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THE CANCER OF DEMOCRACY

An Address From the Secretary of the Liberal Democratic Party of New York
—Apply the Knife Instead of Poulitices

The liberal democrats down in New York state are up and at it with a vim that bodes no good to the reorganizers. They argue—and rightly, too—that if New York must fall into plutocratic hands, the particular plutocrats should wear the republican brand, because then the democratic party would not be held responsible. The Independent has heretofore published the liberal democratic platform form and given part of the ticket. In a letter to The Independent, Mr. Jay W. Forrest, secretary of the state committee, explains the liberal democratic position as follows:

We are today able to congratulate ourselves and the democracy in general upon the heartiness in which our candidates and what they stand for have been received. Within the past thirty days I have seen our state from Montank Point to the Canadian border, and unless all signs fail our canvass is receiving warm approval from the thinking portion of our electorate. Here and there honest and cautious men have asked why the battle has not been carried on within machine lines? Some have even said in their innocence, that as the rath itself was with us that it ought to be easy enough to drive the lepers out of the machine itself and then it would be purified.

To such, and to all, we say that the slightest knowledge of New York politics teaches the wise and well-posted that such a course, while theoretically right, is practically wrong, for the reason that it leads the lambs into the dens of the wolves of New York politics for shearing only. Every well-posted New Yorker, no matter what his politics knows that more money is expended in this state to control primaries and conventions than is used to carry elections. It is therefore necessary to use practical methods to prevent smothering of truth in what should be its own temple. For that reason after considering all other means we have placed in the field the only democratic ticket New York will have this year, and as we are poor in wealth, but rich in faith and loyalty the only method of enabling true democracy to give vent to its pent-up feelings in an effective way was the one adopted. We view the present political battle as the skirmish for the greater battle of 1904, and we recognize the condition to be somewhat akin to this:

Two prize fighters of past renown are preparing for battle. The trainers and interested parties are suggesting treatment and exercise. One of these fighters is in the pink of condition, the other is suffering from a cancerous growth (and that growth is David B. Hill). Some of the ailing fighter's friends feel that poulitices, etc., will bring our man around all right in time for the great fight, while we agree with the most eminent surgeons that for such a disease the knife is the only thing that is a remedy—and so believing, we say, Surgeon, out with your scalpel and cut out the foul growth (David B. Hill) that the fighter may have a chance for his life. Such a treatment, while we admit its drastic course offers the only hope of a permanent cure, if the knife be now applied, two years will show its lack of party cruelty, and its scientific wisdom for the time which elapses will have seared the wound and the only thing that will remain will be the minutes of the clinic.

Every well-read democrat in this state and nation knows that my diagnosis of the political disease from which the democracy of New York is suffering is a correct one—and the only dispute is as to the treatment—from the old woman's palliative of flaxseed poultices I appeal to modern surgery which says the scalpel alone is the remedy. Where, therefore, can there be longer dispute, when, after agreeing on the diagnosis, authority is all one way?

True, I know the flies that rest on this old and long-festered sore will be and are even now running around the state loudly declaring that the sore has agreed not to put itself in obnoxious evidence, and that the party convention will be pure and sweet and that no objectionable men will be nominated for office this year. Yes, gentlemen, that is partly true, I should not be surprised to see some good and honest men nominated on that ticket, but it is all political chicanery. If there were any reality to it these same little flies which carry disease from this sore would not be the birds to carry such news. The mere fact that they carry the news is proof of its falsity.

There is therefore nothing for men who are democratic in its truest sense and who love their party for the truths it stands for, and not for what alone it may bring in place or spoil, to do in the emergency that today confronts you men of New York, but to rescue your party from political harlots who are trying to debauch it. Virginius, that noble Roman of old, sacrificed his own daughter in order to save her honor. It is not such a dreadful alternative that is before us because all we need destroy is the debaucher.

