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Roosevelt once said something about the anarchist. Will Wall street lay that up against him?

The battle of Santiago is being fought over again with Schley on deck and Sampson forty miles away. History repeats itself.

Judge Hollenbeck stated before the populist convention that he would receive no pass or other favor from any corporation.

If chivalry and good breeding count for anything, then the opposition press in the United States undoubtedly deserves to be promoted to the head of the class.

The exact moral standing of a party that forces a governor of a great state to repudiate a contract made with a convict is one of those things that no pop can find out.

The democrats and populists in Kansas continue to fuse in their county conventions with great regularity notwithstanding the action of the democratic state committee.

Five vice presidents have succeeded to the office of president, but not one of them was able to even get a nomination from his party as a candidate for election.

The position taken by The Independent that those who advocate murder should be confined in prisons as we have long done with those afflicted with homicidal mania, is being endorsed by many prominent journals in the east.

It is recorded in some of the papers that while some of the politicians wiped their eyes with one hand because of the death of the president, held out the other to the new president for an office. The king is dead. Long live the king.

The latest dispatches announce that fusion has not only been effected in Philadelphia, but for the whole state are everywhere adopting the practical politics of the populist party and "fusion" is their war cry.

It seems that the republicans of New York city, after weeks of anxiety, have at last effected a fusion and will go into the next campaign with a fusion nominee for mayor. Fusion in New York, in the eyes of the republicans, is highly respectable, but out here in Nebraska it is immoral and criminal.

In all the eulogies concerning the dead president's devotion to his wife, little or nothing has been said of the devotion of the wife to the husband. If she had been a less helpful companion—had been a less helpful companion—would the president have made the success that he did?

In New Zealand the working people have sense enough to vote together and they control the government. In this country a good many of them seem to think whenever their rights are invaded the proper thing to do is to organize a new party and divide up their votes so that they count for nothing.

New Jersey is the home of the trusts and what naturally follows—the spawning ground of the anarchists. They are very similar. The anarchists believe in no law and the trusts seek without an open declaration, to defy them. The one has the support of the republican party, why not the other?

We have had two weeks of the one thing in the daily press to the exclusion of everything else and now the weeklies are coming, packed from margin to margin with the same thing, but that is not the end of it by any means. The monthlies and quarterlies are yet to be received.

An Alabama jury sent a man to the penitentiary for life for lynching a negro for stealing chickens. When some of the northern states that have seen black men burned at the stake begin to take similar action against lynchers, there will be some prospect of suppressing this sort of anarchy.

The Schley court of inquiry was suddenly adjourned Tuesday morning on account of the sudden death of Judge Jere Wilson, senior counsel for Admiral Schley. It is said that the cause of death was acute indigestion and kidney trouble. Another adjournment will be taken on the day of the funeral.

The New York World asks: "Could there be anything commoner than the populist party?" We think not. Lincoln said that "God must have loved the common people because he made so many of them." The common people are very common. You meet them everywhere, and nothing could be more common than the party of the people.

INCOMPETENTS

It will be well for all the people of the state to take into consideration what has happened from the change of the government from fusion control to the control of the republican party. In the first place the legislature made such extravagant appropriations that if all the taxes are collected, or that proportion that is usually paid, there will be a deficit of a quarter of a million of dollars. That will be a burden upon the people for many years.

Next the penitentiary was burned and now the asylum at Norfolk has gone up in flames, entailing together upon the people of the state another loss of half a million dollars. The republicans could not run the penitentiary and had to call upon an old fusion employe to take charge of its after prisoners had been escaping in squads, since which time none has escaped.

The loss of the main part of the penitentiary and the almost total loss of the asylum can be attributed to incompetency. Both of these buildings are filled with guards who are supposed to be at their posts of duty night and day and if they had been, it would have been impossible for a fire at either place to have gained such headway as to be uncontrollable before it was discovered.

The editor of The Independent walked up to the captain's office and paid over \$1.50 the other day as the first installment of the forced tribute to the hard coal trust that all must submit to. The price of coal has been raised \$1.50 per ton and this is the first of three or four like amounts that will have to be handed over during the next six months.

