THE SPEECH OF WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Delivered in Pendleton, Oregon, on March 20th, 1900.

TRUSTS, FINANCE AND EMPIRE HIS THEMES

Stands for Legitimate Expansion and for Assisting the Filipinos to Independence.

LIKE LINCOLN, HE BELIEVES IN THE MAN BEFORE THE DOLLAR

Taxes Are the Poor Man's Burden-Income Tax-The Cry of the Financier Parties Should Deal Honestly with the People-The Theory of Good Trusts and Bad Trusts-The Trust Issue Met-Imperialism and Militarism,

impressions the banks, organized wealth and the great newspapers, all those factors supposed to be potent, with all of them trying to change the Chicago piatform, they have not succeeded in taking one syllable out of that platform written in 1896, and we are near enough to the next convention now to know that when the delegates meet at Kansas City there will not be opposition enough to that platform to demand a roll-call in the convention.

To me that is a significant fact and

To me that is a significant fact, and an illustration of the capacity of the people to take care of themselves and

which they belong. We had a great fight in '96 to get the Democratic party back to the Democratic principles. For many campaigns the financiers had secretly controlled the financial policy of both parties, and had written the financial policies of both parties.

Re-asserted the Declaration of Indepen-

denue.

In '96 the voters took the party ou

ver Republicans have been thinking

and this means one-half of the battle Those who marched under the banners

of free suver in 1896 are still true to

And, as an educational campaign, it was a success. For when election day

came we had a majority of the Ameri can people who believed in our doctrine

box, we would have had a large major ity in the United States. But the Re-

publican party resorted to intimidation

and the corporations resorted to intimi-

dation, and by this means they wer successful and able to carry the elec-

tion. But they were barely able to carry it, because 20,000 votes, changed from the Republican party to our re-form forces in the countful states.

would have changed the result of the

nection.

Now, since 1896 the Republican party

has gone from bad to worse, and if one of you Republicans thinks there is hope for reform in the Republican party now, I want to tell you that you are

doomed to disappointment. The Re-publican party got so bad that the Pop-

Abraham Lincoln signed a bili provid-

the greenbacks saved the country; and yet now the Republicans are trying to retire the greenbacks and give the Na-tional banks a monopoly of our money.

You said: "Hurrah for a man who has the courage to denounce Cleveland! sturrah for a man who has the courage to make man the master and all things

nad an educational campaign.

The speech of William Jennings or that anything else in that platform is gryan, delivered in Pendleton on dead, let me remind you that with the limpressions the banks, organized wealth stenographic report accurately made by an expert. The printing of the speech critices generally, regardless of party aminations. Many who attended the pryan meeting and heard him speak, lestred carefully to rend the address, wante aundresis of persons who were bened the privilege of listening to the Commoner from Nebraska were anx-ious to know accurately the manner in watch Mr. Bryan treated the issues of

The supporters of Mr. Bryan urge upon ail voters a careful and dispusnonate perusal of the columns containing the address. Therein may be found a survey of the field of national politics, in which by a statesman, a patriot, a student of events, a brave champion of the rights of man, every prominent issue is expansitively treated. appromized, the speech of Air. Bryan favors lederal control of corporations through the issuance of a license conditioned upon compliance with a wisely

drawn anti-trust law; the legitimate expansion of the territory of the ion, opposing, however, imperialism as represented in the prevailing policy of the republican party; and lavors the rehabilitation of silver. Vigorous discussion of the Puerto Rican tariff bull is a leading feature of the address. In view of the passage of the much mooted Puerto Brean tariff

bill, and the republican party's deconon as embodied therein, that the constitution follows not the day, " the views of Ar. Bryan and the predictions which he made regarding that measure take on especial significance. Certain it is, that, considering the

national prominence and prospective candidacy of Mr. Bryan for the presidency, all voters may well give the adthoughtful consideration. Mr. bryan's address in full was as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentle I am greatly obliged for the and complimentary words as by the chairman in introducing to you, but I want you to believe when I say that I have a higher motive than to be President of the United States, and when I say that, I don't want you to think that I am not struck. satisfied with the title, I do not want United States and Emperor of the Philippine Islands. That is not my mean-ing, but I have an ambition that does not depend for its gratification upon applause or your commendation. piness upon an ambition that could only be satisfied by the occupancy of s high office, for you can't always tell shat people are going to think of your deas, and it is often difficult to mainbetween your opinion yourself and others' opinion of you.

