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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

OREGON CITY, OCT. 27, 1899.

An American Internal Policy.

FIRST—Public ownership of public franchises. The values created by the community should belong to the community.

SECOND—Destruction 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 legislatures 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 endeavor to 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.

SEVENTH—No protection for oppressive trusts. Organizations powerful enough to oppress the people are no longer "infant industries."

EIGHTH—Lawmaking by the voters. The initiative—The proposal of a law by a percentage of the voters, which must then go to the referendum.

NINTH—The vote at the polls of a law proposed through the initiative, or of any law passed by a lawmaking body, whose reference is petitioned for by a percentage of the voters.

TENTH—Whomsoever a public official shall be deemed dishonest, incompetent or incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the voters shall have the right to retire him and elect one of their choice. The people alone are sovereign.

It is unfortunate for the administration that all the efforts to conduct a smokeless campaign in the Philippines have failed.

It seems that we have reached the time when money is everything! Man nothing! In fact, we seem to have become money-maniacs.

The general government is building a mill that will turn out 2,500 pounds of smokeless powder a day. If it can do this why could it not build a packing house and put up 2,600 pounds of meat to feed the boys on who use the powder? —Tacoma Sun.

GENERAL Shafter has asked that the government furnish him a phaeton in which to ride around on duty. As some civil officers are allowed to ride in smart turnouts at the public expense, he doubtless thinks that which is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

PRICES of agricultural implements were advanced 25 per cent last week by joint agreement of 41 manufacturers at the meeting of the Northwestern Plow and Implement Association in Chicago. The increase was based on the quotations of implements made August 1st.

ON or about Nov. 10, "Mines and Metals," a journal devoted to the mining industry in the northwest will be issued in Portland with Albert Tozier as editor. The publication will follow the style and makeup of the "Engineering and Mining Journal," of New York.

The New York World reports that Admiral Dewey said at a banquet, "If I could make as good a president as Cleveland did I would not mind running." If those are the sentiments of the hero of Manila the people of this country can emphasize the words, "Good Lord, deliver us."

The government, the bankers' cat's paw, has ordered the payment of one year's advance interest on the national debt to stay a panic. The condition is desperate to force such a measure. It may stay it off, but the panic will appear on the scene in the near future just the same. Get your house in order. And it will eclipse all previous panics when it comes.—Appeal.



We gave President McKinley due credit for approving Captain Carter's sentence. Now we are getting a little anxious to give Attorney General Griggs credit for beginning proceedings to recover the \$1,600,000 of the stealings of Carter and his pals which is not outlawed by the statute of limitations.

Eighty per cent of the national expenses is for war! How is that for a country basking in the sunshine of peace and prosperity? The taxes, imperial and local, of this country are \$14 per person per year. This is double the tax that any other nation on earth burdens its people with, whether republic, monarchy or despot. But we are a free people and would not submit to tyranny! Not we!—Appeal To Reason.

READERS of daily papers must bear in mind the fact that all news reaching American readers through dispatches from the Boer war are carefully doctored by the English for American consumption, with a view to exciting sympathy. Don't be misled by the McKinley-Hanna-Anglo-American combine. Get down on your knees this very night and pray God to help the poor Boers to defend their country from the bloodiest robbers the world ever produced. God bless Oom Paul! May he live long and win out!

The following is clipped from a Minnesota paper. It reveals a condition of affairs that ought to set any one to thinking: "The Standard Oil Company sells 2,500,000,000 gallons of oil every year. This, according to their own testimony, costs them only 2½ cents per gallon, or \$10,000,000, and sells at 12½ cents per gallon, or over \$300,000,000, leaving a net gain of about \$290,000,000 per year. Is it any wonder that the Standard runs or ruins everything that comes in its way? We must put the oil industry in the hands of the government soon or the Standard will run the republic."

The judges of the Jackson county, Mo., court have ordered the sheriff not to travel over the Burlington road, against which the business men of Kansas City have declared a boycott because of alleged discrimination against the city. When laboring men boycott it is a prison offense, but the business men can do the same thing and the court upholds them. But then the business men go into politics for their own interests, while the working asses vote the tickets that the business men put up and never think there is anything in politics for them.

