thing about Kitchener's Dispatches from South Africa that no pop can understand. His official reports show that he has killed and captured more Boers than were in existence when the war began and every time he gets whipped he declares that it was brought about by "an overwhelming force" of Boers who still remain in the field. Can't understand it at all.

When a republican gets after a federal office there is no stopping him. Down in Kentucky one of them wanted a postoffice that was held by a woman whose dead husband had been a prominent democrat. All the patrons of the office, both republicans and democrats, were in favor of the woman retaining it. Not one of them would sign a petition for the applicant. One would suppose that the office-seeker would have given up, but he did not such thing. He finally married the woman and then she resigned and he got the office.

**PRESIDENT MCKINLEY**  
The death of President McKinley will bring sorrow to every citizen and subject in the United States except a few malicious, malignant and cowardly murderers who should not be allowed an existence upon this beautiful earth which God created for the peaceful home of all his creatures.

McKinley, as a man, who in the highest station that can be obtained upon this earth, was an example of those homely virtues which always have and always will endear the husband and the father to the American people. The value of such an example in this era of lax morals, especially among the very rich, more than atones for any mistakes he may have made in his career as a ruler, for say what we will, the love of home, of wife and children is the corner stone and very foundation of every blessing that we enjoy, whether it be life, liberty, or property. That President McKinley loved, watched and tenderly cared for his invalid wife will be told of him more often than any official act which he performed.

President McKinley's impulses were always right. He declared that forcible annexation was criminal aggression. His first declarations concerning Porto Rico and our plain duty in regard to that island were prompted by his love of humanity, but there seemed always to be a power at Washington which he could not resist and that power was opposed to the human longings of his heart and all the impulses that would have guided him if he had been free to carry his own ideas.

As a man he was lovable. The things that he did which have been subject to criticism were acts in direct contradiction to his best judgment publicly expressed. No one but he and his God can know what struggles he went through before he submitted to that power at Washington which no man so far has been able to resist. President McKinley has gone, but that power, which is greater than presidents still remains and its force is undiminished.

Three presidents have been murdered with the memory of the writer. In every instance a universal gloom has settled upon the whole population. All the people—persons of every political affiliation and religious creed—have been sincere mourners, except a handful of criminals, so vile and degraded that there is no word in the English language that will describe them. They are worse than wolves, for wolves will not attack their leader. The lowest orders in animal life are superior to them. They should not be allowed to exist. But their extermination should be accomplished according to the forms of law and not in violation of it. Mobs and lynchings are anarchy and religious creed—have anarchy as much as shooting presidents.

The whole nation mourns. Our hands, our hearts, our sympathies go out to the stricken ones. To the desolate wife, all of whose children have passed on before, and who husbandless and childless, can now only wait in tears and sorrow for the day when the messenger shall come to her, what can the nation say but that we, too, are mourners.

The singular fact was brought to the attention of the managers of the Buffalo exposition that there were thousands upon thousands of people in the state of New York who scarcely know that there is an exposition, while in every western state every child has heard of it. That shows the difference between the wide awake western people who read and do the deeds of the east who live only to vote or straight and denounce Bryan and the populists. Not only the census, but everything shows that where populism has its strongest positions is among the most intelligent of the people.

**IT CAN'T BE DONE**  
Perhaps there are some people among the 80,000,000 population of the United States who believe that this system that has been established by the trusts and the banks can endure, but they are not those who calmly reason. The system proposes that the workers and producers shall pay at least 15 per cent interest forever, on all the actual capital that was in existence in this country four years ago. That is to be accomplished by watering stocks and placing them upon the market. The steel stock has been watered somewhat over 300 per cent and some other stocks much more. It is proposed to pay dividends on all of this watered stock, which is equivalent to 15 per cent on the actual capital employed. That is to say, that hereafter capital is to take three times as much of the joint product of capital and labor as it ever did before. It can't be done. For a great many years the annual increase of wealth in the whole country has been about 3 per cent. On account of the great advancement in science and invention the increase in the future will be somewhat greater, but these arrangements of the trusts, railroads and banks, contemplate taking much more than what the increase in wealth can possibly be. The result in the end would be the impoverish-

ment of nine-tenths of the population for the enrichment of the other tenth. The people will never submit. It can't be done. On account of the subsidizing of nearly the whole press of the United States, it may take some time for the people to find out the cause, but in the end they will find it, and when they do, it will be a day of woe for the commercial highwaymen who have deceived them.

