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Beatrice (Neb.) Democrat: The attempt of republican newspapers to hide the hideous crimes perpetrated in the Philippines under the cry of "loyalty to our army," will not go with thinking people.

Chadron (Neb.) Chadronian: The Chadronian is very anxious to know who pulled down the flag in Cuba. Surely the administration will not allow such a traitor to escape without the water cure.

Keyser (W. Va.) Tribune: A joint committee of senators and representatives will prepare a substitute for the republican Philippine bill which will represent the position of the democratic party on the Philippine question. Good.

Lincoln (Neb.) State Democrat: The Evening News' Minneapolis-made cartoon of last Tuesday, pictured Uncle Sam aiding little Cuba in its first steps. How much better it would have looked if there had been another little tot—a Filipino.

Shiner (Tex.) Gazette: We certainly have made a nice mess of it in the Philippines. Better had we never been born than to have attained these islands. Weyerism has been thrown in the shade by the "water cure" and the "burn and kill" orders.

The Public, Chicago: If it is an honorable policy to withdraw from Cuba and leave the island to the government of its own people, why would it be a "scuttle" policy to withdraw from the Philippine archipelago and leave those islands to the government of their own people?

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: During the last campaign one of the most ridiculous arguments of the republicans was that our flag must never be lowered where once it has been raised; and thousands of voters were deluded by the foolish bluster. Now what have these asinine "patriots" got to say about the treason of lowering the flag in Cuba.

Sidney (Ia.) Herald: The Chicago Chronicle says that the picture of Abraham Lincoln was not among those that decorated the hall of the Illinois republican state convention. We are not much surprised. It seems that in the best republican circles "Old Abe," like the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is now considered a "back number."

Penn Yan (N. Y.) Democrat: It really seems to make very little difference who does the civilizing, methods are about the same, whether the subject be white, black or brown. The truth is, the possession of unlimited power over the lives and fortunes of others was never enjoyed by anyone without being subject to abuse. Whether in Cuba, or in South Africa or in the Philippines, the result is the same.

Winfield (Kas.) Tribune: The tariff is the club with which the trusts pound the people. Let the republican

congress repeal the tariff on the food supply and the trusts will explode in short order. The republicans know this and if they are not dominated by combined capital, they can let it be known by coming to the relief of the people. Will they do it?

Redding (Cal.) Democrat: If republican politicians are in earnest when they especially denounce combines which tend to increase the cost of living and the necessaries of life and in demanding legislation to correct such abuses, why do they stand in solid array against repealing, or even in the slightest degree modifying, the legislation which alone makes those abuses possible.

Crete (Neb.) Democrat: Those democrats who have lately returned from the republican camp, where they helped with their votes to elect senators and presidents and thus defeated democratic candidates, would show a little sense of decency if they should refrain from efforts to place their own names on party tickets as the first work they engage in after their return from serving the enemy.

Alma (O.) Democrat: While Hanna was urging the president to grant Rathbone a new trial "according to American methods," he should have put in a word for the other American civilizer, Neeley, who was convicted under the same procedure and for the same offense. But, then, Neeley had no hand in helping Mark into the United States senate, and doesn't know how to kick the pillars from under the temple. See!

St. Cloud (Minn.) Times: The degree of trepidation which President Roosevelt's spectacular proceedings have excited in the councils of the so-called meat combine may be judged from the circumstance that the price of dressed beef is exactly where it was before Attorney General Knox took action, though cattle on the hoof have fallen off fully 10 per cent. The packers are perfectly competent to distinguish between the sound of a blank cartridge and one loaded with ball.

St. Marys (W. Va.) Oracle: The majority leaders are trying to cover up the serious charges made against the army in the Philippines by reviving old sectional issues and charging Sherman, Sheridan and other heroes of the civil war with cruel treatment of citizens and wanton destruction of property in the Atlantic and Shenandoah raids. No hero living or dead is too sacred to be made to serve a purpose to aid in carrying out the policy of rapine and murder in those islands.