Values American Citizensnip. Therefore, I prefer an ambition that chinen is one which is shared by chisen that loves his country. every citizen that loves his country. It is an ambition to do what I can to make American citizenship a thing that will prize, that to be a citizen in this and will be greater than to be a King of Emperor in any other land. There-ors to the control of the ore, I can feel indifferent as to what the future may have for me in the way of offices, but I am interested in this

I am going to live here for years to sometimes when I find that Republican papers have a good deat of attention to prise me, and speak not always in componentary terms. I feel like remissing them that, unless I am cut off is my prime, I shall be here for a great many years, and they can distribute their discourses, over a great many time an each baue of the paper. But, of course, if I am going to be here many years, in the course of nature, I am interested in having the Govern-ment good. If this Government is good, I shall share in its blessings. If it is bad, I cannot avoid my share of its calamity, and it would be well for the people to realize that the majority of the people must rise or fall together. people to realize that the majority of the people must rise or fall together. Some can exempt themselves. The man who holds the postoffice may be indifferent to what is going on around him, so long as his salary is paid. The man who can set some special privilege may get along very well, no matter what may come to his neighbor. But, my friends, the great majority of the people are "in the same boat," and will be hurt by the same things or lenefited by the same things, and I want you to believe me when I say that I would rather see every principle that have advocated, every policy that I have supported go down in defeat, if it would bring good to my country, than to be the means of the majority of the people are seen the same things. have supported go down in defeat, if it would bring good to my country than to be the means of bringing evivocated, and I am going to assume that the Republicans feel the same way. I am going to assume that there are bresent at this meeting a large number of Republicans, men who were against us in '96.

Talks to Republicans.

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I believe it is unnecessary to talk to those who were with us in 1896, for if there was one reason that you had for voting against the Republican party in %, there are sixteen reasons why you should never vote for it again. I don't believe it is necessary to say anything to encourage the man who in 1896 unterstood the contest then raging between plutocracy and democracy. plutogracy and democracy.

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se, but who had a chance to see

The Puerte Rican Question.

last Summer the Governor of Puerto Rico sent a report to Washing-ton that the Puerto Ricans must have free trade with the United States. He free trade with the United States. He said that, under the present system, their condition was worse than when under Spanish rule, and that therefore he petitioned for free trade. The Secretary-General made a report, in which he said that the considerations of justice required that we give them free trade, and the President said it was our "plain duty" to give the Puerto Ricans free trade, and Mr. Jones, chairman of the ways and means committee in the House, introduced a bill giving free trade to the Puerto Ricans. It looked like they were actually going to do something good.

But the trusts demanded a tariff between this country and Puerto Rico, and this country and Puerto Rico,

But the trusts demanded a tariff between this country and Puerto Rico, and they were sufficiently powerful to compel the chairman of the ways and means committee to introduce a bill directly contradictory to the one first proposed. They had power to silence the pitiful and eloquent pleadings of the people of Puerto Rico; they had power to override the demands of the Governor of Puerto Rico; they had power that, was greater than the "plain duty" of Congress, as stated by the President, and now we have through Congress a bill providing for a tariff between this country and Puerto Rico, and they compelled every Republican member of Congress to support that bill, except a brave few, and now you men who talk about our benevolence in the dealings with other nations—you people who talk about the leaves and the telegram. And why is the law so written? Because the telegraph companies have more influence with the makers of the law than the people who send the telegram.

able yet to turn. I would like to tell you how bad that Puerto Rican bill is. I would like to do it, but language fails cial policies of both parties. The same financiers had worked together in writ-ing the platforms and nominating the candidates on both tickets, and, having me, and I don't know how I can ex-plain the infamous character of that bill any better than by explaining that oill any better than by explaining that the bill is so bad that the Oregonian

Republicans Swallow It.

written the platforms and nominated the candidates, the financiers could sit back and say, "No matter who wins. They are both good men. The people will suffer, whichever wins." And yet, you Republicans, many of you, will swallow it down, and you will be like a party that was on a hunting expedition. They agreed that they would take turns in cooking, and that any one who complained of the cooking would have to take his turn next, and so such his work. of the hands of those who had been running it, and they wrote a pintiorm that read like a declaration of independence, and they have stood by that pintiorm ever since. Republicans, the removable party today is built from the voter up. Yours is built from the voter up. Yours is built from the voter up. and so each man was careful not to complain. One morning they had some very tough steak, and one of the fellows said: "This is the very toughest steak that I ever saw; but that's the way I like it." You Republicans might as well get yourselves ready to flop, for Mr. Hanna says they have votes enough in the Senate to pass it, and whatever Mr. Hanna says goes, in the Republican party. and so each man was careful not to the voter up. Yours is bunt from the posses down. In our party today, it a leader goes astray, he doesn't take anybody with him. We had men led astray in '96, but their power to harm is past. Democrats have been thinking, ropulists have been thinking, the Siver Republicans have been thinking.

