

The Norfolk News

The state institutions have suffered sufficiently from Poynterism and will undoubtedly be given relief after November.

Now that the Fitzsimmon-Sharkey contest is off, your attention is again respectfully directed to the fact that a great national campaign is on.

Many of the "common people" are enjoying excursions, outings and pleasures at summer resorts this year which they didn't dare think of under the last democratic regime. Prosperity? Well, perhaps.

The fusionists started the rumor recently that Governor Pingree of Michigan would support Bryan. The governor in a published interview denies the rumor and announces his intention of voting for McKinley.

John R. Hays is building some strong fences about the Third district and will receive the support of many who are capable of telling the difference between prosperity and calamity and who favor optimism rather than pessimism.

Mr. Bryan has all the states in the union solid for him and he has lately been spending part of his valuable time in talking for the state and congressional tickets. He doesn't want to lose the United States senatorship, even though he does lose the presidency.

The fusion fakir who goes in to assert or prove that there is an alliance between this country and England is undaunted by the fact that the constitution provides that no alliance shall be entered into by this country with another except such alliance is approved by congress.

It seems that all this crazy talk about "imperialism" in a republic has been directed against a crazy republican in Iowa. Such a situation would be positively humiliating to anyone but a fusionist editor or orator, but they simply buckle on a little more presumption and make more ridiculous assertions and comments.

If the fusionists will kindly point out a few republican candidates who favor "imperialism" they will have the thanks of a large number of "antis." To make a "paramount" issue they should produce something definite—evil prognostications and groundless assertions will hardly answer for "paramountness."

At Indianapolis Mr. Bryan wore a wonderfully constructed anti-imperialistic mask—at Kansas City his well-known, but somewhat haggard, free silver visage was disclosed to his populist friends. Mr. Bryan may be honest and his convictions may be deep seated but he has a surprising faculty of dodging on occasions.

It is claimed that one of the republican country weeklies of Nebraska has declared for Bryan and fusion, and the World-Herald and its satellites are jubilant. Don't blame them for giving vent to their feelings. They don't often have such an opportunity. Where a dozen or more papers have broken away from fusion one has gone the other way. Send out the glad acclaim. Whoop!

Lost—Somewhere between Kansas City, July 4th, and Lincoln, Neb., August 6, a crown of silver on a cross of gold. Sometimes it is known as "the crime of '73," and is of no value to the maker except as a reminiscence of the row of '96. It is supposed to have been jostled out of the hand wagon by a paramount issue. The finder will be paid a small reward if he will return it to W. J. B., Lincoln, Neb., before his letter of acceptance is written.—Exchange.

The fusionists would like the people to ignore or forget the fact that to adopt a "constitutional monarchy" would require the assent of the people through their state legislatures. They are getting positively silly regarding "imperialism," and are frenzied because they cannot make it or any other issue "paramount" to prosperity. If they would stop their ghost dance long enough to hunt up an issue with even a slight basis of fact the people's opinion of them would be materially improved.

The Bee yesterday contained a few prosperity items based on facts gleaned from Omaha wholesale and manufacturing firms that it will be impossible for the fusionists to deny. Interviews with forty-three different firms show that present business as compared with 1896 has made gains of from 20 to 950 per cent, but one firm reporting an increase of less than 20 per cent. The number of salesmen and employes engaged is from 15 to 300 per cent and the increase in salaries paid range from 25 to 50 per cent, and yet the fusionists will continue to insinuate and try to prove that the people need a change.

Governor Poynter has made an enviable record at pardoning criminals and has evidently attempted to exceed the reputation of the famous Altgeld of Illinois in that line. It has been done under "commutations" which is but another name for pardon. The jury

which convicts a criminal and the judge who sentences him cannot be certain that their desire will not be overruled by the "reform" governor. Two murderers who were sentenced for life have had their sentence "commuted" to a few years. Cattle and horse thieves, rapists, burglars and other criminals have come under his beneficence and been again turned loose on the public. The Ainsworth Star-Journal also charges that the pardons were illegal. Some of the criminals were sent up from that county.