Still the love and courage of that loving Roman father should be an in-

them to carry out the right at whatever cost without the counting. Then, again, the great Jesuitical order has a maxim which, while as a general thing I don't admire it—still I think here is the exception where it can be nicely used. It is: "The end justifies the means."

The question has been asked, Why do we call our organization the liberal democratic party? The answer is, that the election law of our state prevents us from assuming our right name without an adjective which will distinguish us from the crowd which has legally stolen our name-plate. Therefore for the present we must be known by our deeds and not by name alone. The public press is full of articles asking what are democratic principles? And so far as the machine of New York and its "sore" is concerned echo carries back as an answer only the question. While the great duck-hunter of that state just without the union replies that democratic principles is to let the other fellow the hucks and take the "corn" yourself. And he appears to be the most honest among his kind for almost all of us are agreed that is just the kind of democracy he practiced from 1892 to 1896—the hucks for the other fellow—the people—the "corn" for himself.

Our answer to the question is given as clearly as English will make it. Read our platform. There you will find that we stand square-toed on the Kansas City platform, and there we intend to stay until the next national convention of our party modifies or changes the same.

In our platform is no platitude, no Janus-faced idol; nothing but the plainest of goods, sold only over the counter of the national democracy. We believe the goods are the best offered by any political organization and we believe the masses want the goods and want the clerks who have been dispensing them to still continue at work. For that reason and for no other we are enlisted in this cause. We are volunteers and while like all intelligent animals we like "corn" for the ease and comforts it purchases. We expect as our own individual reward some of the hucks the great duck hunter said we have been lately feeding upon. But while we admit the truth to be that your portion and mine may be political hucks, still our work will bring to our party a return of power, a return of its present honors, and when these things come to a political party its devotees earn the right to wander in the land of milk and honey as a reward for faithful and honest work.

No other course, even if we were base enough to accept it, is open to us. The Lord is said to chasten those whom he loves, and he has surely displayed a love for the democracy that is encouraging, for He has never failed to chasten us for our misdeeds and falterings. Other parties in our history have appeared to thrive and obtain power by reason of their iniquity and double dealing. Some individual democrats have also succeeded, but never our party. Witness Cleveland and his Morgan bond selling anti-busk schemes and its effect on the national party. Witness David B. Hill stealing state senators and enjoining legislatures and note the quick retribution. Then ask yourself if from even the basest of motives it is not profitable to be politically honest and turn out our own political thieves?

Albany, N. Y., July 23, 1904.

DANGER AHEAD

The Republican Party is Divided Into Bitter Factions—It Faces a Grave Crisis

The time for a revolution against republican policies seems to be at hand, and many of the leaders realize the fact. The disaffection is largely in the eastern states and is so serious that the president, his cabinet and the best speakers of the party are all going there to try to stem the tide. Imperialism and the trusts, both products of republican policies, have estranged thousands of voters in those states. The condition is recognized by many of the republican organs. Leslie's Weekly utters the following warning: "It is time to ask, in all seriousness, whether the death of William McKinley marked the apogee of the republican party. While we are drifting apart on a question of trade with Cuba, the democracy is getting together. While such rock-ribbed republican states as Vermont, Ohio and Pennsylvania are being torn by clashing factions, the democratic leaders are falling into line in solid ranks and preparing for the contest of 1904."

"Is our leadership lost? Less than a year has elapsed since the pitiful death of the lamented McKinley, and we find a third of the republican membership of the senate, representing a dozen states, nearly all republican, in opposition to the administration. And over what? A perplexing tariff question?"

The ardent protection sentiment of some has been tried by the trust developments of the past few years, and many believe that some of our protected industries should be strong enough by this time to stand alone. The task of the administration is therefore difficult. It is now being put to the crucial test of the highest statesmanship. It must be tactful, resourceful, conscientious, unambitious and always conciliatory. The unfor-

tunate break in a republican senate following manifestations of dissatisfaction in the house, is not a trifling matter, and the growing unrest of the masses is in marked contrast with the confidence and hope they felt while they followed the banner of William McKinley.