Republican party.

I want to tell you Republicans the difference between your party now and in the '60s. In 1856 the Republican National platform contained a plank inviting all the people of the country to join the Republican party in carrying the Government back to the principles their doctrine, and the Republican party cannot again deceive the Amer-ican people, as it deceived many in 36. The trouble was that in 26 new ques-tions were presented, about which the people had not been thinking, and we

> In '59 Lincoln wrote a letter to the ne birthday of Jefferson, for the Re-ublicans then celebrated the birthday f Thomas Jefferson. They celebrate birth of Hamilton now, who was egard for the great statesman, eulogistic as any that a Democrat could pay, in that letter said that the Repubar, but that, in case of con-believed in the man before the What do you think of that, ans? Don't you think that Republicans? Lincoin was right when he placed the man first and the dollar afterwards? Read his speeches! He never made a eech of any length that didn't bring forth that idea, that the man came first and the dollar afterward; but today the Republican party has reversed it, and

able to reform, and then it got worse, and the Silver Republicans went out, and left it still less able to reform oday it puts the dollar first and the taetf; and then it kept getting worse Lincoln and the Republican Party. and the Gold Democrats went in and Abraham Lincoln stood for the Re-ublican party in the 60s. He was the ade it hopeless.
But today the Republican party is the tool of organized wealth in the United States, and I am going to make it so plain to you that you cannot deny and you cannot want to hold to the Republican party when it is preparing to recognize and take care of organized wealth, to the entire disregard of the weifare of the plain people of this coun-

man of conviction. He boasted of his conviction. He beginning the Republican party was organized by men who left other parties because their convictions were stronger than their party ties, but now the definition of a Republican to the definition of the dollar first and the man afterwards pervades every Republican to the Republican policy. You remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If the reason. But I have my suspicions that the Republican policy. You remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If the reason. But I have my suspicions that the Republican policy. You remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If the reason. But I have my suspicions that the Republican policy. You remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember that in '96 we had a plank advocating the income tax. If you remember were stronger than their party ties, but now the definition of a Republican party is, an association of athletes, trained to turn somersaults in unison, whonever the leaders say "Fiop." It you are not aglic, if you are not able to turn somersaults on command, you will have to get out of the Republican party. Let me show you some of the somersaults that the party has turned. Abraham Lincoln signed an income tax, but a graded one, heaviest upon the largest incomes. In '94 the Republican party turned a somersault and voted against the income tax. I did afterward. did afterward. I said, suppose they do? Won't the poor Republicans come in to take their places? I thought they would. I didn't know the poor Republicans as well then as I did afterward. I found that, while the rich Democrat was often watching the policies and ready to support any party that was willing to support any principle that would give him exemption from his just share of the public burden, that a poor Republican was ready to halloo for anything that was in his platform.

rage to denounce Cleveland; had put a tariff on woolen goods, and for a man who has the courage man the master and all things rant!" And then he was elections, and did just the same and they thought that they had found

things that Cleveland did, and favored the corporations, and then you Republicans stood up and hallooed and hurrahed for McKinley, and said: "Hurrah for a man that will make money the master and all things else servant." Another somersault.

In 1897 Mr. McKinley sent a message he said:

"I speak not of forcible annexation." And now you are expected to hurrah for a man man that will make money the said:

"I speak not of forcible annexation that goes six or seven thousand miles away from home and tries to force annexation upon millions of people, a people who don't want annexation. You have to turn a somersault. There are some people who don't want annexation. You have to turn a somersult there.

Bu, friends, you have had two years to turn the met himself coming back.

The Puerte Rican Question.

