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Editorial Notes.

The wave that has borne the republican party so gloriously onward for the last few years seems to be broken up into a choppy sea, with squalls coming from every direction at the same time.

The wholesale price of coffee in New York is 5 cents a pound, but on account of the benevolent assimilation of the trusts and railroads by the time it gets out to Nebraska we have to pay 35 cents a pound for a good variety of it.

A few years ago our manufacturers could be undersold by foreigners and demanded protection. Now they can undersell the foreigners and they demand more protection.

If a man wants to know what is coming, let him run his eye over the mortgage records that have recently been made in the various counties. The demand for chattel mortgage blanks has been so great in some places that the supply has been exhausted.

Washington and Jefferson made a republic, but the republican party has turned it into an empire, holding as unwilling subjects 10,000,000 people of another race.

When the scientists make a classification of the people of the United States it is about as follows: First, the sound and sane. Then follow the perverts, the defectives, the degenerates and the mule heads.

Could the old Puritans in the Mayflower have been told that the residents of the country which they came to settle would build another ship named after the little bark which brought them here, which would cost more to run one day for the pleasure of the president than the price of their whole voyage, what would they have said?

The Independent sends its sincere sympathy to our Uncle Mark. The foreign trade is falling off, the dinner pails of thousands of wage-workers are empty, scores of great manufacturing concerns are going to other countries where he can't assess them for campaign expenses and taken altogether these things make Uncle Mark very sorrowful.

A recent German census bulletin asserts that there are 18,000 Americans living in that country, nearly all of whom are there as students or for pleasure. If we estimate that they each spend \$1,000 a year; that draws \$18,000,000 a year in clean cash from the United States or lessens the balance of trade to that amount.

Rev. Mr. Savage of Omaha needs the immediate attention of the republican congressional committee. In a report which he makes of some revival meetings at Burwell he says the crops are splendid and that "the people are profoundly grateful to God."

John Lind is a candidate for congress in the Fifth Minnesota district and two other districts in that state are regarded as doubtful by the republican leaders, all of which has a tendency to make your Uncle Mark feel sad.

In a very clear and convincing address to the populist voters of Kansas, State Chairman Babb and Secretary Curran explain the ingenious deviltry of the Kansas ballot law and close with these words: "Many a man has fallen into the pit he dugged for another. Haman was hanged upon his own gallows."

The Chicago Tribune says that political and not medical efficiency is the test applied in selecting employes and superintendents of hospitals and insane asylums of Illinois. That is a pretty condition for the "God and morality" party to be in, in a great state. But vote 'er straight. If you don't the country will be ruined.

Roosevelt sent the labor commissioner, Wright, to investigate the anthracite coal strike about two months ago. Mr. Wright investigated and sent in his report. Teddy promptly locked it up and no one has ever been allowed to see it. Lately there have been many demands that the report be made public. But Teddy says nothing.

President Stickney of the Great Western railroad affirms over his own signature that the rebates paid on packing house products "have ranged all the way from 25 to 50 per cent." These rebates were the foundation of the meat trust. But then you know that your Uncle Mark says there are no trusts.

Editor J. C. Buchanan of the Pittsburg Kansan is responsible for this atrocity: "Taxation rhymes with corruption," remarked Craddock (the democratic nominee for governor of Kansas), "and I'll see they get together." "I notice," retorted Bailey (the republican candidate), "that it also rhymes with confiscation, and no corporation will ever stand it."

Your Uncle Mark must have a perfect contempt for Roosevelt and Littlefield. He discovered as far back as the last presidential campaign that there were "no trusts." He must pity the president and his coadjutor when he reads about their efforts to suppress the trusts when there are no trusts to suppress.

The Washington authorities have set aside the Clem Deaver sale of Indian lands and the little syndicate that paid out from \$100 to \$150 each to quite a number of men to keep them out of the room where the fake sale was consummated have lost their money. Another investigation is to be held concerning the conduct of the land officers, so it is said.

Uncle Joe over in England is having as much trouble as Uncle Mark has here. The colonial premiers have started an Irish home rule movement which is said to have more prominence than any since the days of Gladstone. The premiers of Canada and Australia have presided at Irish home rule meetings where the Irish leaders were the principal speakers. Chamberlain undertook to chide them for such conduct and they replied so vigorously that he dropped the subject. These same colonial premiers have been presiding at what are called pro-Boer meetings and Uncle Joe wishes now that he had never invited them to attend the coronation ceremonies.

