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BARBARISM AND CAPITAL. In a state of barbarism savages never created capital. It was impossible that they should. Savages practise no self-control, and only a sort of bestial self-reliance. Commerce is the commencement and advancement of civilization. Until a people begin to trade, and use an intermediary commodity, as money, for the facilitation of exchanges, they are barbarians. From gainful trade capital is accumulated. Capital is as essential as air and breath to labor. It pays the effort and the muscle which constitute it; it compensates the intelligence which directs it. Capital is to labor as steam, water and electricity to engines. Moveless machinery without a propelling power is inert and inutile. Muscle unemployed—labor without capital to hire it—is equally useless.

PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT. Edward Everett Hale, in the Atlantic Monthly, December, 1863, on the rebel leaders: "I know too, that their punishment, as they vegetate through what is left of life to them in wretched Boulogne and

Leicester squares, where they are destined to upbraid each other until they die, will have all the agony of Nolan's, with the added pang that everyone who sees them will see them to despise and to execrate them."

All the newspapers, in August, 1898, on the ex-confederate General Wheeler: "General Wheeler is the idol of the United States army."

The moral of this, as one thinks it over, seems to be that the thirteen original colonies are no longer the United States.

ANOTHER PROPHECY. Mr. W. Whitman, in a Washington paper, about 1863:

"Race of Veterans—race of Victors!
Race of the soil ready for conflict—race of the conquering march!
(No more credulity's race, abiding-tempered race.)
Race henceforth owning no law but the law of itself.
Race of passion and the storm."

POWER DEVELOPED BY CAPITAL. Not distant from THE CONSERVATIVE office and along the beautiful bluffs upon which prosperous and contented towns and cities thrive, the sullen and tawny tide of the Missouri river has for centuries poured towards the Gulf. It always represented power, force, undeveloped utility. But in recent years capital came in and planted water works systems for many places, among them Nebraska City. And now each day millions of gallons are distributed to our starch works, packing houses, cereal mills, and other manufactories. Each day Missouri river water, converted into steam, is chained and ironed to labor in the conversion of raw products to food supplies. Each day the enslaved currents of the big river hand over to commerce commodities to go into all the markets of the globe. Today the developed and disciplined motive powers of the Missouri river, under the management and guidance of capital, make possible remunerative employment to many hundreds of industrious, efficient and self-reliant men and women along its banks who are hopefully founding or joyously completing and embellishing their own homes.

Capital carries civilization and Christianity to the uttermost parts of the earth. Capital is as essential to civilization and Christianity as are light and air and water to animal life and growth. But without self-reliance, combined

with self-control and self-denial, the world could never have acquired that capital; without which civilization and Christianity are impossible.

THE SCIENCE OF GOVERNMENT. Talleyrand said: "The art of putting the right men in the right places is the first science of government; but that of finding places for the discontented is the most difficult."

The absorption of the savagery of the Philippines, and the assimilation of the semi-barbarism of the Sandwich Islands by the United States, will make the study of the Science of Government the duty of every thoughtful American.

How can this representative form of government, dependent upon the intelligence and morality of the governed for its existence and perpetuation, be maintained for the ignorant and bestial millions of the Pacific Islands?

CRIME IS NON-PARTISAN. Branding a man populist, democrat or republican does not change his moral nature. The political organization in any state which attains a position of such domination that a nomination to office means an election will always most attract and best serve those men who seek office for a livelihood.

Where the majority is so large that any nominee can be elected the quality of nominees declines in ability and integrity; and rascals soon achieve places where they plunder the public. Any party which attains a very large majority in any state is unfortunate because that party is sure to soon find rascals at its head; and mediocrity and knavishness directing its affairs towards certain and merited defeat.

All history verifies the statement that crime is non-partisan. The majority in each party in the United States is undoubtedly inclined to honesty and fair play. Some leaders in each party, however, have been convicted of rottenness in office. But that does not make all members of all parties in the United States corrupt. There is no politics in larceny.

The art of presidency is the very finest of fine arts because it alone can develop artists.

Nature may produce a fool but a populist is always his own making, for his money theory is that something can be made out of nothing.