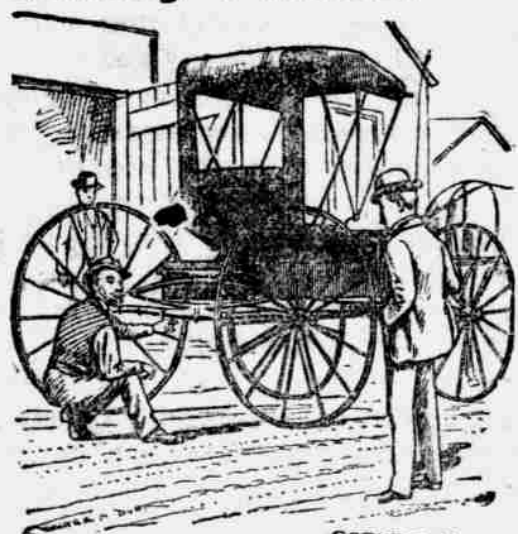
"It needs no prophetic eye to realize that the republican party is facing a crisis. How shall it be met? It is not a question of 1904: it is a question of 1902. Political changes in this country are sometimes very abrupt. The party that enters a presidential campaign with broken ranks, disorganization and disaffection, is beaten before the contest begins."

The Journal of the American Tariff League is fighting Roosevelt outright and makes no bones of it. So it goes the whole United States over. The republican dailies have had a good deal to say about "harmony" in the democratic party. They seem to have less of it in their own party. The only party that is really harmonious is the populist party. They go serenely on their way, and since they heaved their traitors over the transom, there has been nothing to disturb the universal brotherhood that exists among them.

Tax Reform

In New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin and a few other commonwealths—not excluding Colorado—some progress has of recent years been made in the assessment of taxes upon intangible holdings and in the collection of such taxes, despite the opposition of trusts and courts and the sneering comments of the major portion of the republican press, which has sided with the tax dodgers and against the people. Here in Colorado the exception to this rule are so few and so far between that they are easily singled out. The state legislature, the state board of assessment and the attorney general and his assistants have received nothing but sneers and false statements from these so-called advocates of reform, who forget that the most pressing reform in the majority of states of the union at present is the taxation reform—a reform which has almost abolished the state land tax in New York and which has disposed of it entirely in the state of Pennsylvania.—Denver News.

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THE WAY TO DO IT

Mr. Roger Advises True Democrats to Vote the Populist Ticket in States Where the Kansas City Platform Has Been Repudiated

Editor Independent: Please send Henry Soughman's paper to Wayne, Pa., and please write his name H. W. Soughman as there is something wrong some place with the mullet headed postmaster as Henry has only received two or three papers since he subscribed for the paper. I told him that it was no fault of the editor as my paper came as regular as clock work and so I requested him to make this change that he might find out where the fault lay.

One thing more, I intend to vote the populist state ticket this fall because the democratic state convention made two serious blunders in my estimation. First, because they failed to reaffirm the Kansas City platform. It has ingrained in the Declaration of Independence and the anti-imperial plank; also the only anti-trust plank that has within it the best remedy yet proposed to shackle the large combines. To refuse to reaffirm the Kansas City platform is a slap at the Declaration of Independence as well as at the financial plank, which is opposed to government by injunction. While the money question is not paramount at this time, it is just as important now as it ever was and will be so until we secure the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth. It is folly to vote for the position of the reorganizers on any question at stake before the country excepting the tariff, and they cannot be trusted to even handle our side of that question, because the vast majority of them voted the republican ticket in the last two national campaigns, knowing that the republican party was the mother of trusts and private monopolies. They now condemn that which they helped to bestow. Is it possible they can be trusted to destroy private monopolies to which they helped to grant power? We might just as well vote the republican ticket as any one of them because you can see the policy of the two. When you define them they naturally drift together. The only difference between the republican party's policy is more direct and radical, also more vicious and sweeping at present than the reorganizers', but the two policies will eventually drift together. Therefore I sound a note of warning to every lover of true democratic principles as set forth in the Kansas City platform.