POLITICAL prejudice is the ruin of our people. No one steeped in prejudice can be truly great. The unprejudiced man, filled with love for all mankind, is the greatest man in the world. Such a man is liberal and tolerant and does not hate people simply because they are Jew or Christian, Protestant or Catholic, Mohammedan, Spiritualist or anything else. He realizes that all mankind is living up to its highest concept of truth in spite of itself. A truly great man will do unto others as he would have them do unto him, and whether he believes in the divinity of Christ or not, he will doff his hat to the principles of him who taught, "Peace on earth, good will to men." Prejudice is weakness in one's character and injures the one that harbors it more than the one toward whom it is directed. Man must rise above prejudice if he hopes to help mankind. Then shall the frost of political prejudice vanish before the dawn of a higher civilization.

Isn't it clear to you that if property in the hands of great capitalists and corporations is oppressing you, the only remedy is to put it in other hands? Now in whose hands can you put it that it will not be just as oppressive as it now is? No one's. It must be in the hands of all the people; in other words, it must be made public property. Property of itself is not oppressive, but a blessing. It is the man who control it that is oppressive. You cannot trust capital with any man, but must own and control it yourselves. This can only be done by ending public property. The postoffice, though not all it should be because of its relation to railroads and appointive powers, is not oppressive like the express companies, railroads and great monopolies. That is because you own it and it is not conducted for private gain.

One of the disheartening conditions of the times is the tendency of reformers to get together and howl and rant about "reforming conditions that now exist." A careful study of a good share of these reformers will reveal the fact that they are not so greatly concerned about the reformation of themselves as they are of the reformation of their neighbor and securing an office. Any reform measure covering selfishness and self-aggrandizement will sooner or later become the laughing stock of the people. We respect a single taxer who sticks to his text and spurns political trades. The Socialist who believes in his theories has our respect so long as he votes himself to the promulgation of his doctrines and keeps out of the nasty whirlpool of politics where false leaders of reform get together and conspire to reach an office of some kind where the taxpayers must support him in luxury. Such reformation has done mankind more harm than good.—George's Weekly.

CAPTAIN CARTER, the thief who stole as far as is known, in one government operation, some two millions, has been sentenced to five years in prison, where he will live in all the luxury and freedom at the command of the administration, as all the rich thieves do. What he stole pays him \$400,000 a year—\$33,000 a month or over \$1000 a day for the time he will serve if not pardoned out (which he will be after the thing has blown over). Pretty good pay for four years, eh? In Kansas City recently, and in Los Angeles more recently, men who committed the awful crime of stealing chickens to keep from starving were sentenced to three years in prison. But to steal a chicken is a greater crime in the poor than to steal \$1000 a day for four years in the rich. Will the poor ever have enough sense to see that they are worse than dogs under this capitalistic system? Are they not as much fools as were their ancestors who supported brutal and vile kings and emperors? Say your poor chaps, vote 'er like you have all your lives! That's the way to change conditions!

"LITTLE INSURRECTION"

In a stump speech in South Dakota, Mr. McKinley said: "We have a little insurrection in the Philippines which I trust will be very promptly suppressed." Monday morning a Washington dispatch said: "The combined military and naval forces of the United States in the Philippines, when all the troops and ships now under orders reach their destination, will aggregate more than SEVENTY THOUSAND MEN AND FORTY-FIVE WAR VESSELS."

A list of the regiments and ships was given. Is not this considerable of a force to put down a "little insurrection?"

The army in the Philippines is more than double the size of our entire standing army before the war with Spain. It is three times the size of the force required to whip Spain in Cuba and Porto Rico. And it is three and a half times bigger than the armies under Scott and Taylor in the Mexican war.