Mr. Bryan seems, from a recent colloquy at Wahoo, to be in doubt whether Mr. McKinley is the one who denounced Grover Cleveland or the one who is "following in his footsteps." It is certain that Mr. McKinley did not sit in congress and support Mr. Cleveland as Mr. Bryan did and then turn about and assault all actions of his own as well as those of the administration as Mr. Bryan did. There is some question about McKinley following in Cleveland's footsteps—he has not been compelled to issue bonds in time of peace; he hasn't hauled down the flag in Hawaii; he hasn't been compelled to sign a Wilson bill under protest; his country hasn't been afflicted by free soup houses and Coxey armies—but there is no question but that Mr. Bryan supported Cleveland and then denounced him.

Ab, then the republican party didn't leave Charles A. Towne, Webster Davis, et al, as has been repeatedly asserted by the fusion press. They are plain "deserters." The Times-Tribune has furnished the correct definition. They cannot be called republicans—they are democrats. At least it is a poor rule that will not work both ways and when that paper was cornered in the "oldest democrat" matter it wiggled out by calling Mr. Powell a "deserter," and therefore no longer a democrat. He was a "deserter" in the sixties when he voted for Abraham Lincoln and is a "deserter" because he didn't support Bryan in 1896 and won't do so in 1900. All democrats that can't swallow the Bryan vagaries are "deserters"—the Times-Tribune has said so. It is a mighty poor argument to induce any of the "deserters" to return to the fold. Mr. Bryan himself would have been a "deserter" some years ago if he hadn't succeeded in forcing free silver down the democratic throat—he said so. Therefore the democratic party is composed in large part of "deserters." The gold men deserted and the silver men would have done so had the gold men prevailed. The Times-Tribune further says it did not call Mr. Powell a fake or fakir. What is this, taken from its daily issue of August 15: "By the way, the News has claimed and so does liar Harrison that the oldest democrat in the county is supporting McKinley. This is another fake, since the oldest democrat in the county, who commenced voting for Van Buren is still a democrat and if he lives to November will vote for William J. Bryan. And his name is John Bohannon of Madison."

The fusionists have a tendency to go to ridiculous extremes in support of an issue or one that is claimed to be an issue. Just at present they are publishing in display type what purports to be an extract from a republican paper which argues for a monarchial form of government, a large standing army, strong discipline, etc. They are brought to an extreme for a bugaboo that will scare the voter. Admitting that the paper quoted contained the article and that it was written with deep conviction, does it signify that it is the policy of the republican party and the desire of any number of people? There are extremists of all kinds in the country. This may be one of them. On the other hand there are anarchists and anarchistic publications, but is that an argument that the country is going to anarchy or that any number of the people favor anarchy or that anarchy is the policy of any party? Such bosh as the fusion organs try to foist upon an intelligent public is an outrage on that intelligence and will operate against them.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan asserted that the gold standard would "starve everybody except the money changers and money owners." Quite the contrary has proven true. If any set of people have a kick coming on the results of the past four years it is the "money changers and money owners." Not only have their rates of interest been greatly reduced, but it is a matter of some moment for them to place loans. As one broker said: "During the Cleveland administration people flocked to us for loans and we had to refuse many who were offering good security. Now we have to hunt up borrowers and even the low rates of interest are not an inducement." Many people are unselfish enough to want to see the "money changers and money owners" make a profit on their work and investments, but there are few who again desire a condition of affairs when the "common people" are at their mercy and when they can force business at their own rate of interest as they could in the disastrous Cleveland times. The borrowers should not desire a change.