In every state where the reorganizers have controlled the convention, they refused to endorse the Kansas City platform. The thing to do is to vote the populist ticket and know them under an avalanche of ballots so deep that they will keep hands off the ruler.

Robert E. Pattison for governor, a gold democrat in our last national convention, was a delegate at large and voted the last against our financial plank. For lieutenant governor, George Wilkes Guthrie, a bolter in the last two campaigns.

Dunn Station, Pa. FRANK REGER.

Actual Cash Value

Editor Independent: Enclosed please find check for \$3 in payment for the last five cards which I sold some time ago, but have been so busy harvesting that I have not had time to think about sending the money. I have notice with considerable interest what The Independent has to say in regard to railroad taxation. I am also reading the bulletins sent out by the railroad companies and I have come to the conclusion that the best and fairest way out would be to assess all property in the state both real and personal at its actual cash value. Considered always that the railroads must either squeeze the water out of their stock and quit trying to reap a dividend from it or else be willing to pay a tax on it as the actual cash value thereof. J. M. VAUGHAN.

(Our present revenue law requires, exactly what Mr. Vaughan advocates. The question is, How can it be enforced? Probably no two men, without consultation with each other, or somebody else, would place the same valuation on a given piece of property. Accordingly, "actual cash valuation" would necessarily vary to some extent, even in the face of the most rigid law which could be made. The fact of the matter is that it is necessary to raise taxes on a low valuation and high rate of levy than it is with a high valuation and low rate. For illustration, it is desirable to raise taxes at about the rate of \$1 to the \$1,000 actual value. It could be done by a two-mill levy on a \$500 valuation, a five-mill levy on a \$200 valuation, or a ten-mill levy on a \$100 valuation. But the average man pays most attention to the assessed valuation—that rate of \$1 to \$1,000. It doesn't seem to count until he pays his taxes. Offer to assess his property at \$1,000 and assure him that the rate would be but one mill, and he would "go up in the air," as the slang phrase goes; but make his assessed valuation \$100, even if he knows the rate will be ten mills, unless he stops to make a calculation he will be better satisfied at the bottom of all this crowding down process, illegal as it is, is a phase of human nature which should not be overlooked. The low plan of making a valuation and then by law assessing only 25 per cent is a tacit admission that her legislators understood the use of a low base and high rate.

If every property owner was required to make return of his own property and fix the valuation, with the understanding that any person might buy it at the assessed valuation within thirty days, the difficulty might be solved.—Ed. Ind.)

A Shrewd Diplomatist

The pope has made some presents to his Satrap Governor Taft, whom his holiness has anointed as governor of the Philippine Islands, endowing him with the divine rights of an absolute monarch, who is only tributary and responsible for his acts to the Holy Father, and Secretary Root has already given his consent to Mr. Taft

for accepting those gifts although the constitution forbids it and makes the acceptance of such presents dependent upon the consent of congress, but that constitution is anyway an old, mouldy parchment, which for years was tramped into the dust by our statesmen so that nobody can read it. The pope has again proved to be the shrewdest living diplomatist. He asked and received an enormous price for the land of the friars in the Philippine islands. We have to pay for it with the independence of our people, by subjugating this government and people again under the authority and absolute rule of the infallible pope.

"That is the curse of evil act, that contumely it bears evil."—Shiller. As all our learned tutor and bread philosophers, statesmen, judges and lawyers together with all their wisdom could not find the least legal argument to subjugate the people of the Philippine islands and rob their natural resources, therefore, there was no other chance to reach that goal than to appeal to the divine rights of the middle age; but such divine rights can only be bestowed by the infallible pope as the representative of God on earth; therefore, President Roosevelt had to put on his knee breeches and crawl on his belly to kiss the slipper of the holy father praying to endow him with the divine right of a ruler over those islands.

