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#### POLITICAL PREACHERS

The Independent has frequently expressed its opinion of political preachers, especially the kind that we have here in Lincoln, but it never was quite as emphatic as some of the best citizens of Lincoln are when they discuss the subject. Ex-Mayor A. H. Weir is a business man and one of Lincoln's most highly respected citizens. In Tuesday morning's Journal over his own signature Mr. Weir says: "I saw within the last six weeks a clergyman of this city playing cards for money. Not prizes, but the coin of the realm." One time in Lincoln the republicans made a campaign on the avowed theory of no restrictions upon the sale of liquor and no interference with the houses of prostitution. The candidate for mayor was elected and re-elected. They announced everywhere that they wanted a "wide open town." Mr. Weir calls attention to the fact that that candidate could never have been elected but for the support that the churches gave him in both elections, which is a fact that every man in the city knows to be true. Neither could imperialism and wars of conquest ever have gained the foothold that they have had it not been for the active aid of prominent bishops and clergymen. All this has no bearing upon the truths taught by the Carpenter of Galilee, but it goes far to show that the power of money has obtained a foothold in the church and that it is used in the defense of vice and oppression.

#### THE STAFF LIAR

Many people have often wondered who was the brilliant liar on the Bee staff. Now they think that they have found out. The facts seem to indicate that it is Victor Rosewater, and the facts are as follows: There was a meeting of the democratic and populist state committees last week in Lincoln for the purpose of fixing a time and place for holding a state convention. Such meetings are held every year and as there is nothing but formal business to attend to, there is usually

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a small attendance. This year, however, there was the largest attendance of both committees that has ever been known. After recording numerous other lies for publication in the Bee, the said Victor Rosewater wrote down the following:

Ex-Treasurer J. B. Meserve skirted around the committees, apparently fearful that some resolutions directed at him might be forthcoming, but breathed easier when he made sure that no guns were loaded.

The fact was that Mr. Meserve was not in the city at all during the session of the committee. That part of the report was as reliable as any other. The people therefore now think that they have discovered the staff liar of the Omaha Bee. If they have made a mistake the Bee should show up the real man.

#### A NEW KIND OF TREASON

It will be remembered—who will ever forget it—that hundreds of newspapers and many ministers of the gospel as soon as they heard the news of the assassination of President McKinley charged that all persons who had opposed the war of conquest in the Philippines had "instigated" that act. Here in Nebraska the republicans repeated the charge during the whole campaign. Now the senate of the United States has enacted a bill which makes all persons guilty of treason who "instigate" the killing of the president. If this act had been in force at the time of assassination of the president, Senator Hoar, Carl Schurz, Professor Norton and hundreds of other distinguished men in the United States, including all members of the populist party, could have been arrested for treason. In this way and by the enactment one after another of such laws does imperialism destroy every constitutional right and prepare to throttle the press and all expression of opinion concerning any prominent officers of the government. Senator Bacon called attention to this in his speech against the bill, but it had no effect upon those who drafted and introduced it. He said: "It is impossible that we can approve a bill which may be used to muzzle the press; to make any editor afraid to express his opinions as to one of these officials—because the bill is not limited to the president of the United States, but extends to every head of a department—to make him afraid to express his opinions, even though he may believe an officer has done wrong, or is corrupt in his office, for fear that if hereafter that officer should be killed by somebody, he could be arrested and carried before a court and tried upon the charge of having 'instigated' the murder?"

It is impossible that a republic can long endure where such acts as these are constantly creeping in upon the pages of the statute books. Having repudiated the fundamental principles upon which our government was founded, it is but natural that we should drift further and further away from them until all semblance of a republic such as our fathers founded will be lost. A nation cannot long endure half empire and half republic. To this fact the Independent has constantly been pointing. It is not sympathy with the Filipinos that makes us keep up a constant warfare upon imperialism. It is because imperialism will in the end destroy this government.