A iaw that would raise the price of wood the price of goods made and unit also lower the price of goods made and they will tell you why: Because of the fact that the President appointed a gold-standard man as Secretary of the sandard man as Secretary of the sandard man as Secretary of the sandard man as Secretary of the separation. It used to hear Republicans discussing gold-standard speeches in the United States while the commission was in the pople will have to go to the silver to the mint, and have it coincil into a dollar, and then they would denounce a policy that would bring this profit to the minewormer, and then they would denounce a policy that would bring this profit to the minewormer, and then they would denounce a policy that would bring this profit to the minemal and the value of the meal by law: that you were simply making a 50-cent dollar, and that it was not worth a cent more than the got through his speech, you were reminded of the man who went over a mountain by a path that was so limber up on that subject. I want to tell you of a somersault you will have to go to the silver to the mine and the commission and support the policies of organized wealth. The people who don't want the mine and the proposed o

I say I was surprised that people didn't understand the income tax in 1896. I thought that when the poor Republicans saw the rich Democrats rush-ing out of the party in order to avoid a

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ing out of the party in order to avoid a just law, that the poor Republicans would rush into the party in order to secure the benefits of a just law. I thought it would be like the story of the Irishman's mule. An Irishman was driving a mule along the road, when the mule began to kick. He finally got his feet over the dashboard, and the Irishman, looking at the feet, said: "All right, you can get in if you want to; but when you get in I get out." But if the poor Republicans didn't see what was going on in '96, they have had what was going on in '96, they have had i chance to see since, because we have had a war, and that war made it necessary to raise more revenue, and the

ou men who talk about our benevonce in the dealings with other naons—you people who talk about the
sendings of a free government—you
seople who boast that the flag means
he same everywhere, will have to get
an a platform that tears the flag away
rom the Constitution and places the
fuerto Ricans at the mercy of the
rusts of this country.

Why, that change was so sudden that
some of the newspapers have not been
able yet to turn. I would like to tell

companies have more influence with the
makers of the law than the people who
send the telegrams. Down in lowa I
ran across another illustration of this
sax the other day, when I had to pay
30 cents for riding in the chair car.
Now I had been used to paying 25 or
30 cents, and I wondered why they
wanted 30 cents. They explained that
the was placed upon the ticket, so that the
telegraph company must collect I cent
for the Government and 4 cents for the

trouble they went to in collecting that I cent. When the war broke out and the country needed more revenue, the Republican party didn't call for an in-come tax. They fought the income tax before all the courts up to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court rendered Court, and the Supreme Court rendered a decision by a majority of one, deciding the income tax unconstitutional, and now the people understand what it is to have a Government unlimited when it deals with the citizen, but imited when it deals with the property. The Republican party has borrowed everything bad from the English, including the idea of a large standing army, but in England they tax incomes to pay the expenses of it. The Repay the expenses of it. The Republicans have the large army, too, but they want the people to pay for it. The Republicans want an imperial policy

here, but they are not willing for the

wealth of the country to support it.
What do you think of this, Republicans? What do you think of a policy
that makes the poor man pay for the
army while the rich man goes free? The Poor Man's Burden.

But if you Republican men are so blinded by prejudice that you cannot see the injustice of a system that makes the poor man pay more than his share of the public burden, if you are so blinded by prejudice that you cannot see that the Republican party is enof Washington and Jefferson. Republicans, what do you think of Jefferson now? Why, then you invoked his name; now you call him an old demagogue. Your platform of 56 denounced the highwayman's plea that might makes right, and said it was unworthy of the diplomacy of any nation, and yet your imperialism is based upon the doctrine that might makes right.

In 59 Lincoin wrote a letter to the mother, no matter how much she needs him; the husband from the wife, no matter how much she needs him. No matter how much she needs the father, r the brother, they must go. ernment can take the husband, son or father, but in the hour of danger this Government will not lay its hands on the accumulated wealth, nor draft on cent of the hoarded millions, but make the burden stand upon the heads o those who are less able than ever to

stand it.
I cannot dwell long on any one ques-tion. I want to show that on the money question the Republicans are again putting it before the man. Republican papers tell you that the money question is dead. Well, the Republican leaders have been burying it so often that a little thing like a funeral doesn bother us any more like it used to. I hear any more of the silver question But it was up again in '93. In 'they said: "Well, that's settled." But '92 your leaders said: You will neve publican party in the '60s. He was the they said: "Well, that's settled." But Republican party, in all its hopes and aspirations and its ideals. Mark Hanna again. It was up again in '95, and had stands for the Republican party today. to be buried again, but was out in in its ideas, its ideals, its hopes and its aspirations. If I were skillful with the crayon, I would have a blackboard then and forever. I read it in the nere, and I would draw a picture of newspapers the next morning after Abraham Lincoln at one side of the election, but it was up in '97, and had board, and at the other I would draw to be buried again, and it was up in a picture of Mark Hanna, and I would '28, and had to be buried again, and it Change in Republican Policy.

