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The republican papers have always asserted that populists and free silver men hadn't sense enough to make and especially the radical ones. Now Governor Hogg of Texas is editors themselves. There is certainly one exception.

The cost of the national government has gradually increased until now it amounts to \$12 per capita. Republicanism and imperialism come high, but if the people will have them they must pay the bill. When hard times come and each family has to put up \$60, they will wish "that they hadn't gone and done it."

The men who vote a scratched ticket pride themselves on having more intelligence than the average man, but the contests that have occurred in Nebraska show that most of them haven't intelligence enough to scratch a ballot in such a way as to have their votes counted under the Australian ballot law.

The Year Book, published by the London Daily Mail, says that the United States is the greatest nation on earth. It has an eye to that slice of Alaska, a base of supplies for the Boer war and the gold that England is to draw from the treasury by means of the Overstreet bill. Prospects of favors to come inclines it to be very complimentary.

There were five United States senators elected last week-Gorman from Maryland, McCreary from Kentucky, Dolliver and Allison in Iowa and Foraker in Ohio. It this little deal the democratic party gains two, Gorman and McCreary will replace republican senators now holding the places. Mc-Creary is a real gain. As far as Gorman is concerned, it is somewhat doubtful.

They have in New Zealand an official known as the "public trustee," a state official whose business it is to be of service to citizens in various ways involving legal procedure, the of both the United States and Great management of private estates in trust, and so on. But in New Zealand in the house last Tuesday by William they have a government by the people, Alden Smith of Michigan, who has for the people, while here we have a been a leading republican member of government by the trusts, for the trusts, and that makes considerable difference.

If the people would only write their names and addresses so that they could be read at the first glance, what a world of trouble and worry would be saved? But they won't, so we must suffer the worry and spend the time necessary to work them out like one does a puzzle. Wherever a double "e" occurs, nine times out of ten it is impossible to tell whether it is that or he letter "u." As for the "n's" and 'ir's" they have to be guessed at. *********

One of the citizens of Massachusetts has evidently heard something. It took him a long time to hear it on account of the way the newspapers that he reads are conducted. He asks the Springfield Republican the following question: "Does the volume of money in circulation in a country have any effect on commodity prices?" Evidently that man has run across some paper published west of the Mississippl river. It was a new idea to him and he wanted to know about it. It was something that he had never heard mentioned before. There is hope for

Myron T. Herrick says that the rich a monument to the memory of Ma-Kinley, that the contributions have so far come from the poor. The men who accumulated millions from the tariff policy one would think would be willCHANGING LAWS OF WAR

British barbarities will get a check one of these days. There is a growing feeling in every nation on earth against the cruelties practiced in the Transvaal. It is not wholly unselfish. If the British government is allowed to establish precedents that will change the laws of war every nation sion, it is always far along in the is interested. If a nation can invade night when it is brought before the the territory of another, issue a proclamation of annexation and then proceed to treat all the inhabitants who remain faithful to their own governforget or remit a different amount than was ment as traitors, who can be tried by court-martial and shot on the order of a military commander, certainly the whole world is interested in that. If the policy adopted by Kitchener is to become the regular custom and part of the laws of war recognized by all nations, then war will become more inhuman and barbarous than it was in the dark ages, for in those times noncombatants and women and children were not gathered into camps, surrounded by guards and left to starve. In all the Napoleonic wars, cruel and bloody as they were, no conquered or

overrun territory was ever treated rated at \$80,00,000 by the republican in that manner. England is a great nation and the things that she does will likely be seized upon as precedents in future wars. That being the case the whole world is selfishly interested is conducted. There is not a living human being who is not interested. The people of England are as much interested as any other. If a war should break out between

England and the United States and we should invade Canada and issue a proclamation annexing it to the United non-combatants and women and chilthe laws of war which have been that gold. adopted by formal treaties. They will less some action is quickly taken. The dispatch concerning the order of General Bell was as follows:

The reconcentration order is dated at Batangas on December 8 last. In substance it provides for the establishment of a zone around the garrisons, into which the friendly inhabitants are to be required to come under penalty of confiscation and destruction of their property. This is said to be necessary to prevent the collection of forced contributions from the inhabitants by the insurgents.

