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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY. OREGON CITY, JUNE 30, 1899.

An American Internal Policy. First—Public ownership of public franchises. The values created by the community should belong to the community.

Second—Distribution of criminal trusts. No monopolization of the national resources by lawless private combinations more powerful than the people's government.

Third—A graduated income tax. Every citizen to contribute to the support of the government according to his means, and not according to his necessities.

Fourth—Election of senators by the people. The senate, now becoming the private property of corporations and bosses, to be made truly representative, and the state legislature to be redeemed from recurring scandals.

Fifth—National, state and municipal improvement of the public school system. As the duties of citizenship are both general and local, every government, both general and local, should do its share toward fitting every individual to perform them.

Sixth—Currency reform. All the nation's money to be issued by the nation's government, and its supply to be regulated by the people and not by the banks.

Direct Legislation—Lawmaking by the voters. The Initiative—The proposal of a law by a percentage of the voters, which must then go to the referendum.

10,109 JOBS On May 29, 1899, the president of the United States issued an order amending the civil-service rules, so that 10,109 offices and positions are handed over to the politicians.

It would seem that the republican national convention, at St. Louis, resolved that the civil-service "shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever possible."

If TWO promises result in an order giving 10,109 offices and positions to the politicians, what would be the result of TEN promises? Figure it out for yourselves!

Henry Watterson after referring to some prominent democratic flapdoodle who has recently discovered that silver is a dead issue asks, in a sarcastic tone, if the whangdoodle (meaning Bryan) is the only free-silverite left.

The poor political chump who is afraid to quit his party for fear the other party will get in and send the country to the demdition bow-wows is to be pitied. He has tried his party for thirty years; he has seen the other party tried.

There is always commotion and apprehension in France when the Cabinet is ripped up. In the United States perfect safety would be in more ripping than there is. Nearly every Cabinet is originally organized on lines of party rewards and punishments, and to make a practical working establishment ought to be overhauled in a few months, there having been nominal payment of the president's party debts.

Howver, we do not entirely agree with the Peoria Herald that the great rush of Americans to Europe this season is inspired by a mad desire to get away from Secretary Alger.—Chicago Tribune.

The G. O. P. Editor COURIER-HERALD: In the Oregonian of June 22, the editor turns himself loose against McKinley, and it is for the purpose of disputing any assertions made that I wish to criticize the article, but it is to show up to what lengths the republican party will go to maintain its one idea of the gold standard.

In the article is this statement: "The McKinley administration has made most disgraceful appointments to office at the behest of unscrupulous politicians. It has betrayed the civil service to the spoilsmen, paralyzed the organization of the army, violated its pledges as to currency reform, humiliated its most efficient servants and discredited American intelligence and valor in the eyes of the civilized world."

The great majority of the people will admit the facts of the statement, but when it is further said in the article: "If McKinley is nominated he will have to be elected. It is apparently impossible now that the democrats can agree on an honest-money man, and the gold standard must be preserved at all hazards."

McKinley fears that his own popularity is not sufficient to attract great crowds of people to cheer him and thus produce a "boom" in the Ohio campaign, why does he take the Ohio campaign, why does he take Alger and Egan along with him, and why does he allow a little time to be spent before being thrust before the public as a campaign attraction.

Theosophy. Editor COURIER-HERALD:— An item in the editorial columns of your paper states that a young art student in Brooklyn jumped into the river after reading a book on theosophy.

Here are two statements that need looking into. In the first place you word the first item as though he jumped because of his reading theosophy. That is not plain. He might have done a hundred things that morning, none of which had any relation to suicide.

It is not plain. He might have done a hundred things that morning, none of which had any relation to suicide. He might have kissed his mother, as young students sometimes do. He might have eaten oatmeal mush for breakfast, as some people do. He might have read the morning paper, as some people, especially students of theosophy, do.

Why single out theosophy except to throw ridicule on something wholly or only partly misunderstood? How could theosophy cause crime above any other high philosophy? Would you be willing to charge a suicide to the reading of Paul or Mark or Plato or Shakespeare? How can a philosophy which teaches ethical causation, the divinity of man, the brotherhood of all humanity, faith in oneself instead of faith in some one else, kindness to all creatures, the highest of all moral codes; a philosophy which teaches immortality of the soul, salvation by one's own efforts, a hell for nobody—unless you call this life hell for the miserable—happiness as a result of right thought and action; how can such a philosophy cause a man to act foolishly?

Some people have a queer idea of what theosophy might be. Last week the writer saw a man enter a bookstore and heard him inquire for some book on theosophy. His idea was to procure a book from which he could learn how to do tricks and thus astonish the natives. Needless to say, theosophy has no more to do with feats than with blood stonement. Certain fakirs and tricksters are traveling over the country "performing" and advertising themselves as theosophists in order to draw a crowd. This is pure rascality; just as much so as were the absolutists sold by Teitel.

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go further than ever in paying for labor and produce and they cannot see what these repudiating populists want, unless it is their innate wickedness, which would destroy all government and order in society.

Even so gallant a patriot as Governor Roosevelt was so enamored of the false glitter of the gold standard that he has no idea of the suffering it entails, especially on the Western and purely agricultural states of the Union, or he would never have threatened to march a force to Washington and prevent the seating of one, if elected, equally honorable, equally courageous of his opinions, equally patriotic and understanding much better the crying needs of the people—the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.

The Western people must endure and persistently and patiently educate themselves and others until our Eastern friends, if not convinced, will learn to accept the inevitable. This country cannot long go on the gold standard, but we want no hot-headed defectors to precipitate another civil war upon us.

Spain 400 years ago was the foremost nation of the world. Civilization and religion were the grand criterions of her existence. Her ambition, if history is true, was to Christianize the world.