#### News of the Week

One would think that wage-workers would get enough of the republican party and its "protection" of labor after a while. The imprisonments and denial of liberty of which organized labor complains has all come from republican judges. They have been shot down in the public highway, they have been tried and convicted without a jury and time and again they have been enjoined from doing things that all other citizens are permitted to do, and yet when the spell-binder comes around, they forget it all and vote to keep their oppressors in office. A little while ago that

be curtailed, but it seems that that has come to naught. A bill was introduced in the senate that stopped the injunction business, but when the plutocratic senators got through with it, matters were made worse than they were before. Mr. Gompers, speaking of it in its present state, says: "It is completely subversive of all principles of liberty. Organized labor seeks no immunity from the laws applicable to all other citizens and people of our country, but must insist that those things which are legal when performed by other citizens ought not to be illegal when performed by members of organized labor, and it was to recover those rights to the members of organized labor that the original bill was drafted."

It has been rumored for some time that a horrible crime had been committed in the Philippines by two army officers. The Independent said nothing about it for it could not believe that any officer of the American army, which has had an unsullied reputation for more than a hundred years, could possibly have turned into such a barbarian as the rumors suggested.

It appears from the latest cablegrams that the story was true. The two officers have been brought before a court-martial and acknowledged the truth of the charges. Major Littleton W. T. Waller and Lieut. John H. Day are charged with shooting eleven Filipino prisoners. Major Waller pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of murder, but admitted that eleven men had been killed. Captain Robert H. Dunlap of the marine corps testified that he received information from Lieutenant Gridley and Sergeant Quirk regarding the arrival at Cargadores of prisoners who while on the march across the island ate roots and parts of plants and refused to assist the marines by giving them similar food. He reported the facts to Major Waller, who was lying in a cot and who ordered Lieutenant Day to take the prisoners and have them shot. The witness said Major Waller was not excited and had personally expressed that the men should be shot.

That kind of work is what imperialism has brought us to, and the distinguished general, Fred Funston, the pet of the republican party, fully indorses it. It is the same sort of work that the Spanish were engaged in for a hundred years or more. It is the method of imperialism everywhere and always. It is just what was predicted when we went into this imperial business. Will these officers be found guilty of murder and executed? Not at all. That is not the way of imperialism.

General Miles is not alone in his fight against Secretary's Root's bill to reorganize the army. Most of the officers of the regular army are opposed to it. In speaking of the lieutenant general the Chicago Tribune says: "General Miles has felt for the last four years that the intent of those in authority over him and of some of those supposedly subject to his authority has been to keep him from exercising the full duties of his command. He believes that his recommendations have been set at naught, and he sees in the present reorganization measure a menace to his position and to that of soldiers who will come after him."

Much talk has been sent out by the reporters in Washington concerning what Roosevelt is going to do to General Miles. The president has been reported as expressing great disgust because, as he says, Miles wants to be president. Well, one Theodore Roosevelt wanted to be president and laid his plans for years to get there and the president despise Roosevelt because of that fact? General Miles has frequently said that he was not a candidate for the presidency. He evidently don't care to remain as general in command of the army. He has a right to his opinion of this bill as well as his opinion on the Schley case.

Some English speculators undertook to form a tobacco trust after the American plan, but the retail dealers would have nothing to do with it, hooded its representatives and declared that they would not deal with it. They declared that it was a monopoly and un-English. After that they sang "Rule Britannia" and declared that they would buy goods of America or anywhere else that they pleased.

The inconvenience of a censorship becomes more apparent as it grows more rigid. A while ago we had regular medical reports from the Philippines, but they have ceased. Nothing now gets to the public about the insanity among the soldiers. No more official reports are printed containing lists of killed and wounded and of disease. It has been some months since anything like that has been given to the public, and yet the insanity increases as is proven by the carloads of insane soldiers that are seen going through the country now and then. A recent dispatch from the headquarters of imperialism says: "War department officials, alarmed by the rapid increase in disease among the troops in the Philippines and other tropical stations, has issued an order to commanding officers enjoining upon them the strictest scrutiny over the habits and morals of the troops and requesting them to endeavor by personal example to influence the men to preserve their health."

