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A congressman has been discovered who used his government frank to send his clothes by mail. If this congressman would "frank" himself into the penitentiary he would not be missed.

The Philippine revenues for April are reported at the very handsome figure of $831,255.50, but that amount is $29,168.50 less than it cost the United States to maintain its forces in the islands during the month.

Rich gold mines are said to have been discovered recently in Japan. If this proves true it will be an incentive for the "civilized powers" to meddle in Japan's affairs. Among civilized people the love of gold is allowed to be the root of most evil.

Bismarck once said that "South Africa will be the grave of the British Empire." If the English do not watch their p's and q's Bismarck's prophecy will come true. The South African war is becoming a stone around the financial neck of Great Britain.

The municipal elections in Indiana last week showed surprising democratic gains. But Governor Mount, republican, says the elections indicate nothing as to the result in state and nation next fall; that the issues were purely local and for that reason have no bearing on the presidential contest.

One of the German steamship companies is building an Atlantic liner that will go from New York to Queenstown in a little over four days, or about 100 hours. The builders of this great floating palace are doing a great deal to lengthen life, for they will enable the human race to accomplish in one hour where before two hours were required. To enable us to do in a day, a month or a year what our fathers could do in twice the time doubles human life, because it doubles the experience, opportunity and accomplishment thereof.

In the Massachusetts republican platform the plank referring to trusts says: "Such combinations are the inevitable results of the sharp competition which relentlessly enforces reductions of cost, and are consequently an incident of prosperity; but the evils which arise from them are not to be cured by a return to adversity through the success of the democratic party. Such a remedy would be worse than the disease." This reads well, but it was probably written by some attorney of a trust which contributes liberally to the success of the party which always looks out for those who believe that government by the few is preferable to government by the people.

There is more gold and more silver money and a larger total of money in circulation in the United States than ever before in the history of the country. Four years ago the total circulation per capita was $21.53 and now it exceeds $26. On the first of May, 1896, there was only $97,000,000 of gold held by the United States treasury. On the first of May, 1900, the treasury held $426,846,000 of gold. In 1896 greenbacks and treasury notes were surrendered to the government and gold demanded for them, but this year these issues of paper money, as well as bank note issues of paper, are more in demand, and gold is less so, hence the treasury is over-burdened with the yellow metal. So long as our circulating medium is endorsed by the "confidence" of a certain class there is always plenty of money. To secure expressions of this "confidence" costs the plain people a great sum in providing a large number of "financiers," and "professional" people with luxurious livings and vast profits. Yet the plain people could have good money and be relieved of this burden of "confidence" if they would repeal all laws for the collection of debts, cease making money a legal tender and stamp both gold and silver as to weight and fineness, leaving the value of both metals to be established in the markets of the world, the same as is the case with other products of labor. But the plain people seem averse to being in a hurry to remove those who are content to sit astride their backs. The slave is the last fellow in the world to realize that there is anyone on his back, and he even thinks that he is dependent upon his master, rather than that his master is dependent upon him.

THE POTENCY OF MORAL ISSUES.

Christian civilization is on trial. It is now face to face with the temptations before which all prior civilization went down. Human nature shows no change throughout the long and tragic record of man. The passions that dominated the earliest races and nations of which we have record show no abatement in the breast of man today. The man that Homer portrayed is the man that is still on the stage. The varying scenes presented by different nations and ages resulted from the ideas that dominated at the time.

Nineteen hundred years ago a Messenger from on High brought words of life and light into the then sordid world. In the market place there were no ears to hear the truths he spoke, but from the ranks of humble fishermen and from among the poor and lowly he gathered a following. The words of the Nazarene became a new dispensation which wrought nearly eighteen centuries before it was able to make its impress upon government and substitute love for force.

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The immortal Declaration of Independence was the first recognition of Christian doctrine in the domain of government. It was a proclamation of universal emancipation, resting upon the eternal constitution written in the universal heart, by the author of creation.

