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## News of the Week

Pierpont Morgan called on Emperor William last week and was invited to lunch. Morgan and the monarchs of Europe are all great friends. There is a common tie that binds them together. They are all despots and in their various fields pursue the same methods.

Anarchy still continues to grow in the United States. Not the silly foreign kind that murders rulers, but the real American kind that bids defiance to law. It is often found among the very rich and shows itself frequently among the poor. White-capping, as it is practiced in Indiana, is simply anarchy. So is the republican persecution of innocent colored persons in Illinois. In Arkansas last week some of these anarchists came to a sudden end. A crowd of them started out to white-cap a man they didn't like and one of them carried a stick of dynamite to blow up the house. The intended victim fired upon the white-cappers. The bullet struck the stick of dynamite and the man who had it in his pocket was blown all over the township while nine others were more or less injured. Such ought to be the end of every anarchist: crowd that starts out on a lynching bee or forms combinations to override the law.

When there was a populist governor in this state he was constantly assaulted for abusing the pardoning power by a vile republican press, although the said populist governor never pardoned a single convict during his whole term of service. Republican governors, since they have been restored to power, have prostituted the pardoning power as it has never before been prostituted in any state in the union. The pardon of Bartley was only the beginning of the work. From that time his name has been kept up and on the Fourth three more convicts were pardoned, while one escaped.

President Roosevelt issued a pardon to a large number of prisoners in the Philippines on the Fourth. In this document he says he does it "by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the constitution." It seems to The Independent that it would better even Justice Brown to tell where the power and authority is recorded in the constitution to enable the president to pardon men of another race who are not citizens of the United States and over whom it has been expressly declared that the constitution does not extend. There was never such an anomaly seen on this broad earth before as this attempt to make the president of this republic a constitutional despot over the islands of the Asiatic seas.

The manner in which this Justice Brown overthrow of constitution works makes a despotism that is more unlimited than anywhere else in the world. Just at present Governor Taft is in Rome carrying on diplomatic intercourse with the pope. Taft proposes to buy three or four hundred million dollars' worth of land from the Friars in the Philippines. This transaction, stupendous in proportion as it is and necessitating heavy taxation, is to be completed without reference to any legislative body. A simple order is issued and instructions from the secretary of war, a lot of Friars are paid millions for lands to which they have at best a disputed title. Roosevelt, Taft and Root are the three individuals concerned in it. They make such bargains as they please and tax the people to pay the bill. It is outside of all law and all constitutions. It is absolutism. The very sort of thing will begin to be applied here in the United States before many years, just as certain as the people keep these imperialists in office.

From Roosevelt's Harvard speech one is led to the conclusion that he thinks the historic friendships of David and Jonathan and Damon and Pythias were too contracted. Instead of a dual fellowship he, the "streptococcus," intends to form a quadruple combination which is composed of Roosevelt, Root, Taft and Wood. These four are to go down to history locked in a loving embrace. According to Roosevelt their goodness and greatness was never equalled in all the world before. Seriously, the oration was of the school boy character, and as far as matters of fact from the speeches of Webster and Clay as the faintest star seen through the telescope is from the earth.

The British have concluded that they will take a hand at the steamship combination game in competition with Morgan and have organized a steamship trust, including the Cunard line with a capital of \$100,000. The British trust is in close connection with the Canada trans-continental railroad line. On the other end they have made arrangements for many steamships that will run from London east, so they have a line extending clear around the world under one control. That seems to be going Morgan one better.

The monthly circulation statement issued by the controller of the currency shows that at the close of business June 30, 1902, the total circulation of national bank notes was \$356,672,091, an increase for the year of \$2,929,904. A little while ago when business was prostrated and the populists said that "more money" was needed, the bankers declared the said populists were idiots and anarchists. Now the bankers themselves are creating "more money" at an astonishing rate.

The building of the Panama canal is a long way off. Under the bill just passed the government must first determine the sufficiency of the title. At a meeting of the cabinet this was referred to the attorney general. It will be necessary for the attorney general to send to France some thoroughly competent person who can, if need be, retain local French legal talent to aid in his work. After that it will be necessary to negotiate a treaty with Columbia. After that the appointment of a technical commission to make new surveys, if all of the former arrangements turn out right, and

finally the actual construction will be begun. Senator Morgan will be in his grave a long time before the first spadeful of dirt is turned if the republicans continue to hold the government by the grace of the continental railroads.

Now that congress has adjourned after making appropriations amounting to a billion dollars (1,000 millions) the republican dailies are full of congratulations for the "old watch dog of the treasury," Joe Cannon. He has played a roaring farce during the whole session and the republican tax grabbers are immensely pleased with him. He is just such "a watch dog" as every thief likes. A thousand millions at one session! On with the dance.