Attention is called to the very able letter of Mr. Van Vorhis on national bank reserves. It will be well to preserve it. Twice The Independent has tried to get this matter before the general public, but failed. The truth is that the depositor in a national bank has no security save the honor of the banker. There are practically no reserves. In the beginning of both the campaigns of 1896 and 1900 The Independent tried for weeks to get the dailies to take up this question and make it a part of the campaign, but none of them would do it. Populists of Nebraska understand that under the law nearly all of the "reserves," so-called, of the national banks are loaned out. These articles of Mr. Van Vorhis will give them the data that will enable them to impress the facts upon their neighbors, who having read nothing but republican papers of course are in total ignorance of everything connected with banking or currency.

**IS HE A SAINT?**

Robbin Hood, the English highwayman, gained a reputation that has been known to all ever since Wynkynde Worde published his little pamphlet entitled, "The Lytel Geste of Robbin Hood." Andrew Carnegie seems determined to perpetuate his name in much the same manner, the only difference being that Andrew robbed the poor and gave to the middle class, while Robbin Hood robbed the rich and gave to the poor. When Carnegie watered the stock of his concern which was worth not to exceed \$250,000,000 up to \$520,000,000 and put it into the steel trust, he committed a highway robbery the magnitude of which would have staggered all the robbers who ever lived before him. It was a perpetual robbery that was expected to continue to rob the generations yet to come, for he took steel stock for pay that was to draw interest until the angel places one foot upon the sea and one upon the land and declares that time shall be no more. Carnegie expects the authorities of the church to place his name on the calendar of saints for this act. What is your opinion? Should it go there or be placed at the head of all the robbers of all the world?

**EDITORIAL WRITING**

The Kansas Commoner, after quoting an editorial in this paper urging populist editors to do more editorial writing, says:

"The Independent always gives sound advice to its brethren and in the matter of vigorous editorial work, it practices what it preaches. A newspaper should always be the exponent of right principles and should wield its influence conscientiously toward the maintenance of an elevated and healthy public sentiment. Its work is not less important than that of the preacher or teacher and should be as conscientiously performed."

While fully appreciating the kindly comment, the article from the Commoner is reproduced for the purpose of keeping before reform editors the subject. There is a great work for them to do which is not accomplished by printing the local news. The ignorance among the mass of republican voters and editors is so dense upon all economic subjects, that unless these subjects are intelligently discussed in the reform press, some day overwhelming calamity will result.

In the good old days when the grand old party ran every thing, the bosses told the people that under them "the foreigner paid the tax" and they all marched up to the polls and voted for more tariffs. Now it seems that the bosses have changed their minds and are telling them a tale somewhat different. They declare that that rule does not apply to Germany. The Birmingham Republican of New York, says of the Germans: "They cannot do without the necessities of life, and by taxing such American commodities as are a vital necessity to the German people the German government is levying a galling tax which its people, and no one else, will be compelled to pay."

The secretary of the treasury states that the amount of money in the United States is \$2,511,859,533. Of this amount, including uncoined bullion in the treasury, \$1,147,836,145 is gold. That is less than half of the whole amount. What would happen if another attempt were made to stop the coinage of silver and reduce this country to a gold standard? There never was a more crazy idea ever attempted to be put into law than the plan, now abandoned, of reducing this country to a single gold standard. Who were the lunatics in the last two presidential campaigns?

**POTENT WORDS**

There have been foolish and hysterical things said about the assassination of the president by ministering to the words of one who talks sense. Rev. H. W. Thomas of Chicago said:

"The psychological efforts of war, of trust and strikes should be studied. Our age of force is hurting the higher sensibilities; lowering the nobler ideals lessening the sacredness, right of duty and responsibility, and human life. This great land should pause in its might; should study the greater meanings of life; should fear God and love the right."

The Independent has opposed the doctrine of force and wars of conquest from the beginning, not so much for their evil effects upon the people forcibly annexed, as upon the people of the United States. The destruction of the ideals of the American people, the abandonment of the doctrines of the declaration of independence and all the accompaniment of empire was certain to work a revolution in the constitution of society itself. The thought of 30,000 Filipinos slain by American soldiers could not help lowering the moral standard of the whole people. A psychological effect was sure to follow and it would be degenerating and not uplifting. The words of Dr. Thomas are full of power and should command the attention of all.

