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Tammany rule in New York may have been a terrific affair, but some recent investigations go to show that there are other city governments that are worse. The mayor of Boston hired an expert to go over the cost of government in Boston and make a report in which taxation in that city was compared to other cities. This expert, Mr. Harvey S. Chase, reports that the per capita expenditure of Boston is 18½ per cent larger than that of New York, and 172 per cent larger than the average of 10 other cities—Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cleveland, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Providence, Indianapolis and Kansas City. Costs of bare maintenance, aside from capital outlay, are 8 per cent larger per capita in Boston than New York, and 145 per cent larger than the average for the ten cities.

Most of the metropolitan dailies have for a long time had a regular feature, occupying a column or so in every issue, devoted exclusively to the doings of royalty and the titled aristocracy of Europe. The writers of these columns go into the minutest details of the lives of kings, dukes, lords and marquises. Twenty-five years ago a paper running such matter as that would have been shoved into the stove before the minds of the children became demoralized by reading it. There is no denying the fact that there is a determined effort on the part of the plutocrats to educate the people up to the point where they will submit to a change in our form of government. They want a king and titles for themselves. The prostituting of their daughters to foreign princes and the buying of titles is inconvenient as well as costly. A monarchy in place of a republic would suit them much better.

A middle-of-the-road pop can write the meanest letter of any man living and talk more nonsense than a mullet head. The editor got one of that kind last week. If a man has any sense at all, he would know that no party can exist without a press. The first thing that the farmers' alliance did was to devote their energies toward creating a press to advocate their views. The Independent was one of the first of such papers to secure a general circulation. It got that circulation because the subscribers liked the paper and were constantly asking their neighbors to subscribe. They have kept up that practice until now and are more energetic than ever. As far as this editor is concerned he has remained at his post without cessation for years at great personal loss to himself, and he wishes to reply to the said middle-of-the-roader in the chaste language that Wellington used when McComas assaulted him in the United States senate. A great many men do not wish to assist their party in any way, they want the party to assist them. But there are others who want to do something to get their principles enacted into law, and most of these think that the most effective way they can do it is to increase the circulation of the papers that advocate their principles.

The other day Hamilton, a republican member of the house from Michigan, made a speech boldly defending the trusts. He was cheered by the republican side all the way through and when he had finished, business had to be suspended for fifteen minutes while the republican members rushed up to congratulate him. Within five months all of these chaps will be back in their districts telling their constituents how they fought the trust last winter in congress. Their poor deluded followers will not know that they are lying and will vote to a man to send them back again. We say that is the truth, because their followers will really not know that or anything else except what their leaders choose to tell them. If some man of intelligence should undertake to tell them the truth they would only look astonished and then declare that he was an anarchist.

The editor of The Independent got acquainted with Thomas W. Philips, a member of congress from Pennsylvania, and author of the industrial commission, when a correspondent in Washington. He always looked upon Mr. Philips as a thoroughly honest man. One thing that made him think so was that Mr. Philips was accustomed to say, "I know there must be something wrong in our government, but what it is I do not know. I want time to investigate. I want to know the facts." It was on that ground that he advocated the appointment of the commission. Mr. Philips went into that investigation an extreme protectionist and he comes out of it a strenuous advocate of tariff reform. That is what an investigation of the facts did for Mr. Philips. It is another case like that of St. John, the martyred banker. Will Mr. Philips meet the treatment at the hands of the commercial pirates that drove St. John to an early grave?

The editor of The Independent wishes to say to Bixby and some other misguided individuals that he is not a candidate for governor or any other office and they only take up his time which ought to be devoted to fighting imperialism, trusts and the tariff grabbers to no purpose. Nothing could induce him to go up to the state house and sit day after day with an outer room full of office-seekers, admitting them one by one to tell their tales and why it was necessary to appoint them to office to prevent the party from being defeated at the next election. Let some young man take that job who has nothing else to do and who will think that the "honor" will pay him for wasting two years of his life. The editor of The Independent will have none of it.

