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#### SORROWS OF THE RICH AND GREAT.

Pity the sorrows of the poor rich and the wretched who are placed in high stations! says the New York Sun. The duchess of Argyll wrote the other day to the emperors, kings, princes, and princesses of Europe, asking them whom they envied in this world of sorrows. The replies which she received are heartrending. One can almost see the stains between the lines, or fancy the sighs and sobs at the end of a period. First comes the Prince of Wales with the following dismal wail: I envy the man to whom it is permitted to be slightly indisposed, without the fact being put in this shape and spread all over the papers of Europe: "His Highness is seriously ill"—who can breakfast in peace without the announcement in the newspapers "His Highness ate with a good appetite"—and who can go to the races without finding the next morning in the same papers "His Highness bet heavily." In a word, I envy the man who belongs to his family alone, and whose movements are not watched and falsely interpreted."

From the Princess Charles of Denmark comes the following: "When I can take a ride on my bicycle, and afterward devote myself entirely to my own family affairs, I envy nobody. But when I have to be her Royal Highness, I envy everybody."

Emperor William II gives this melancholy, but bold reply, poorly calculated to please the sans-patrie: "There is only one man in this world that I do not envy, and that is the racial who does not love his country."

From Emperor Francis Joseph comes this answer, doubtless written in the tone of a sigh, whatever that may be: "I envy the fate of the fellow who isn't an emperor."

With notes more sustained, assuming for the sake of sympathy that there is music in a sigh, the Czar hums dolefully in this key: "I sincerely envy every man man who is not loaded down with the cares of a great empire, and who has not to weep for the woes of a people."

This is a mighty poor show surely. In the pursuit of happiness, where the mischief are we all at?

#### WHOLESONE WORDS.

The Universal Leader, a thoroughly non-partisan religious weekly, edited however for many years by men who have been identified with the New England democracy, has the following true and timely remarks on the pending strike of the anthracite coal miners. They are so far removed from the demagogic trash that fill our political papers and is spouted from Bryanite and other platforms that they will bear repetition. The moral of them is, or ought to be, a truism; that while labor has rights that no right-minded man would attempt to deny or curtail, capital also has rights that labor must respect or suffer the consequences of low wages or absolute idleness.

"The striking miners complain that the railroads and the operators tyrannize over them. We are the more inclined to accept their indictment because we notice that the miners, when their turn comes, are not slow to tyrannize over the owners and shippers and over other laborers. The disposition to tyrannize is so universal that it is the part of wisdom to open as few temptations to tyranny as possible. We have often said that we know no religious denomination, not excepting our own, that could be safely entrusted with authority over any other religious denomination. Irresponsible power is a dangerous weapon. When the miners, by their overpowering numbers, feel that they can do what they will, they will do most arbitrary, unjust and

tyrannical things—Rights should be acknowledged and guaranteed. It is not safe to have them dependent on the caprice or interest of any person or class."

Bryan, in supporting the anti-injunction policy of the democracy, says that injunctions are unnecessary because the things they stop are either illegal or legal, and, if they are illegal, the person doing an illegal act can be punished. That is beautifully Bryanesque. It is a part of the Bryanocracy of the democratic party. Suppose a mob was destroying property. Suppose a railroad company proposed to destroy a man's property and run its road through his house. The mob, if individual members could be found, and some persons connected with the railroad company, might be punished; but what good would that do to the man whose property was destroyed? An injunction saves property, and it is then determined whether the proposed act is legal or illegal. It is also a good thing for the people whom the injunction restrains, because it saves them from punishment by fine or imprisonment if it is found that they were going to perpetrate an illegal act. It is another case of where Bryan thinks the American people are fools.

We have been hearing a great deal from the anti-expansionists about imperialism. A man making some investigations recently dug up a speech of Allen G. Thurman's, delivered in 1848, in which he denounced everybody generally as traitors who were opposed to the annexation of the territory acquired from Mexico after the war with that country. In the halls of congress, about 1850, Stephen A. Douglas called Columbus Deiano a traitor because the latter still criticized the conquest of the territory from Mexico. Thurman and Douglas were leading democrats of their time. They were expansionists—what the democrats of today try to call "imperialists."

It is said the populists of four years ago out in the prairie districts south of Salem are all going to vote for McKinley. They can see the benefits of expansion and of protection to prunes. The only trouble with the duty is, it is not half high enough. But it is a whole lot better than nothing, and it represents the difference between profitable prices and unremunerative ones, which is the soul of the industry. The prune orchards out there would be worth \$500 an acre, if the duty on prunes were raised to 5 cents a pound.—Statesman.

"The administration should have ordered Dewey to leave Manila Bay immediately after the destruction of the Spanish fleet," is the assertion often made by democratic orators. The answer to this is plain. In one question, what would the United States have done in the Chinese crisis had it not been for Manila as a basis? The troops which landed at Taku, fought the battle of Tien Tsin, and marched on to Peking, came from the Philippines. Manila Bay is needed by the United States in its business, and will be kept.