It seems that the world is waking up to the fact that civilization itself is threatened by the military authorities Britain. A resolution was introduced congress for eight years, calling on the secretary of state to intervene in the South African war, and insist that the laws of war as adopted at the Geneva conference should be enforced. There are also signs of uneasiness in every European nation. None of the peoples know when it may be their

Commandant Scheepers of the Boer army was captured while sick in bed. He has been tried by a military courtmartial and sentenced to be shot as a traitor. It is against this particular act that Congressman Smith protests. Not only are the civilians of the world interested in the setting up of such precedents as this, but every military man as well. If Commandant Scheepers can be court-martialed and shot as a traitor under the present circumstances, any military officer fighting for his country after the invaders have issued a proclamation annexing it, who is captured can be shot as a

traitor. It is about time that the whole wrold awoke to the tendencies of this modern imperialism. It effects the lives and fortunes of every human being. The leaders in establishing it are the two great Anglo-Saxon nations that have boasted of their free constitutions. What has become of those rights of which we were wont to

REFORM OURSELVES ing to send in at least a few dollars McIntosh of Omaha on the next popthor of the legislation that has made along the same line have been regrafters. They have the money and have never held an office and never

they "hurry up." Under such circumstances it is not possible to even write good English and mistakes are made, sometimes in copying, as was the case at the last convention, and when the platform is read is it not such a document as the people's party demands. There is no time for discusconvention and the hurried nominations tax all efforts. A populist state convention should be a deliberate body, a place where there is time enough to examine every question thoroughly and make nominations with deliberation and care. Such conditions have never existed either in our state or national conventions and it is time for a reform in that matter.

********* A FRIENDSHIP THAT PAYS

There can be no doubt that the German emperor and the statesmen who surround him have been closely watching the effects of the secret treaty of friendship between the United States and Great Britain. Their avarice has been aroused by the very great profits that England has realized out of that agreement and the emperor has concluded that he wants a slice of that pie himself, so he has ordered a yacht built in this country, is going to send his brother, the Prince Imperial, over in the manner the war upon the Boers to watch the launching, and has asked the president's daughter to do the christening. There also are rumors that the emperor himself will pay this country a visit next autumn.

Among the things that England has realized on the agreement has been a large slice of American territory in Alaska, the privilege of making this States and proceed to court-martial country a base of supplies for proseand shoot all able-bodied men who cuting the war against the Boers, but remained loyal to King Edward, gather | there is another benefit near at hand to be conferred on Great Britain by dren into concentration camps and the United States of far more importthere let them die at a rate that would ance than any that has preceded it. depopulate the country in five years, All the economists have been point-England could have no just cause of ing to the fact that England will need complaint, for she herself set the pre- a large supply of gold in the near fucedent. Does the world want that ture and that she must have it or kind of war inaugurated? Already that there will be a panic there the the United States is following that worst in all history, and more disasprecedent in the Philippines. The dis- trous than the Boer war. There is only patches told us only yesterday that one place from which she can get the General Bell had issued orders to es- gold and that is the treasury of the tablish that mode of warfare. Here United States. The plan has been laid are the two largest nations on earth and doubtlessly will be carried out

There has been no demand made by certainly be followed in the future un- the people for the redemption of the silver dollars in gold. A large number of republican papers, before they received orders from headquarters, actually denounced such action. Since that time they have had nothing to say is no reason why silver dollars should be made redeemable, except England national bankers would have asked

by the English influence. be a greater service to England than treasury, bonds will have to be issued. this country to issue bonds to carry its advocates denounced as anarchists on the Boer war. English bonds are and the discontented who were enealready at a discount and if any con- mies of organized society. siderable addition is made to the British national debt just at present there will be a catastrophe.

surround the German emperor see all this very plainly. They see a friendship has been established with the are millions in it for Great Britain. with the powers that be on this side of ing. the water as possible. It is a wise move on his part. The English will get the gold. What Emperor William will get is not so certain.