William E. Curtis is having some fun in the Chicago Record over some of the "recent converts" to imperialism. He says: "It would amuse the people of Chicago to see the importance that is placed upon the defection of Magnus A. Hess, who is advertised as a leading business man of Chicago, 'the first to propose the nomination of William McKinley for president,' a lifelong friend and financial backer, 'whose fortune as well as energies have been devoted to the advancement of the interests of his patron.' It is represented that Mr. Hess has been compelled by conscientious scruples to withhold further support from the president because of his tendencies to imperialism and the retention of the Philippine islands by our government. Webster Davis comes next in prominence to Mr. Hess, and is the subject of an eloquent eulogy. Without intending to reflect upon the motives of the recalcitrant republicans whose names appear in the published list it is significant that more than a majority of them formerly held office under republican administrations and failed of reappointment. Several others have personal grievances against the president as well as a horror of imperialism. I noticed the names of others besides Mr. Hess who sought 'recognition' after the inauguration in 1897."

The average newspaper is often confronted with the fact that it is an utter impossibility to please all its readers and most of them go in to please themselves and let their patrons think what they may. The same difficulty confronts an administration, only that the conditions are greatly magnified. Here at home we are told that the McKinley administration is a cruel, heartless, imperialistic government robbing the Filipinos of their homes, their lives and

their freedom. In the Philippines a different view is taken thus expressed by the Manila Times: "A local paper advocates vigorous treatment for all insurrecto cut-throats who are heretofore captured. All foreign residents of Manila endorse this idea. Outside of the palace officials, every officer, soldier and civilian in the Philippines believes that hemp is the remedy for brigandage and the devil-work of a miscellaneous lot of villains masquerading as 'insurrectos.' The Spanish went to one extreme; they were fiendishly cruel; we have gone to the other extreme; we are too easy; our treatment of the native brigands is idiotic. When the insurrection commenced, a local paper referred to the insurgents as 'niggers.' Gen. Otis immediately sent an officer to the editor of the paper in question and gave orders that no opprobrious epithets were to be used in speaking of the blackhearted wretches who were firing on flags of truce and mangling our soldier dead. And an aid in General Otis' office told the writer that the papers of Manila were giving them more trouble than the insurrectos." Sad, indeed! It is quite evident that brigandage will not cease until it is made odious. It is not odious in Luzon today."

As the campaign progresses democratic hope of victory does not appear any brighter. The open season for prairie chicken shooting begins next Saturday and Johnny can get his gun without fear of running into the cold and cruel clutches of the law. The Omaha News, independent, says that if Bryan can carry a few more states than those accredited him by unprejudiced observers he will be elected. The News is, however, particular to add, "Note the IF." The World-Herald has sensibly backed water on the evidence of imperialism contained in the Des Moines Globe. Some of its satellites, however, seem to think the matter is too good to drop even though it was written by a crazy man. The paramount issue of the campaign is prosperity for the American people based on facts and history, and it is useless for the fusionists to endeavor to substitute the bogey "imperialism," based solely on fiction and prophecy in its stead. The republicans of Dodge county shot it into the party of inconsistency in this manner: "We challenge the sincerity of democracy in pleading for government by the consent of the governed while it is deliberately and feloniously disfranchising a race set free by Abraham Lincoln."

The Germans have decided to omit the Sedan celebration inasmuch as German and French troops are now fighting side by side. No such proposition has been made by the "pro-British" administration of this country in regard to the Fourth of July, although Americans and Britons are fighting side by side and the fusionists have repeatedly asserted that there was a secret alliance. What is more no such proposition will be made. The Fourth of July is a firmly established American holiday and if the British are offended by our celebration of the event they must "grin and bear it." When you assume to believe that democracy is not closely allied with plutocracy you must close your eyes to facts. Besides Senator Clark's contribution to the fusion campaign fund there are other millionaires giving of their board to elect Mr. Bryan and it is positively asserted that Tammany hall alone will contribute \$2,000,000 to the "poor man's party." Could it be possible that the millionaires want another series of democratic hard times so that they may loan their money at their own rates and invest in property at panic prices? If they do, it is just as certain that no poor man can afford to assist them in carrying out their purpose. When another issue is not at hand the fusionists accuse President McKinley of almost anything to fit the occasion. There is one issue, however, on which they do not dare accuse him of change of heart and he has that much advantage of Candidate Bryan. Mr. McKinley's life fight, one might say, has been for a protective tariff to home industries and he has won out for the question so often that Mr. Bryan does not dare oppose him, although he did so when Cleveland was the democratic candidate. McKinley's position is impregnable, while Bryan switched from free trade to free silver and from free silver to anti-imperialism. McKinley's paramount issue has always been protection.