THE Oregonian is authority for the statement that the cost of recruiting the new regiments for the Philippines amounts to \$100 per man. At that rate it would cost \$20,000,000 simply to recruit an army of 100,000 men. To the thoughtful man there is much meaning in these figures. The heart of the people is not in this war. The respectable and honorable citizens refuse to be made an instrument of persecution. The figures above most emphatically signify that the American people have no sympathy for a war waged against a weaker nation seeking its independence. It was a most significant fact that none of the better class of citizens could be induced to enlist. For the most part recruiting officers sought their men about the saloons and dens of vice. It was this class of men who did the recruiting in Chehalis. They led a number of large hotel bills unpaid here and it was necessary to follow them to Vancouver to recover the money. This was not the class of men that responded to the call for volunteers when the war broke out with Spain. Our best blood went, and they went willingly. They gave their services because they considered the war a just and righteous war. We mention these facts to show the temper of the people on the policy of subduing the Filipinos.—Chehalis Advocate.

A FEW STRAWS.

Here are a few straws which show which way the wind is blowing. The Farm and Home, of Springfield, Mass., asked and received from its readers the following answers to questions concerning imperialism.

Should the Filipinos be held in subjection to the United States, or should they be allowed to form an independent government?

Independent.....12,520
Subjection..... 8,416

Should Cuba be free and independent, or should it be annexed to the United States?

Independent.....13,199
Annexed..... 7,362

Should Porto Rico be free and independent, or should it be annexed to Cuba or the United States?

Annexed to U. S.....11,897
Independent..... 6,004
Annexed to Cuba..... 1,746

Should there be free trade between the United States and Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines?

Yes.....9,327
No.....9,832

Should cooler or contract labor be permitted in Hawaii or other tropical dependencies in defiance of United States labor laws?

Yes..... 1,151
No.....18,055

Should United States senators be elected direct by the people?

Yes.....16,453
No..... 1,263

The answers are especially interesting as showing the drift of public opinion on the matters submitted.

School books and school supplies at Portland prices. Tablets, rulers and pencils free to purchasers of books, Charman & Co., the cut-price druggists.

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Oregon City, Oregon.

Imperialism.

On January 12th, 1848, Abraham Lincoln in congress denounced the policy of President James K. Polk in insisting on the seizure of the entire Mexican republic. The slave-holding class at that time, like the McKinley-Hanna-Roosevelt-Chamberlain-Rhodes-Jameson land-grabbing syndicate of today, were bent on getting everything in sight, for the pretended purpose of "benevolently assimilating" not only the natives of the conquered territory, but of extending the "blessings" of human slavery.

Mr. Lincoln made the same argument against the taking of the whole Mexican republic that Mr. Bryan does today against the forcible conquest of the Philippine. Though McKinley has denied his intention of forcibly annexing the Philippines, yet his appointment of Otis as military governor of the islands, his treaty with the sultan of Sulu, his tacit admission and consent to a continuation of polygamy and slavery and his unpatriotic and despotic treatment of those eminent in naval and military service, like Schley and Wheeler, show the greedy selfishness of his character. The Americans who denounce McKinley and his advisers and policy stand today where Abraham Lincoln stood, and if Lincoln was right in his opposition to the conquest of Mexico for the express purpose of extending the slave power to that country, then the anti-imperialists are right in their opposition to the forcible annexation of the Philippines for the purpose of extending wage slavery to that country.

That wage slavery and commercial exploitation of the producer is the object of the present imperialistic system goes without saying. It is the desire and aim of the so-called Anglo-American alliance to subjugate the islands and put the inhabitants on a level with the Egyptian fellah or the East Indian pariah for the benefit of Vanderbilt on the part of the United States and Sir Thomas Lipton and Joe Chamberlain on the part of Great Britain. Any attempt of the present administration to deny this or to pretend a philanthropic desire to benefit the inhabitants of the archipelago will have no weight with the American people, as they can easily see the intention of plutocracy. The grabbing of the Philippines is a part of the wholesale conspiracy of the world's masters to seize every piece of territory on the globe available for the purpose of keeping up the monarchial and imperialistic systems that oppress the earth. Whether on the Asiatic, Australian or African continent, the pampered, luxurious, idle classes of Europe must be kept in pompous state.

