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PATRONS HOME INDUSTRY.  
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To Subscribers.  
The COURIER-HERALD has put on accounts in any agent's hands for collection, but we understand Mr. Fitch has attempted to collect some of his back accounts in this way. We have nothing to do with these. The date opposite your name on the paper represents the time to which you have paid. If any errors occur we are ever ready to correct them.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.  
The following is given as one of the letters of the French diplomat, Talleyrand, which was not to be published for fifty years after his death, and shows how we were judged by Europeans and the similarity between their opinion of us and our opinion of the Philippines:

"PARIS, November 25, 1872.  
"DEAR FRIEND: You have doubtless heard of the arrival of Mr. John Adams, who claims to be an envoy of the American people, but is, of course, a mere tool of that ambitious soldier of fortune, Washington.  
"We are making history to day, and it will record the disgraceful policy of the government in completely abandoning French sovereignty in the American colonies, wrested by France from the grasp of England. You will ask why the triumph of our army and navy, and not least of all our diplomacy, should have such a miserable result.  
"First, this M. Adams, who to the manners of a Cossack joins both ruggish talents and 'Yankee' shrewdness, appeals to French honor. He claims that M. de Lafayette assured the rebels that his majesty would allow them to establish their independence, not merely of England, but of all governments such as are recognized among civilized nations. Such an assurance would be quite characteristic of the Quixotic marquis, but he neither affirms nor denies making it, probably following some one's advice, (on croit qu'il suit un conseil)  
"Then the envoy skillfully touches the chord of sentiment, especially when, among his friends the disciples of Rousseau, he quotes from the 'Declaration of Independence' that governments 'derive their powers from the consent of the governed.'  
"What madness to pretend to govern with abstract ideas, rhetorical generalities, and incomplete notions of equality! (Quelle demence de pretendre gouverner par des abstractions etc.)  
"These soporifics are always on the lips of subverters of social order.  
"Calonne says that M. de Lafayette considers chivalry a part of the law of nations, and we all know that such theories hold firm possession of his wooden head.  
"But M. Adams reaches the climax of impudence in asserting that the ragged and half starved guerrillas under Washington, armed with rusty firelocks and pitchforks, except a small nucleus equipped by our liberality, overcame the disciplined forces of England. While it seems to be true that the English (with a view, doubtless, to render our position harder) made some important surrenders to the rebels in the absence of our forces, yet all was due to the intervention of France, and it was an act of treachery to deny her sovereignty. In fact, it has always existed, by virtue of the discoveries of Cartier.  
"But, in addition, the interests of humanity required that we take possession and guarantee to the ignorant and disorderly population, so long in a chronic state of rebellion, the blessings of a stable government. They are widely separated, dissimilar and discordant communities, few of which could govern themselves under any circumstances and an independent nation composed of such element is an Utopian dream. If left to themselves they would degenerate to the condition of the aborigines, Illini Indians, but they will doubtless fall a prey to some nation not possessed of the fantastic notions of honor which seem to inspire M. de Vergennes.  
Faithfully yours,  
M. DE TALLEYRAND.

TO THE POINT.  
The democratic party needs no advice from such renegades as Belmont, Croker, Hill, Watterson or any of the balance of the little band of skulkers who assisted in the election of McKinley.

Oh yes, no one doubts but the beef was rotten—but how about the investigation and the administration who appointed them? Have you heard of any of the rich packers being prosecuted? Well hardly!

Why is not a silver dollar coined by the United States as good as a piece of paper issued by the government, which compels all the people to pay interest to enrich a gang of non-producing parasites, who buy up congress to legislate for their benefit? Let some friend of the gold buzzards please answer.

One of the most exacting of the many robber trusts in this country, and one which many of the newspapers never allude to, is the typ-founders trust, which controls all the type founderies in the United States—as regards price. The price of type is more than double what it ought to be—compared with the price of labor and material.

So Mr. Hanna denies that he had a finger in the rotten beef contracts. We believe him. If he had had the deal to make the soldiers would not have gotten even embalmed beef. He would have swiped the whole thing.

The appetites of the New York bankers has grown so ravenous on greed that they have just "made another law" by which they propose to skin all the victims who do business with them, by charging a "pun shent" for paying all cheques or drafts from the corn huskers of other states. This is another of the "laws" made by the New York bankers who are getting more and more ravenous. In short, it is another trust.