******* BRYAN IN THE EAST

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es not on the program when he start ed. He spoke in some churches, to Sunday schools and to audiences made up of teachers. The plutocratic papers are amazed at the outpouring of the people to hear him when there was no political excitement and when there was no campaign in progress. He will be back in Lincoln about the 23d of January. His full itinerary was as tainly shut our goods out just as we

January 3, Albion, Mich.; January 4, Hillsdale, Mich.; January 5, Columbus, O., (probably); January 6, Wooster, O.; January 7, Burlington, N. J.; January 8, New Haven, Conn.; January 9. Boston, Mass; January 10, Holyoke, Mass.; January 11, Boston, Mass.; January 12. Bridgeport, Conn.; Jan-Williamsport, Pa.; January 16, Altoona, Pa.; January 17, Butler, Pa.; Madison. Wis.

********* ASTONISHING PROGRESS

Every populist should in the main be satisfied or even rejoice over the advance that his principles have made since they were first proclaimed. At or have advocated the policy. There chimerical—the impractical and fanciful dreams of fanatics. Today they wants a chance to get gold from the ness propositions, appealing forcibly United States treasury and the na- to each citizen whose judgment is untional bankers want more bonds. The biased by ownership of watered stock and bonds and the great moneyed inin vain if they had not been backed terests. They are regarded by such men as the common sense way of deal-As soon as silver dollars are made ing with intricate and vexatious probredeemable in gold, the English ex- lems. Many men, not by any informachequer will begin to gather them up tion that they have gathered from the through the agency of banks in this great dailies published in the interest country and they will be turned over of plutocracy, but in other ways have to the United States treasury to be learned that in capitals of Europe redeemed in gold. The English will where the scholars and economists carry the gold to London until they have been doing their best work, pubget enough to tide them over the dif- lic ownership of public utilities is favficulties that threaten them. That will ored and practical business common sense has been putting it into operaany this nation has ever rendered here- tion. Slowly and gradually the comtofore. As the gold comes out of the mon, hard-working producers of this They are already provided for in acts of Great Britain and all over the conto keep up the gold reserve. The re- tinent of Europe, public ownership was sult will be that the English will get not looked upon as a dream, nor were

Furthermore, the people have learned that the populists spoke the truth when they said that city councils The statesmen and economists who and state legislatures were not representatives of the people, that they were representatives of the rich corporations by whose influence they were British government that pays. There elected. Plutocracy having captured almost the entire press of the country, That is a sort of thing that the Ger- the people have had little opportunity followers. They have found out that ever pretended to be civilized. When man emperor would like to participate to learn what populists really advoin. So he is making the greatest ef- cated. Under the circumstances the adforts to get into as close connections vance that has been made is astonish-

******* A SAD DILEMMA

comprehend the foolishness of such a policy, but they seem to be powerless. The party has been kept in power by buying elections. Immense cam-

the people along economic lines. enormous profits that the tariff barons have realized, is a dangerous thing, patch from Peru, Ind.: for they will not put up the money to keep the republican party in power unless they can realize clean cash in return. That situation puts the leaders between the devil and the deep sea. They know that an attempt to keep up our foreign trade, and shut our markets to all outsiders must end in an attempt at reciprocity, the tariff barons will go back on them. They

remember how these tariff barons rounded up their employes and told them that if they did not vote the republican ticket, the mills would close within ten days after the election; how they showed them hundreds of fake orders with the proviso attached that they were to be cancelled in case

the republican party was defeated. and they fear that if they cannot rely on such sort of work in the future they will surely be defeated.

The Independent sends to each of

them its hearty commiseration for the sufferings that they endure while they reflect upon these things. It is indeed a sad dilemma. They have only two alternatives. First, to go in for reciprocity and get beaten by the tariff grafters, and, second, to maintain the high protection duties and meet disaster at the hands of the populists and democrats, when the depression comes on account of the retaliation of other nations who will cer-

************ WELL ENOUGH

trade off short.

