

tion for carrying out its policy of catering to the wants of the corporations that put money above American blood and might above justice and right. Clearly General Merriam has just grounds for complaint.

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The Kansas City Times thinks that farming would be successful in the Klondike if the coal supply was sufficient to keep the vegetables from freezing while they are growing. The Department of Agriculture might experiment with cold slaw and iced tea.

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Agencies of Reconciliation. American politicians, who profess to believe that we can whip the Filipinos into friendly relations with us, have forgotten what Chatham said of bayonets as agencies of reconciliation. "How can America trust you," said Chatham, "with the bayonet at her breast? How can she suppose that you mean less than bondage or death?"

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Great Expectations. When General MacArthur reported that "the expectations of the administration have not been realized" he did not mean it. What he meant was that while the expectations of the administration have been realized the claims of the administration have not been. But MacArthur is not the only official in the Philippines—or in Washington, either—who realizes with joy that language can be used to conceal thoughts.

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Extravagance Increasing. Some of the republicans are becoming alarmed at the extravagance of the present Congress.

The appropriations for this session will not be far from eight hundred millions. Deducting about one hundred and fifteen millions derived from postal receipts, it still leaves nearly seven hundred millions to be raised by taxation.

Senator Hale was recently led to remark: "The tide, immensely swollen heretofore, is more swollen and more turbid." "And still rising," interjected Senator Spooner; "Rising rapidly," added Senator Allison.

Why does not the administration call a halt? Because the tax eaters control the republican organization and their appetite grows with the feeding.

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They Cannot Lose Him. Politicians who imagined they were burying Theodore Roosevelt when they nominated him for the vice-presidency, were not acquainted with the characteristics of their intended corpse. Mr. Roosevelt has recently been hunting lions in Colorado, and in his bloody jaunts through the forests, a well-equipped literary bureau has accompanied him as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, thus preventing the achievements of Mr. Roosevelt in the wilds of Colorado from being hidden from the world. This literary bureau describes one of Mr. Roosevelt's experiences in this striking way:

He killed a lion with a knife thrust, and in doing so exposed himself to danger the average man would not face for a million. He does not wait for the dogs to stretch the animal out, but rushes in while the lion is fighting with the dogs.

In the particular instance related by the guide, who was with him, the animal was a large lioness. She fought fiercely, and while several of the dogs had

her about the hind legs and haunches and were dragging her backward she had a vicious hold on another dog.

Mr. Roosevelt sprang to the rescue of the dog which the savage animal seemed about to get the best of, and she quickly let loose of the dog and sprang at the arm of the hunter. He held his gun in his left hand, and, quick as lightning, thrust the stock into the wide open jaws while he found her heart with his hunting knife. The stock of the gun was partly chewed and broken off, and he can keep it as a memento of the closest call he ever had.

The man who rushes in where canines fear to tread, who can hold his gun in his left hand and quick as lightning thrust the stock into the wide open jaws of a lioness while he finds her heart with his hunting knife, is not likely to be entirely lost from sight in the vice-presidential chair.

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The Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln League. The largest celebration of Lincoln's birthday this year was that held at Columbus, Ohio, under the auspices of the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln League.

Nearly two thousand persons partook of the dollar dinner and listened to addresses by Congressman Lentz, Chairman of the League, Congressman DeArmond of Missouri and Shaffroth of Colorado, Ex-Senator Towne and Ex-Governor Altgeld, Hon. Tom L. Johnson of Ohio, Hon. Alexander Troup of Connecticut and Mr. Bryan. Senator-elect Carmack of Tennessee sent a letter to be read on the occasion and Dr. Howard S. Taylor of Chicago contributed a poem.

The League was originally intended as a local organization, but it has become so popular that the organization is being extended into other states.

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A Tardy Protest. The Indianapolis Sentinel calls attention to the fact that some of the republican papers are making a tardy protest against the ship-subsidy bill. It says:

The only way to oppose such jobs and steals effectively is to oppose the political party which advocates and carries them out. The ship subsidy is in line with republican preachments and practices for the last thirty years. It was a part of the frankly avowed republican program in the recent campaign. Those who voted for Mr. McKinley did so with their eyes open. They knew that his election and that of a republican congress meant that this project of scoundrelism would be carried out. They are not really in earnest now in their opposition to it. They are simply "making believe." Their appeals to the democrats in congress to help save the country from the swindle which the country itself indorsed last November are purely theatrical.

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His Principles Ignored. No one can read the republican speeches delivered upon the recent anniversary of Lincoln's birth without noticing how completely the principles of the martyred president were ignored. His ability as a lawyer was referred to, his patience was praised, his tenderness and mercy eulogized, and his homely wit repeated, but there was no attempt to apply his principles to present-day problems or to draw practical lessons from his public life. Why?

In 1859 the republicans celebrated Jefferson's birthday just as the democrats celebrated Lincoln's birthday this year. In 1859 Lincoln referred to and quoted the words of Jefferson just as the democrats are now referring to and quoting

the words of Lincoln. It is a significant fact that the present policies of the republican party compel the leaders of that party to ignore the sentiments expressed and the principles advocated by the first republican president.

Lincoln charged Douglas and his supporters with an attempt to limit and qualify fundamental and self-evident truths; the republican leaders come under the same condemnation today and, therefore, extracts from Lincoln's speeches are no longer popular in a republican gathering even when the ostensible object of the gathering is to do honor to his memory.

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What Did He Expect? The Chicago Tribune has been asking republican editors for their opinion of the ship-subsidy bill. An Indiana editor answers, "There never was a more infamous attempt to rob the treasury as well as to defraud the people than is represented in the subsidy bill. Why not subsidize the farmers to raise corn and wheat? The bill goes to show that organized wealth has an insatiable greed without regard to the rights or welfare of the people."

This indicates that at least one republican editor has awakened from his Rip Van Winkle slumber. It would be interesting if this editor would now tell us what he expected in the way of legislation when he labored for a republican victory last fall.

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A Very Good Example. Richard Cobden, that eminent Englishman, would be surprised if a copy of the new army bill were laid before him and he was told that the United States of America had enacted that bill into law. It was Cobden, who, in a speech delivered in 1850, said, that in the matter of national defense, the United States set Great Britain "a very good example." "Does anybody dare to attack that nation?" asked Cobden. "There is not a more formidable power in every sense of the word, although you may talk of France and Russia, than the United States of America; and there is not a statesman with a head on his shoulders who does not know it, and yet the policy of the United States has been to keep a very small amount of armed men in existence."

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Freedom of The Press. The deportation of Editor Rice from Manila because of his criticism of American officials ought to give the American people some idea of what is to be expected under colonialism. Free speech is not consistent with military rule or carpet bag government. Men who exercise authority without responsibility to those whom they govern cannot tolerate criticism, and any suggestion of malfeasance or misfeasance becomes incendiary and dangerous. Human frailty makes public officials liable enough to error even when restrained by a free press and when that restraint is taken away the people have no protection whatever. There is a love of justice to be found in every human heart, and when justice is denied, those who are responsible for the denial never think it wise to have the matter discussed. Benevolent assimilation is too tender a plant to withstand the frost of criticism.