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Henry Labouchere, M. P., and famous as a newspaper man, posted the following notice on the bulletin board of an aristocratic club of which he happens to be a democratic member: "The nobleman who stole my umbrella will please return it at once."

There is considerable satisfaction given expression to by republican newspapers over the fact that certain men will attempt to "cleanse the democratic party of Bryanism." If this is such a good thing to the democratic party, as is alleged, why are these organs so delighted over it?

The British government under Salisbury and Chamberlain has already spent \$500,000,000 in fighting the Boers, and its current military and naval budget is the largest in British history. The English are commencing to ask themselves, where is the money coming from necessary to whip the Boers, since five hundred millions have already been spent and the Boers are still in the best of fighting trim? The fact is the man who fights for liberty never knows when he is whipped and the English are just finding it out.

Charles R. Flint, trust organizer, at a recent banquet in the east, made remark that the result of the late election was an evidence that the trusts were upheld by the people and that they were here to stay. Republican papers are alarmed over Mr. Flint's statement and are fearful that others will accept it as a fact and govern themselves accordingly, thus giving republican endorsement to trusts and all monopolies. They declare the republican party should not take this position, seemingly forgetting that the republican party is already under the thumb of "organized capital" and ready to do its bidding. Mark Hanna has no fears such as are ascertained by these weakened republican organs.

President McKinley, in his speech in Philadelphia the other day, acknowledged with cheerful frankness that his re-election was not wholly due to republican efforts or republican votes. The words he used were: "We must not withhold generous acknowledgment from that great body of our citizens who, belonging to another party, powerfully assisted in the achievement of the result which you celebrate tonight." By this statement Mr. McKinley gives the people to understand that he is in position to be president of the whole people and means to be such in the broadest meaning of the term. He cannot be a candidate for a third time, and having no political fences to set up, he will be able to meet the duties of the office from a higher and more patriotic standpoint than heretofore. Relieved of the embarrassment that accompanies a wish for re-election he can devote his entire energy to meeting and carrying the responsibilities. It is here we have evidence for the contention that the presidential term should be one of six years and that no president should be a candidate to succeed himself.

The patent laws work into the hands of those who control great sums of money. They seldom help the struggling inventor. An illustration of the working of the patent laws is furnished from Chicago, where an inventor has designed a system of small gas plants suited for office buildings. With one of these plants gas can be furnished at a cost not exceeding ten or twelve cents a thousand cubic feet, and superior in quality to that for which the cities permit the gas monopolies to charge as much or more than a dollar a thousand. No one expects the people to get the benefit of the new patent and cheap gas. As soon as the invention has been fairly tested and has

proved a success the big gas monopolies, with their hundreds of millions, will buy or absorb the new idea, or suppress it, and go on supplying gas at the old figure through the streets that they are not supposed to own.

### THE DEMOCRATIC FUTURE.

Henry Watterson gives his view of the future of the democratic party in the Louisville Courier Journal, as follows: The saying that there is no good crying over spilt milk may be commended to those democrats who are disposed to take the defeat of Mr. Bryan too much to heart. By many lengths the world has not come to an end yet. Let not good men despair. There shall be swearing and fighting in plenty, and may be bettering about the polls long after the best of us are dead and done for. According to the plaints of the old federalists and later on of the old whigs, democracy was Original Sin itself and the elections of Jefferson and Jackson, the defeat of Clay, were sure preludes to the country's descent into the bottomless pit. Yet things did not fall out nearly so bad as that, and by the same token, perhaps we shall be able to worry along four years more even with Mr. McKinley in the White House. Leastways, as the children observe, we'll have to.

There is a good deal of nonsense going the rounds touching the reorganization of the democratic party. One would fancy that a party which has polled seven millions of votes and which, aside from its national committee, has its state and county committees in every commonwealth and balliwick throughout the land, is already fairly well organized. There are methods made and provided by which this party machinery may be revised and it is to be taken for granted that these methods will be adhered to.

The national democratic committee will probably find no occasion to meet again until we approach the next quadrennial presidential year. In the various states, as occasion requires, the several democratic local organizations will do as they please. Meanwhile, from time to time, individual democrats will speak their mind with more or less freedom and acceptability, so that let us hope when the hour rolls round for the clans to consider a national platform and a presidential ticket, the party opinion, enlightened by discussion, will have crystallized upon lines sufficiently coherent and general to make a movement strong enough to embody some assurance of success.

In American politics four years is a generation. No man can now predict with any certainty the probable course of events, nor foresee what contingencies may arrive upon the stage of affairs. The rule has been hitherto that each cycle gave birth to its special issues and that out of these issues leaders suited to the work to be done were evolved.

