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According to the philosophy of Andrew Carnegie, the promoters are the great moral reformers of the universe. They have prevented several hundred thousand people from dying rich.

There are a number of republican ex-officeholders who go around continually praising God—for the statute of limitations—since Bristow went to investigating the postoffice.

Ambrose Bierce, in writing of Attorney General Knox, says:

"The thieves, if his attention they engage,  
Will in honor live until they die of age."

It has come to this at last. The Great and General Court of Massachusetts, i. e., the legislature, is openly charged in a great many papers of that state with "intellectual degeneracy" and intimations are frequent that it was afflicted "with moral decay."

A great many long articles have been printed in the papers about the wonderful education work this government is doing in Porto Rico. The real facts are that there are over 120,000 children in that island who cannot go to school at all for the want of school houses and teachers.

Every day that the republicans are in power they are increasing public debts and taxation. Whether it is Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska or Massachusetts, the record is the same. Massachusetts under republican rule has increased its state debt \$51,000,000 in ten years.

Extravagance of republican congresses are like unto that of republican legislatures. If the recommendations of the secretary of the navy are adopted by congress we will be paying two-thirds as much for the maintenance of our navy as England pays for her vast fleet of battleships. On with the dance.

New Zealand has put such a heavy tax on the money bet on horse races that it has put a check upon that business. The reformers in this country might well follow that example. Betting on the races is the ruin of more young men, and some women, too, for that matter, than it is pleasant to think about.

Three old corporation agents in the United States senate, all past 75 years of age, have married during the year. These frisky bridegrooms will see to it that the sacred tariff shall not be touched or the trusts or railroads interfered with. The surnames of this comical trio are Platt, Depew and Stewart.

### TEN YEARS BEHIND TIME

Quite a sensation was created in magazine reading circles upon the appearance of the November number of Leslie's Monthly. The substance of the article, entitled "The National Lobby at Washington," was printed in The Independent eight or nine years ago and repeatedly referred to since. While Leslie's Monthly is ten years behind time, it may be said of it, "Better late than never." The great dailies are often weeks behind The Independent in publishing news that decent people are interested in, and the monthlies only preserve the "ratio" by getting ten years behind.

A short time ago in a notice of the Cook, "Out of the West," practically the same things were said about "the great senators" that is charged against them in Leslie's Monthly. Populists who have read The Independent have known all about the matter for years. Every great trust and interest has its own senator to look after legislation, to preserve its special privileges, to extend its power to rob. What populist is there who does not know that the gay old Lothario and comic after dinner speaker, Chauncey Depew, is the agent of the Vanderbilt system of railroads instead of being the representative of the people of New York, or that his partner, Platt, in the same way is the agent of the express companies? All of them know those things, as well as they know that Millard is the agent on the floor of the senate of the Union Pacific road and Dietrich that of the B. & M., beet sugar and the Oxnards. The people have no representation at all on the floor of the United States senate on its dominant side, and it makes no difference whether that dominance is democratic or republican. The interests of the railroad corporations, the trusts, the banks and the tariff grafters are served just as faithfully when Gorman is the senate leader as when Mark Hanna holds that position.

The thing that interests The Independent in connection with Leslie's magazine article is the astonishment it created in the ranks of the magazine readers. They actually seemed to have never heard of such things before. If they had read it in The Independent, they would have paid no attention whatever to it, but seeing it in a great plutocratic magazine startled them. Thousands of such people are so prejudiced that if a populist should hand them an official document, published by the United States government, which contained statements contrary to their notions, they would immediately denounce it as a fraud, and say that it was "some pop political document got out at populist headquarters." The editor of The Independent has had just that kind of experience with them.

For some months The Independent has been calling attention to the signs of revolt appearing in the literary cult of New York and this Leslie article is further proof of it. All these "literary fellows" have been devoting their talents to a defense of the tyrannies of plutocracy. They have heretofore had nothing but sneers and contempt for populist principles and the facts that populists presented. There now seems to be "a change coming over the spirit of their dreams." The contempt that the multi-millionaires have shown for them and for all things except the power to accumulate money is bringing these literary men to "a realizing sense" of the contemptible position in which they have placed themselves.