During the last presidential campaign one republican paper openly advocated the establishing of a monarchy in this country. Within the field of its circulation the republican majority was as large as ever. It is still a republican paper and recognized as an organ of that party. That move was made as "a feeler." There was no protest among the mullet heads. Since that time rapid advancement has been made by the republican press has seized upon the Wheeler speech as an incident that it can use to cultivate an admiration for persons of the royal blood—the foulest and most degenerate that flows in the veins of men. On with the dance.

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The brainless writing in the dailies had an exhibition in the Chicago Record-Herald the other day. It puts up a page with a headline running clear across it, announcing that it is the "Battle Field of Modern Thought." It is amusing to examine what that great plutocratic editor thinks is the battle field. There were three columns discussing miracles and articles headed: Doubt—Ancient and Modern. Danger in Shaking Hands, and articles on the use of coffee, saloons, human nature in divinity, a defense of Buddhism and on Tontine insurance policies. That is what a plutocratic editor thinks is the "battle field of modern thought."

Whenever imperialism is applied to one of its adherents, he rises up and makes the most furious protests. Dr. Lyman Abbott first denied that "just government had anything to do with the consent of the governed," but when the state of New York proposed to govern the city in which he lives without the consent of the governed living in that city, he grew almost frantic. He declared that the thing was a horrid crime and "that a law enacted over our heads we rightly resent." When the Filipinos or Boers resent that thing, Dr. Abbott thinks that they ought to be shot until they stop their resenting.

Coercion is again the order of the day in Ireland and there is no free speech in the island. It would seem that England would tire of this process after a while. She has been engaged in it for a long time—more than 500 years—and the Irish question is as far from being "settled" as when she began. Governing by force is a costly thing. Neither money nor glory has ever been got out of it anywhere in the world. The last proposal by the government was a suspension of trial by jury. England has tried that before and the results were always disastrous. It seems that she will now try it again.

The statement that whoever owns the railroads owns the state, is beginning to become an accepted axiom. There is no one to dispute its truth in such states as Vermont and New Hampshire. Senator Chandler said something like that in the senate once. The railroads did not like his calling attention to the fact and promptly retired him from office at the end of his term. The man whom the railroads chose to take Chandler's place has never been heard of and if one wants to learn his name he must go to the congressional directory to find it.

Theodore Roosevelt in his "Life of Benton" says: "Political economists have pretty generally agreed that protection is vicious in theory and harmful in practice." "Pretty generally!" That is putting it very mild, indeed. There never was a political economist of any standing who did not agree to the doctrine that protection was harmful. It is simply a plan to rob the many for the benefit of the few and it works to perfection wherever it is tried. If that is what the people want, let them lay aside their hypocrisy and say so.

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News of the Week

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Last week Hanna gave out an interview in which he undertook to make an argument to prove that Americans haven't the sense, energy or ability to build ships and sail them on the sea in competition with the slow-going and away-behind-the-age people of Europe. He says that there must be a tax put on the farmers and wage-workers to enable the milionaires to build ships. One day Hanna thinks that this nation is a great world power, that the American citizen is the brainest and most energetic individual on earth. The next day he seems to think that they are such poor specimens of humanity that they cannot compete with the dolts of Europe and that in any contest with them on equal terms that the American would

The republican fight in Delaware which has left that state without any representative in the United States senate still goes on. The other day when Addicks was charged with using money he replied: "Talk about the use of money in elections! Who would have been elected in 1896 if it had not been for the use of money? Then what is the use of talking against it?" It is not reported that the goody-goody republican who upbraided Addicks had any reply ready to make to this remark.

Wayne McVey woke up the other day long enough to remark: "It is alike undesirable and undignified in us, whose fathers fought seven years to be rid of kings and crowns, to send persons to pay homage to a gentleman who calls himself a king, and who is putting on his head what he calls a crown."