**RAILROAD MEN**

The Independent has in years gone past said many severe things of the railroad men yet it has pitied them. Many of them spend the greater part of their lives in the service of a corporation in the exercise of specific duties that unfit them even at middle life for engaging in other business. Then a day comes when a new lot of schemers get hold of the road or it forms a combine with another system. These men who have been so faithful and efficient are cast aside as old junk. There are hundreds of them today all over the United States who live in terror since the new combinations have been formed. They don't know whether their job will last over night. There is no compassion, no sympathy, no conscience in a corporation. They have no human being to which they can appeal. The Independent has often wondered why all railroad men were not advocates of government ownership. Then under civil service rules, their positions would pay just as well as now and besides they would be permanent. They would not always be in dread and hang on by their eyebrows. They could be independent, self-respecting citizens in fear of no man. They could vote as they pleased and not be slaves to the orders of their superiors as they are now. There are signs that a good many of them are thinking of these things of late.

**INTELLECTUAL ANTICS**

The freaks that the socialist intellect will perform beats the best trained acrobat in a three-ring circus. Now here is the Custer County New Era, which says:

"The socialists should get several hundred votes in Custer county, as the Custer county populists have decided emphatically against fusion with either of the old parties, and with a socialist ticket in the field they can vote for their principles without being forced into a fusion deal."

That is to say if the populists of Custer county should fuse with the socialists it wouldn't be fusion, but if they fused with the democrats that would be fusion and a thing horrible to contemplate. If there is any other man besides a socialist who can succeed in contradicting himself more flatly in one sentence than the writer of that article, his name should be put on record. If there are any former populists in Custer county who are now socialists and should join the socialist party, they certainly can't be both socialists and populists. If there are any "true populists" who are opposed to fusion they can't fuse with the socialists any more than with democrats.

**THE CLARK RAILROAD**

As long as millionaires exist it is a good thing to have some of them on our side. In the railroad world they seem to be nearly all on the other side. If one of them attempts to favor the people the rest of them turn and rend him as wolves do a wounded member of a pack. Just at present it seems that the Harrimans, Goulds and their click are hard after Senator Clark of Montana who is trying to build an independent line to California. The Southern Pacific has had the people of that state by the throat for very many years. It has controlled the state government and the courts, and the people could get no relief whatever from its almost unbearable extortions. As soon as Senator Clark undertook to put through an independent line, starting in Utah and Nevada, the whole gang of millionaires jumped on him with both feet. They fought him in the states of Montana, Nevada and Utah, in the United States senate and on Wall street. But Clark has persisted and is likely to get his line through.

if, when the other gang find that they can't beat him, they don't turn around and form a combination with him, the thing will result in great relief to the people of half a dozen states.

The party, by defying and violating the anti-trust law, has allowed capital to combine and wealth to accumulate in the hands of the few until the power that accompanies money is greater than the power of the people. Fortunes under republican rule have in some cases grown so great that the owners of them cannot even spend or invest for their interest, while the owners of these fortunes refuse to pay their share of taxes and throw the burden of protecting their great accumulations of wealth upon the wage-working and poor.

Under the republican rule the profits of banking have grown so great that one bank declared a dividend of 1,300 per cent and several others have made dividends running up into the hundreds.

Under republican rule railroads have been allowed to violate law and go into combinations that leave whole cities, communities and states at their mercy. One can be favored and another depressed, an instance being at Omaha where a discrimination against that city is made of \$16 a car on grain.

Under republican rule the nation has been forced to abandon the foundation principles upon which the government was founded, and an empire has been made out of a free republic, in which class distinctions are more clearly marked than in any monarchy of the old world. These are part of the things and only part that the republican party has done.

**WHAT THEY HAVE DONE**

There are some things that the republican party has done that it will be well to remember. They have denied the wage-worker a trial by jury by introducing the system of issuing injunctions. If a thing can be legally done by a workman, the judge has no right to forbid by injunction. If it is illegal then the culprit should be arrested and given a trial by jury. The anarchist that shot the president will not be denied a trial by jury, but the protection that the law gives to the anarchist is denied by the republican party to the wage-worker.

When a man extends one hand in friendship, shoots with the other to kill and then declares that he did his duty, it is evident that this country is no place for him or for any one who does not denounce the deed. If there is any place at all for such creatures on all of God's green earth it is behind prison walls where society will be safe from their deeds of murder.