It is a well known fact that the Latin race is much more immune from tropical diseases than the Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic peoples. The thickly inhabited fever swamps of Central America is proof of that fact, for there the Spanish live and prosper where an American cannot live at all. The fact that thousands of our soldiers are dying in tropical climates where they have been sent by the imperialists to fight wars of conquest, is kept from the people and we should know nothing about it if we did not catch glimpses of carloads of invalided and insane soldiers and once in a while an item like the above dispatch. If we have imperialism we must take all of its concomitants and among them a censorship of the press. Because the Spanish could live at all

It appears that a few of the judges after second thought are taking a different view of injunctions and other judicial usurpations from what was the tendency two or three years ago. One of them has abolished the police sweat-box and will have no more of it. In a recent case, Justice Mayer of the court of general sessions of New York city, said he found no warrant in law for the questioning of a prisoner by a police officer before the prisoner had been arraigned before a police magistrate or informed of his rights. A distinguished New York lawyer, in speaking of this, says: "It is going to work the greatest innovation in the system in vogue, not only in the city of New York, but the entire country. Thousands of cases have been decided in court here on statements made by prisoners to officers before the arraignment."

The war department reports that it has discovered a new secret society in the Philippines, the members of which swear eternal enmity to all white men. They say that members of the society wear shirts with cabalistic signs painted on them, and the wearers, like some of the Sioux Indians a few years ago, believe them to be bullet proof. Corbin and his staff would have us believe that this is a very dangerous society, because it makes the bolomen very brave.

One of the great events in Washington this week was a fencing contest. So much importance was attached to it that the president left the affairs of state to attend. Punch was distributed to the audience between each bout of the contest. The next thing that we will have is the gladiatorial contests that used to furnish so much amusement to the old Roman imperialists.

General Miles knocked the new army bill clear out, so the Washington correspondents say. That has so enraged the president and Secretary Root that they have resolved to retire him from active service.

The persistent assertions of the strategy board in the war department that General Miles is a candidate for the presidency has caused him to republish the letter that he wrote to George F. Washburn, president of the Commonwealth club of Massachusetts, last January. The letter is as follows: "My Dear Mr. Washburn: Your favor of the 18th inst. reached me today. You desire information as to the truth or falsity of the newspaper reports from Washington making me an active candidate for the presidency. I deeply regret these reports. Like many others in the past, they are absolutely unauthorized. They do not emanate from myself nor from my friends, and I trust that the public will not be misled by them. I have not been and am not now, a seeker for presidential honors. My ambition has ever been faithfully to serve my country in whatever sphere duty may have dictated, and this will be my sole purpose in the future."

If the anti-anarchy bill passes the house in the shape that it left the senate we will have another imperial feature added to our government. The president will always be accompanied by a military guard under command of an officer of the regular army. He can then go about in the same form as any monarch of Europe.

An irate Englishman in discussing his recent visit to America declares that there is not a spot inside of walls in all the United States during the winter where a man is not parboiled with excessive heat. That Englishman could never have ridden on a cold day in a Chicago street car. But the Englishman is more than half right. The steam-heated buildings in the city will parboil any one not accustomed to them in fifteen minutes. They are the cause of one-half the sickness and may account for much of the insipid editorial writing that appears in the great metropolitan dailies. How can a man have a vigorous idea in rooms heated up to 90 or 100 degrees?

Of all the "special correspondents" of the great plutocratic dailies, Walter Wellman, who just at present sends his stuff to the Chicago Record-Herald, is the most bombastic, unreliable and silly. As a devotee of the administration he has no equal, but his stories are so ridiculous and incredible, that he is a positive aid to the other side. Last Sunday he had two columns of stuff about General Miles, so puerile and childish that an editor of an ordinary country newspaper would have thrown it in the waste basket. To say that any man of ordinary common sense would have done the things that he says General Miles did, would brand the man who made the assertion as a fool. It would be a very good thing for General Miles, if the president should retire him for giving evidence before a senate committee. The Independent hopes that the president will do that very thing.

A Chicago Alderman, Brenner by name, said that there were three members of the Chicago city council who would not steal a red hot stove. The statement has created a great sensation in that town and a general demand is made that Brenner should be expelled from the body.

