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Now that we have the Danish West Indies the grafters will proceed to whack on the tariffs. Will there be some more supreme court decisions?

The democrat who thinks that through fear or favor, he can get populists to spike their guns and desert the field needs a course of instruction in the institute for feeble-minded.

The United States has furnished the British government 77,101 horses to help subdue the Boers. One consolation about it is that De Wet and his men have found some hundreds of them very good animals to chase the British with.

A populist is amused when he sees the mullet head farmer shouting for a tariff that protects the other fellow and robs the shouter. But when he reflects that the mullet head's vote robs the populist as well, then he is not so much amused.

If all is granted that the officers of the British army assert, concerning the purchase of horses for the army in which the contractors fleeced the government to the tune of hundreds of thousands, then it can only be said that a British officer is as incapable in a horse trade as he is when trying to catch De Wet.

When contemplating the conquest of the two South African republics, Joe Chamberlain remarked that it would require an army of at least 10,000 men. The official documents submitted to parliament on the 1st of January showed that at that date the British government had in South Africa 237,800 British soldiers. Joe is one great prophet.

The following is from a private letter from Washington: "The European dispatches announce that pourparlers have recently been exchanged between some of the European powers regarding the Philippines, just for what purpose has not transpired. I am of the opinion that it is in connection with Prince Henry's visit to the United States as I wrote you before."

It is said by the Washington correspondents that 175 applications for the governorship of the Danish West Indies were made before the treaty was ratified by the senate and that they have been coming in ever since. On the basis of the salaries of the other carpet-baggers this governorship ought to be worth \$6,000 a year and a palace to live in. The republican pie counter grows bigger every day.

There must have been consternation in the office of the attorney general the other day when an order was delivered there from the president commanding Knox to institute proceedings against the Northern Securities company. Knox must have said: "Woe is me. Has it come to this? Must I institute proceedings against a trust? Would to God that I had died before this was thrust upon me."

About the time that the politicians have come to the conclusion that we must truckle to King Edward to get the English vote and to the royal descendants of the Elector of Brandenburg to get the German vote and to some other scion of royalty to get some other vote, they will be left out in the cold. As for the Germans in this country, most of them have as poor an opinion of royalty as any wild-eyed pop.

All the decisions of the supreme court which in effect destroy the protection of the constitution to some millions of people residing in all the territories of the United States, was an effort to preserve the special privileges of the tariff grafters. Every one of the cases was a tariff case. That is keeping up the record of similarity to George III. The cause of the outbreak of the revolutionary war was a tariff on tea. From that day to this

FIVE MEN ARE OUR RULERS

Under the present conditions, the form of government under which we live, whether it shall be a republic, an empire or a monarchy depends entirely upon five men, not elected by the people, but appointed for life, who compose the majority of the supreme court. A decision from that court to the effect that the president should hold office for life would be no greater strain of interpretation than the one that gave unlimited powers to congress to set up any form of government it pleases over 10,000,000 people, tax them without representation and govern them without their consent. If one of the judges should die and another holding different opinions take his place, our form of government would again be changed. Instead of having a stable government, administered according to well settled principles, we have the most unstable. It can be changed from a republic where every citizen has equal rights, to an empire where large numbers of the inhabitants have no right except what it pleases congress to grant them, or back to a republic without the people having one word to say in the matter. Five men, holding office for life and over whom the people have no control, fix these matters to suit themselves. Under the republican party, the American citizen has about as much to say concerning the form of government under which he lives as the Russian peasant. This is imperialism pure and simple and against it this editor will fight while he lives. A government that depends on the whim and caprice of five men, who are guided by no settled principles, is sure to develop into the vilest despotism.

No lawyer ever asserted, until since the recent supreme court decision, that congress had any power not "granted" to it by the people. The constitution says:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people.

It is not possible that any one can find in the constitution any power delegated to congress to govern ten million people outside of the United States, either by implication or otherwise. It follows that the decision of the supreme court is simply imperialism and by that act five men changed the form of this government.

DEPEW'S CONFESSION

Day by day as the world wags along the predictions of populism are fulfilled. What the populists said in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900 are now declared to be true by so shining a light of plutocracy and railroad domination as Chauncey Depew. In a recent eulogy upon President McKinley this distinguished Vanderbilt potentate said:

Though always a poor man, McKinley made possible the gigantic fortunes which have been amassed by master minds in the control, use and distribution of iron, coal, oil, cotton and wool and their products. Though never an organizer or beneficiary of combinations or trusts, yet the constant aggregation of most industries in vast corporations of fabulous capital received tremendous acceleration from his policies.

