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#### THE GERMAN MEAT BILL.

The people of southeastern Nebraska are producing an immense amount of surplus beef and pork. This goes largely to the United Kingdom of Great Britain, but Germany has been a very moderate consumer of American meats for many years. The recent legislative action shutting out certain meats of the United States from the markets of the German Empire is purely retaliatory. The Germans are simply giving us a dose of our own prescription for commercial ills, and, therefore, prepared this protective bolus and crammed it down our throats whether or no.

Nebraska City has been furnishing since March 1st a large amount of surplus swine-flesh for the foreign markets. During the two last weeks of May, we are informed by Doctor Gibbs, veterinarian, there were slaughtered by the Chicago Packing & Provision Co., 16,501 hogs, all of which had been carefully inspected by the officers of the United States bureau of animal industry and passed upon as perfectly sound and wholesome for food.

**\$100,000 PER DAY.** There is an exporter of American products who gets each twenty-four hours more than a hundred thousand dollars in gold from the "blarsted foreigners." This American gold-getter in Europe is exceedingly well equipped for business and has been growing more and more efficient as a home-bringer of gold for ten years. During that term of years this grabber of English, German, French and other alien gold has, no doubt, averaged a hundred thousand

dollars a day. It has ships by the score, and cars and tanks by the hundreds, and thus it has assaulted the oil trade of all the world, and driven Russia and other oil producers from the markets by selling oil of better quality and at lower rates than anybody else.

This is the Standard Oil Company. This is a combination of energy, brains and capital which the Attorney-General of Nebraska is trying to drive out of the state so as to make an opportunity for a candle factory. The crime of brains, intelligent management and capital combined, to make an article of common use among plain people cheaper, must be punished. Put out the oil and light the candle!

#### RAILROADS.

Senator Allen has long held that the government ought to own and operate the railroads of the United States. His magnanimity and generosity are perhaps equalled by his experience and successes in business affairs. Allen has always been accustomed to the inauguration and management of enterprises requiring great numbers of men and unlimited millions of dollars. Therefore, his judgment as to how a railroad ought to be owned and managed is valuable beyond that of any great economist and constructionist in the United States. Senator Allen, not long since, in an open letter to the editor of THE CONSERVATIVE, himself admitted his superiority as a wealth-winner and capital-manager. Senator Allen was very modest and tenderly delicate in confessing his superiority in ability, honesty, acquisitiveness, and his exalted characteristics as an employer of muscle, while diffidently, in a few columns, and, briefly, confiding to the public his mastodonic powers of mentality and morality. From Allen's latest speech THE CONSERVATIVE is quite convinced that "the plain people" would be best served if the government would buy the railroads and present them to Allen and family to operate.

#### STATE MILITIA.

Governor Poynter, if he be true to the teachings of populism, will soon order out the state militia to expel banks, bankers, and money in corporate form everywhere, from the state of Nebraska. Country banks here in Otoe county with only ten thousand dollars capital have deposits of over a hundred thousand

dollars. And in Nebraska City are more than a million of dollars constantly on deposit in four banks.

There is danger from this money power, and Governor Poynter knows it, which is a menace to humanity. That is, there is peril to the plain people in this plutocratic trend, or the doctrines of populism are false. Call out the militia! Issue a proclamation against corporate capital in Nebraska and banish it from the commonwealth or admit that the teachings of Bryanarchy are demagogic and false in each and every particular! Praise poverty! Damn thrift! Laud adversity! Denounce prosperity in Nebraska!

**SUPREME COURTS.** The supreme court of any state which is advertised, and made famous by the frequent quoting of its decisions in other supreme courts, is much more satisfying to the state pride of tax-paying citizens than that supreme court to which the public press, all over the continent, refers with bitter satire, every day in the week. There are not jails and prisons enough in Nebraska to confine all the good citizens who hold in utter contempt any court which is supreme only in its prejudices and unerring only when it exploits its own mean littleness.

#### SAD SIGHT.

There are seventy-five millions of people, more or less, in the Republic of North America. They have schools, churches and colleges galore. They all teach self-government. The Republic itself is an exhorter for self-government in the Philippine Islands and has worked up a fervid revival, in those summer lands, in favor of human freedom by means of soldiers, powder, bullets, shot, shell and slaughter.

At home the republic is run, politically, by a brace of machine oligarchies. One of the machines furnishes the people a McKinley ballot. The other supplies a Bryan ballot. American voters must take either one or the other. The nominating trusts permit no competition in the production of candidates. The sad sight of seventy-odd millions of boss-governed is presented by the people of the United States. No wonder the sun takes an eclipse now and then to prevent nausea. No wonder when the prescription is either Bill Mc. or Bill B.