Several papers are asking how can anarchy be so defined in a law making it reasonable or criminal to advocate it and at the same time preserve the liberties and freedom of speech without which no free government can exist. We don't want to define it. What is wanted is a law that will confine every person behind prison walls who advocates murder. That will get rid of the whole crew.

To relieve the intense anxiety suffered by Brother Rosewater lest "the democrats swallow the pops" which by his writings seems to cause him many sleepless nights, The Independent wishes to say that the democrats can't do it. The organization of the populist party will be maintained in Nebraska without a break in any county in the state. As long as there is a Dave Hill, Cleveland or Whitney left in the democratic party, populism will refuse to be swallowed. We hope that this plain statement will be a great comfort to the editor of the Bee and that he will cease to toss restlessly upon his bed, dreading the awful calamities that will follow the swallowing of the pops by the democrats.

The bouts between the World-Herald and the Bee are sometimes very uninteresting to people outside of Omaha, but the last one interests the whole state. As soon as the republican convention passed the resolution demanding that republican treasurers show up what funds they had on hand and where they were deposited, the World-Herald let loose on Stuefer. The Bee began on the democratic treasurer of Douglas county. The democrat immediately published a report covering all the time he has been in office showing how much money he had on hand at the end of each month and where deposited. But the republican state treasurer refuses to comply with the orders of its party. Rosewater shows that he can boss the state convention, but the republican state treasurer is too much for him.

Rosewater is again very sorrowful. He has discovered and made public a new plan of "the democrats to swallow the pops." He finds the beginning of it in the meeting of the committee of the whole held by the fusionists of Lancaster county. As a true friend of the populist party he gives full publicity to the facts and issues a solemn warning. No one can doubt that Rosewater has the best interests of the

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democrats, have been swallowed by the republicans. Is it good policy to tax the people and pile up a half billion of money in Washington? It may be good republican policy for that party works for the millionaires who pay little or no taxes to the general government. And yet the people ought to have what the majority voted for and we who did not vote for it must grin and bear it. The republicans of all grades brag over the big pile of tax money laying idle and useless in the Washington vaults. No knowing how large the pile may be, but the coming congress will probably sling it around as subsidies to every rich corporation.

More and more are we convinced that state management should change party hands as often as once in four years. The republicans left things in bad shape four years ago, in this state, and the fusionists made several big mistakes and left things not entirely clean. The opposite party is always ready to play the blood-hound and will track and trace the doings of their opposing party while at the same time they will whitewash and pass over the same thing and even much worse things in their own party. It is the chief party rule to cover up the cussedness of their own party and to lay everything that looks dark in the opposing party. The scheme to do this in the supreme judge amendment was one of the blackest things the fusionists undertook to do. The fact that the republicans accomplished a similar trick a few years before was no excuse for the republicans. Then the same game. Then the turning out of those Omaha members was a foolish move and for an unjust purpose. Such action for the sole purpose of increasing the fusion majority had a bad odor. Then worst of all was the taking of the home for the friendless out of the hands of the women. They were running the institution for less money, according to the number of inmates, than the men were any other state institution. Then they were paying about one-fourth of all the running expenses out of the money willed and given to them by benevolent people. Bequests would have increased had the institution been left under the control of the women. They had already run up to many thousands of dollars. Then the care they exercised for the homeless orphan children has seldom been equalled. Adopted homes were found for hundreds of children and then scores of women's eyes and ears were open to see that they were kindly treated. These, with several other mistakes, were what decimated the party. It does not seem to be all up our back to have the republicans scrutinize the secretary's and oil inspector's records. We hope they will go through the whole four years' record just as the fusionists went through theirs. The safest administration is when the two parties are so near equally balanced that the changing of a few votes changes government control from one party to the other.

**Hardy's Column**

The Assassin—Fusion—The Pile-Up Policy—Changing Government Control.

Our first hope on hearing of the assassination of President McKinley was that the assassin might turn out to be a Filipino. If one of Washington's friends had gone over and shot the king of England he would have been classed with our patriots. Our second hope, if not a Filipino, that he might turn out to be an irresponsible crazy man. Our third hope was that if neither a Filipino nor insane, that he might turn out to be a foreigner from some country over the sea with not a drop of American blood in his veins. Our last hope was quite well filled, but our regret for such an act in America is in no way softened. The sorrowful effect all over the country proves that we are one people more than two parties.

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