The substance of those remarks could be duplicated from a thousand populist speeches. At the time the populists were making those speeches their declarations were denounced as anarchy by the whole class to which Mr. Depew belongs. Having accomplished the purpose of piling up the wealth of this country in a few hands where its political power will be used to still further increase it, we are now told in a eulogy that it was the purpose of the McKinley administration to do that very thing. That is what The Independent said during all those campaigns. It is somewhat strange that Depew should make the statement at the present time.

SCIENTIFIC DUPLICITY

There never was a more dishonest and disreputable sort of scoundrels than the men who fought the last republican campaigns, and senators, representatives and economists are all included. They denied every well settled principle in political economy and relied entirely upon ignorance to succeed. The economists were the most dishonorable and disreputable of the whole lot, for they prostituted the science which they pretended to teach to the lowest and foulest political ends. They would write long articles couched in the terms of the science, denying the quantity theory of money. When the banks wanted to go into wild cat banking, they would write other articles pretending to believe that there was no difference between checks and drafts and money issued by banking corporations. After declaring that gold had an "intrinsic value" that never changed, after talking about "measuring" value with a gold dollar and a thousand other things of that sort that every one of them knew were absolutely false, now one of them comes out and abandons every claim about gold that they ever made. It is enough to make St. Thomas the spoils of office, but reform is sure

of these men and read an argument from his pen declaring that gold production in the world will so far increase under the application of new appliances in mining, as possibly to force a change in the monetary systems of the gold standard countries. If gold has an "intrinsic value" that never changes what difference does it make whether the mines produce 12,804,344 ounces, as they did last year, or twelve billion ounces?

The Independent has referred to Prof. Shaler's article once or twice before, but the continual reference to it in the eastern dailies show that these scoundrels are preparing to deceive the people again. The most despicable political scoundrels in the whole United States have been the professors of political economy in the great universities. They knew the truth and know it well, yet they went before the people with lies couched in scientific terms for the purpose of deceiving them. They should be stored away for an eternity on the hottest shelves to be found in all hades.

FORAKER STATESMANSHIP

The other day the narrow-minded partisan senator from Ohio made the statement in the senate that Tom Corwin was retired from private life because he was opposed to the Mexican war and had declared: "If I were a Mexican I would welcome you with bloody hands to hospital graves." Senator Hoar gave Foraker a drubbing that will be remembered for many a day. As the editor of The Independent was named after Tom Corwin and is a distant relative, he read Senator Hoar's remarks with a good deal of satisfaction. Lincoln and Tom Corwin took exactly the same view of the Mexican war and in denouncing Corwin, Foraker denounced Lincoln as well. Foraker is one of those petty politicians who believes in such phrases as "My country, right or wrong," and everything else that plutocracy propagates. The facts of the case are that Corwin was not retired. Corwin was a senator until 1859 when Fillmore appointed him secretary of the treasury. After that he was twice elected to the house of representatives and Lincoln, remembering that he and Corwin stood together in the fight against wars of conquest, appointed him minister to Mexico and that nomination was confirmed by such men as Sumner, Wilson, Hale, Trumble, Fessenden and Ben Wade, and Foraker is not worthy to unlatch the shoes of one of them.

Lincoln fought that war with all his powers and he was a member of congress at the time. On December 22, 1847, he introduced a resolution calling on the president to inform congress whether the "spot" on which the first blood was shed was American soil or not. On the 3d of January, 1848, the house, by a vote of 85 to 81, declared that "the war was unnecessarily and unconstitutionally begun by the president." Mr. Lincoln voting in the affirmative.

According to Foraker, Lincoln was a "traitor" and a "little American." But Foraker is only representing the new views of the republican party and is no worse than Lodge and half a dozen other senators. They are all tarred with the same stick. Their statesmanship is of the order of King George III.

THE GROWTH OF POPULISM

Every day brings new evidences that populist principles are being accepted as the true doctrine, and that the present membership of the populist party is no index as to the daily increasing number of thinking people who accept the principles as being correct without perhaps any thought of affiliating with the party, for the present at least.

The recent report of the industrial commission shows that populism has left its mark. The recommendation regarding taxation is especially interesting, being populism pure and simple, adapted to present conditions and capable of being incorporated into the laws of most states without any radical changes in the ownership of public utilities. The commission recommends:

That the states abandon the general property tax and raise their revenues by taxes upon corporations, inheritances and incomes, supplemented when necessary by indirect taxation.