Pauperism is still on the increase in London. The last census just finished shows that out of every hundred persons in the city over 65 years old, twenty-one are in the poor house, and something else to be sought after in If that was true what are the repubthat does not include the indigent in- this world besides the almighty dollar. licans up to now? Do they intend to sane and the temporary paupers. The When all energies are devoted to that overthrow the gold standard? What present organization of society, as all ignoble end, insanity, and other evils do they want to tinker with the gold January 18, Waynesburg, Pa.; Jan- the statistics show, both in this coun- abound. The crowding into cities, the standard for? Several bills have been setting precedents that will overthrow by congress to allow England to get uary 20, Washington, Pa.; January 22, try and in England, results in a con- lack of any contact with nature or ani- introduced into congress by them to stant increase of paupers, insane and | mal life is another cause. Among change the whole financial system. criminals. The remedy proposed by the Indians, an insane person was chief among them the Overstreet bill the great leaders of the republican par- hardly ever seen. They lived in con- to make silver dollars redeemable in ty, from Mark Hanna down, is, as he tact with nature. says, "Let well enough alone." The present conditions may be well enough for the millionaires, but it is not for Hurry Club." It would be well to these editors were lying and intended mankind. Half of the taxation in pass a law authorizing the organiza- to lie, when they declared we had the that time they were regarded as this state and all the other states to- tion of one in the general office of ev- gold standard. We have never had day is for the support of the dependent ery railroad company. If put into force anything approaching the gold standclasses. They all constantly increase, it would do more to reduce accidents and and every time we got further are considered practical, definite busi- If something is not changed, the re- then automatic brakes, electric signals away from it the country has had sult any man can foretell. Shall we and all other contrivances of that some years of prosperity. We are continue the "let well enough alone" sort, for it must be remembered that further away from it now than we policy? Mark Hanna says he carried behind all these devices must be a hu- ever were before and that accounts the last election on that cry. Are man mind that is alert and not ex- for the present business activity. The things well enough? Shall we make hausted if accidents are to be avoided. gold standard means that there shall no effort for improvement? Shall we

********* MODERN REPUBLICANISM

republican party.

