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The imperative mandate—Whenever a public official shall be deemed dishonest, incompetent or incapable, the electorate shall have the right to retire him and elect one of their choice. The people alone are sovereign.

There is a rumor, with considerable foundation in fact, that the majority of the coyote scalps paid for by Clackamas county are obtained in Wasco county.

We used to hear a good deal about the Irish-Americans when the republicans needed them on the eve of elections, but with the English alliance propaganda on the part of the republicans, the sign is hung from the outer wall "No Irish need apply."

Since John G. Carlisle has come out against imperialism the gold standard press seems to have forgotten him. The fip that named him as a prophet are dumb. The gold standard pays for its wisdom and then casts off the man who has prostituted his brains for hire and labels him "fool."

It is more than entertaining to read of the polygamist sultan of Sulu gravely insisting on an increase of his pension from the United States on the ground that our intervention has increased the cost of keeping a harem! And is it comic or not, after our sacrifices to put an end to slavery at home, to be told by our commissioner that Filipino slavery is "rather beneficent in form"? Was not our own slave system "rather beneficent" to many of the slaves? Indeed, the whole Filipino situation would be humorous if it did not involve a frightful waste of money, a frightful waste of life and a violation of the basic principles of our government.

Colonel Lee, a British military officer, last week examined all the Pacific coast fortifications, under escort of a United States officer, by orders from Washington. The Anglo-American alliance seems to be well under way, or our government would not let another's representatives visit its fortifications and gather data that might be used against it in the future. Even American citizens are not granted the privileges granted this foreigner. Whether this official will make any use of the information thus specifically gained, for the benefit of his country, depends upon the always possible event of war. It is certain that he is supplied with sufficient data to make such information of great value in such a contingency.

WHAT is the use of having game and forest wardens when these very officials are violating the laws they are supposed to be enforcing? The writer has recently returned from the mountains, and while there found this to be a fact.

ONE liberty-loving republican who takes the COURIER-HERALD says that he has had as many as 12 persons borrow his paper in one week. We believe that each copy of this paper is read by two or more persons on an average, making 5000 or more readers a week—a fact that advertisers appreciate.

THE COURIER-HERALD has the largest circulation of any country weekly in the state, and cites as a proof that it uses more paper in printing its edition than any other. The report of the traveling paper salesman bears us out in this statement. Any way, its list is constantly growing, which shows that the people like a free and outspoken newspaper. Even the republicans who are fearful of and wanted to boycott it borrow their neighbor's paper.

The governor of Pennsylvania, in his speech of welcome at Pittsburgh to the returned volunteers, said: "You return to a land overflowing with prosperity, which is nowhere greater than right here in your own homes, and this condition is due to the courage and wise statesmanship of William McKinley." This is fulsome and disgusting, so much so that it is scarcely worse because it is false. The prosperity of the country is not due to the courage and statesmanship of William McKinley, who is not conspicuous for these qualities. It is due to the confidence established by the defeat of Bryanism in 1896. Nothing has been added by William McKinley, who leads in nothing, but merely drifts. The political bosses, like the governor of Pennsylvania, praise him, because he does their will.—Oregonian.

Has the Oregonian forgotten what it and the flaming placards said about "McKinley and prosperity" during the last campaign? But "McKinley has not done as well as pa expected," as the little child in her prayer said.

A returning soldier says that more than half the soldiers in the Philippines are becoming bald in the few months they have been there, the effects of the intense heat. It is also quite certain that they will become infected with leprosy and this country will reap a harvest of that dread and incurable disease before its victims are aware of it. Already a number of cases have developed according to reports, and as it takes years in some instances to make a showing, there is no telling what will be the effects of sending our boys to conquer the people of those islands. Still the commercial pirates who profit by the war can find men to fight for their purse interests. Were it profitable to no rich, there would be no war.

A strange story that is that the New York Herald of last Monday published about affairs in the Philippines. It appears that the American authorities are negotiating with the Sultan of the Sulu islands, a gentleman who keeps slaves and a harem, to secure his submission. The report shows that, while at one end of the islands the American flag is to be forced upon the untractable Aguinaldo and his Tagals by means of bayonets and Winchester as an emblem of civilization, the same emblem is, by cash payment, sought to be raised by our generals in command over polygamy and chattel slavery.

The American flag, once pointed to with pride by Benjamin Franklin as the emblem of freedom and morality on earth, is, in the hands of the labor-fleeing capitalist class, in danger of becoming the swindle rag of the mock auctioneer.