It appears that a man who is not an American citizen has considerable advantage over one who is. The foreigner does not have to pay tribute to American trusts. After a while perhaps the facts will get to the people in spite of the great dailies and the Associated press, and when the poor creatures find out that certain millionaires have been laying a tribute upon the people of the United States greater than any tyrant of all history ever dared to attempt, there may be trouble.

The state convention occurred too late in the week for any comment in the last issue of The Independent, but it was one of the most harmonious ever held by the populist party in this state. There are always disagreements among earnest men concerning the "policy" of the party, but as to its principles there is no longer any disagreement whatever.

on its feet, he often supported the populist candidates in opposition to the democrats. Finally, when W. J. Bryan got control of the party, Judge Hollenbeck cast in his lot with Bryan. He has always been known as an anti-monopolist and no corporation has now, or ever has had, any string attached to him. He will make a fit associate for the two eminent jurists that the fusion forces have already seated upon the supreme bench.

The two candidates for regents—Hawxy and Bayston—were selected for their eminent fitness to fill the position. They were elected by acclamation after the vote of a few counties were called and it was found that they were casting their ballots solid for them, although there were several others who had been placed in nomination by their friends.

The Independent is proud of the personnel of the ticket presented to the voters of this state by the fusion forces. Every one of them is a man of high character and intelligence. It is an honor for any man to have the privilege of casting a vote for them.

POPULIST BANKING THEORIES

Populist banking theories are supported by all writers of authority upon that subject both in this country and in Europe. No less an authority than the immortal John Stuart Mill has this to say respecting the regulation of currency: "The exclusive privilege, therefore, of issuing bank notes, if reserved to the government or to some one body, is a source of great pecuniary gain. That this gain should be obtained for the nation at large is both practicable and desirable; and if the management of a bank note currency ought to be completely mechanical, so entirely a thing of fixed rule, there seems no reason why this mechanism should be worked for the benefit of any private issuer, rather than for the public treasury."

This gain of which Mill speaks has been so great to the banks of issue in this country that one of them the other day declared a dividend of 1,900 per cent while the dividends of others mount high up in the hundreds. These banks not only control the issues of paper money, but by it they increase their political power to an almost irresistible point. All of this, from beginning to end, is condemned by all authorities upon political economy and the populists have behind them every man of brains who has ever written upon the subject.

EUROPEAN RULERS CONFER

The czar paid a visit to the president of the French republic during last week where he was received with the glad shouts of the whole people. Every device was employed to make the ovation the grandest ever given to any ruler who ever visited the republic. The result was a public statement by the czar and President Loubet that an alliance had been formed between Russia and France, the czar stating that it was one to establish and maintain peace.

Out of the mass of stuff that has filled the papers concerning the interviews between Emperor William, the czar and the president of the French republic, there comes one often reiterated, to the effect that a conclusion was reached concerning the Boer war and that The Hague court of arbitration would soon be called together to take the matter up. Meantime, nearly every day Kitchener has to send his regrets for the loss of men and material. The Boers have been successful in nearly every fight of late and one occurs almost every day. In one of the engagements a colonel, a brother of Lord Mansfield, was killed. While the members of the government in England still declare that the thing must be fought out to the end there are many signs that the people are generally getting tired of the war and the calling of the court of The Hague may be very acceptable to King Edward.

SOMEWHAT COMICAL

The situation in South Africa is somewhat comical. It will be remembered that Kitchener issued a proclamation that every Boer who was running at large on September 15 in the two republics would be expelled and deported from the country. On the 19th of September Kitchener sent the following dispatch. It did not relate to the deportation of Boers, but to another subject, and was as follows:

"The Boers, September 17, ambushed three companies of mounted infantry, with three guns, commanded by Major Gough, in the vicinity of Scheepers Nek. After severe fighting the British were overpowered and lost their guns, the sights and breech locks of which were first destroyed. Two officers and fourteen men were killed and five officers and twenty-five men were wounded. Five officers and 150 men were made prisoners. Major Gough, who escaped during the night, reports that the Boers numbered 1,000 men and that they were commanded by General Botha.