If there yet be those folk who make a pretense to be intelligent or progressive, and still claim allegiance to the grand (?) old republican party; we desire to call their attention to the fact that the bosses of the g. o. p. no longer depend on the intelligent voters for votes. The republican leaders cater solely to the most beastly ignorant foreigners and niggers. For proof we reprint the headlines over a column of gush and slobbers in a recent issue of the Saint Joseph, Missouri, Herald, the leading republican newspaper of north Missouri. It has no use for the white man. It slobbers lucidly over the nigger though—for his vote. Here are the headlines: "A unit for the ticket—negro voters in mass meeting assembled express themselves—republican victory assured—Large outpouring of Colored voters at Central Music Hall last night and enthusiastic expressions in favor of the election of the republican aldermanic candidates," etc. But the colored vote slipped a cog and democrats carried the election.

It may be "just the thing" for reform orators, candidates and would be candidates to attend and tot their bazoos at luxurious and costly banquets, while they are at the same time aware of the extreme misery that prevails in this land, and of the thousands of poor people who would be glad to have the crumbs that fall from the table of such political love feasts. Yes, it may be just the proper career—for the aristocracy; but we are candidly of the opinion that the honest reformer is sadly out of place at these Belshazzar feasts.

Did you ever give the national bank statements, which are published semi-occasionally, any attention? If not, do so in future, and you will observe that the banks in this country have about five or six times as much money loaned out, on which they are receiving interest, as there is in existence in this country—and this is not all; the greater part of it belongs to their depositors—and the latter get none of the interest. Oh, this banking business is a fine graft, the way it is now conducted—and yet the man is called an anarchist by the gold bug press who denies the banker privilege of issuing and controlling the volume of money in circulation in the United States.

A conservative estimate of the amount the railroads of this country pay to our law makers, to corporation attorneys and to judges, lobbyists and political wire-manipulators in the way of free passes amounts to more than one hundred million dollars a year. Is it any wonder that both passenger and freight rates are kept so unreasonably high. And all this enormous sum, too, in addition to the princely salaries paid their attorneys and lobbyists in cash.

The sentiment against the imperialism of the gold-grabbing administration is growing very fast, even in the ranks of the republican party. Many prominent republicans being the most outspoken against such an un-American policy.

The 16 to 1 issue is gaining ground every day. In his famous speech at the Topeka, Kansas banquet on the 30th of March, Hon. J. W. Bryan said: "We

are not only holding our own, but we are getting back those democrats who left us without fully understanding the nature of the struggle." And in addition to those democrats, many republicans who were barely deceived by the international monetary confidence game played on them by the present administration, are joining the ranks of the only party that advocates an American system of finance for the American people.

In all parts of this country it is the poorer class, but pre-eminently the most intelligent and loyal class of voters who favor the restoration of the free coinage of silver. It is true, there are many paupers who shout loud and long against the silver cause—but they are ignorant of what they are doing—ignorant because they are partisan blind. Show them their duty, educate them in patriotism to themselves, their families and their country; and then they will see their error and the cause of their poverty. Show them that the single gold standard is a conspiracy that benefits none but the money speculators and gamblers, who are the most wolfish enemies and brutal oppressors of the human race, and are absolutely void of patriotism—their whole aim and appetite—greed. Most men are honest, when once they understand the situation.

The recent municipal elections have shown encouraging and healthy democratic gains—especially in such republican strongholds as Ohio—the earthly home of King Hanna the first and his puppet president. Surely the people are awakening to the fact that gold standard, imperialism, trust breeding republicanism must be suppressed if our government is to survive.

There is a law in the United States statutes which reads as follows: "Every contract, combination in the form of trusts or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, is hereby declared illegal. Any person who shall engage in any contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both of said punishments, at the discretion of the court." But in the very face of this "law," a goldized republican administration has been the most prolific incubator of robber trusts and combines the world has ever seen. Since the advent of the advance agent into the White House there has been more than two billion dollars of capital aggregated together into one hundred and fifty six combinations that now control most of the necessities of life in this country. What is the matter with the United States Attorney General? Has he ever caused any of these trust promoters to pay the fine or serve term of imprisonment? Well, not that any one has heard of.

EXPANSION'S DARK SIDE.  
The Seattle, Wash., Argus, one of the ablest and staunchest of the republican journals of the coast, prints the following editorial:

"The death of Captain George H. Fortson, which occurred Sunday in the fight near Manila, will have the effect of making Seattleites think as they never thought before on the subject of expansion.

"One is apt to pass with a sigh the death of a regular soldier—one who undertakes the perilous duties of defending his country as an occupation. When one of the brightest young men in the state of Washington, a man who took up arms in the defense of his country in the hour of need, leaving the bosom of his family to go where duty called, falls in an encounter with a horde of ignorant cattle, the matter is presented in a different light.

"For what did the Washington volunteers enlist?  
"Did these young men sacrifice everything, even, perchance, life itself, in order that this country might 'expand' and give the capitalists and the tradesmen greater opportunities for gain?

"No! The Stars and Stripes, the flag that every true American loves so dearly, had been insulted, and it was to wipe out this insult that they answered their country's call.