A good deal is said in the dailies lately about the South American wars and the awful losses they occasion. The losses of all of them put together for ten years will not amount to the damages resulting from one of our big strikes. The South Americans prefer to indulge in their destructive impulses in wars while we prefer strikes. Strikes and wars are of the same nature and one shows just as much of latent savagery as the other.

W. E. Curtis is disgruntled and very sad. He says that Bryan while on his eastern trip knocked out all the plans of the reorganizers and that there is no hope for Hill to win a victory in New York. W. E. Curtis, being a rantakerous republican, one can imagine how much he would mourn over the fact that the democrats could not carry New York. The performances of W. E. Curtis are too silly to be even funny.

Senator Platt in his article in the North American Review acknowledges that there was a contract made with Cuba for trade advantages with the United States in return for granting this country a suzerainty over the island, just as The Independent said at the time that the Cuban constitutional convention was forced to change the proposed constitution. It is said now that Cuba will enact a retaliatory tariff, a thing that the people have a moral right to do since this country has repudiated its contract.

The republican text book is out. According to the compilers every good thing that we enjoy comes from the republican party. They point to exports. The major part of these are the wheat, corn, hogs and cattle raised by the farmers. If the republican party was not in power the cattle and hogs would not breed and the wheat and corn would not grow. They point to the increase in population. The only inference to be made is, if the democrats get in power the women will cease to bear children.

The reorganizers are always talking about Bryan having been defeated twice. But their patron saint, the old Stuffed Prophet, was also defeated, and defeated when he had his whole party fighting for him. Bryan was defeated because the Cleveland-Hill-Whitney crowd fought him and voted the republican ticket. Not satisfied with that, they put up a sham third ticket and cubbed it democrat to fool as many unwary voters as possible. Notwithstanding all that, Bryan polled more votes than Cleveland ever did.

What will the State Journal and other papers of that ilk have to say about deficiencies after the next legislative adjourns? They filed many columns discussing that matter when the fusion government was in power, but the deficits that the next legislature will have to make appropriations to meet will be as much as it cost the people to run the whole state under the fusion government. Republicanism comes high and when the people insist on having it they must pay the bills. They should do it, too, without any howling.

The plank in the republican platform of Iowa demanding a revision of the tariff has driven the New England tariff grafters almost wild. They say it is the ruin of the republican party and makes it doubtful whether the republicans can hold the state after this year. The Cummins following however declares that there is such a sentiment in the state for tariff revision among republicans that there is no use trying to resist it. Your Uncle Mark is having lots of trouble these days, in the west as well as in the east.

The Platt-Low combination of reformers in New York city is at last being severely criticised by the muggump papers. The Springfield Republican says: "Mr. Low, the reform mayor of New York, secured the votes of German-Americans in the last municipal campaign by virtually pledging that as mayor he would not enforce the excise law so that they would be deprived of their Sunday beer. And the promise was kept. Wasn't a pledge not to enforce a law a bribe to the voters?" The Independent never took much stock in that movement. The result is that New York city is no better governed than when under Tammany rule.

Notes of warning are being sounded more frequently as the months go by. One of them, published in a daily of large circulation, is as follows: "The greatest menace to continued financial prosperity is the overstocked trusts. They are capitalized on the theory that the productive energies of the country will always remain at high tide, but when a period of depression comes and dividends are reduced or fall, then there will be a rush to unload, and it will be wise for every man to trim his financial sails." One thing is certain, and that is that very few populists will be caught out in the cyclone when it comes. The mule heads will be found mangled and ruined by the tens of thousands.

Hardy's Column It is estimated that the estate of the late millionaire Californian who died in England a few weeks ago will have to pay three or four millions government tax. There is one country where millionaires are forced to pay more than poor men for the support of the general government. The millionaires in this country pay no more than do laborers, and not as much according to value on their drink and fine clothing imported. Wonder if Queen Victoria's estate was taxed under the same law by the English government?

If the Bryan democratic fusion party sells out to the Cleveland-Pierpont Morgan party as the prohibition party did in '96, or pulls down the equality flag for one we hereby refuse to be delivered as we did in '96. When there is no difference between the two big parties we will go back to the old free soil party and vote for John T. Dale's yellow dog or Abe Lincoln's old shoes.

Too much is being said and done against child labor. There is no doubt that many children are worked too hard, so there are many grown-up women, wives and mothers, who are worked too hard. Many wives have to earn their own living, support their husbands and on top of that earn his whisky money. There are less children who do all that for their fathers. Boys and girls on the farm work or go to school, but that is one great reason why they make better men and women than the boys and girls of cities who have nothing to do. We are in favor of letting the boys and girls work from early childhood. We are not in favor of overwork, with either men, women or children, nor even with horses or oxen. Education in work is better than book education if you cannot have but one. Economical living is sure to be practiced by those who earn their own living. Fortunes handed down by parents and relatives are sure to do ten harms harm where it does one any good. Prodigal living is worse than death.