That corporations, public service and other, be taxed by state boards at rates fixed by legislation upon the value of their franchises, assessed according to the actual value of their stocks and bonded debts, less the value of their real estate assessed locally, and that the real estate owned by them be taxed locally as other real estate is taxed. That the system of levying graduated taxes on inheritances be adopted by those states which do not now employ it and that it be abandoned by the federal government.

That taxes upon corporations, inheritances, etc., be supplemented by a graduated tax upon incomes to be levied and collected by the state.

That notes, mortgages and other like property be taxed by the state at full value, but at low fixed rates and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's W."

WHO MADE THE WORLD POWER?

The natural conditions and situation of this country is such that it cannot be attacked with any hope of success by any continental power or by all of them combined. What makes the United States "a world power," and it has been the chief of them for the last thirty years, is that it is the reservoir of the food supply of the world. If all the fleets of the world should unite to blockade our coasts, they would have to raise the blockade within three months if we did not have a warship or a torpedo boat on the seas. By that time they would all have urgent business at home to suppress revolution among the starving population that they had left behind. England's food supply, as has frequently been pointed out, at no time could possibly last more than three months. Cut off the food supplies that come from America and that nation as well as all the continental nations would be suffering from famine in a very short time. If England could not have obtained war supplies in this country she would have had to give up the war against the little South African republics long ago. She could not carry on a war against any civilized power without the aid of the United States. Where would her horses, mules and commissary stores come from if she did not get them here? All these statements are facts which any man of common sense will readily agree to after ten minutes of consideration.

Two or three things follow from this condition of things. We have no use for great armies and navies if we mind our own business and do not start out to conquer distant lands and hold them in subjection by force. No reasonable man, after thoroughly looking over the whole situation, can come to any other conclusion than every acquisition of far distant territory weakens this nation in a military sense and will be commercially a loss. That is the reason why the European diplomats give such encouragement to all such movements. Possessions scattered all over the world make necessary large navies and armies for their defense and government, and consumes just that much of the wealth and energies of the people with no returns whatever. To squander the wealth and direct the energies of the people into channels that make no returns, just to that extent weakens the power and prestige of the republic.

What makes this nation "a world power" is the agricultural interests. The farmer furnishes the products that go to make up most of what is called "the favorable balance of trade." It is he who makes the European nations dependent upon us. The man who has brought all the nations of the earth to our feet and set the governments of the world to quarrelling among themselves about which one is our best friend, is the farmer and not the general or the admiral. The whole world is a suppliant at the feet of the American farmer. It is he who has made this nation "a world power." Neither the big guns of the navy nor the rifle of the army did it. It was not the admiral in his gold lace nor the general in his epaulets, but the farmer, the despised farmer, clothed in his overalls and armed with his pitchfork and plow. When it has been necessary to fight it was the farmer boy, sound in mind and body, who did the marching, built the earthworks, made the trenches and with clear eye and steady head pulled the trigger that did the execution.

The farmer has not only created the wealth, paid the taxes and done the fighting, but he has supported in luxury the idle rich. Let the farmer fall for two years—let there be no crops raised for two years—and where would the rich be? What would be the goods of Morgan, the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the generals and the admirals? The farmer does not behave himself unseemly, never seeks his own, is not easily provoked, and, worst of all, thinketh no evil, and so the scoundrels and the scamps run the government, build great navies, provide for immense armies, but nevertheless it is the farmer who makes this nation "a world power."

CONGRESSIONAL FRAUDS

Some months ago when Congressman Babcock came out with his statement that he was going to introduce a bill to reduce the tariff on steel and iron and other trust-made goods that were largely exported to Europe and sold there for a much smaller price than the trusts would sell them for in this country, The Independent told its readers that all that was a fraud, that Congressman Babcock nor any other republican would do any such thing. The other day the democrats and populists in congress rallied to a man to give Babcock such a chance and he voted that he didn't want it. When the bill to repeal the war taxes came up, the republicans passed a rule that no amendments should be offered for the express purpose of preventing one that would reduce the tariff on anything. Mr. Richardson plead with the

on trust goods to cast their votes for the privilege of offering amendments, telling them that this was the only chance when they would get a chance to amend the tariff. Every one of them voted that they didn't want any such chance. They will all come west after congress adjourns and relate to the mullet heads of their districts how earnestly they worked to get something through relieving the farmers from paying double price for all their machinery, plows, reapers, mowers and so forth, but they could not succeed. Then they will declare that if they are re-elected they will do it this time sure. Every mullet head will believe them and these congressional frauds know that they will, or they would act very differently from the way they do.