wait until the dependent classes out-

number the self-supporting? The man

benefit of the nation or state, he says: country have learned that in the cities I may find out if it is really the policy | mercy of 500,000 negroes during the | ed States and not redeemable in any that is best." The mullet head re- civil war." That was an unfortunate other kind of money," they got just at all. He sets forth his opinions in a cerned. The negroes were more hu- The republicans used to declare that dogmatic way and if any one makes an mane than the English for they never the silver dollars were redeemable in listen. All the reply that he ever marched through the south and al- they were at par with gold. They made makes to an argument, no matter how though he said "war was hell," he all the mullet heads believe that. But logical and strong it may be, is: "That's slush. You are an anarchist." enough to prompt him to gather the deemable and back up the Overstreet That habit is the cause of the im- southern women and children in con- bill with all their might. The intromasses who vote the republican ticket. the brightest intellects, but they live lish have in this matter proven themby preying upon the credulity of their selves to be the worst barbarians who "there are millions in it." Here in Weyler invented the practice, all the Nebraska they see to it that they are world was horrified and the United islands make some very queer argukept in ignorance. No republican in States went to war to stop it. The Eng- ments in support of the claim that the state, except Rosewater, will ever lish have adopted the plan and have they ought to be given the franchise. agree to a joint debate because their been more successful in killing women | One of them appeared before a confollowers would hear things they don't and children than ever Weyler was. Now Canada says that she is going want them to hear. They take to the All decent Americans have protested posed as a pure philanthropist willing to take a hand in enacting fighting woods as soon as a challenge is issued. against it, but on account of the secret to give some millions of dollars just tariffs. If one nations shuts itself up They never read anything except their treaty made with England, our govern- for the public good in laying a cable after the Chinese fashion, by build- own party papers. They are so mad- ment has not dared to say a word. If He said it could cost the government ing impassable tariff walls to pre- ly partisan that if Bartley should re- it did, Lord Salisbury might publish fifteen millions to lay a cable against cerning Mr. Bryan's trip east, and vent the inhabitants from purchasing ceive the regular nomination for gov- that agreement and that would be the the probable income of a hundred and boast? Once again the old adage calls how he was received there. From all goods of other nations except at ruin- ernor, there is not a particle of doubt end of the republican party. attention to its truthfulness. "The the accounts in the dailies of Boston ous rates, the other nations will in- in the mind of any man who knows price of liberty is eternal vigilance." and other New England cities it seems | vent some method of retaliation. When | the condition of things here that he that he was given an ovation at every it comes to China, they simply go would receive 50,000 or 60,000 republiplace at which he appeared. The gold there with armies and force "an open can votes in the state. A good many holders in the United States under this The Independent wishes to call spe- bug papers all speak in the most re- door" for the entrance of goods. Where of them have been denouncing Govcial attention to an article by Prof. spectful manner of his addresses and that method is too costly something ernor Savage for pardoning Bartley, is impossible to tell how many, but many quote largely from them. The just as effective will in the end be because they have seen disparaging they mount up into the thousands. Tom to perpetuate the memory of the au- ulist state convention. Many letters audiences everywhere were immense substituted for it. The wild economic articles about him in their papers, but Cook and Cruzon hold two of them in them the following: "Peace to be perand in every instance many had to be lunatics who imagine that a tariff if Savage should be nominated they Porto Rico and Nebraskans under- petual must have in it an element of them rich, but it seems that they all ceived at this office from populists who turned away. His addresses, which wall, mountain high, can be built would walk up to the polls and vote stand what sort of men they are. If justice." "That is real patriotism belong to the very lowest order of have long been in the ranks and who the papers all say were given extem- around the United States, that will for- for him. In fact, many of them are others who have been sent there from which gives the body to the country poraneously, were filled with epigrams ever prevent foreigners from sending now advocating his nomination. There the different states are of the same when the country needs the body, the they give never a thought to the man want to hold one. Heretofore a com- which the dailies pick out and reprint their goods here, while we shall ship are perhaps 20,000 republicans in the sort, prayers should be offered three head when it needs the head and the through whose influence they were mittee has been appointed on plat- in their editorial columns. They say millions worth of our manufactures state not of that sort, but their num- times a day by every devout Christian heart when it needs the heart." "A able to get it. Schwab, one of the form and that committee has had only that his voice was in splendid condi- constantly to them, is about as silly bers would not exceed that many. that God may have mercy on the peo- man with no higher ideal than the

EXHAUSTED ENGINEERS

paign funds have been the reliance of sult of nervous exhaustion of emthe strain was enormous for hours at These funds have come largely from a time. One of the first things seen the tariff grafters. To threaten the in the morning paper after that article was in type was the following dis-

> A specter of danger, the result of shattered nerves, caused J. E. Sible, engineer of the Wabash limited, an old and trusted employe, to jump from his fast moving train last night and sustain probably fatal injuries.

> The train was approaching Attica, with a clear track ahead, when the engineer gave a start and

shouted to his fireman: "Jump for your life, Burt, the switch is turned and we'll crash

into-' The sentence was not finished, for in an instant Sible had applied the safety brake, reversed the lever, and had jumped to escape the danger his harassed nerves had conjured up. Fireman Frick fol-

lowed, but was not injured. The train came to a stop and Frick went back to find his engineer. The latter lay on the roadbed, his skull crushed, an arm and leg broken, his ribs fractured and his spine injured. He was carried aboard the train and cared for, but it is not expected that he will recover.'

There is no common sense in this craze for fast trains. The world would go on better, just as much or more wealth would be created and men would live longer and enjoy more happiness if there was not a train in the United States that ever ran faster than fifty miles an hour.

The recent statistics show that in sanity continues to increase much faster than the population. Very much of it is the result of the evershut theirs out, and cut our foreign lasting rush and hurry that has become the fad of the whole nation. It takes no great mathematician to calculate the number of years it will be before there will be more insane than sane if the present increase keeps up.