The following from the Times-Tribune is especially recommended to the consideration of free silver or "Abraham Lincoln" republicans, to the populists who intend to vote for the democratic national ticket, to the democrats who intend to vote for Poynter and other populist state officials, and to the democrats or populists who propose to vote for a free silver republican: "The Times Tribune believes in partisanship and honors the man who is a partisan, but it has no use for the namby-pamby individual who claims to be one thing, and constantly votes the opposite ticket. Such people are just numskulls, pure and simple, and are the class Christ spoke of as being Pharisees and hypocrites. They wear broad phylacteries and a sort of 'I am holier than thou' look and are a credit to no party." When Mr. Bryan was a congressman his special plea was for free wool. That the wool and sheep business did not prosper under his policy is not surprising. That it has prospered under the McKinley policy of protection for the wool is beyond question. The Dawes County Journal speaking of conditions in that county says: "In the development of the sheep industry a number of men have made a competency during the past four years. The Agnews, Dr. Romine, Tim Morrissey, A. M. Bartlett, H. M. Wilson, Wallace Wilson and a dozen others who might be mentioned have doubled and some of them thrived upon their wealth. Men that were worth two to five thousand dollars four years ago are rated at from four to twenty thousand now. Will any one contend that under Bryan and a '16 to 1' Mexican dollar and 'free trade' policy such results could not be shown?"

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Better Apologies. I see by an article in your valuable paper that you claim Mr. White to be

the oldest democrat in Madison county, but I claim that distinction.—James Powell's letter in THE NEWS July 27.

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I was born June 22, 1815 and voted for Van Buren in 1836 and in 1840 and am still a democrat. I voted for McKinley in 1896 and shall in 1900 if living on election day. Who is the fake he (editor Times-Tribune) talks about in his article?—James Powell's letter in THE NEWS of August 24.

If THE NEWS can find any grammarian in Norfolk who will say that in the item quoted by it Monday night the Times-Tribune calls Mr. Powell either a fake or fakir, we will be perfectly willing to offer that gentleman an apology.—Times-Tribune August 29.

All A Crazy Man's Whim. The fusionist papers that have been publishing a quotation from the Des Moines Globe in display type for the past few days are the victims of a most cruel hallucination. In their ardent desire to make imperialism the paramount issue they seized with hungry avidity upon the Globe article and published it broadcast as the policy of the republican administration and republican party.

The article in question asserted that the republic was somewhat out of date and should be superceded by a constitutional monarchy.

It was the thing badly needed to fill an aching void in fusion logic and it was worked day and night for all it was worth.

THE NEWS at once pronounced the article as the views of an extremist—a crank—but it was worse. The article was written by a paroled inmate of an insane asylum whose paper is a weekly and has a circulation of perhaps a thousand in the city of Des Moines. The editor, E. Chavannes, ran it first as a populist or democratic paper but afterward changed it to a republican sheet. He started in for imperialism in his issue of May 31. Talk about the paper being a life-long and leading republican paper is ridiculous. It was for Bryan and free silver in 1896.

The Des Moines Evening Capital of last Friday has this to say concerning it:

"It is not a pleasant task in attempting to explain to the outside world the true attitude of the Globe, to be compelled to discuss the fact that Mr. Chavannes, the editor, while he has not a known enemy, has once been an inmate of an insane asylum for a period of several months, only being released by the express understanding that he was to be under the guardianship of his wife. It is sad that the exigencies of politics makes this disclosure necessary. Republicans in other states who have been horrified at the widespread quotation given these editorials, are entitled to know the facts and we believe the law of the land permits the Capital, without malice, to state these facts, because in no other way can these unreasonable and perfectly indefensible editorials be explained."