SECRETARY LONG

Secretary Long has not been half as good a prophet as Baalam's ass. He has tried his powers on several occasions with the most disastrous results. In a letter carefully prepared in the sanctity and solemn stillness of his own study which was printed in the Harvard Republican just before the last presidential election, he declared that the cry about trusts and imperialism would be as dead as Julius Caesar in three weeks. As we look at that prophecy as it appears in cold type, we have greater respect for Baalam's ass than ever before. A few years ago Secretary Long did not talk so much like an ass as he does now. In 1881 in speaking of Burke and Chatham in England and Adams and Otis in this country, he said: "The words they spoke, the sentiments they uttered, were eternal truth and had no local habitation or name." Now he thinks those words are so far from being eternal truth that they are out of date, old-fashioned and the documents containing them ought to be thrown into the waste basket. Good-bye. You are soon to retire from the cabinet and when the records are finally made up, your name will be found in the long list of Tories which adorn history from the days of the revolution to the present time.

SENATORIAL LESE MAJESTY

The attempt that is being made by certain senators and the plutocratic press generally to make it a crime to tell the truth in the United States senate, putting the members of that body in the same position that the monarchs of Europe enjoy, making it in fact lese majesty to call attention to the fact that some of the senators that corporations and trusts have put there are criminals, scoundrels, and nothing short of the vilest specimens of humanity as far as their morals are concerned that can be found in this nation, will not be successful as long as one brave man remains in the United States who dares to tell the truth. No fouler wretches live than some of these corporation senators and the people know it.

That the republican party has adopted a policy of purchasing opponents with office every man knows. Every organization opposed to the republican party has suffered from it. Clem Deaver, Powderly and others were the fruits of this infamous policy in its attacks on the populist party, just as McLaurin was in its same method with the democratic party. To point out these facts, which every intelligent man knows to be only plain statements of the truth, is lese majesty. It is only another attempt to censor, not only the press, but men's tongues.

This sanctity that is attempted to throw around the name of a dead president will not influence men of sense. While that president was living Senator Wellington went into every state of the union and publicly declared that he got his vote by falsehood. He reiterated that statement in the senate last week. He declared that his vote was secured by means as disreputable as was the vote of McLaurin. When a republican attacked him Senator Wellington replied that if McComas would repeat outside the senate chamber what he had told the senate in the speech he had just made that he (Wellington) would tell McComas that it was a cowardly and malicious falsehood.

The cowardly McComas never said a word in reply, and Wellington, for using the same language that was used the other day by McLaurin was only requested to take his seat. Evidently, McComas is not the same courageous fighter that Tillman is.

The Independent does not sanction this rowdiness in the senate, but it claims the right of every senator to tell the truth in decent language and that is what Tillman did.

The benevolent assimilation idea has struck Canada. A member of the Dominion parliament declared on the floor of the house the other day that if we did not give up the Klondike region that Canada would be ready for a fight in 24 hours and that in six months the Cannucks would capture Washington and annex these United States to the Dominion. All for the