Is it just to make railroads reduce their rates of freight and passenger fare and at the same time make them pay more taxes and higher wages to their men? The state of Montana has levied nearly a million more taxes this year upon her railroads than she did last year. They were several roads that had to be built, all of which have been suspended. Everything should be taxed according to selling value, but there are many miles of road through wild, rough country that would not sell alone for what the iron cost.

It is really an honor and a credit to Mr. Bryan that the republican papers publish more about him than about any other man living or dead on the face of the earth. They do not dare to attack his doctrine. Not one item in either of the platforms he stood upon has become superannated. Not a single contradiction can be pointed out in any of his speeches or editorials. In fact McKinley adopted Bryan's money doctrine, that legal tender money should increase as fast as the population and business increases. He coined more silver than any other president we ever had. At the same time gold and bank bills increased in the same proportion. The increase of money has lowered its value and its rate of interest, or, in other words, it has raised the value of property and its rental. Let the greenbacks be retired and the legal tender of silver limited to ten dollars, as sure as the sun continues to shine another term of hard times will follow. Eight hundred million reduction in legal tender money will be sure to have a horrid effect upon the price of property and equally bad effect upon business.

The saloons that surround the striking coal mines are not closed. Many of the contributions from friends and benevolent societies for the feeding of the families of the strikers comes in food for it is learned that the men sent to go for liquor and tobacco. Men are ready to starve their own families rather than starve their own hellish appetites. We visited a village of a thousand or twelve hundred inhabitants, surrounding the mouth of a large coal mine. There was no other business beside digging and shipping coal. There were thirty or so saloons wide open, within a quarter of a mile of the mouth of the coal shaft. The consumers of that coal have not only to feed, clothe and shelter the families of that village, but they have to support these saloons, too. Would it not be better to banish saloonkeepers, gamblers and prostitutes rather than have so many strikes. Then several of the explosions that have occurred in the coal mines, causing the death of hundreds of miners, have been traced to the action of drunken miners. Railroad companies have learned that drinking men are not safe men to trust with track or train responsibility. If an employer is to be held responsible for what an employe does, the harm of another employe, a liquor breath should be sufficient cause for the dismissal of any workman.

It appears that New York millionaires have already bought up the friar lands in the Philippine Islands. Now whoever gets the lands will have to pay a big advance. That was the way John Sherman made his millions. He knew which way would be taxed and that he controlled the making of the law. So he, with a few money men, bought up all the whisky on the market; then the law did not tax the stuff already made, but put a big tax on what was made afterwards. So Sherman put the tax on whisky in his own pocket. There is no other like being in league with the government.

We believe in home government. Taking the city government of Omaha out of the hands of the Omaha people is actually spitting upon the principles of our government. If nothing is done to violate the constitution and laws of the state, a city should be left free to make their own ordinances and elect their own city officers. As a rule cities are no more corrupt than states in management of public affairs. Cities are corporations as much as a railroad and none but taxpaying

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stockholders should be allowed to vote. Home owners know best what homes need. The tariff is splitting the republican party and their leading papers and politicians see it. We believe a majority of the working people in the party stand with Bryan on the tariff and trust questions. Many republicans loath the name of Bryan as much as the slave holders loathed the name of Lincoln. The main reason for it is those two men have always stood up for equal justice to all, black or white, rich or poor.

Bryan is getting rich they say and is bound to become a millionaire. It is his heart, his head, his mouth and his pen that are doing it. No tariff, trust or special law has ever helped him a cent. The money that has been collected on that line has all been used against him. How tickled they are to hear he is not a candidate for renomination.

We fear a sickly season. Floods and fast shifting climate, so different from seasons before, are sure to bring sickness. H. W. HARDY.

News of the Week

Judge Jackson is still issuing injunctions. One of the latest was directed against those who fed the strikers and those buying and distributing food among them. That is a duplication of the time when men in the north were arrested by United States marshals for giving food and shelter to black men. The whole business is the same old thing over again.

British trade is not experiencing that revival which was commonly expected as a result of the end of the Boer war. Kaffir stocks have been going down hill ever since, and official labor statistics just published show a net weekly decrease of \$392,500, compared with the best of 1900.