To that "fait accompli" our subservient members of our United States senate and congress will say, "Yes, and amen," thereby at once recanting and overthrowing all principles and attainments of the great reformation, the great revolution and especially the Declaration of Independence; degrading this people again to ignorant, stupid idolaters of the infallible pope and to miserable slaves of some avaricious, tyrannical rulers.

Every European government has abolished monasteries and confiscated property for the common weal, especially for education and benevolent purposes, but not a single one of those governments ever of Catholic those had asked the pope for his consent. Only a year ago congress of the Catholic state of France had abolished monasteries in spite of the protest of the pope.

It was left to the invincible rough rider general, the greatest president of this protestant republic, the protector and defender of free thought, free speech, free press and equal rights, to crawl on his belly, kiss the slipper of the infallible pope and pray for consent to abolish the monasteries in the Philippines.

Even Archbishop Ireland admits these facts. In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press Bishop Ireland said among other things: "In his conversation with Governor Taft he (the pope) expressed the highest esteem for American methods of treating church matters and remarked, that he had more than once pointed to the United States as setting an example well worth copying."

The question of religion in the Philippines is now formally and officially his (pope's) own and it should be considered as such.

No stronger proof for fair-mindedness in settlement of the religious question in the Philippines could the administration have given than to respond graciously to the wishes of the vatican that a messenger from the American government should go to Rome to discuss matters directly with the pope and his advisers. Other governments would have come to work in their own way without a word being said to the head of the church or a counsel asked of him.

F. SCHWEIZER.
Woodlawn, Neb.

Venomous Call

Whereas the United States congress voted that the United States constitution be not applicable in the Philippines. Are they not then directly responsible for the atrocities committed in the Philippines? There being no constitution applicable to forbid and restrict.

Smith gave orders to kill and burn and make the island a howling wilderness and the soldiers must obey orders or be punished. Official reports of these atrocities were sent to Secretary Root, and he and the president gave no protests against it and kept it secret as far as possible. This was certainly silent approval. When congress

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voted not to have the president hampered with even the constitution, they sowed the very seed of which they are now reaping an abundant harvest of burn and kill and create a howling wilderness and other crimes and depredations against humanity and justice.

The president was given full power to rule the Philippines unlimited and unrestricted. He has done so and now strange as it may seem some of the senators had the gall to stand on the very floor of our senate and defend the practices of burning and killing children and giving the so-called water cure which kills 75 per cent of the victims. After all the scandals, suppressions and oppressions and then to defend this administration in its foul ways and means is remarkable. It has been the foulest administration in the history of our nation.

Imperialism, trusts, the Fowler bill and the departures from the constitution will never be shackled until the people cry out in protest against them in righteous indignation. I say, brethren, it is our plain duty to protest unanimously regardless of party.

Some of the senators are saying, Don't throw mud at the American soldier, but a little thrown at the right ones who most deserve it would not hurt anything. It will only serve as mud applied to the bite of a serpent to extract some of the venom.

Here is a chance for home missionary work among our own people. Let all of our Reverend D. D.'s protest regardless of denominations in a most righteous cause. Perhaps some charitable nation or people will provide for the helpless, homeless, fatherless and motherless orphans of the islands who are less than ten years old. But who can atone for their bereavement? Who can now correct the wrong that has already been wrought? But it should stop that it may not be any worse. Brethren, you have what you voted for in an abundant harvest. Are you going to vote for the same again?

DEXTER TUTTLE.
Lewiston, Idaho.

Is He Sincere.

If the Omaha Bee is sincere in its fight for reform in railroad taxation it should lend its aid in electing the fusion state ticket.—E. A. Brown in Loup City Times-Independent.

In view of the vigorous educational campaign being made by Mr. Roosevelt, on the line of railroad taxation, The Independent does not feel warranted with charging him with insincerity, even though he is supporting men who can be depended upon to do exactly the thing he is fighting against. Of course, Mr. Roosevelt might be charged with inconsistency without impugning his sincerity.

Agricultural Building, State Fair.



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Trotting, 2:23 class, \$400.
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