The trouble with the Republicans is that many of them have been cinging to the party name without considering the change that has taken place in the policies of the party. They mave been watching the shell of the egg and thinking that they had a good egg is part white and party for a good egg is part white and party yellow, but a bad egg is all yellow. It used to be that a Republican was a man of conviction.

The trouble with the Republicans look at the tobog again, and it is up this year again, and it is up th was up in '99, and had to be buried again, and it is up this year again, and the obsequies are still in progress. I have examined the so-called corpse,

Let me show you what has been done. In '84 Mr. Cleveland was elected Prevident upon a platform that spoke of honest money, the gold and silver coinage of the Constitution, and, after he went into office, he tried to discriminate against silver. The Republicans adopted a platform in '88 denument Grover ed a platform in '88 denouncing Grover Cleveland's administration because he tried to demonetize gliver, and they elected a Republican President, and he tried to demonetize silver, and they elected a Republican President, and he went on and did the same thing, and then, in 1892, both parties declared for a double standard, and Mr. Cleveland was elected, and the Gold Democrats and the Gold Republicans joined together and repealed the Sherman isw and took away from silver the only support it had. In '96 the three parties joined under one banner and declared for independent blever and declared

ism: but, as soon as the President took his seat, he sent a commission to Europe to carry out the letter of the platform, without its spirit, and I believe that commission was a fraud; not that the men who composed it were not in carnest, but that the men who sent

express his sorrow that the commission failed to get international bimetalism, and thus carry out the promise made by the Republicans in '96.

Well, after that failure you never heard any more talk about international bimetalism among the Republicans. Why, in January of '97, before the President had taken his seat, the financiers and capitalists had declared that the last election made the gold standard permanent, and demanded the retirement of the greenbacks, and I standard permanent, and demanded the retirement of the greenbacks, and I have no doubt that, during the campaign of '96, the Republican teaders made a secret promise to the financiers that they would maintain the gold standard and retire the greenbacks, and yet they dared not let the American people know that the promise had been made; but, as soon as they heard that international bimetalism had met with defeat, they came out openly and predefeat, they came out openly and pre-pared to fulfill their promise.

The Cry of the Financiers.

And so affairs went on until '98. In And so affairs went on until '98. In 1898 we had a war, and the financiers set up the cry for the people to hold up the hands of the President, and so the people all prepared to hold up the hands of the President, and while the people were helding up the hands of the President the financiers were preparing to hold up the records. President the financiers were preparing to hold up the people, and since the election was over they began to plan their gold-standard bill. When Congress met last December, they had the bill all ready. When it was introduced it was made the first thing on the programme, and every Republican was whipped into line. When the bill was being discussed, all the little two-byfour Republicans—who daily pray to Mark Hanna, "Give us this day our daily opinion"—made their little gold-standard speeches. There was no talk standard speeches. There was no talk about silver. Some of them stated that they had been fooling with silver long they had been fooling with silver long enough, and every Republican member in Congress voted for the bill, and the Senate committee reported it back as a gold-standard bill. They began to get scared, and the committee brought back an amendment that this bill was not intended as an obstacle in the way of bimetalism, whenever other nations would help us to get it. And now all these little Republican members will have to get leave to add a bimetalism tail to their gold-standard speeches.

And, my friends, if you will hear the

And, my friends, if you will hear the fold-standard man talk now, you will ind that he defends the gold standard entirely upon arguments that have arisen since the last election; and, if he now has to resort to arguments that have arisen since the last election, he must not have had very good argu-ments at the last election. The main argument in favor of the gold standard now is that the wonderful discovery of

Some Pertinent Questions. Republicans, I want to ask you where you would have been but for that enormous increase. If we had enough in '96, we have too much now. Do you think we have too much now? Let me show you that you have not. Congress asked Mr. Gage why he deposited money in National banks without interest, and he immediately responded that it was necessary to deposit this money with the National banks to keep from contracting the currency and killing business. If we have too much now. The trust is bad. I don't know what to do. If any one knows more than I do. I wish he would suggest something." And then the Republican money trust. The Republican money trust. The Republican we wanted a larger army for several years. When out interest, and he didn't recommend any remedy. And we have imperialism, we must have a sage, I thought he had wasted a good many words when he said on the trust is bad. I don't know what to do. If any one knows more than I do. I wish he would suggest something." And then the Republican money trust. The Republican money trust. The Republican money trust. The Republican money trust. The Republican money trust the right to exist. This Administration we wanted to arbitrate the differences between capital and labor, they wanted a larger army. When they wanted a larger army to enforce it, and yet they dared not make the demand until the we have imperialism, we must have a sage, I thought he had wasted a good many words when he said on the trust want to warn yeu Republicans cannot defend their demand for a large army. If we don't have imperialism, we must have a ware imperialism, we must have a large army. If we don't have imperialism, we must have a large army. If we don't have imperialism, we must have imperialism, we have imperialism, we have imperialism, we have imperialism.