RICHARD CROKER, leader of Tammany Hall, has recently returned from Europe. It will be remembered that he was against William J. Bryan when he left in May, but now he is outspoken in favor of the great tribune of the people. He has had his ear to the ground since his return and has heard the tread of the mighty hosts who are not for large standing armies, for trusts, for the gold standard, for an English alliance. Croker stated in a recent interview that in his opinion "Bryan is one of the greatest men America has produced, and that no American has ever been so close to the masses." As to an alliance with England, he said: "I am absolutely opposed to it. Nothing could be worse than to form the habit of relying on the friendship of England. We have nothing to gain by it and everything to lose." It begins to look like Bryan will have no enemy's country to invade during the next presidential campaign.

The Plaindealer, which is the government's official organ, refers to the Review as the "fusion sheet." A serious charge, indeed! Since the union or fusion movement (call it either, as you please) has resulted in giving Douglas county the best administration it has had for years, at least expense to the tax-payers, we are perfectly willing to be referred to as the organ of the fusionists.—Review.

When W. J. Bryan first put himself on record as being opposed to expansion and imperialism he was laughed at and derided by politicians of both parties, but it is apparent now that Mr. Bryan chose the course that the people are most likely to endorse, particularly so if the Philippine problem remains unsolved six months longer.—East Oregonian. (rep.)

JOHN P. ALTGELD wrote to the New York Journal on August 16th and said that Bryan was all right. But he scores the great goldbug dailies, and said that "for several years the newspapers of the country have been deliberately, systematically and persistently misrepresenting the facts about the prominent silver men of the country" and that it was "contemptible business." It will be remembered that Altgeld was quoted as weakening on the ratio of 16 to 1. This is his reply as published in the Chicago Inter-Ocean of August 6th:

"So much of what purports to be an interview with me published in the Chicago Record this morning as makes me say that the party might weaken on the subject of the ratio, or that the ratio might be eliminated or relegated to the background, is an infernal lie. There is absolutely no excuse for the publication of such a statement."

JOHN P. ALTGELD.

A CORRESPONDENT in the Guard, speaking of the Eugene reception to the volunteers, intimates that the affair was of rather a political character. That seems to be the case everywhere. The republican stay-at-home patriots took possession of the reception business and seated themselves in the front pews to be observed, and received the democratic boys who did the fighting. That is what the correspondent says, and the same holds good at every other place, especially in Portland: "One thing noticeable, and not pleasant, or proper either, was the at least seeming political aspect of the reception. I think there was not a single democratic or populist woman who was chairman of any committee or at the head of any table at the breakfast. Every one of the committeemen on general arrangements was a republican. Every man who sat on the reception platform in the afternoon was a republican, save one; and every speaker was a republican, save one. Was the omission of democrats and populists intentional? It is strange that the management of this affair would allow any political complexion to enter into the occasion! Certainly no republican will have the temerity to claim a superiority of speakers in that party in Eugene over the democrats."—Portland Dispatch.

They did a little better in Oregon City. A few democrats were put on the tail end of several committees, while one was actually chairman, but this was done only after attention was called to it by free-thinking citizens. It was purely a political reception. It was given out that the reason the writer was not appointed on a committee was because he had published harsh truths about the administration's conduct of the Philippine war. It seems that people are getting more narrow minded than ever and will let party prejudice rise above sense and honor. The prediction that when the boys came home we would hear the truth in regard to the situation in the far west has never been fulfilled. They have nothing to say and have refuted none of the statements make in this paper. Why is this?

TRUSTS AND THE LAW.

During the past week the prices of beef and other meats have been advanced from two to five cents a pound by a combination of western packers. There is no pretense that beef is scarcer or that it costs more to make it. It is admitted that the price is raised arbitrarily in order to make good to the trust its temporary losses incurred in establishing a meat monopoly in England.

Meanwhile trusts continue to multiply in all the other necessities of life. Within the week there were organized—

- A cotton-goods trust;
- An ice trust;
- A hide and leather trust;
- An asphalt trust.

These simply supplement the hundreds of other trusts and monopolies formed during the present year, seeking to control the production and fix the prices of nearly every article of general use. The latest combinations cover—

- The food we eat;
- The clothing we wear;
- The shoes for our feet;
- The ice required for health and comfort;
- The modern pavement for our streets.

Are there no laws against these "conspiracies in restraint of trade"—these combinations of greed against need?

Oh, yes! There is a stringent federal anti-trust law, and most of the states, including New York and Illinois, have statutes of a similar character. Why are not these laws enforced? It is as easy as a thimble-rigger's game. The attorney-general of the United States, the official charged (under the president) with the duty of seeing that "the laws are faithfully executed," says that the regulation of industrial combinations "is entirely a matter of state control," and that "unless the functions of interstate commerce are interfered with I would be superfluous to attempt a crusade against affairs with which I have no business." To the lay mind of the ordinary plundered citizen it would seem that a meat trust organized in Chicago, and not only supplying the markets of all our eastern cities but selling meat cheaper in London than it does in New York, was engaged both in interstate and international commerce. So of the ice trust, reaching from Maine to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. So of the hide and leather trust and a hundred others. And yet, with a trust lawyer as attorney-general and a president to whose campaign fund protected monopolies contributed a million dollars, the

chance of the people to find relief in the federal law is about equal to the chance of safety to a roost of chickens guarded by Br'er Fox and Br'er Coon.