The new world was discovered; the native population of the then new world was well advanced in the arts, yes, the highest arts, and had reached the very height of civilization. They were peaceful citizens of their respective countries; they were quiet, innocent, trusting people; and in their innocence they thought the Spanish had come from heaven!

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We realize that the summer season in our line of goods is nearly over and not wishing to carry any stock over for another season—especially as we need room for our Fall and Winter Stock which is now ready to be shipped from Eastern Manufacturers and will arrive about July 10th—we will sell all our summer Stock at MANUFACTURING PRICES.

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An Open Letter.

An open letter to the people of the United States, whether they are engaged in the unequal struggle for existence within the confines of this alleged republic, or unlawfully exiled in the distant tropics, and there compelled to assist in strangling liberty at the behest of the great American money power.

Our tiny war with Spain, over which it seems we shall never cease to gush and brag, was begun in the blessed name of humanity—and ended in the infamous name of embalméd beef.

It is doubtful whether the Cuban patriots have gained any thing by their exchange of masters. Time will tell. I am glad that I am not a Cuban; I might grow to dislike carpet-bag rule, and as a choice of evils pray for Weyler to return. *Quien Sabe!*

But in the Philippines, those islands distant eight thousand miles, that malarial archipelago, where our misguided, mistreated and deceived volunteers and regulars are forced by this Christian government to "benevolently assimilate" the breech-clouted natives. Ah, "that is quite another story," as Kipling would say; and such a story—a story of fiendish rapine and horrible slaughter unequalled in the annals of bloodshed or h stories of tyrants—a ghastly narrative of unnecessary woe, wherein for the first time the stars and stripes are made the emblem of slavery and imperialistic despotism.

The head of this administration, this pliant tool of trust magnates, bankers and usurers, is alone responsible and will be held accountable before the throne of Almighty God for every human life lost in this uncalled for strife in the torrid tropics of the Orient.

I am told that President McKinley is a "pious" man, a "church member." If so, the particular brand of piety of which he is said to be possessed, may only be found flowing freely in worship houses where blasphemers expound from the pulpit, mortgage sharks pass the plate, and Mammon, not Christ, is worshipped. No stretch of the imagination can depict a consistent follower of the Nazarene sanctioning this diabolical attempt at conquest—this "war" in the Philippines.

Thank God! I am too loyal an American to grow conceited and garrulous over this crime; too jealous of the honor of my country to applaud our army in its so-called war with half-armed natives. I would that our soldiers should ever fight in a just cause, and with a foe comparatively their equal. Will the living dependents of revolutionary patriots sanction this dishonor of our army? Would that we had with us a Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Paine or Lincoln to grapple with this question, instead of a sanctimonious reflection of the industrial cannibal of Ohio—Mark Hanna.

bles to the green fields, cool forests and babbling brooks beyond.

And now, fellow citizens, it is said to be a crime, it is said to be treason, to publish to the world a protest such as I have herein written—this on the authority of Postmaster General Smith. I will not argue the point with Mr. Smith, nor will I write a Smithsonian essay on this Smith. Such an effort would be a waste of gray matter needed along other lines. I do not suppose that this Smith, this unimportant atom floating about on the vast sea of Smiths, will like this epistle any better than he did my book, "Waiting for the Signal!" (which, by the way, I am told is soon to be excluded from the United States mails for alleged treason), but until the ukase is issued, both this letter and the book, "Waiting for the Signal!" will continue to go out among the American people, regardless of the entire Smith family. This is not an empire—not yet!

Edward Atkinson may crook the rusty hinges of his attenuated legs, and cringingly pull his foretop to one of Uncle Sam's hired men—but I will not. I am sorry, however, that in this expansion business Edward Atkinson is for once right. He has for so many years been making an ass of himself that a cause no matter how righteous is injured by his championship. He is, he gad, almost as big a fool as Smith—Postmaster General Smith.

HENRY O. MORRIS, Pueblo, Colorado.

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vell Meester Editor, I thought I would dell you, before your back, vot ginds of beeples live here, und dink you vil say I know some here to vol some mans dinks he makes—vell, he und mr. Prownell makes Road posses und blank roads und everytings vot is done—vell, vell,— und the beeples tink day make one, two yack asses. day wants to make von congressman und mr. timnick for probation yudge—day say it must be a lyer for yudge. vy? o because he must he must know ven a mans ties ob he leaves von widows und sometings or two widows und notings the other mans vot you call him ven you pus your closs on, he thinks ve must dink yoost like he or ve are von tam fools. vell vell. delyers come in the gountries und dell the the beples you vont me for congressman und mr. timnick for yodge und mr. vat you-gall-im some odder nice offis und mr. dom—vell ve vill get him on a yury, or maybe he would like to be a poss on de road or squire. vell, vell, if we could only see them at dey see tenseslves how pig dey would be, but de beeples tidks dey are not a pig bunks but a leetle grooked squish. it makes me dink de de hop! you see dey start to climb a bole, pooty soon dey are all over de bole yoost like some mans who dinks he is some hops und he is only von boles und the odder mans is und he gets all de hops. maybe you see de boint, if not yoost let some mans mit a bitch fork stick yau in de ribs und you vill feel it anyway. next time I vill dell you someting else.

good by PATSY McDEGAN.

Are McKinley and Alger afraid that General Miles would end that trouble in the Philippines and get some credit for himself? If not, why is he not sent out there?—Atlanta Constitution.

EDWARD ATKINSON, the gentleman whose literature the government has suppressed from the Manila mails, is the same identical chap that has been figuring down the cost of living for the laboring man. He had it down pretty low, but couldn't compete with the Cleveland panic or McKinley prosperity so he turned his attention to a anti-imperial business.

A full line of Spalding's "official" baseball supplies in stock at Hantley's book store at Eastern prices.