take away from silver its legal-tender qualities when silver was demonstized in '72, by stealth. This taking away of the legal tender occurred a year afterwards, but legal tender was restored to it in '78. But when the gold standard is complete, silver will not be a legal tender occurred a part of the trust issue.

I believe it is possible to destroy the trusts. Some remedies have been sugender, except for a small amount, and hen every dollar of the twenty or hirty billions of dollars of debt will be onyable in gold alone, and every man who owes a debt will have to find the gold to pay it with. This was the feature that was presented to the Republican party in 1896, and it was the National bank feature, that contem-plates the retirement of the legal-tenler Government paper and the aubsti-

Parties Should Deal Honestly.

Do you not believe that a party hould deal honestly with the people? If you do, you must condemn the Re-publican party for trying to destroy the bury it concern themselves. And yet the Repart and is not attempting now a monopoly of the business in the production of any article of merchandise, and provide for a revocation of the ilcense if the agreement is violated. You can that militarism is worse than any army would have condemned it to over publican party has passed a bill that the wheming defeat, had it been proposed in the last campaign. It gives an elastic currency, with the banks holding both ends of the elastic. They can stretch it or contract it, as they choose. If you would not dare to compel your people to depend upon a spring for water, and leave that spring in the charge of a corporation, and leave that corporation, and leave that corporation, and leave that corporation without any restrictions placed upon them as to what they should charge for water. You would not dare to do the not dissolve and the independent refineries would enter into competition.

And, suppose the Standard Oil Complex to taxation without any restrictions pany should ask for a license. The not dare to do it, and leave that dependent refineries would show the nations whether you have monopolics in the farmer's worm that earning the farmer's worm there, and I want to tell you that militarism is worse than any army worm out here, but the farmer's worm that earning the farmer's word in the provide in the provide for a revocation of the license if the army worm out there, but the farmer's worm that rewist militarism is worse than any army worm out there, but the farmer's worm that rewist and the farmer's word in the provide for a revocation of the license if the surface and preword for a revocation of the license if the army worm out retor that militarism is worse than any army worm out retor the license weighted down the farmer's should charge for water. You would not dare to do it, and leave your people dependent upon that spring. And yet money is as essential to commerce as water is to existence, and you are will-ing that the banks shall control all of the money and give you much or little, as they find it profitable to themselves.

deposit it and get back the face value in bank notes and draw interest on the bond at the same time. The ordinary man may eat his cake, or keep it. The bank can eat its cake, and keep it, too. As the Republicans are becoming the is, like a coward, in the hour of need, the greenbacks saved the country; and willing to support any principle that was in the Republicans are trying to retire the greenbacks and give the National banks a monopoly of our money. Another somersault.

It used to be that the Republican administration party was a bitter enemy to trusts. Now, more trusts have been organized under a Republican administration has ever hefore in the history of our country, and on that issue you have to turn another somersault.

In '91, Mr. McKinley denounced Grover Cleveland, and said he was discriminating against the people in favor of the corporations, and was trying to make money the master and all things to the servant, and you Republican party had put a tariff on wool to raise the price of the courage to denounce Cleveland!

The courage to denounce Cleveland!

We are going to have the banks furnish the money that the mints new furnish, and if they furnish enough they must furnish enough for the ever-increasing demands of business, as the

There are some people who don't like to think about the money question. Some people think it is so intricate that they just cannot think about it, so they go into the bank and ask the banker what he thinks. But we have got a question that is much simpler than the money question, and that is the question about the trusts. If you are so feelle that you can't see a find.

The trust question is the same now as it was then, but it is more important because there are more trusts. I was in the Army for a little while in '98, and in the Army for a little while in '98, and we were encamped in Florida, and we found that the mosquito question was an interesting question. It was the same in principle whether we had one mosquito or a million, but the question became more interesting as the number of mosquitos increased. And so the trust question becomes more interesting as the number of trusts increases. We have a great many trusts, and we all get a chance to find out what the trust means. A milk trust greets the trust means. A milk trust greets the infant when he comes into the world a coal trust pursues him in Winter; an ice trust is after him in the Summer, and a coffin trust waits for him when life's fitful dream is over.