St. Paul (Nebr.) Phonograph: The ship subsidy bill will not pass the senate this session. Why? Because with that club the democrats and independents would be able to win the next congress. So the measures will be pigeon holed for this time and if the republicans are successful in this

fall election they will then pass the bill and every mother's son of them will say, amen. Do you doubt this? If so, read up on the platform of '96, which declared for bimetallism and then note the single gold standard bill passed as soon as congress convened.

Herkimer (N. Y.) Democrat: The republican party of Lincoln's day tho't that the negroes recently emancipated from slavery were fit subjects for self government and they were given the ballot and made the political equal of any American citizen. The republican party of today thinks that the Filipino, who has been fighting the Spaniard for nearly four hundred years for freedom and independence, is not a fit subject for self government—but the republican party of forty years ago is not the republican party of today. Then it had principles worth contending for, now it has none. It is now only actuated by greed and conquest.

Woodland (Cal.) Democrat: The trusts say to the people: "We will raise the price of things you need in order to enrich our industrial pets. As for you, if you cannot afford to buy the things you need at the exorbitant prices, you can do without them. You can use some inferior substitute to your cost and discomfort." How long will the American people put up with this intolerable insolence? Indications are not wanting that they will shortly dispense with the services of that party of shameless robbery and privation and place their interests in the hands of a party which has at least as much regard for the rights of the many as for the rights of the trusts.

Fulton (Mo.) Telegraph: These monied followers are changing their opinions rapidly. In 1896 the bankers—or most of them—fought the democratic party from start to finish; and now they are bitterly opposed to one of the pet measures of the republican party, a question that has been uppermost in the minds of that party ever since the Chicago convention. The most ordinary man in the democratic party has known all along that the great object of the republican party is to concentrate wealth and restrict the coinage of money. It is a little singular that our wise financial men of the south and west have not understood the plans of the party, when it is so clear to a democrat.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: Some events stand out in history to the everlasting disgrace of the participants. Hessian cruelties during the revolution, the devastation of the Caranac in India are black spots on English history. A few years ago we found the simple natives of the Philippines struggling to throw off the Spanish yoke and to rid themselves of Spanish oppression, and in the name of humanity, we apparently went to

their assistance, only to fix upon them an even more distasteful, and, for them, unnatural form of government, and when they refused to submit, inflicted a more cruel and unheard of system of punishment. The acts of our military in our new islands, white-wash them as we will, are today history, and no juggling, gagging or censorship will change the records.

Columbia (Mo.) Herald: Governor Davis played a joke on the people of Massachusetts in pardoning the negro convicted of some crime in Arkansas with the provision that he become a citizen of the former state within thirty days. But it was hard on both the negro and the state of Massachusetts. The former is sent from those who know him and who are his best friends. The latter will receive a citizen whom they will not welcome so gladly as the sentimental theories of the north would indicate. What would be the result upon the theories of the people of some sections of the north if the south should send all of its negroes of this class to them is a question of some interest. Perhaps they would be able to better appreciate the problems with which the whites of the southern section, in which the negroes predominate in numbers, have to contend.

#### On the Right Road.

It must be borne in mind that the Kansas City platform and the Chicago platform as well dealt with privilege in general and not alone with that phase of it embodied in the gold conspiracy. Had nothing but free silver coinage been involved in the democratic campaign there would have been no such tremendous upheaval among the privileged interests as there was. It was because an attack was upon privilege in general that every interest based on privilege or protected by it took alarm and rushed pell mell into the McKinley camp, where privilege found special favor and support. All the democratic reorganizers of today—all the people who are talking of a "redemption" of democracy from its follies—lent either their actual or their moral influence to this party desertion; and it was through their aid and support that McKinley won the victory and set Dingleyism and imperialism to work in building up giant trusts and in criminal aggressions upon weaker peoples. Here is the issue now. The Democrat sees no reason for reorganization. It sees many reasons for hoping that it will fail. The party is on the right road. It may blunder now and then; it may even falter and turn back sometimes; but its face is toward the light and we want it to press forward. And those going our way are earnestly invited to join us and to give us all the help they can.—Johnston (Pa.) Democrat.

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