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MORE CALAMITY. In the campaign of 1896, Mr. Bryan made this calamitous prediction if he were defeated:

"If McKinley and the republican party are successful and put in power for the next four years, wages will be decreased, hard times will come upon us, and over the land the price of wheat will go down and the price of gold will go up; mortgages on our homes will be foreclosed by the money lenders; shops and factories will close. We will export no goods and we will import from foreign lands all the goods we use; thus will ruin, want and misery be with us."

Not content with the ruin which he predicted in 1896 and the fact that his prediction was false, he now goes one step farther and predicts the complete overthrow and ruin of the republic in the following words:

"Today we are engaged in a controversy which will determine whether we are to have a republic in which the government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed, or an empire in which brute force is the only recognized source of power. When such an issue is raised there can be only two parties—the party, whatever its name may be, which believes in a republic, and a party, whatever its name, which believes in an empire."

Intelligent people will not notice the idle vaporings of the false prophet and seer who deceived them in 1896.

WHO ARE THE RICH? Forty-two years ago one of the ablest and most philanthropic of the present financiers of Chicago was a traveling salesman. His recent donations to establish for the

"plain people" an instructive and useful museum are of criminal magnitude, according to the declamatory delusionists of silver sentimentalism. Have those dollars, generously donated for the educational refinement of the people, purchased too much? Another dangerous citizen living in the west, dangerous because successful, began life as a California miner delving for gold. Today his beneficence adorns the streets of his home town with free chapels and free institutions of education.

Only two of our railway presidents obtained their positions by inheritance while the rest of these plutocratic magnates began their railway careers as office boys, brakemen and in other menial employments and by the application of patient industry and determined energy, criminally worked themselves up to their present positions. What splendid good fortune it is that these men do not live in Nebraska, within reach of the all-consuming wrath and vengeful ire of his "imperial emptiness." By their nonresidence only do they avoid indictment by Nebraska's curio, that exhibit of unalloyed lunacy, Constantine J. Smythe.

GO OUT. All corporations which are called trusts and assaulted as trusts by the asinine attorney-general of the state have the right to take their money and themselves into other states and to proceed therein with the oil, starch and other business unmolested by idiocy in office. Some plants are offered large cash inducements to leave Nebraska and settle down to business in Missouri.

THE CONSERVATIVE does not hesitate to advise the removal from Nebraska of any and all legitimate corporate industries which the attorney-general proceeds against as trusts and attempts to drive out of the state. That officious and inane manakin has endeavored to drive out, banish from Nebraska, the Standard Oil company and the Starch Company. These two most useful and efficient wage-payers Smyth assails as trusts. These two money-scattering-among-the-wage-earners institutions Smyth fights and orders into exile. The law of Smyth is politics. He thinks to get votes for Bryan and to swell the ranks of "fusion" by destroying capital and silencing industrial plants.

Any money expended by the Standard

Oil Company or the Starch Company to defend the right to do legitimate business in Nebraska is no better than cash paid to a common blackmailer. The whole scheme of Smyth and his masters is a scheme to force voters to support Bryanarchy.

Rather than submit both incorporations should leave the state. Rather than be annoyed with the fleas, mosquitoes and other predatory vermin of populism and fusion, capital should seek other fields.

If the Standard Oil Company will retire, oil will be in demand from other purveyors, but what will be the price? It will be much higher. There is no doubt of it. Try it and see. We advise the Standard Oil folks to quit Nebraska and give its people an object lesson in applied populism, in practiced Bryanarchy.

The Starch Manufacturing Company here in Nebraska City cannot afford to hire lawyers and expend money to defend its inalienable right to buy corn, buy coal, employ muscle and mind and pay wages and salaries. The starch-makers can move out and leave the town to the care of the vigilant Smyth and the peerless Bryan, or the dominating dunces of fusion can withdraw their prosecutions and dismiss their suits. The discharge of the great guns of Bryanarchy against industrial plants in Nebraska will not kill politically so many in front as their recoil will slaughter in the rear.

Millions for liberty to do business, develop the state and pay wages, but not one cent for defence against Smyth, Poynter and Bryan.

THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE. THE CONSERVATIVE again calls the attention of Mr. Bryan and his attorney-general to the diamond syndicate at Lincoln, which takes \$1.25 per week from patrons and at the end of seventy weeks, if they continue that long, promises to pay them \$160.00, but, in the event of lapse within the period, the syndicate appropriates all that has been paid. It is a polite method of swindling. Why does not Smyth try to suppress the Lincoln company? Has the conversion of Mr. Talbot, the former law partner of Mr. Bryan and president of the company, to Bryanarchy, established the immunity of his company?