It is said that the president's pardon proclamation includes Aguinaldo. A cablegram says that the Filipino leader will visit the United States, but part of the cablegram is such an absurd fake, probably the whole thing is.

Recent events in connection with the diplomatic intercourse with China is not what Europe and America are going to do to China, but what China is going to do to us. When a race of 400,000,000 people, hardened into physical endurance by thousands of years of natural selection, comes in contact with the political rottenness of the west, after having acquired western science and applied its discoveries, something is going to happen. What will it be?

The announcement made in Cleveland that three inventors have invented a process of turning air into gas that will produce light and heat at an exceedingly small cost must be taken with a good deal of allowance, although it is said that three stores are lighted with it and have been for some time. The thing is not an impossibility at all. Every high school boy has seen the experiment performed, but the cost is too great. Whether the Cleveland inventors have succeeded in "commercializing" the process and producing from the air an illuminant cheap enough to displace the "water gas" that is now manufactured in every city and town is a question to be determined when the actual details of the so-called processes are made known. If the process is what is claimed and gas for heating and lighting can be produced from the air at an exceedingly small cost, it will be the end of the billionairesship of John D. Rockefeller and the monopoly of Standard Oil.

The substance of Dewey's testimony is that he killed a few people at Manila for the sole purpose of preserving the "honor" of the Spanish commander. The play was a farce in which murder was the comic feature.

The diplomats are at it again in China. These distinguished gentlemen want to raise the Chinese indemnity just in the ratio that silver goes down. They take no account of the fact that the claims are silver claims, instituted within a silver using country and to be satisfied within that country where the ordinary purchasing power of silver would not vary with the fluctuations in exchange.

The house of representatives established a new precedent which it is to be hoped will be followed hereafter. It held a Sunday session for the purpose of pronouncing eulogies upon dead members. The ceremonies on such occasions when taken up in the regular legislative day have become so perfunctory as to be a disgrace to the nation. Such functions can properly be conducted on Sunday and it is to be hoped that hereafter that will be the practice.

The Buffalo Express (rep.) after relating the action of several republican state conventions, says: "The platform-makers of an overwhelmingly republican New England state both agree that public opinion is not at all eager for the retention of the Philippines as an American colony, and that it demands reciprocity with Cuba." A referendum on this question of imperialism would show a majority of ten to one against it, but the incipient despotism that has established itself at Washington uses the classic Vandebilt phrase when any one says anything about the people's wishes.

Admiral Dewey's testimony before the Philippine committee is so extraordinary that comment upon it is very extensive. To the committee he said: "Aguinaldo and his people were forced upon me by Consul Pratt and others." In the memorandum which Dewey furnished the first Philippine commission and which is in his own handwriting occurs the following: "On April 24, 1898, the following cipher dispatch was received at Hong Kong from Mr. E. Spencer Pratt, United States consul general at Singapore: 'Aguinaldo, insurgent leader, here. Will come Hong Kong arrange with commodore for general co-operation insurgents, Manila, if desired. Telegram to be sent to Mr. Pratt.' 'Tell Aguinaldo to come as soon as possible.' In the same memorandum occurs the following: 'The day before we left Hong Kong I received a telegram from Consul General Pratt, located at Singapore, saying that Aguinaldo was at Singapore and would join me at Hong Kong. I replied, 'All right, tell him to come aboard.' 'Dewey sailed without Aguinaldo because he was ordered by the British government to get out of British waters within 24 hours. In the same document occurs the following: 'The McCulloch came back with Aguinaldo and about a dozen young men. Aguinaldo came to see me. I said to him, 'Go ashore there and start your army.' He came back to me after a few hours, and said he wanted to leave, but that he wanted to go to Japan. I said, 'Do not give it up.' I wanted his help. Next morning he went ashore and began recruiting men. . . . We had a common enemy, and, of course, I wanted Aguinaldo's help.' Such discrepancies with his former written statements of course cannot fail to discredit Dewey with all fair-minded men.

## Hardy's Column

Two sister republics have been murdered of late by imperial troops. A pair of twin republics have been born to the mother republic of America. One is being killed by the mother and the other is being kicked. It is more humane for a king to murder than for a mother to kick her children.

It is just as noble and patriotic to vote for a government as it is to fight for it. Bullets and ballots should go together.

One king has lately died; another is sick. If Mark Hanna and Pierpont Morgan should be sick or die the American people would feel just as bad.

We can think of nothing in history that in any way equals the action of the United States toward the people of Cuba. Never before was a people set at liberty by a third national power. They have always done as the United States are now doing with the Philippines. Honor and dishonor walk hand in hand in our dooryard today.

The high protective republicans insist that the present high tariff is the cause of the present prosperous times. Why don't they explain what made hard times in the seventies. We had a higher tariff then than we had ever had before.

Forty-five thousand dollars doctors' fees for professional services in caring for McKinley after being shot. Why did they not allow a single million?