### OUR TIME TO LAUGH

The Wall Street Journal has made a careful investigation of 100 trust companies and the fall in the price of their stocks. These 100 trusts were nearly all of the industrial sort engaged in manufacturing. They were going to combine, reduce the cost of production, sell goods cheaper and be great, beneficent organizations working for the public welfare. The mullet heads all believed those stories and

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bought their stocks to the amount of \$4,090,047,450. Think of it? The mullet heads actually put four billion dollars of their money into these 100 concerns. The value of these stocks now is \$2,336,087,651. So these chumps have lost \$1,753,960,793. These were the wise fellows, the fellows who wanted "sound money," "money good in Europe" and who took so much pride in their superior financial knowledge that they called populists "lunatics," and "long-haired, wild-eyed fanatics." It is the pop's time to laugh now.

### REPUBLICAN IDEA OF A DEMAGOGUE

Aldrich has become so infamous as to make open alliance with crime. He has done a deed which in the heyday of Tammany corruption Boss Tweed never would have dared to do. Governor Garvin of Rhode Island, having learned that a great deal of bribery had been committed in past elections, issued a proclamation warning the people and charging the officers of the commonwealth to rigidly enforce the laws. That was a proper and patriotic thing for the governor to do who was sworn to execute laws when he took office. But the Providence Journal, which is Aldrich, attacked the governor and practically made an open alliance with criminals in its defiance and ridicule of the governor. In the opinion of the Providence Journal, the act of the governor in calling attention to the laws punishing bribery proves him to be a demagogue. The Journal says:

"At times it is pretty hard to distinguish between Governor Garvin's acts and those of the out-and-out demagogue. Those who still wish to believe that the governor is sincere, must try to think that if he is not a demagogue, he frequently does the things that demagogues do."

One thing we can all learn from this. Most of us have wondered what the republicans meant by the word "demagogue," for they use it in such inexplicable ways whenever any man disagrees with them that, up to the present time, it has been impossible for any man to find out just what they did mean by it. Now it is all plain. Any man, in republican eyes, is a demagogue who wants the laws enforced against libeling voters.

The extent to which bribery has gone in the state of Aldrich is shown by the report of the last election in

the Providence Journal itself the next morning after the last election. The following is the report of its own writer at North Smithfield voting place and there were several other reports of the same character from other voting places in the same edition:

"One democrat said last evening, 'The republicans had more money than we did, and they won.' Men in the interests of the democratic ticket were paying, so voters said yesterday afternoon, \$20 and more apiece for votes, while the republicans paid, according to the talk of men who ought to know, \$25 and \$30 per head at times and even in a few instances jumped their price up to \$60 apiece. Early in the day \$5 and \$10 seemed to be the quoted price for a purchaseable vote, but as the day wore on competition grew keener and party bidding more spirited, and the thrifty 'freeman' who had waited reaped the benefits. One man vouched for the correctness of a story to the effect that a crowd of 21 men stood out for \$35 apiece. They were offered that amount apiece for 10 votes, but refused. Then they were tendered a contingent compensation of \$10 a head if the party offering the money won. This they declined, and finally, it is stated, the whole 21 voted, and at \$35 apiece. . . . Certainly each side had money, but the republican supply seemed unlimited."

Roosevelt is constantly talking about "courage." One wonders what he thinks about that cowardly Colorado judge who allowed the military to fill his court room with armed soldiers and did not have the courage to order the sheriff to clear the room. In all the records of cowardice there is nothing more pusillanimous recorded.

It seems that the "cultured" writers down in Massachusetts drop their Bostonese when they get into a hot campaign. The following phrases have been observed in the Springfield Republican lately: "As independent as a hog on ice and no more so." "Where he is at," and several more of the same sort.

Be "loyal" to your country and your home, instead of being loyal to a political party.

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