"If Uncle Sam was not great enough to hold the Philippines without calling on volunteers to do the fighting, then he had no business to undertake the task."

Bro. Porter is crowing now because he pays more tax on his newspaper plant than the writer. His plant was assessed for \$800 when it had a mortgage on it for nearly \$4000. Some one either misrepresented the value of the plant to the assessor or to the mortgagees. There's another thing also. The Enterprise has an antiquated press that cost twice as much as the COURIER-HERALD press and will not do half the work. It has an eight-horse power motor to furnish power when we do more work with one. If the plant of the senator from Marion county had been assessed at 5% of what different politicians had paid for it he would pay more taxes than he does now. You'll find out sooner or later that it does not pay to misrepresent things, Bro. Porter.

Which One Shall it Be?  
Editor COURIER-HERALD.  
From now until November, 1900, imperialism and republicanism will wage a hotter war against each other than ever before in the world's history. The United States will be the battlefield. All the civilized nations of the earth will be interested spectators. The friends of both political elements in the old countries will, while watching this great struggle, give every assistance that is in their power to give. This coming campaign will be the greatest epoch of the world's history, or the beginning of that epoch. The spirit of popular rule that has prevailed in our government up to within a few years will be restored, or hopelessly crushed during the next twenty months struggle. If the republicans are successful in 1900, the money power will be so strongly entrenched that the common people will never have the power to rid themselves of the principles of imperialism that will be infused into our body politic. A greater crisis, a greater danger never confronted a long suffering people. How will we meet this danger? United we stand, divided we fall.

The populists, the democrats, the silver republicans all struggling for, primarily, the same economic principles, and at the same time fighting one another. The three parties have been to some extent excusable. The republican party used to be the party of the people. The democratic party, also, used to be for the people. The money power has dominated both parties in the past. While the money oligarchy was controlling both parties, many good men from both old parties organized new parties. The new parties were ridiculed, slandered and boycotted. When these methods failed to break down the reform element, traitors were paid to get among them and sell out, or to incite divisions and strife. The old greenback party was broke down by traitors. The prohibition party was taken control of by the whiskey power. The union labor party was disrupted by enemies of the reform movement.

During all these years wealth was concentrating into the hands of a few men. Poverty was spreading faster and faster. Discontent was growing in both the old parties. The populist party was organized. Reformers rushed into it. Broken hearted republicans, with shattered fortunes and empty purses, tore themselves away from old party associations and joined the new party of the people. Democrats, with swelling hearts and shrinking fortunes, with many a sad sigh, turned away from the grand old party their fathers had taught them to revere. They flocked in large numbers to the populist party. The money power grasped the republican party. It was, and is entirely dominated by the imperial money power. The democratic party was not so entirely in the hands of the money power. A mighty conflict is going on in the grand old party of the people. The new populist party is growing rapidly, being fed by heterogeneous elements from all the political schools. Before the contending elements can adjust themselves to the new associations, the greedy cormorant sees his opportunity and hurries his emissaries into the ranks of the new formation, and confusion immediately follows. Defeat is the inevitable result of confusion.

But the people have another army in the field where a mighty battle is raging; the grand old democratic party. While hoary headed, crimson handed imperialism is bending his energies to subdue the new populist army, the old, regular democratic army is gaining a signal victory of driving the traitorous usurpers from its ranks. A signal victory, not a complete one, was gained, and old glory was seen waving once more over the bulwarks of the venerable old democracy. Do our eyes deceive us? Where is the "stuffed prophet?" Behold, he is not there. Where is Shylock, demanding his pound of flesh? He, too, has been driven out, but some of his lieutenants have been overlooked, and they remain to breed dissensions. Reinforcements from the populist ranks are hurrying to join the forces of the reformed democracy under the leadership of the young and gallant boy orator. The great "stuffed prophet" takes up his headquarters off a little to one side of the imperial army, calls his battered cohorts around him, rends the air with his curses, claws his bald head with his wolverine nails, and sputters and splutters until he exhausts himself in his frantic rage. The two mighty forces meet in mortal conflict. The political and social earth reels and quakes under charge and counter charge of the contending forces. They sway to and fro, fierce and wild the battle storm rages; fiercer and wilder until, in a last effort, terrible and awful in its exhausting death throes, it becomes necessary to retire in order to recuperate the wasted energies of the exhausted forces. The man of destiny (?) has gained a temporary victory. One mighty battle has been fought. The storm clouds of another mightier and more terrible are gathering. What shall be the alignment of the allied forces of the people? Shall there be one, two, or three divisions of this great army? Shall one general command the forces of the people? Of course only one is best. One general commander, one general headquarters, one united effort will accomplish much.

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