The Independent once published the ported.

******* SALISBURY MIGHT TELL

reference to acts of other nations in lars. time of war. Joe Chamberlain is getting hot rejoinders from the German into power the last time it went to When an honest and intelligent man | chancellor for a reference to the acts | coining silver in larger quantities than has a political theory which he thinks of the German army in its war with it was ever coined before and instead if put into operation would be for the France. Another Englishman says: of establishing the gold standard they "Quite all of the whites in the south went still further away from it than That is my opinion, but I would like of fighting age were away from thtir ever. Every time they coined a silver to hear the arguments against it that homes and left their women at the dollar, "standard money of the Unitpublican is not that sort of a fellow reference as far as England is con- that much further away. argument against them he will not did any harm to the women. Sherman gold and that was the only reason that never thought that it was quite hell now they say they must make them repenetrable ignorance of the stolid centration camps and leave them there duction of that bill is an official stateto starve and die of disease. The ment that we do not have the gold Among the leaders there are men of truth cannot be covered up. The Eng- standard.

MORE OFFICE HOLDERS The increase in the number of officelast republican regime is enormous. It greatest beneficiaries, prefers to give a few hours to work. They have al- tion and that his eloquence was charm- an idea as ever entered the head of a Many letters from the eastern states ple of that island, for Tom Cook and making of money hasn't got an idea! his money to the gambling houses of ways been hustled by messengers from ing and convincing. Everywhere he political partisan. There are a few received at this office declare that that his partners from this state certainly such as entitles him to be called a ten pounds in ten days. Over 500,000 soundness of the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active to make additional sneech, more in the senator of the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active to make additional sneech, more in the senator of the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active to make additional sneech, more in the senator of the senator of the senator's logic, and Please don't let me miss a copy and active to make additional sneech, more in the senator of the se

men mount up into the thousands per In a recent article on the numerous year. The "insular" appointments, as railroad accidents The Independent far as can be learned, except a few of said that most of them were the re- the very highest, are mostly from the same class of men. They could never the leaders instead of an education or ployes who were put in places where be elected to an office in the states where they have performed their political work for the party. The people know their characters too well. Such men are selected to teach the Filipinos and others "not capable of self-government" the Anglo-Saxon way of civilization. It is the same sort of appointees who once were sent to Indian reservations to civilize the Indians. What sort of civilization they took with them can be gathered from an answer given by an Indian who was giving testimony before a congressional investigation committee. The Indian was asked if a certain chief was civilized. He answered: "Very much. He drink whisky. He play cards. He swear. He very much civilized."

Not satisfied with this present enormous increase in officeholders, a proposition has been submitted to congress to create a new cabinet officer to be called "secretary of commerce." If the new department is created it means a host more of officeholding employes. In each department at Washington there are several thousand and this department, it was declared on the floor of the senate the other day, would be the most important one in the whole cabinet! That means several thousand more officeholders.

The statistics show that there is a constant increase of paupers, insane and criminals. The republican party is determined that the officeholding class shall keep up with the increase in the other dependent classes. That is, however, in accordance with the fitness of things. They also live on the contributions of the public.

******* THE GOLD STANDARD

In ten thousand editorials in the plutocratic dailies during the last three years there has appeared the as-What will become of the country then? | sertion: "We have the gold standard" There is another thing. There is or "Since we had the gold standard." gold, which has been favorably re-

constitution and by-laws of a "Don't | The truth about the matter is that be nothing legal tender but gold. We have something like \$800,000,000 to The English are excusing them- this country that is more or less legal who wants to do anything along that selves for the inhuman cruelties that tender that is not gold. There are line will have to get outside of the they have inflicted on the Boers by all of the greenbacks and silver dol-

As soon as the republican party got

to get an exclusive franchise to lay a cable to Hawaii and the Philippine gressional committee the other day and fifty thousand dollars per annum, but his company was willing to take the job off the government's hands.

The eastern literary journals and great newspapers are quoting many epigrams from Mr. Bryan's recent speeches in New England, among