The Peerless Prophet.

In 1896, W. J. Bryan said: "If we have a gold standard, prices are as certain to fall as the stone which is thrown in the air." This is found on page 301 of his own book, "The First Battle."

At Baltimore he said: "If we are defeated in the campaign, there is nothing before the people but four years more of harder times." First Battle, page 464.

And again: "Businessmen complain that business conditions are bad: I warn them that business conditions cannot be improved by following out the financial policy which has brought business to its present condition." First Battle, page 464.

At Minneapolis: "The gold standard means dearer money; dearer money means cheaper property; cheaper property means harder times; harder times means more people out of work; more people out of work means more people destitute; more people destitute means more people desperate; more people desperate means more crime." First Battle, page 350.

At Hornellsville, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1896: "The gold standard encourages the hoarding of money * * * And now the policy of hoarding is driving thousands and tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands of working men out in the streets, when they beg for the privilege of working for their daily bread." At Monmouth, Ill.: "I cannot understand how a man living on a farm can be deluded with the idea that the gold standard has anything but misery and suffering for him. Haven't you independence enough to leave your party in order to save your homes, and families from the gold standard?"

"Mark my words: If the gold standard goes on and the people continue to complain, the gold standard advocates instead of trying to improve the condition of the people, will be recommending that you close your schools so that people will not realize how much they are suffering." First Battle, page 572.

At Erie, Pa., Aug. 25, 1896: "Do not let the republicans beguile you about the future; the future is written in blood, crushed out of you by gold." "The democratic party has begun a

war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter; we give no quarter. We will prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen who dares to advocate the gold standard." First Battle, page 350.

At Boston: "I tell you that agitation will never stop until the gold standard is wiped out of existence in this country." First Battle, page 303.

At Lincoln on July 7, 1900: "In this campaign we have at issue the principles which lie at the basis of our government. The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song you have so often repeated, 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away for the spirit of empire will be upon us."

Other "Whys?" In 1892 Mr. Bryan traveled about the country with a collection of table cutlery and other merchandise telling the laboring man and farmer he was taxed to death by the robber tariff.

Why? The laboring man and farmer believed him, elected Grover Cleveland to the presidency and a reign of panic, free soup houses and Coxey armies prevailed.

Why? In 1896 Mr. Bryan almost totally ignored the tariff issue.

Why? In 1896 he told the laboring men and farmers that they were being crucified on a cross of gold and that relief would never come until this country was blessed with the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any nation on earth.

Why? He said prices under the gold standard were "as certain to fall as a stone thrown into the air."

Why? Mr. Bryan supported Mr. Cleveland in congress and out with all his best eloquence and afterward condemned him and his policy unmercifully.

Why? Mr. Bryan used his influence in getting the Paris treaty through the senate and is now abusing the administration for complying with the provisions of that treaty.

Why? Every prophecy made by Mr. Bryan in 1896 proved false.

Why? Mr. Bryan forced free silver on the Kansas City convention and afterwards declared that "imperialism" was the paramount issue.

Why? Mr. Bryan utterly ignores free silver in the east but mentions it in the west.

Why? Mr. Bryan encourages the Tagals of the Philippines to continue their assaults on the United States soldiers and the American flag.

Why? Mr. Bryan's friends declare he is honest, sincere and patriotic.

Why? Mr. Bryan accepted a commission as colonel and went to Cuba with the Third Nebraska regiment and resigned his commission, with his command still in the field.

Why? Mr. Bryan devotes his entire time to criticizing and condemning the administration rather than disclosing a remedy or showing results.

Why? Because it is easier for some men to be critical than it is for them to be either logical, argumentative or consistent.—Adapted from the World-Herald.

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