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EXPANDING FOR COALING STATIONS. Those who advocate the absorption of the barbarism of the Philippines with the sugar and leprosy of the Sandwich Islands, on the coaling-station basis, are certainly special pleaders and sophists.

All ports in time of peace are coaling stations, the world over. No port is a coaling station for the United States in time of war because it owns the island or country where the port is, unless that port is fortified and successfully defended against all the enemies of the United States.

Spain had coaling stations at Santiago and Manilla. What was their military value to Spain? Let her destroyed fleets answer.

When Spain was defending coaling stations Spain had neither soldiers, nor seamen nor ships with which to attack the commerce and ports of the United States.

Coaling stations in war enfeeble those who attempt to hold and defend them.

CHEAPER MONEY. Senator Allen's resolution to conduct the war without borrowing any money, had it passed, would have depreciated the currency. It would have added so much to the paper issues, and the promises-to-pay-dollars of the United States government that they would have fallen below par. There would have been a depreciation just as there was in the Civil War. The soldier would have been paid in cheaper money. Each dollar would have purchased less goods for him. And all supplies for the armies would have cost more and the expenses of the war obviously would have been very much increased. The soldier *then* would have

been and the farmer and every other laborer, with hand and head, *now* would be compensated in cheaper money.

The populist leaders and party and platform proclaim unblushingly their desire and demand for cheaper money. They ask that farmers and all others who have products or services to sell be paid in dollars of less value than the gold dollar. They protest against a standard which might give any more than sixteen ounces of silver coin in lieu of one ounce of gold coin.

They object to receiving more silver bullion in a coined dollar than they now receive. They declare that any ratio giving more than sixteen to one—say twenty-five to one, as ex-Governor Boies of Iowa suggests—would absolutely ruin the wage-earners and all others engaged in gainful occupations. And a ratio of thirty-two to one—which would about represent the relation of silver bullion to gold bullion—would destroy business everywhere; sixteen ounces of silver are a stimulant and thirty-two ounces an opiate. Sixteen make wealth; thirty-two, poverty.

EQUAL RIGHTS TO INTELLIGENT CITIZENS. "The Public" is an interesting and able advocate of the single-tax theory. It is published in Chicago and entertainingly and instructively edited by Louis F. Post. The issue of that periodical on August 20, remarks:

"J. Sterling Morton, Mr. Cleveland's secretary of agriculture, used to be a thorough-going democrat of the Jeffersonian kind; but if he is to be judged by the prospectus of his new newspaper, THE CONSERVATIVE, published at Nebraska City, Neb., he has sadly fallen from grace. In that prospectus it is announced, for instance, that THE CONSERVATIVE will at all times and under all circumstances 'stand up for equal rights to all the intelligent citizenship of the republic.' What does Mr. Morton propose as to unintelligent citizens? Have they no rights which the intelligent are bound to respect? In what school of democracy, we should like to know, did Mr. Morton learn that equality of rights depends upon intelligence, more than upon property or birth or any other consideration except manhood?"

Intelligent and not ignorant citizens must govern this republic if it is to be perpetuated. And the rights of the unintelligent should be defined and defended by those who are intelligent.

The unintelligent have rights as to liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness. But they have no right to attempt to direct affairs or to prescribe

and enact laws. Any man who can not read, who is ignorant, with free schools all around him, should be denied the right to vote at any election.

Citizenship in this country is too often interpreted as all privileges and no duties. Everybody is blowing about his rights and nobody talking about his obligations.

The everlasting twaddle about equal rights for men who are mentally, morally and socially unequal is only nauseating demagoguery. The declarations of stump speakers as to the inalienable right to vote are delusions only uttered by dunces and approved by the ignorant. In corporations for gainful business stockholders only are permitted to vote for the directory. In corporations, like states, counties and cities organized to protect property, life and liberty, only taxpayers should be permitted to vote. They only are stockholders and whenever the unintelligent secure an organized majority of such stockholders "equal rights for intelligent Americans" will vanish. Then anarchy, which is a sequence of unintelligence, will shroud the country in turmoil, bloodshed and destruction.

REMEMBER AND REASON. American citizens who love their country and desire to perpetuate its government, conserve its free institutions and pass them down to posterity as a legacy of liberty and law are now at the close of the war with Spain recalling the lines of Rudyard Kipling:

If drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not thee in awe—
Such boasting as the Gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The entire poem should be sung in good American assemblages, including churches, every day in the week.

Populists eulogize poverty as the badge of merit and a guarantee of honesty. And in their platforms and pronunciamentos populists denounce capital. But a wise man said: "Poverty takes away so many means of doing good, and produces so much inability to resist evil, both natural and moral, that it is by all virtuous means to be avoided."

If you would make fortune your friend; when people say money is to be got here, and money is to be got there, take no notice; mind your own business; stay where you are; and secure all you can get, without stirring.