ABOUT ROYALTY

The speech of Congressman Wheeler was not the speech of a scholar weighing the force and meaning of every word that was used, but an outburst of the feeling of the common man against royalty and sycophancy to royalty. To that feeling we are more indebted to Teutonic scholars than to any other race. It was the Germans, as has often been stated in The Independent, who first announced the principles that were incorporated in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States and not the Anglo-Saxons. The wording of Wheeler's speech is not after the manner of the diplomats nor is it clothed in the language of the scholar or scientist. But in its spirit it is the utterance of the patriotic American who does not believe that the royal blood is better or more divine than the blood that runs in the veins of other men. It is the sentiment of a very large part of the German nation. It takes the full resources of the German royal power, all of its special privileges and the regular army to keep that spirit in subjection today. Germany is the birthplace and propagator of modern science. Its scholars and scientists are not royalists. They no more believe in the divinity of the royal blood than does Wheeler. The social democratic party in Germany increases in number year by year notwithstanding that many of its leaders are lying in jail for offenses that very much resemble the speech of Wheeler. Wheeler was able to say in the house what any German in his native land would have been convicted for under the laws that monarchy has imposed upon them. It is lese majesty, that is, high treason, for any German to criticize the words or doings of royalty in his fatherland. It is hardly probable that when he comes to this land he will find it to his interest to vote with the republican party because a member of congress voiced his contempt for all royalty and all sycophancy to royalty, whether they are princes or any other sort. The republican party has repudiated the principles that the men of the German fatherland gave first to the world and for which the men of that race are fighting today the bravest fight ever made by man on the velts of South Africa. The republican party has furnished the means for the English to carry on the war against them. A few Germans still inoculated with the virus of royalty may, because of the position of Wheeler, conclude that they will never vote a populist or democratic ticket and give all the aid they can to establish royalty in this country, but they will be very few. After they have done that and find themselves in jail for some unguarded word of criticism of royalty they may change their minds. Meantime the patriotic Germans in the old fatherland will go on fighting royalty and in the end they will win. They have already wrested from monarchy many things that the republican party denies to us. They have a parcels post, government savings banks, the telegraph and many other things belonging to the whole people which the republican party here grants as special privileges to the favored rich. From the days of Caesar until now the Germans have loved liberty and fought for it on a thousand battle fields. They will finally down royalty at home. They have made more progress in the last twenty years than in the two hundred that preceded. The Independent says: Hurrah for the German lovers of liberty and haters of royalty. A patriotic German citizen languishing in jail under a sentence of lese majesty would likely talk more roughly about royalty than Wheeler did.

A CONGRESSIONAL NUISANCE

Newspaper publishers have had to fight Loud of California for the last six years. He was made chairman of the committee on postoffices by the express interests and occupied much of the time in congress for three years in trying to ruin the present system of transporting printed matter at pound rates. It cost many thousands of dollars to beat the bills that he introduced as chairman of the committee in three successive congresses. Now he comes out with the statement that he favors the turning over the post-office entirely into private hands. That it what he has been working for all the time. He comes from the city of San Francisco, Cal., and it is time that the people out there suppressed him as a public nuisance. The working men carried the city at the last election and that gives us hope that his extinguishment is at hand. Certainly, wage-workers have no use for such a specimen on the floor of congress as Eugene Francis Loud. His duties have been transferred to Madden and there is no further use for him. The last thing that Loud has done was to get his committee to report his bill to let rural postal routes to private contractors. That is to bring to life the old star route plan of swindling. Senator Elkins laid the foundation of his great fortune by the frauds connected with that business, and only kept out of the penitentiary on account

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MR. A. E. KIDD.

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will help push it through. Loud is a plutocratic fraud, an unbearable fraud, and if the people of San Francisco send him to congress again, he should be made to pay first class postage on every pound of printed matter that goes out or comes into it for the next ten years.

WHEN ALL ARE RENTERS

The Independent has received many great many letters from single taxers. There is one thing about them that the editor admires. They show that they are written by honest men who are earnestly striving in an unselfish way to find the path that will lead out of our present environment of injustice and wrong. It would not do, however, to hold the followers of Henry George responsible for all they do. Several of them declare that land is now taxed to its full rental value as the only difference would be that under the George system the rent would go to the public instead of private individuals. If that is the case, what difference would it make to the primary workers on the land? Would they be relieved of the exactions of the railroads, trusts and tariff grafters if they paid their rent to the government instead of the land owner? What kind of a country would we have and what would be the appearance of the farming regions if all the farmers were renters? There is a large section of country in northern Nebraska occupied by renters. One can tell though he be a stranger, the moment he crosses the line into that section. The farm buildings are shacks, the stables are straw-covered sheds, there are no orchards or groves and the traveller has a feeling that he wants to get out of there. If all land were taxed to its full rental value and the farmers became renters instead of owners of land, would not the whole agricultural districts have that same appearance?

If some German scientist should come over here, who had done the world a service by his original investigations in chemistry, biology, sociology, or political economy, The Independent would unite with every patriotic citizen in doing him every honor, but when it is asked to go wild because a man comes in whose veins flows the royal blood, who has never done any service to the world, it refuses to go wild. It would have him treated with every courtesy as a representative of a foreign government but in exactly the same way that another German would be treated coming on a like mission. The editor of The Independent may be prejudiced. But his forefathers fought in the war of the revolution and the war of 1812. Every male member of his family was in the late civil war. If he has an aversion to the whole brood of kings and princes of the royal blood and can see no good in them at all, the readers of The Independent will have to excuse him. He will never get rid of it. It was born in him and has grown with his years and he gets more radical on that subject every year. If you want