FUSION A SUCCESS

The republican dailies in Chicago have so far advanced as to become advocates and defenders of fusion. The Record-Herald says: "In selecting Seth Low as the standard-bearer for the forces of good citizenship in the coming municipal contest the conference committee of the fusion forces presents to the voters of Greater New York a candidate whose name has stood as a synonym for good government for two decades."

POLITICAL KINDERGARTEN

Some kind-hearted pops are raising funds to establish a kindergarten in Lincoln where the republican editors can be taught such elementary financial principles as their immature minds can master. A young lady has kindly consented to take charge of the two little chaps who are editors of the Omaha and Lincoln republican daily papers.

Teacher—"Eddie, did you do that?" (Eddie sulks and won't answer.) Teacher—"Come now, Eddie, be good and don't sulk." Eddie—"Suppose I did." Teacher—"Why did you do it?" Eddie—"I was writing for a lot of mullet heads who wouldn't know any better and I wanted to make them vote 'er straight."

Teacher—"That was very wrong." Willie—"Yes, he is a rascal." Eddie—"And you are a fool." Then these little boys went for each other and the lesson had to be closed.

STRANGE TIMES ARE THESE

The Record-Herald gives the following account of an incident that occurred in the Virginia constitutional convention. Judge Berryman Green, in addressing the convention, said: "Ever since the days of King Alfred freedom of speech has been the prerogative of the English-speaking races, but one of the strongest evidences of its abuse is the noble victim now lying dead in the nation's capital, surrounded by weeping thousands."

WHERE POWER ABIDES

Russell Sage says: "I have talked with practically all of the representative financial men of this community, and all agree in their determination to uphold President Roosevelt. We feel it is our duty to stand by him and to show our faith in his ability to successfully carry on our national government."

Teacher—"What is an awful hard sum?" Teacher—"Well, never mind. The director of the mint tells what the value of an English shilling is and I will read it to you. He says it is twenty-four cents, thirty-three and one-quarter mills (\$0.24,3325). How in the world did you come to write down, read in proof and then publish the statement that it was 51 cents?"

Teacher—"Willie is a very good little boy to own up and if he will study hard after a while he may know something about the subject and be able to write articles that the wicked pops won't laugh at."

Teacher—"Now, Eddie, don't be naughty. That is no answer at all. Did you study your lesson?" Eddie—"But I've been in England and I know that a quarter is a quarter of anything."

Eddie—"I know, but I forgot." Teacher—"I don't think you know if you have forgotten. It is eight bushels and two-hundred and fifty-thousandths of a bushel (\$8.252). Eddie—"Willie didn't know what a shilling was and he couldn't divide \$4.86 6 1/2 by 20, so as to find out how many cents there were in a shilling and then you went and said that he was a good boy."

An English shilling is about 25 cents had better keep his mouth shut." Willie—"And one who don't know that he made a fool of himself when he declared that in the same country, using the same money, the farmer had to pay twice as much as the wage-worker for articles bought in the open market hasn't any grounds for calling other people idiots."

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INCIDENT ANARCHY

There was a strange performance at the court house the other day—such a performance as was never witnessed in the United States before. The character of the men engaged in it was such as to bring disgrace on any city. The principal actors in it were J. H. Ager and Captain Hill and Major McClay, who by the way, would never have been a major but that a populist governor made him such.

A set of resolutions in regard to the murder of the president were presented by Henry V. Hoagland that were a credit to the gentleman introducing them declaring the sentiments of the people in regard to the murder of the president and his assassin in a dignified and forceful way. But there were others and different ones for political effect at home.

Men who can get so low as to try to further their political fortunes by using the tears of a widow and the blood of a murdered president are just as despicable as men can get. Many of the leading republicans of the city so expressed themselves. These men brought in what were called "resolutions by a supplemental committee."