Royalty and its attending evils are the excuse for standing armies for the wholesale butchery of innocent people whose only fault is love of home and defense of native country. Where a bullying power covets the property of a weak and apparently defenseless republic like the Transvaal and its sister republic, the Orange Free States, excuses and provocations sufficient can be found to crush them and appropriate their persons and property. The peaceful inhabitants of the South African republics might have lived in enjoyment of peace and tranquility for ages, had not the discovery of gold in their country awakened the lust and cupidity of the commercial classes of England, and now that a sufficient pretext has been found, England has sent her armies, commanded by her Weyler, General Buller, who demands absolute power of life or death over all in South Africa.

In America, like in England, is a gold subsidized press, controlled and paid by British gold to magnify English success and Dutch disaster. Our own state of Oregon is cursed with one of these sheets that sees only justice, equity and stability in a monarchy and riot and anarchy in a republic where the people insist on pure democracy. It denounces as traitors, fools and copperheads all who oppose despotism and laud as wise and patriotic those who further efforts to enslave mankind.

"The Irish and Germans," the Oregonian says, "are standing in the way of political progress," because they oppose England's way of dealing with Ireland and the Transvaal. America and Americans owe much to the Irish and Germans for assistance rendered both in the war for American independence and the late civil war, but to England we owe nothing. Let us hope that the Irish and German vote will be on the side of liberty, equality and freedom for the oppressed and downtrodden, in whatever part of the globe they may be.

The people who are against the imperialistic policy of McKinley and Joe Chamberlain include men of the highest political, social and literary standing in

the country today. Mr. Bryan, of course, has made a distinct issue of this question and has furnished arguments to most of these men for their position. Besides the array of nature's noblemen of today who have taken their stand in opposition to imperialism, it is a pleasure to mention such grand patriots as Washington, Jefferson, Henry, Adams, Jackson, Sumner and Abraham Lincoln. Opposed to these we find, in times past and present, King George, Benedict Arnold, Jeff Davis, William McKinley and Harvey Scott. Take your choice.

J. D. STEVENS.
Canby, Oct. 20.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has forever robbed United States of any right of moral protest against the cruelty of armed conquest by another nation.

President McKinley, on his vote begging tour, failed to say anything about "opening the mills" in the towns where the mills have been closed by the trusts during his administration.

It is not a sudden friendship for England; it is a shameful confusion over our own appeal to brute force to maintain our title which silences so many republicans who would otherwise denounce what they would formerly have regarded as a display of British greed and hatred of republican institutions.

Members of the cabinet already speak of our "empire" in their speeches, and it looks as though imperialism would soon bring "lese majeste" in its train. A man who tried to ask a question at one of the president's Michigan meetings was clubbed by the police, just like he would have been in Germany.

If the people of Luzon are incapable of self government, the president might get his vassal sultan of Sulu to give them a few lessons. McKinley has made a treaty with the sultan allowing him to manage affairs in his own way and agreeing to pay him from the United States treasury for doing it.

Spanish statesmen must smile when they think that the United States paid them \$20,000,000 for the privilege of trying to crush what they had for years tried to crush, and failing as they had failed. Truly President McKinley's policy should cause the breast of every American who loves the honor of his country to swell with pride.

Senator Hanna is trying to coerce the 1000 employes of the Ashtabula dock, which he owns. At the noon hour the other day he made them a speech and threatened them that unless they voted the republican ticket they might find a lack of work. They are mostly of foreign birth, Poles, Finns, Swedes and Italians.

Senator Hanna, through the firm of M. A. Hanna & Co., of which he is the head, figures as a prominent directing member of the mammoth soft coal trust recently organized in Western Pennsylvania. The senator's son, Daniel R. Hanna, was one of the most active organizers of this great monopoly and President McKinley's cousin, Frank M. Osborne, is to be president of this combine.

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That is the way all druggists sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer to bitter, nauseating tonics. Price, 50c

A Thousand Tongues

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