A dispatch from Pretoria says that General De Wett broke back northward through the blockhouse line the night of the 10th inst., ten miles west of Lindley, Orange River Colony. The blockhouses opened fire on the Boers, two of whom were killed. The remainder got away to their old ground near Reitz. Weyler's celebrated plan of catching the enemy between barbed wire fences and blockhouses don't seem to be at all successful when the enemy is commanded by a general like De Wett.

When a man abandons the Declaration of Independence it don't take him long to land among the George III. tories. Dr. Lyman Abbott's last announcement is as follows: "Such serious discussion will discover for us the secret of anarchism in the apotheosis of humanity of which Rousean was the prophet and of which Thomas Paine was the chiefest literary and Thomas Jefferson the chiefest political exponent in our early national history." So it appears that not only we pops are anarchists, but Thomas Paine and Jefferson were also anarchists. Lyman Abbott has about the same opinion of Jefferson that Lord North had.

Three years' imprisonment, the severest sentence passed in recent years for lese majesty, has been imposed on a cigarmaker named Herrmann at Guben. While intoxicated he went around the streets roaring out opprobrious epithets about the kaiser.

The editorial association of Illinois which recently held a meeting seems at last to have come to the conclusion that government by injunction is not exactly the thing that they want after all, and the populist idea about the telegraph was the right thing, for they passed resolutions directing their legislative committee to take action to secure the passage of laws for the government control of telegraph lines in connection with the postal service and trial by jury for editors charged for contempt of court. There was not a populist editor in the crowd and most of these editors had been engaged in calling populists lunatics for the last five years.

Now and then a preacher wakes up, rubs his eyes and begins to see things. One in Chicago told his congregation that the board of trade men were nothing but a lot of gamblers and thieves. He declared that wealth so gained is only wealth stolen. If you gain, nine times out of ten your gain represents some one's loss. The traffic in options and futures is gambling. It is to legitimate commerce what dueling is to the lawful settlement of disputes. The man who makes a cent on the board of trade through some one's loss is a robber, even though that other consented to be robbed with a chance of robbing in his turn. The Independent has been preaching that doctrine for years, but it has something further to it. It has said that when the ministers asked some of these board of trade millionaires to pass around the bread and the wine at the communion service with the implied idea that the Lord was greatly honored at the condescension of these men in performing this humble service, that they were mistaken about which god they were worshipping. If it were Mammon, they were all right, but if it was Jehovah, they were making fools of themselves.

Some years ago a good many republicans were not satisfied with the trend that their party was taking and they raised a cry against the "bloated bondholder." But the bloated bondholder was a pigmy in comparison with the modern trust with its watered stock upon which interest must be paid by labor forever. Watering of stock is not a new operation in American finance, but all previous achievements in that line seem trifles when compared with the inflation introduced into the securities of the steel trust. The face value of the stock of the trust is larger by hundreds upon hundreds of millions of dollars than the face value of the stock of the companies which were absorbed in the trust, and the stock of those companies in turn was much larger in amount than the value of the properties themselves. During the last week several more combinations have been formed after the same fashion. The work goes merrily on. Interest on stocks already issued is more than the products of labor over the bare subsistence of the workers. What will the end be?

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA

What They Think About the Free Coinage of Gold and Silver and Flat Money

The free coinage principle is the opposite of the flat money. With free coinage all the gold and silver in the world was lawful money of the United States and the government would freely coin it, not to give it value, but to prove its value so that a man trading in silver or gold could easily prove its value by the government stamp on the coin. But because the people have lately got the idea that governments can make and destroy dollars by flat they have allowed our government to demonetize all the uncoined silver in the world and so double the price of the dollars that we must have to pay our debts with. This is ably the greatest swindle that has ever been done in the world. No matter whether it is worth anything or not, 371¼ grains of silver properly coined to prove that it is the full amount is a dollar and should pass for a dollar. Those who would not be satisfied with silver ought not to have bargained for dollars. They might have bargained for gold eagles or other things.