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Good Trusts and Bad Trusts.

Until three years ago you never heard of Republicans defending a trust. Now you cannot get a leading Republican to give an unqualified condemnation of the trusts. About the closest that he will say is that there are good trusts and bad trusts, and he will spend so much time in trying to explain the difference that you won't know what he is talking about by the time he gets through. He reminds me of the mother who was teaching her boy about the Christian martyrs, and showed him a picture representing the lions tearing the Christians to pieces in the arena The boy looked thoughtially at the picture for a moment. He seemed to

you point out a trust and ask him why he doesn't destroy that trust, and he says that the law doesn't seem to quite take in that one. It is a big law when argument in favor of the gold standard now is that the wonderful discovery of gold since 1896 has made silver uscless; but, if that is the reason now, what reason did they have for claiming that the gold standard was the best in '36'. We have \$200,000,000 more gold in the country now than we had in 1896, and I would remind you that you cannot find a speech made by a Republican speaker during the campaign of '36 in which that increase was promised. They neither promised nor expected it, and now they base their argument upon an increase that they neither promised nor expected.

Some Particial Question.

said the trusts were a great evil, but he didn't recommend any remedy. And when I read that portion of the mes-sage, I thought he had wasted a good ess, do you think we have too much lican orators say, I wonder if those Re noney? oney?

And to show you what a poor foundal it seems to me that all their policies on you have upon which to stand to are so contrary to right and justice tion you have upon which to stand to are so contrary to right and justice defend the gold standard, let me remind you that the gold standard is not yet complete. When the gold standard your neighbor as yourself; but when I is complete, you will have no legal-see how tenderly the Republican party tender money but gold. They didn't takes care of the trusts, I know that

I believe it is possible to destroy the rusts. Some remedies have been sug tested. Let me suggest one that I be lieve is simple and yet effective. Con gress has power to regulate interstate commerce. Let Congress say that, be commerce. Let Congress say that, be-fore any corporation organized in any state does business in any other state it must take out a license from the Fed-eral Government. These licenses will not enable it to do business in another state until it has compiled with certain necessary regulations. Nor will the il-cense be granted until after the water has been squeezed out of the stock Squeeze the water! You will have a flood for a while, but you will have honest corporations afterward. none defined a syndicate as a body of one defined a syndicate as a body of to see the ravages made by the army worm. I don't know whether you have ever had the army worm out here, but and then provide that the corporation the farmers were afraid of the army worm there, and I want to tell you that militarism is worse than any army at the monopoly of the business in the production of silverse of more provided as a syndicate as a body of the army worm. I don't know whether you have ever had the army worm out here, but farmer's worm that ever attacked the farmer's worm that ever attacked the farmer's had been defined as a provided as a syndicate as a body of the army worm. I don't know whether you have ever had the army worm out here, but farmer's worm that ever attacked the farmer's worm that ever attacked the farmer's worm that ever attacked the farmer's worm.

ries must go to work; or, the tobacco trust should ask for a license and the evidence would show that it was a mo-nopoly, and the tobacco trust would break up, and independent factories would spring up and competition would

again control prices.

I believe it is an easy way to get rid
of the great trusts and monopolies,
believe it is working along the line of
the least resistance. We may find some way that is better, but the monopol must be broken in some way. The very men who are behind the gold standard stand behind the trusts. The same men who led in the fight of '96 against a 50-cent dollar, go into the banks and fill their vaults with trust certificates that are not worth 25 cents on the dolthat are not worth 25 cents on the dol-lar. John J. Mitchell, of the Illinois Savings Bank, of Chicago, said that in the long run, trusts can do no harm. In the long run! What consolation is that to a short-winded man who cannot stand a long run? What of the man who suffers bankruptcy before the run is completed? What of the man who suffers robbery and extortion while the

The Tribute to Trusts.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the price of oil and declared a dividend of 34 per cent. The barb wire trust has raised the price of barb wire more than 109 per cent, and declared a dividend of 30 per cent on its common stock. What of those people who are to be the victims? What is the consolation to them that "in the long run" the trust can do no harm? And yet we are met by the cry that under this administration we

are having prosperity. Prosperity, like charity, covers a multitude of sins. If the Republican party goes into the campaign saying that it promised prosperity and brought it, we will put in a plank that will be very brief. Let every one who is receiving his share of the prosperity vote the Republican ticket, and let every one who is not receiving his share of the prosperity vote our ticket, and if we get all those votes, we will get the largest majority of the century.