"The full dinner bucket is not a sordid emblem," says Ex-President Harrison in a recent interview. "It has a spiritual significance for the spiritually-minded. It means more comfort for the wife and family, more schooling and less work for the children, and a margin of saving for sickness and old age."

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The New York World charges that Boss Croker has made democratic success in New York impossible. The World is altogether too hard on the boss. Some of the responsibility should be assigned to the gentlemen who made the Kansas City platform.

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#### THEY WILL CONFESS.

The New York Sun predicts that after election is over the following groups of gentlemen taking a hand in the campaign on the Bryan side will conclude that they made donkeys of themselves of colossal size.

First—Those who have argued that there was no danger in free silver because it was "dead." Then the honor of the party which they support is, if possible, dead. The democracy is pledged to free silver by two national platforms and a candidate twice nominated. No humbug like it ever lived, if it should spare any effort to have the mine opened to free silver coinage.

Secondly—Those who have argued that Bryan can be elected with safety because the republican party will remain to prevent harm. This argument might be influential in an asylum for idiots; hardly anywhere else.

Thirdly—Those who hold that free silver can wait upon the "paramount" issue of imperialism. What there is of imperialism rests on the treaty of Paris, which Bryan helped to make two years ago. It can be undone later as well as it can be undone now. But the work of free silver can never be undone. A country once proven dishonest will never be honest in the world's eye.

The Times-Mountaineer is mad as a wet hen because the old soldiers of the local Grand Army post called a meeting last Monday night to express their opinion of Bryan's imperialistic bogey man. It sees nothing but a "scheme" in one of the most spontaneous gatherings that ever met in this city. The call was published three times in THE CHRONICLE, in practically the same words. The old soldiers were asked to meet "to express their opinion of the administration's action towards the Philippines." And they did express themselves, every man of them singly, on the floor of Fraternity hall. And there was no mincing of words, and no possibility of mistaking their meaning. The sentiment of every soldier in the hall, young or old, might be expressed in these words, (although on the lips of the rugged old soldiers they were far more forcible if less elegant) "Perdition strike the hand that pulls down the American flag from any flag staff where American valor has placed it." Nor was the meeting a mere gathering "of a dozen or so," as the Times-Mountaineer says. There were nearly thirty veterans present, a remarkably large number, when one remembers how old age, disease and death have thinned out the members of the post. When our contemporary affirms that anybody, no matter whom, whipping the old soldiers into line, he casts an insult in their teeth. The meeting was theirs, called by themselves and conducted by themselves. Every man who attended it, save one, the editor of THE CHRONICLE, who was there merely as a spectator and reporter, was a veteran either of the civil war or of the Spanish. Nor was the meeting called in order that the veterans might pledge themselves to anybody or any party. Nor was any pledge talked of or hinted at. They met as American freemen to express their sentiments on the policy of expansion, and the resolutions adopted, without a dissenting vote, show that the men who bared their breasts to the bullets of the enemy, whether in the cotton fields of the South or the rice swamps of Luzon have no dread of the false and manufactured issues of militarism and imperialism.

"Is the young man, Bryan, safe?" inquires the Des Moines Capital. Not by a large majority.

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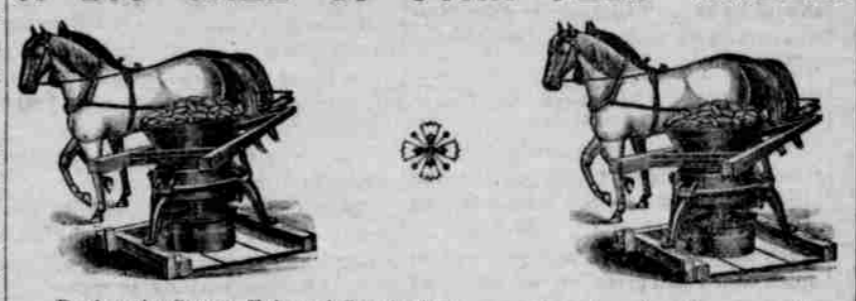
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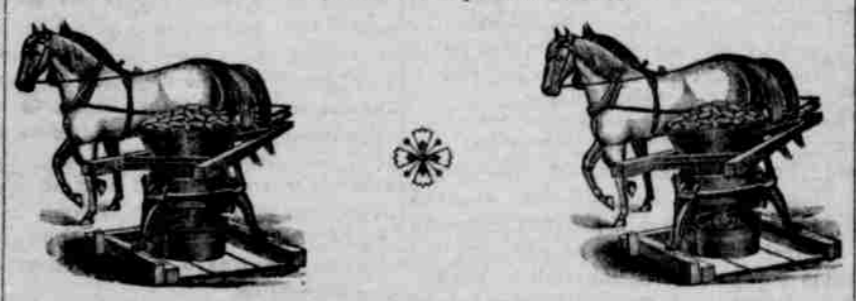
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