

A PLEA TO MR. BRYAN

Mr. Taylor Thinks He Stands in the Way of Progress—Urges That Both Free Coinage and Tariff be Dropped

Editor Independent: Loyalty to the Chicago and Kansas City platforms does not mean unending support of every plank in those platforms in the face of changing conditions. In the very nature of things as time goes on certain of those planks will have to be modified or dropped out altogether. He who stubbornly refuses to recognize changing conditions and demands those platforms in their entirety for all time and without change is an enemy to progress.

platforms and you would take from the Cleveland democrats their most dangerous weapon against those reforms. I say that this responsibility rests upon you because you are the recognized leader of the liberal democracy. Will you not make this declaration and make it at once? If not, then declare your reasons why you cannot do so. We are entitled to them. If there are good reasons for keeping up the free coinage fight then we will be with you. I have been a steady reader of The Commoner for the last few months and I do not remember to have seen any such reasons. What have you to say to the changing conditions and changed public sentiment?

biting and jumping on a man if they can get him down, so that every contest with them is really a question of life or death. The Wild West will exhibit here August 1.

News of the Week

The strike on the Union Pacific shows that the general officers of that road have had a thorough training in the innermost circles of republicanism, for their arguments are made on the exact plan of the arguments used by the republican party in the last two presidential campaigns.

There is a tremendous row in the republican camp in Wisconsin which portends the retirement of Senator Spooner. Spooner had cast his fortune in with the railroad and federal gang and the recent republican state convention sat down on that crowd very hard.

Once in a while a man voluntarily proposes to pay his share of taxes, but the cases are so rare that when announced they are an astonishment to the whole community and the dailies publish editorial comments on them.

The czar called The Hague conference in the interest of the peace of the world. He has now done something still more astonishing. He has sent a note to all the powers proposing an international conference to devise means to suppress the trusts.

Roosevelt finished up "attacking the army" by retiring Butcher Smith of Samar. The sentence of the court-martial was that he was to be admonished. The president approved the findings and of his own motion ordered Smith to be retired.

The crushing argument that capitalists have always used when working men have had complaints to make was: "If you don't like your job or the pay, you can quit."

The Isle of Pines, which is a country without a government and a people without a nationality, was made so by the glittering statesmanship of the imperialists at Washington. One of the Platt amendments which was forced upon the Cuban constitutional assembly was as follows: "That the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left to future adjustment by treaty."

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One lot Congress and Buckle, 2 to 5, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, sale price... 95c

Clearance in Groceries
25c can K. C. Baking Powder... 18c
15c can K. C. Baking Powder... 12c
10c can K. C. Baking Powder... 7c

Domestics
6c Simpson's Prints mill lengths, 4 to 10 yards in a piece, now... 3 1/2c
40 pieces Gloucester Indigo lue Prints, 6c value, now goes at... 4 1/2c

Mens Shoes and Oxfords
Men's Russian Calf, good year welt, Oxfords, 7 to 11, regular \$3.00, sale price... 2 45

Canned Goods
12 1/2c can Pumpkin... 10c
15c can Niagara Sugar Beets... 11c
12 1/2c can Sweet Potatoes... 10c

Dress Skirts in 2 Lots
Lot 1—\$3.50 and \$3.75 Skirts, Clearing Sale Price... \$1 69
Lot 2—\$5 Skirts, sale price, each... \$2 25

Shoes For Women
Dongola Kid lace and button, 3 to 3, worth up to \$1.75, per pair each... \$1 35

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Silver Leaf and Old Mill Soap, 8 bars for... 25c
Swift's Pride, Lenox, Diamond C, and Santa Claus Soap, 7 bars for... 25c

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One lot 25c Ladies' Vests at... 15c
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The Germ Theory
Editor Independent: I have received a number of sample copies of your issue of the 18th and I am glad to see that wherever I thought a subscriber might be secured, up to the present time the only result I know of is two votes for the fusion ticket—former republicans. There may be more, but it takes more medicine in some cases. I have been working on some of the hardest. With The Independent properly administered to a head, it will within three months create a germ killing thought, it takes only a little more time until this germ develops and takes the place of his mullet propensities and he becomes a good citizen.

The Handy Pocket Account Book
Containing four parts each convenient for pocket use. Part I consists of simple, yet comprehensive instructions with plain examples and illustrations for keeping accurate accounts in bookkeeping form.

A New Lot
As for the new lot of "bucking mustangs." They will never have such training, their share in the performance being limited to a short, fierce combat which always ends with the death of the obnoxious persons who beset them. Being lassoed, saddled and mounted by a man who manages to retain his seat, despite all frantic efforts to dislodge him, is exceedingly exciting and, almost humiliating to the brute, but when at the end of five or ten minutes, the man gets off, the mustang feels that he has triumphed and is all the more encouraged to stubborn and malicious resistance the next time a renewal of the abhorrent experience confronts him.

which he has sent out to his constituents he declares most solemnly that a large majority of republican senators are opposed to reciprocity with Cuba. He says: "I deny that the beet sugar senators were in the minority. If any one says anything else he falsifies. If 35 republican senators had come to us and said, 'We are going to pass that bill,' they could have done so. They never came to us with such a declaration. On the other hand, they came and encouraged us to keep up the fight. There are not 15 republican senators out of the 54 who are in favor of the present bill at heart. Beet sugar is a republican question by authority." Senator Burton should name the men who were guilty of that sort of double-dealing and deceit. The fact is that nearly every republican senator holds his position by the efforts of tariff graders, and the graders were all opposed to making any kind of break in the tariff wall. That republican senators acted in that way will surprise no one. The success of the party has always been achieved by duplicity.

won any glory or done any deed that will be remembered by posterity, no one knows of it at present. That has not been the fault of the commanders. A clique of republican imperialists sent them on a war of conquest and they did what they were ordered to do to the best of their ability.

The New York Life is holding up Senator Hoar as a dreadful example to the young because he has not used his official position to get money. It says that a senator "not going for money gives him an unfortunate cast of mind, whereby he gets himself ill-thought of by the intelligent and patriotic classes. The young and ambitious will do well to observe that no senator who has always gone in for money is having any of these dreadful things said about him by the loyal press."

A Contemptible Press
Nothing in all history was ever more contemptible than the plutocratic, imperial press of the United States. In another article the course of the capitalist press in regard to the demand made for "more money" when business was prostrated, is discussed. In that connection the following words from The Watchman are very pertinent: "President Schurman's utterances in regard to Philippine matters were treated with the greatest consideration when they supported the administration policy, and he was a heaven-sent envoy. No praise was too lavish to be bestowed on his knowledge, insight and tact. But when President Schurman as a result of larger observation and more mature reflection modified his views, all over the country the cry arose from those who did not like these later views, 'Who is this Schurman, anyhow? A college professor and doctrinaire; what he says doesn't count.' A little over a year ago to criticize anything that President McKinley said was construed as unpatriotic, but after he advocated a policy of reciprocity in regard to the tariff, which was the one subject upon which he was a well-knowledge expert, the word was quietly passed around that his advice was sealed and followed by his death. We have just seen the whole reciprocity idea shunted off the track of practical politics. Whatever may be done with regard to Cuba, the Kassar treaties are as dead as a salt herring. Only a few years ago anything that General Fitzhugh Lee said about the conditions in Cuba was the exact truth and you were a miserable Spanish sympathizer if you doubted a word of it. But the same General Lee's representations in regard to conditions in the island are largely repudiated by the very men who believed everything he said about Spain.