Nearly a billion of dollars have been appropriated by the present congress. Much of it wholly unnecessary, but the high tariff money must be used up or the tariff reduced. They might have to admit sugar free again and pay a bounty to those who make it here.

Both houses and the president have agreed to go on with the Panama canal as soon as the title is cleared and made over to the United States. That is one sensible expensive measure.

There is no man living who represents America more than a statesman, political doctrine, patriotism and religious life better or more accurately than William Jennings Bryan. The Wall street upper crust hate him just as bad as they hated Lincoln. The common people who are not tied to party name, love him just as ardently. The only ground of complaint is that he is too candid and outspoken. He tells the whole truth and lets it lie where it may. No one dares contradict any statement he makes for they know he is truthful.

Looking back from the porch entrance of the 20th century, there are many horrid, dark and inconsistent spots upon the national record of the United States. In looking back from the next century spots equally as dark will be seen upon the record now being made. Eyes of the past and eyes of today see the same things very differently and there may be as much improvement in the eyes of the next century. To start with, the Declaration of Independence was made, signed and published by slaveholders. Slaves were more or less to be found in every portion of the territory that made the United States. The idea that all men are created equal and entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, while at the same time the same men lashed to servitude tens of thousands of slaves. Then when they went into war for liberty and freedom they placed at the head of the army a slave-driver. Shortly after the war was through the same slave-driver was made the president. A majority of the presidents for many years were slave-drivers. When the constitution was made the word slavery did not appear and yet it was a slave-holder's constitution when finished. Every addition of territory made during the first hundred years was made for the purpose of extending slavery. The revolt in Texas was led by slave-drivers and the United States. The war with Mexico was waged for the sole purpose of extending slavery. When Lincoln was elected the slave-drivers saw that the extension of slavery was at an end. Then followed the Jeff Davis war. The slave trade was legalized for twenty years after the adoption of the constitution. For a long time Washington was the largest slave market in the world.

The work of most wild birds is profitable and with many of them their songs are charming. The grackles and songless birds, like the sparrow, are no good and work great damage sometimes. The sparrows are a pest near large cities in the east. They were first brought to this city by authority of the governor for the purpose of destroying grasshoppers, but they never touched them. They never eat bugs or worms. Near Rochester, N. Y., farmers trap them by the thousands and in many cases eat them. They have wire cages with a porch all around and doors that the little fellows can lift up and go in, but can't get out. Wheat is scattered on the floor as bait. They can go in, eat, and go upstairs and there have to starve. They dress them by simply skinning and cutting out the breast. The meat is as delicious as quail meat. The home of the sparrow is in the city, but they go out ten or fifteen miles to feed on farmers' wheat. After the wheat is gathered into the barn, if there is a knot hole they will go in and feed. The wren is our pet bird. We have always furnished them a house under our front porch and delight in their songs. They are civilized and prefer to be surrounded with civilization. They are never found in extensive forests. They are birds of reason and philosophy. We made the entrance to their first house too large so the sparrows could go in and turn the house upside down. The little occupants soon barricaded their door with sticks, tied with strings, so that a sparrow could not enter. After that we bored the door with an inch auger and that saved the labor of barricading. The monotony of hatching and the labor of feeding their young is shared by the father. A perpetual war should be waged against the sparrows, crows, hawks, owls and eagles, and high protection extended towards

all other birds of Nebraska. The eatable birds of course are subject to the carving knife. **H. W. HARDY.**

## "Still—Very Still"

(The following verses are from the pen of Hon. J. S. Corbin, Gouverneur, N. Y., nominee of the liberal democratic party for lieutenant governor. —Ed. Ind.)

I still am a democrat; still—very still, Those regular Liberals have made me quite ill;

I roost with the rest who boited the ticket, I joined with Tom Platt and helped him to lick it;

I'm outside the breastworks—out of the saddle, With only the gold-bug machine to straddle, The Loyal Democracy dumped me with skill,

But I'm still a democrat; still—very still, A-trying to muzzle the freeholder's will,

But voters have taken occasion to think, And led up to Platt's trough, I can't make 'em drink.

Their last will and testament reads very plain, That I'm disinherited—busted again; Political prodigal! Swine-husk and swill!

Yet I'm still a democrat; still—very still.

I still am a democrat; still—very still, But gold-bug re-organs read wretchedly ill,

'Twere better if I with the party all through, Had stuck—never bolting—but Platt and his crew,

Insisted that we could twist voters about, But h—! It was Thomas who always was out;

Yet I have determined, come weal or come ill, To claim I'm a democrat; still—very still.

I still am a democrat; still—very still, But feeling as if I'd been run through a mill;

The thrashing I've had leaves me stiffened and sore, (Tom Johnson is in it all right for 0-4;

And Bryan has snubbed me and forced me to wait, Because I refused to pull open and straight);

To Loyal Democracy I'm but a frill, But I'm still a democrat; still—very still.