The American torries who reside in London first undertook to help the British conquer the Boers by purchasing a ship and fitting it out with a hospital corps. Now they have entered on another scheme to aid the British. The heavy taxation caused by the war has largely increased the number of paupers and the American torry residents are to hold a big fair to raise money to support them. It is said that the queen will open the bazar in person, and some hundreds of thousands of dollars drawn from American workmen in the way of rents, trust dividends, railroad and bank stock will be turned over to relieve the British from supporting the poor while they put all their funds into arms, ammunition and horses to help Kitchener kill the Boer farmers. There is a large colony of these American torries

who reside permanently in London and draw their funds from their investments in the United States.

The terrible price that we are paying in lives for our policy in the Philippines was shown last week upon the return of the Twentieth regiment. That regiment sailed from San Francisco for the Philippines January 26, 1899, with 1,376 men. It returns with but 422, the difference between the two numbers representing the killed, wounded, died of disease and other casualties resulting from three years' service in those tropical, disease-infected islands. To hold the islands, General Chaffee declares that we will have to keep 50,000 soldiers there for years to come. Like casualties may be expected in every regiment. Figure up the cost in lives alone and see the enormous sacrifice. What do we get in return?

The penalties inflicted upon this nation for its war of conquest are not all among the soldiers by any means although that is severe enough. The scourge of smallpox now raging in every state in the union is the result, as every physician knows, of that war and is one of the penalties. It was brought to this country by returning soldiers in their infected baggage. But another and more fearful penalty it seems is to be inflicted upon us. Cholera has broken out in Manila and the danger is so great that General Chaffee hustled the Third infantry, whose term in the Philippines was about to expire, aboard a transport a week in advance of the time set for their departure so that they might not become infected. Cholera seems to be spread all over the islands.

A railroad company is more powerful than the state, churches and municipalities. Its power is almost omnipotent. That was demonstrated out in Cheyenne the other day. That has always been a wide open town. The Union Pacific issued an order forbidding its employes to visit saloons or drink, either when on or off duty. Within a month 25 saloons closed their doors so that they might not be demanded in that town and a general demand is made that Brenner should be expelled from the body.

The latest cablegrams from Manila indicate that the Asiatic cholera is epidemic there. Sixteen cases and one death were reported in one day. There are several regiments of soldiers there whose term of service has expired or nearly so and they will be coming back to the United States during the spring and summer. Will it be possible for the United States to escape an epidemic?

General Funston has been assigned to the command of the department of Colorado. He has been making speeches in various cities and the conclusion is unavoidable that military officers under this administration are free to express their opinions, couched in the most offensive language and as often as they please, provided that they are in favor of imperialism and carpet-bag government in the Philippines, while officers of the army

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holding other views will be reprimanded and disgraced if they give expression to them, even in the most courteous language. That sort of thing has been a concomitant of imperialism all ages. If we are to have imperialism, the expression of opinion not in accordance with the views of the imperial power will never be permitted.

The republican appointees who stole the Cuban postal funds, Neely Reeves and Rathbun, have been convicted in the Havana courts and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and pay fines respectively of \$56,700 and \$35,516 and \$35,324. The Associated press accompanies the news of conviction with a long and bitter assault upon the Cuban courts and intimates that this is not the end of it as the United States will interfere.

Cecil Rhodes died in South Africa at 6 p. m., Wednesday. He more than any other man was the cause of the Boer war. He it was who organized the Jameson raid, and Dr. Jameson was with him when he died. In describing his ambitions, he once used the expression: "I want to paint the map of South Africa red." He has done it, not in the sense in which he used that figure of speech, but in a more literal sense. South Africa has been made a slaughter pen and the blood of Englishmen has painted many a spot red. Rhodes is dead, but Kruger and Steyn still live. More than that, the British have agreed to an armistice while the acting president of the Transvaal republic has been given a pass to go through the lines to consult with the burghers of the Orange Free State. Meantime Lord Wolesley has been dispatched to South Africa as a special envoy. What it all means we will have to wait to see.

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