The first resolution contained the vilest attack upon the supreme court of the United States that ever appeared in print. It said: "That we condemn in the severest terms those persons who, by falsely representing our government as an empire, and our president as an emperor, thereby fostering disloyalty, and the growth of anarchy, and giving encouragement to anarchists to assassinate our chosen rulers."

Every man of intelligence knows that the supreme court in declaring that this country was an empire even went so far as to quote John Marshall as having used that word, although the dissenting judges were of the opinion that the majority had put a constrained meaning upon the word "empire" as used by Chief Justice Marshall.

Another resolution seems to be aimed at Editor Rosewater, for no man has written more strongly against the conviction of the Chicago anarchists in violation of law and without evidence to sustain the charges made against them, than Mr. Rosewater did. In thus condemning Mr. Rosewater they make the same accusations against many republican jurists and lawyers who have published their opinions so that all the world knew them. These pot-house politicians say:

"Resolved, That we condemn any and all persons who express, either directly or impliedly, any sympathy with the Hay Market anarchists who were so justly convicted by the Illinois courts, and a part of whom were, in defiance of decency, and good government so unjustly pardoned by Governor Altgeld."

The Independent calls attention to the letter of Dr. Edward Everett Hale in regard to the Boer prisoners now in Bermuda. A little souvenir from them would be a good thing to show to your neighbors and hand down to your children as a memento of the bravest fight for independence ever made by man and made by one of the men who fought for liberty on the velts of South Africa.

The Bee talks about "the sound financial condition." How did it come sound? By adopting the populist financial principles, coining silver, issuing paper and greatly increasing the quantity of money in circulation and that is just what the Bee and all the gold-bugs declared would bring ruin and destruction, and that every one who advocated such principles were anarchists, socialists and repudiators.

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The Independent sympathizes with Mr. Rosewater, for it is always an embarrassing thing for an editor to be charged with heinous crimes by members of his own party. After having disposed of Mr. Rosewater and the supreme court of the United States in this summary way, this triplet of incipient anarchists then make the following statement:

"Resolved, That the so-called 'yellow journals,' as typified by the New York Journal, and Chicago American, by the use of indecent and slanderous cartoons of our public officials, by their persistent lying and misrepresentation of facts; their open and active sympathy with Aguinaldo and his followers, in the late Philippine insurrection, and their advocacy of treason to the American government, are, in our opinion, largely responsible for the existence of anarchy in this country, and are not wholly guiltless of the blood of our beloved President McKinley, the brave commanders, Stotsenberg and Lawton, and the soldiers who lost their lives in the service of their country in the Philippine islands."

The little vipers did not know that the Journal and American had always been rabid advocates of expansion from the very first and that they only made themselves ridiculous by their fool assertions. According to these statements they engaged in the very thing that they condemn, for they indulged in the same kind of talk which they claim was the incitement to the death of McKinley, Stotsenberg and Lawton. According to them this country is on the verge of dissolution. Nearly one-half of the inhabitants being advocates of treason. Among these traitors are nearly one-half of the supreme court, many prominent men in the republican party, including Congressman Littlefield, Senator Hoar and the venerable Boutwell. If there are really that many traitors in the United States, it will not be very long until this government is overthrown. But they are not. These three tailors of Tooley street are simply common and very inefficient slanderers. The people of this country are not traitors to the government, they are not anarchists, and they all denounce with vehemence these statements which give the greatest encouragement to anarchy that it ever received. If these statements were true, what could hinder the anarchists from going on in their deadly work? With the assurance that nearly one-half of the people of the United States are behind them, what is to hinder the anarchists from entering upon a campaign of torches, bombs and bloodshed?

The greatest encouragement that the anarchists have ever received in any part of the world has been given here in Lincoln by the declarations above quoted. If all men who have doubted the wisdom of any of the policies of the republican party during the last four years are "advocates of treason" and "are not guiltless of the blood of our beloved McKinley," then has anarchy a foothold here that can never be eradicated. But the whole thing is a lie concocted by three very small-minded men—three incipient anarchists.

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