The truths enunciated at Philadelphia in 1776 and put into organic form by the makers of the American constitution, brought forth a new civilization, purer loftier and grander than the world had ever known before. Under it men walked upright in the image of his Maker, knowing no master but the King of Kings.

Under the new dispensation moral forces became supreme, the school and the church displaced the castle and the fortress, and the American republic rose in splendor until the spark kindled at Philadelphia became a dazzling sun in the highway of nations whose rays of light and hope penetrated the gloom in the hearts of men everywhere, bidding despair give way to hope and resolution.

The inherited evils in our social life withered under the moral fervor that animated and actuated our growth into a fuller realization of the broader responsibilities of national life. Chattel slavery went down at a cost of blood and treasure that only finds justification and compensation in the fulfillment of the moral law upon which the fathers so wisely built.

The conscience of the nation revolted against a barbarous institution, the brutalizing influences of which clouded the moral horizon and infected the moral atmosphere with a miasma inconsistent with perfect health and growth.

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The sordid commercialism that has been arrayed on the side of wickedness in all ages and nations, opposing the American revolution in 1776, opposing intervention in behalf of the struggling patriots of Cuba in 1898, and in 1899 purchasing the Philippines and engaging in wars of conquest, was the defender of slavery and the culminator of those who above the din and noise of the market place heard the voice of God calling upon them to release their brothers from the yoke of slavery if they would save their children by leaving to them as an inheritance a government that would call down benedictions from heaven and not provoke the wrath of a just God.

The slavery question was a moral question. Slavery went down through the triumph of moral forces, and that triumph breached the chasm between the highest type of the Caucasian race and the helpless negro and forbade the former to make the latter his chattel.

Morals are not mere abstractions. There is no utility apart from what is moral. The strictly militarian can be found only in the moral. While there exists slaves, none can be entirely free. The fear of becoming a slave must haunt the weak until the hope of becoming master dies in the heart of the strong. Therefore, a slave anywhere is a menace to freedom everywhere. The consent of mankind to the existence of master and slave is a standing invitation to the strong to rob, plunder and enslave all others.

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The American Republic rests upon the eternal rock of truth, and if we steadfastly adhere to the principles upon which the fathers built, it will endure through all time, and be the means of the ultimate enfranchisement of the whole human race.

Glorious destiny! This is the star that bids us follow in its way.

Who is it that bids us depart from the teachings of the fathers, reject the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and launch our galleons on piratical seas. The answer is so plain that the wayfaring man, even though a fool, may not err therein. It is they who would expand sovereignty and contract citizenship. It is they who would make the flag mean one thing in the United States and another thing in Puerto Rico or the Philippines.

A vassal state anywhere under the American flag is but the prologue of returning despotism that will reduce the masses of the people to mere playthings of the rich and strong.

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Be not deceived by the sickly twaddle about five per cent, ten per cent, or any other per cent of discrimination against any people under our flag in Puerto Rico or elsewhere. The principle of equality before the law is as completely violated when we assert it to be our prerogative to tax without responsibility to the taxed, or to make taxation unequal, whether the amount of the tax be great or small. The commandment given on Sinai does not read, "Thou shalt not kill a little." Under the moral law no license is given to steal, kill, or bear false witness to the extent of five per cent or any other.

The man who will cast his vote in favor of unequal taxation in Puerto Rico, the Philippines or elsewhere is estopped in morals from complaining of the extortion of trusts, usurers, or of persecution by the rich who are able to purchase immunity from justice, because a vote to depart from the principle of equality before the law is a vote to reject all the safeguards of the weak against the strong, to reject moral forces and enthrone brute force.

The lines upon which the people will divide in the approaching election will be widely different from any that have ever existed before. No departure from the fundamental principles of popular government is contained in the question of whether the tariff be a few per cent higher or lower or in the expansion or contraction of the money volume, or whether the money metal be white, yellow, hard or soft. But the population to hold vassal states and subject peoples is a proposition to abandon American ideal and Christian civilization and turn our course backward toward empire despotism and death.—National Watchman.

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