As to the state officials, the republican attorney-generals—with here and there an honorable exception like that of Mr. Monnett in Ohio—hold that state laws are powerless, owing to "interstate commerce" and to chartered rights granted by other states.

And so there we are—at the mercy of the trusts. Nobody to blame. Everybody powerless.

The common-sense remedy would seem to be to elect a president and governors who believe that monopolies should be and can be strangled, and who will see to it—"By the Eternal!"—that the laws are faithfully executed.—New York World.

AMENDING THE COMMANDMENT

In his dealings with army officers found guilty of dishonesty Mr. McKinley has amended the eighth commandment so that it reads: "Thou shalt not steal—except by wholesale."

Aside from the case of Captain Carter, the president has promptly approved the sentence, without referring it either to an eminent private lawyer or to his attorney-general. Appeals for mercy and mitigation were sternly denied.

One case involved the borrowing of \$300 by a second lieutenant on false pretenses. The other involved the squandering of \$1600 of public funds by another lieutenant. In both cases the offenders were sentenced to dismissal from the army. And in both cases the sentence was approved by the president and promptly executed.

Captain Carter was convicted by the unanimous verdict of fourteen army officers of embezzling \$1,600,000—just one thousand times as much as the delinquency of the lieutenant without a "pull." Mr. McKinley sent the Carter case for "review" first to Judge Edmunds and then to Attorney-General Griggs, who is now playing golf over it.

And sentence has now been suspended for a period of one year, three months and ten days.

Moral for army officers: Steal by wholesale and get a strong "pull" for your protection.

WM. J. BRYAN.

The Only Logical Candidate of the Populist, Democrats and Silver Republicans.

Editor COURIER-HERALD: Ever since the election and inauguration of the present colossal incompetent maladministration of McKinley, cabinet and congress, the money class have endeavored by every means known to tricky politicians to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard. It was undoubtedly with this distinct understanding that the banks, railroads, oil, sugar and other monopolies contributed the vast corruption fund that bought the presidential office for the Ohio triumvirate, Augustus Marcus Hanna, Frater Antonius Abneri McKinley and Sepsidus Ditto.

They have not as yet, from indications, dared to propose this measure to the people, although the bankers' chief satellite, Lyman Gage, secretary of the treasury, is impatient to close the deal on behalf of his Wall-street principals.

With famine in Asia and Australia and a general shortage in Europe, this country was able with an enormous crop to export at a fair price a portion of it to the hungry nations; but now that conditions are changed and crops are about average outside of the United States, prices for farm products are what the gold standard makes them, below the cost of production, and with the gold standard more thoroughly fastened upon us by the destruction of greenbacks, the retirement of silver certificates and a general substitution of rational bank notes, prices will go lower yet.

It is the duty of every American who sees the danger to avert it if possible, and this can only be done by uniting in one party, upon one platform, one convention and one ticket all who oppose English financial methods. The populists, silver republicans and democrats have a common enemy to oppose and defeat, and nothing short of a complete union of all who favor popular government will effect it.

It is useless and foolish at this time to talk or speculate upon the possibility of taking up a new presidential candidate. The people who desire the free coinage of silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1; the wiping out forever of the country's greatest pests, the national banks; direct legislation through the initiative and referendum; an income tax, graduated if possible; trial by jury and not by injunction; public ownership of public necessities, municipal, state and national, street railways, water, light, etc.; the taking by their government for public use, at their actual and not their fictitious value, the railroads, telegraphs, telephones and any and all means of public communication and transportation; destruction of colossal aggregations of wealth for the purposes of "regulating" wages and prices, called trusts, and, last but by no means least, anti-imperialism and militarism, or the brutal conquest of a hitherto friendly people and armed ally and forcible annexa-

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tion of their territory, have a leader and champion. There is but one man in the United States who is capable and competent to lead the grand array of American freemen who demand for themselves that justice and equity which they are willing and anxious other men should enjoy. He is today battling for the same rights and privileges for others that he demands for his country and its people. He is with the masses, the wealth producers, who are the country's reliance in war or in peace. The chastisement which he inflicted on the treacherous foes of democracy in the plutocratic East is still fresh in the mind of the people. The corporation slave of New York, D. B. Hill; the Standard Oil representative and street railway stockholder, William C. Whitney; Maryland's animated duplicity, Oily Gammon Gorman, with hosts of others in plutocracy's pay, were routed and defeated and so utterly vanquished that they have scarcely held a council of war since. But they, like inept measles, are breaking out in spots and will do what they can for combined capital to distract the people, a work for which they are well paid. They will strut and fret their brief hour, and then, like poor players that they are, they will be heard no more, or, like the political variety artists, the Van Wyck brothers, they will be laughed off the stage.