The greatest disadvantage of the fiat money principle is that it destroys the standard value and so does harm by changing the contracts that were already made before the law was changed. The men who have done the most harm by fiat money are the same ones who have made the most complaint about it. I believe that the republicans are the ones that made the first fiat money in the greenbacks, but I am not sure of that. Enlarging the number of dollars was diminishing the value of each dollar and so lowering the value of all debts already contracted. This was a wrong to the capitalists or men who had already saved up some money. Then the capitalists induced the government to demonetize all uncoined silver and so raise the price of the dollars that the debtor had to pay. This was a cheat against the debtors and in favor of the capitalists and it was as much by the fiat money principle as the issue of greenbacks was. This was much worse fiat money than the issue of greenbacks, because the issue of greenbacks was a wrong of the capitalists and in favor of the debtors and was a stimulant for trade by raising prices. But the demonetization of the only genuine dollar, the silver dollar, by fiat was to unjustly enlarge the debt that the debtor had to pay by raising the price of the dollar that he had to pay it with, or lowering the price of the goods that he had to buy the dollar with. It is as if a man had made a bargain to furnish a certain number of bushels of wheat and before he had time to fulfil his contract the government should make a law that the size of all bushels should be doubled and all contracts made by the old measure should be fulfilled in the new, but the price should remain the same as when the contract was made.

If our national debt is about $1,000,000,000 and the number of men in the country is 20,000,000, then there is sufficient debt to require a poll tax of $50 each for the men of the country to pay it with. By destroying one-half of the dollars in the world by fiat since the debt was contracted we are paying one hundred dollars value, and calling it fifty, where only fifty dollars are due on the present national debt, besides the enlargement of the state and other debts by fiat.

If the government did not require the payment of debts in coined gold and silver there would be no need that the government should coin it, but the government requires that the debts shall be paid in gold and silver but forbids that anybody shall coin it. I see by the World Almanac that the governments of the world have debts of several times the amount of all the gold and silver in the world. So it seems that the principal use of gold and silver now is to pay debts with, as the governments have promised that we shall pay more gold and silver than there is in the world, but the governments refuse to coin it for us or to let us coin it for ourselves and use it for this purpose.

J. H. NEWMAN.

Charlevoix, Mich.

(The above is the democratic idea of money, but it is not the populist idea. How does gold or silver or any thing else become money? Gold is as much fiat money as silver and silver as much as gold or paper. Nothing can be made money except by the fiat of the government. Government declares that so many grains of gold or silver when properly coined and stamped shall be a dollar. If there were no such declaration they would not be dollars. The silver and gold would simply be commodities, like wheat and corn, and one of the differences between a commodity and money is that a man must take money in payment of debt by the fiat of the government and for no other reason. The government does not force a man to take wheat or corn or any other commodity in payment of debt, but it issues a fiat, first declaring what is money and then that it shall be received in full satisfaction of all debts and taxes. It is impossible that there could be any other kind of money than fiat money. The argument in the communication concerning the quantity theory—that as money increases prices rise and as it decreases prices fall and debts are increased—is sound and in accordance with the teaching of all economists of authority. Ed. Ind.)

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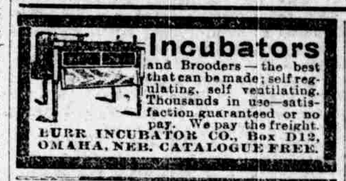

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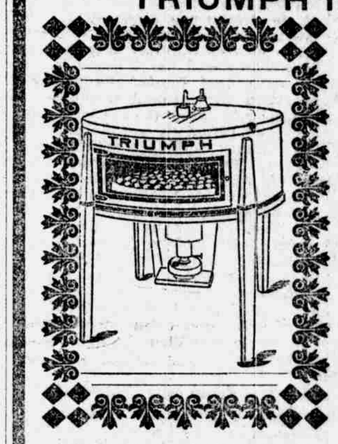

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