I still am a democrat; still—very still, With fifty good henchmen with pockets to fill,

My brave state committee are loyal and true, They'll stand the worst hail-storm that ever yet blew;

I promise them loot at the victory shout, But here I am now with my stuffing knocked out!

Off coats! I'm—mad! Mad enough quite to kill, But I'm still a democrat; still—very still.

I still am a democrat; still—very still, A curse to the party, a castaway still, And never again can I enter the ranks, Regularity counts mighty little with blanks;

I played it too fine with my fifty-fold pack, Twice fooled the electors—hit Croker a crack,

Protected my rear, as I thought with great skill, But I'm a dead democrat; still—very still.

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## Times Have Changed

The descriptions of the magnificence of the United States yacht Mayflower, which has been newly fitted up for the personal use of the president, remind one of the time, not ten years back, when President Cleveland could not go down the Potomac on a lighthouse tender or on a government naphtha launch without inviting the most terrible lambastings in the press. Times have changed. No one now thinks of criticizing Mr. Roosevelt on account of the Mayflower, which, according to one description, rivals in luxury "the royal and imperial yachts of European princes and potentates."—Springfield Republican.

The vote on the amendment to the constitution of Oregon providing for the initiative and referendum in that state (p. 153) is now reported as follows:

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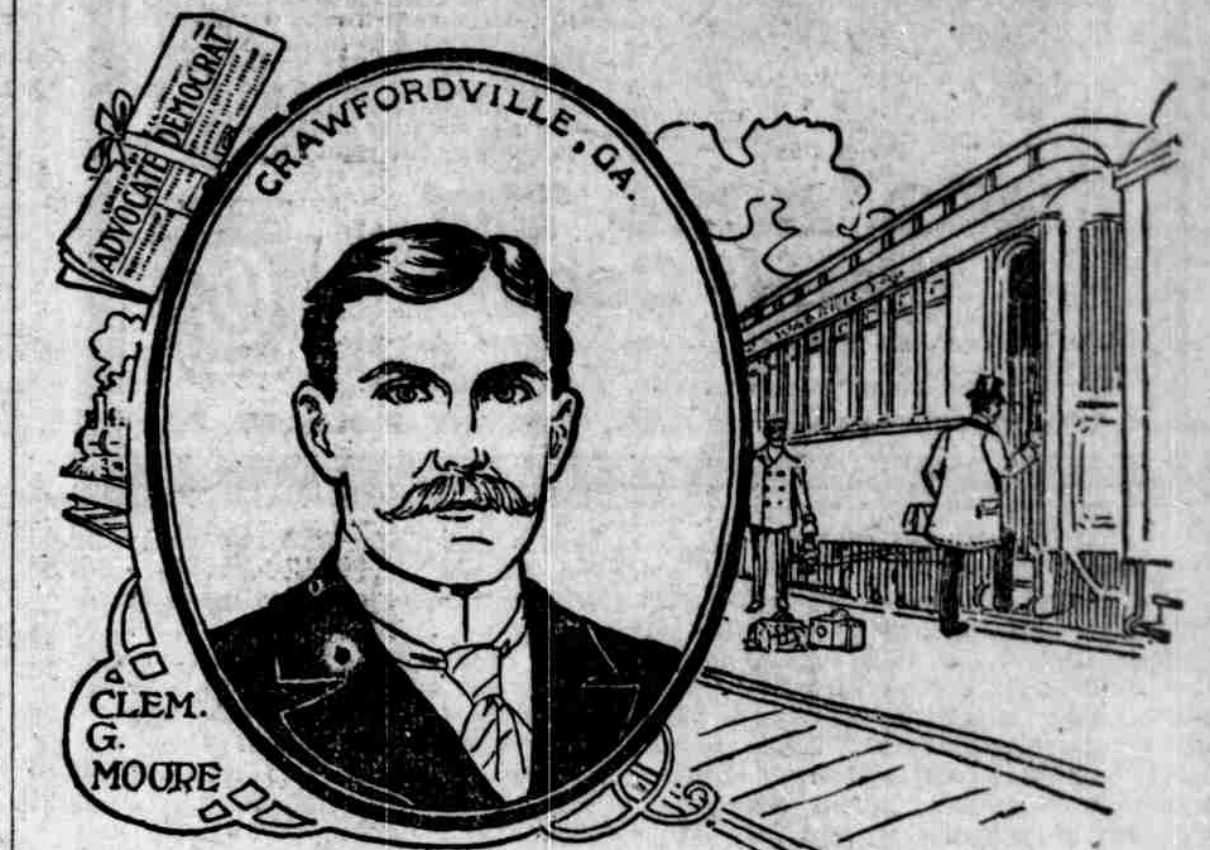
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