Tammany Croker's recent conversion to anti-imperialism and his discovery of our great leader's worth is significant as showing the way political straws are blowing. It is useless for Dick to attempt what St. Paul failed to accomplish, and Dick is sharp enough to see it, and therefore he and his from this time on will occupy seats well up in front of the band wagon and the small fry will follow.

The battle before us is a repetition of hundreds of battles fought before. It is king against subject, master against slave, despotism against freedom, wealth against poverty, money against man. The world has been the battlefield ages before recorded history witnessed the struggle. Sacred and profane history have chronicled it. Moses and the children of Israel fleeing from Egypt's despot; the various Greek dependencies struggling in vain for freedom; Rome, from a band of struggling peasants, defeating, conquering and finally annexing the civilized world, till her own vices and corruption engendered by greed and ambition, destroyed her; France and her revolution and reign of terror; England with the Wat, Tyler and Jack Cade insurrections; Switzerland with Tell; the brave Arnold of Brescia and Winkelried. History is made hideous with the horrible recital of slaughter of the poor for demanding what they earned.

In our own country the fathers and founders of our republic, Washington, Jefferson, Paine, Franklin, and later that great commoner, Andrew Jackson, who defied, defeated and wiped off the statute books laws granting special privileges to the rich; Abraham Lincoln, who foresaw and foretold the present conditions under which the people suffer, have made our history glorious. And now another crisis is upon the country greater and more dangerous to its welfare and liberties than any previous one. The same battle is to be fought over again, and upon one side is arrayed the hosts of mammon and upon the other side manhood, womanhood, liberty and equality. And the hosts of greed will be led and officered by the same triumvirate from Ohio. Against

them an American, with his country's honor and its people's welfare at heart; one whom the people love, trust and honor as they did the great and good Washington, the freedom-loving scholar and statesman, Jefferson, the rugged, honest, fearless Jackson, the great emancipator, Lincoln, the man that every populist, every silver republican and every true democrat can work for and vote for, William J. Bryan.

J. D. STEVENS.

Canby, Ore., Aug. 28.

Quiet Smiles.

"What is political economy, pa?"

"Buying votes as cheaply as possible."—Town Topics.

Little Clarence—Pa, what do people feather their nests with?

Mr. Callipers—Cash down is the best thing I know of.—Puck.

Doctor—Why in the world do you kick about the reduction in the price of gas?

Drizzlet—It's spoiling my suicide trade. I don't sell half so much carbolic acid as I used to.—Judge.

Mr. McKinley has been blamed by newspapers of differing politics because he would not in the Alger matter take the bull by the horns. They seem to forget that such a method would be painfully suggestive of beef.

Old Wayback—What in tarnation be so many fools a ridin' back'ards now days for, I'd like to know?

Miss Wayback—Why pa, that's to see the nice. It gives them a chance to see the "common people" turn and stare at the swell turnout.

"Times is awful ha'd," said the old colored voter. "My two twin sons come of age this month, on not a bit er voting ter do, 'cept fer a cheap bond 'lection. 'Wen what we order had waz at leas' two congressmens out, on de reg'lar ticket, an two more runnin' indepen'ent ergin um!"

"What do you think of my son's prospects in life?" inquired the young man's father.

"Well," answered the professor, "he may be a great and financially successful politician one of these days. He says I don't remember' to almost every question I ask him."—Washington Star.

"Your honor," said the attorney, "this man's insanity takes the form of a belief that every one wants to rob him. He won't even allow me, his counsel, to approach him."

"Maybe he's not so crazy, after all," murmured the court in a judicial whisper.

"Advance and give the countersign!" sang out the American sentinel. The Filipino crept forward with bowed head and muttered: "All men are born free and equal." But, as this declaration was not the proper password, and because it conveyed a meaning decidedly revolutionary and antagonistic to revised Americanism, the sentinel, after a preliminary discharge, cut the twenty-sixth notch on the stock of his rifle.—Life.

"It seems a mere bagatelle for Uncle Sam to put down the Philippine insurrection," observes the St. Louis Republic. "If he wants to fight something nearer his size, why doesn't he tackle the Standard Oil company?" The way Uncle Sam is whipping the Filipinos reminds one of Mr. Murphy, who said: "I had a divil of a fight with Casey." "Did you do 'im?" inquired his friend, Hogan. "Do 'im, is it? Why, man, I whipped him so dom bad they had to carry me home on a shutter."