When the bankers bought control of the religious press years ago and the papers were made more the advocates of financial schemers than of Christ, when their advertising pages showed in what esteem they were held by Wall street and by the aristocracy generally. The Independent frequently called attention to the degeneracy and foretold their doom. It has come. The old religious paper is practically going out of existence. Its power and influence is gone. An eastern daily calls attention to the fact in the following words: The religious press of the country is making open confession of its loss of power to continue the strong independent life that once marked it. The Congregationalist of Boston was forced to put itself in the hands of the Congregational publication society, the New York Observer has lately passed into the hands of new owners, who will strive after additional strength for it, and the Independent and the Outlook long ago transformed themselves into weekly magazines, in which the old type of the religious newspaper is sought in

vain. Now the New York Evangelist, so long a power in the Presbyterian church under Rev. Dr. Henry M. Field, is to be merged with Christian Work. The consolidated paper will be known as Christian Work and the Evangelist, and so Dr. Field's paper is to lose its identity and be no more. Generals Delarey and Botha were given an ovation at Stellenbosch, says a Cape Town dispatch. They were driven to the town hall, and each carriage was drawn by 60 students. At a luncheon which followed the students acted as waiters. General Botha in a feeling address said the day of surrender was the most painful of his life, but now that it had been done he prayed earnestly that his hearers should recollect it God's will. Although Afrikaner nationality, in a manner, had been buried, it would remain the most important factor in the social life of South Africa. General Botha paid a tribute to ex-President Steyer's abilities as a statesman. "Now, let us stop bothering ourselves about politics," said the general, "and try to make ourselves happy in South Africa, because we have no home elsewhere." Generals Botha and Delarey will proceed to England, the United States and Canada to collect funds for the relief of widows and orphans of Boer soldiers.

The Economic League of New England believes strongly in government ownership of natural monopolies. The league held a convention at Bridgeport, Conn., last week. One of the songs sung on that occasion had the following chorus: So wake, ye slumbering workmen, Unite to win the day, And vote for government ownership On next election day.

Considerable alarm exists in Illinois republican circles. Senator Mason has revolted against the party machine, and declared his determination to seek a re-election through democratic and independent republican votes. His anti-imperialist views have kept him out of harmony with his party for some time, and will now be of assistance in bringing to him democratic support. David Davis was elected senator under very similar circumstances from the same state in 1877.

The weather is killing the summer boarding house business in Massachusetts and all New England. Hundreds of people who engaged rooms and paid for them in advance have preferred to stay at home. The few "tourists" who braved the weather and went to the country around Mt. Washington report that they have had but one clear day in thirty-five. As the summer boarder is one of the chief sources of income in that region the people there are looking forward to a winter of semi-starvation.

Some of the eastern dailies are figuring up how many times the republican managers in the senate sat down on Teddy during the last session. They enumerate several cases, but two especially where they sat down ex-

ceedingly hard. One was the Cuban reciprocity scheme. The other was still worse. Teddy had recommended publicly as a check upon the trusts. Senator DuBois put those clauses from the message into the form of an amendment to the census bill, but the republicans would not have them at all. They were taken verbatim from the much-talked-of Littlefield bill which the president asked Littlefield to draft. The promise now that that bill will be introduced next winter and crush the trusts don't carry much weight. The senate will have to be changed before it can pass.

The labor leaders are looking forward with much hope to the supreme court to overthrow some of the late injunction orders. They might as well apply to the devil for a supply of holy water. The asphalt trust collapsed from too much water and exorbitant charges. Now paving is being done in New York at \$1.05 per yard, whereas a year ago the price averaged \$2.75. The trusts, you know, are able to reduce expenses and make many economies impossible in open competition. That is what the asphalt fellows said when they were forming the trust, and the fellows who read only the republican papers all said: "Yep. That's so."

Devery gave an outing to the women and children of the Tammany district, which he wishes to represent, the other day. Two big steamboats and six barges were crowded with the women and children. Three life-savers, one trained nurse and one physician were stationed on each of the six boats. There were 12 brass bands. As for the eatables, there were 3,000 cabbages, 2,500 loaves of bread, making a pile twice as high as a man's head, 5,000 pounds of cake, 4,000 gallons of milk, and the ingredients for 30,000 plates of clam chowder, besides incidentals. The head steward commanded a corps of 145 persons. Devery foots all the bills, and asks only votes in return. The aristocratic reformers of New York never do anything of that kind and then they wonder why the poor of New York vote the Tammany ticket every time.

How many thousands of men are out on strikes at the present time it is impossible to tell, but it is generally conceded that there are more men out than at any time in the history of the government. The corporations take the same attitude everywhere, so much so that a general agreement seems to exist between them to crush organized labor. The one reply made by all of them is: "There is nothing to arbitrate." Everywhere labor unions have

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