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ABDICATION. When Emperor McKinley was first crowned, he abdicated as to his treaty-making functions, and allowed the House of Lords to suggest, construct and ratify treaties without his imperial consent.

Then he abdicated as to the appointing power, and became a mere clerk to autograph commissions which Hanna & Co. had filled out.

And now his royal and most worshipful majesty, is clerk for D. E. Thompson, and signing Nebraska commissions under his dictation and direction. THE CONSERVATIVE congratulates Senators Millard and Dietrich upon their poverty of patronage and assures them that the distribution of federal fruit in Nebraska by Mr. Thompson is entirely satisfactory to those who wish for republican defeat in the state next fall.

**SUPREME
HAPPY.**

The de-pulpitized preacher who edits the principal populist paper of Nebraska, at Lincoln, is exuberant and felicitates himself and "the peerless leader," whom he follows as subserviently as a "squaw man" an Indian agent on allotment or pay day, upon the fact that "the empire is here." With that matchless truth-teller, whom the populists nominate, now and then, for the presidency, he avers that "the supreme court has proclaimed McKinley emperor of the United States." This being true, why worry about nominations, popular votes and public opinion any more? The crown having been made and placed upon the head of the

Ohio man, what is the use of kicking? In any event "the peerless" would spurn a crown for himself. The real felicity of his followers and of his own great intellect is in the fact that his fiery prophecy of the empire has been verified. Long live the prophet!

**THE RIGHT TO
ALIENATE.**

Insular dependencies, according to Justice White, of the supreme court of the United States, can be sold as easily as bought. If this be a truth the sooner Uncle Sam advertises a job lot of islands, Sultans, seraglios, lepers and damaged politicians for sale, the better for the American people. Let the United States pay Spain twenty millions of dollars more to trade back, reoccupy the Philippines, and take the Sandwich islands and all their leprosy off our hands. Give Porto Rico to its natives, and throw in Governor Allen and all other administration appointees, as yeast to aid a rising civilization. Leave Cuba to Cubans. Sober up and keep out of the affairs of other nations.

TEMERITY.

The impertinence and temerity with which many towns in Nebraska are preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July after its abolition by "the peerless prophet" merits a stinging rebuke. Some people are so lost to reason that they propose to again sing on that obsolete date, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," Etc., Etc. Did not the calamity which swept 16 to 1 and Bryanarchy into a great cave of gloom last November, wipe out the day and the song? And are we not now under the empire with Billie McKinley enthroned by decree of the supreme court?

N. B.

Fire crackers, roman candles, and other eruptions of paroxysmal patriotism in the United States will not be visible this year, because the Fourth of July was abolished last year.

The song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" etc., will be sung no more forever. It was expurgated from United States hymns last autumn by decree of the "peerless" forecaster, who recently remarked that the supreme court had declared Willie McKinley emperor.

**DEPUTY PRESI-
DENT.**

The Honorable D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln and Old Mexico, as president of the United States, has just superseded an exceptionally efficient collector of internal revenue, Mr. J. E. Houtz, and appointed in his stead a Mr. Stephenson, who was famous as the leader of the Thompsonian forces in their recent attempt to scale the walls of the United States senate. Acting merely as the deputy of Thompson, McKinley, to the naked eye, seems one of the sleekest, sweetest and most pious Tom Thumbs of American politics. Houtz was known to be clean, efficient and honest. That is a blemish not to be forgiven, tolerated or endured when complicated with aversion to certain senatorial symptoms recently developed by Thompson.

SHADE.

J. Sterling Morton of Arbor Lodge will soon be thrown into the shade. Emperor William proposes to go into the tree planting business on an imperial scale. His latest fad is the embellishment of the famous Avenue of Victory by planting a double row of statues of monarchs, generals and statesmen on this monumental thoroughfare.—Omaha Bee.

The day of "imperialism" for arboriculture is ushered in and to "be thrown into the shade" on a hot day in June has no terrors for the conservative citizen who seeks philosophically to keep cool.

NEXT ISSUE.

The paramount issue for the party of fusion and fallacies, in the early summer of 1904, will be the third nomination for the presidency of "the peerless populist" of whom Gumshoe Bill, of Missouri, said:

"When this young eagle of ours bore aloft the stainless flag of true democracy, we were proud of him; when he screamed his defiance all the mighty forces of oppression and wrong allied against him, trembled with alarm."

The allied wretches need a few more tremors. The wicked combine of voters which defeated the screaming eagle in 1900 have earned the penalty of more tremulous alarm for 1904 and THE CONSERVATIVE hopes the punishment may be repeated. Let the stainless flag sail once more the stainless skies in the vocal beak of the screaming young eagle.