Wheat is worth less than it was last Wheat is worth less than it was last year, less than it was in '97, less than it was in '97, less than it was in '96, and in '96 during the campaign we had Mr. Cleveland for President, and the newspapers said we had a Bryan panic, and that that was the cause of the low price, and yet wheat is lower now than it was with Cleveland President, and a Bryan panic on top of it. When you sell your wheat for less money than you could in '96, the barb wire that you get is twice as high as it was, and that furniture is 20 or 30 per cent higher, and when you pay for it you get less for your wheat. You are burning the candle at both ends, and you will never get prosperity as

How can the Republicans help the farmer? The farmer's prosperity comes from two sources, an increased crop and an increased price. Can the Republicans help the crop? You would imagine they could. You would imagine, to hear them talk, that they could send bounteous showers if you voted the Republican ticket, and hot winds when you voted are true to Dewinds when you voted against the Republican party. If you will appeal to nature and reason, you will see that the showers fall without the ald of the Republican party. They have no mo-nopoly on them. But if you want to go down for your water, and have a well, you will find that the pipe you use is fully 100 per cent higher than it was in '96. They don't increase your crop any. But they promised in '96 to bring you a better price for it.

Christian martyrs, and showed him a picture representing the lions tearing the Christians to pieces in the arena. The boy looked thoughtfully at the picture for a moment. He seemed to catch the idea, and said, pointing down to one corner of the picture: "Oh, a mamma, there is one poor little lion that isn't getting a bit!" If you attempt to show the Republican party that the people are suffering from the trusts, they don't see that the people are suffering from the trusts, they don't see that the people are suffering a bit, but point out some poor, little trust that isn't getting any. You ask a Republican why his party doesn't destroy trusts by some new law, and he says they have a law. And you point out a trust and ask him why ask you to support the Republican ticket. No, my friends, I believe that the people of this country, when they stop to consider these questions, will find that the Republican party has given itself over to the support of or-ganized wealth, and cannot now be reded upon by the people of the Repub-lic. But these questions were all dis-cussed during the last campaign.

Imperialism and Militarism.

There are two new questions. and a chance to talk to you on the old questions once before, but since I was nere we have had two new questions thrust into the arena of politics as the result of the war with Spain. One is

These two stand or fall together. If

We had twenty-five thousand soldiers

in the regular army in 1896, when Mc-Kinley was elected, and yet, in Decemer, 1898, two months before hostilities tically agreed upon, President McKin-ey asked Congress for an increase, making the army four times as great. That bill went through Congress, and the Republicans in Congress would have fastened upon the people of this country an army of one hundred thou-sand, and it was only prevented by the action of the Democrats and Populists and Silver Republicans in the Senate-if, in the coming election, you vote the Republican ticket, you vote to approve this demand for a large standing army. Did you ever know of an army being called out to protect the farmer? And yet, while the farmer now receives none the benefits of the army, he pays ore than his share of the burdens, and he votes this policy, he will be faoring a system that takes seventy five thousand men from the ranks of the wealthproducers, and places t as a burden upon the backs of the maining toilers, and the remain toilers must work a little longer, toll a little barder, and sacrifice a little more in order to carry this load. In boyhood, I went out one morning

from making faces at us, while swallow "benevolent assimilation."

Self-Evident Truths.

And this question of imperialism is the simplest question, it is the pialn-est question, and it is the most easily understood question that the American people have had placed before them for many years. Our forefathers declared over a century ago, that there are certain self-evident truths, and we are dealing with self-evident truths, truths so plain that they need no argument to support them, truths so plain that they are accepted upon the very statement of them, and this Philippine question brings us face to face with self-evident

Republicans, your orators will try to deceive you as they discuss imperialism, just as they tried to deceive you on the money question. They talked about an honest dollar and good money, and you know now that they meant the gold standard. But they didn't say gold. A Republican Senator didn't want the word gold put into the St. Louis platform. He said they could state it just as well and leave out the word gold, because of the prejudice against it; and so, today, the Republicans will try to leave out the word imperialism. They want it expansion, and yet it is imperialism that they want. Imperialism is so bad, that in a speech that the President made, he said that no one wanted imperialism, and yet he made the speech while the Republican House was pushing through the house a bill that asserted that very doctrine.

And when I read the President's protest against imperialism, and then read Republicans, your orators will try to