Mr. Bryan was himself a creation of the hour. So was Mr. Cleveland before him, and so was Mr. Tilden before Mr. Cleveland; men but a little prior to their appearance upon the scene as party leaders unknown to the country. Mr. Bryan, the twice-defeated democratic candidate for president, declining an offer of editorial employment from Denver, Colorado, writes from his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, to say "I shall remain here, and in the future, as in the past, defend with all my might and pen the principles which I believe to be right and the policies I believe to be wise." Mr. Bryan is yet a young man. He has displayed immense vitality, and is possessed of admitted oratorical talents. For many years he will gather great audiences wherever he appears and draw the attention of the public to whatever he says. His power for good or for harm—from a democratic party standpoint—will depend much upon what "principles" he believes to be "right" and what "policies" he believes to be "wise."

It is easy to see how such a man as this might, through honest error, or unblinded vanity, keep the democratic party hopelessly divided and insure republican victories every four years for twenty years to come. He is bound to command a certain following. He is bound to speak with a certain authority. And there is in sight no counterbalancing force in case he should persist in regarding his own peculiar views as paramount to all other considerations and should continue to adopt the attitude and to claim the prerogatives of a law-giver to the masses and judgment of the practical men and egotism of his future proceeding. Thus it is that his power for harm, in the latter event, will be incalculable, and as there is no way to guard against it, the party cannot escape it. Yet still the world moves, and now as ever, politics largely a business hinged upon concrete interests requiring of party leaders breadth and foresight and self-repression, the accurate measurement of facts and, above all, the wisdom, the genius, of common sense.

With the weathering of the capes of the Nineteenth of the centuries, the country sweeps into the Twentieth, like a battleship newly and completely overhauled and modernized. In the brief campaign just ended the

voters would not, or could not see the distinction between imperialism and expansionism. They are confounded anti-imperialism with a policy of contraction. In default of any adequate object lesson, they were blind to the dangers menacing the principle of "the consent of the governed," set forth by the Declaration of Independence. They regarded these as purely theoretical and wholly premature. The Porto Rican incident, obvious to thoughtful people, did not sufficiently impress itself upon the imagination of the masses. The Cuban scandals were adroitly kept in the background by the republicans. In the Philippines an actual war was in progress. To throw McKinley out and to put Mr. Bryan in seemed to be to take a leap in the dark, and, in the absence of excitement, in the midst of plenty, the wisdom of letting well enough alone laid itself with special emphasis upon a people by nature and habit intensely practical.

Of course no man can tell what four years will bring forth. But it is tolerably sure what will happen in the administration of the out lying territories by the republican party. We shall have in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines a reproduction of the old era of southern reconstruction. Corruption and despotism will be the rule; carpet-baggers, scalawaggers and scoundrelly examples. If in 1904 the people are as disgusted with this as they were in 1870, disgusted with the misrule of the republicans in the south, and if, added to this disgust, there should be hard times, it is plain to see how a compact, well-organized opposition—not handicapped by the sublimations of mere political speculation, nor divided by illusory economic specifics and subterranean cure-alls—will have a easy thing and saying nothing better. Hence the actual peril already for democracy is the phantom of socialism. This will arise from the party's fancied fusion interests. It will take color from its contamination with crank statesmanship and experimental politics. In a country like ours sentimentalism is purely a mirage of self-deluding ignorance.

No party can carry a national election in the United States which relies upon a union of the west and the south, to begin with, and to end with—no party can carry such an election, which does not divide the commercial and fiscal interests of the north and east. During two presidential campaigns the democratic party has been misled by jack-o'-lantern politics. It must come back to base and get down to bedrock if it hopes to stand upon its feet again; and, unless it does, the seven million votes it polled last month will begin to disintegrate, sloughing off from the main body about by state until the party itself peters out after the manner of its great antagonist of other days, continuing the McKinleyites in their power and leaving them to its uncalculated enjoyment as the poor old federalists did with respect to the Jeffersonians a century ago, though the federalists were able to, and they were right and prophesied all the evils to come after them that the most undoubting populist can now prophesy as consequences of the triumph of plutocracy.

Mr. Bryan has the respect and good wishes of thousands of democrats who do not believe in some of his peculiar views; he is yet young enough to readjust his public policies. If not to alter his personal convictions; and much of the democratic future, and his own power for good, will depend upon how far he is able to see that events control affairs, that men are strong in proportion that they represent organized ideas and moral forces, and that he who blindly pursues the rat of his own fancies, no matter how captivating and sincere, though he may perpetrate dashing exploits on the field of battle, and dazzle all beholders, can never lead invincible armies, and is very apt to end in a cul de sac.

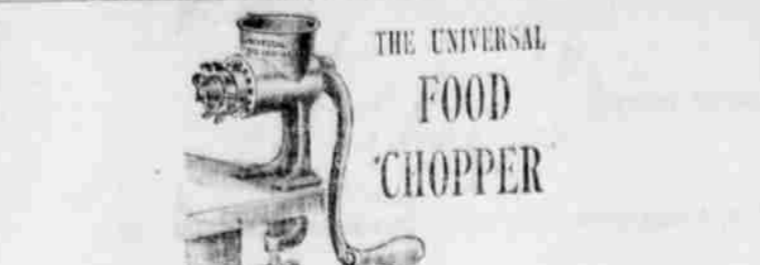
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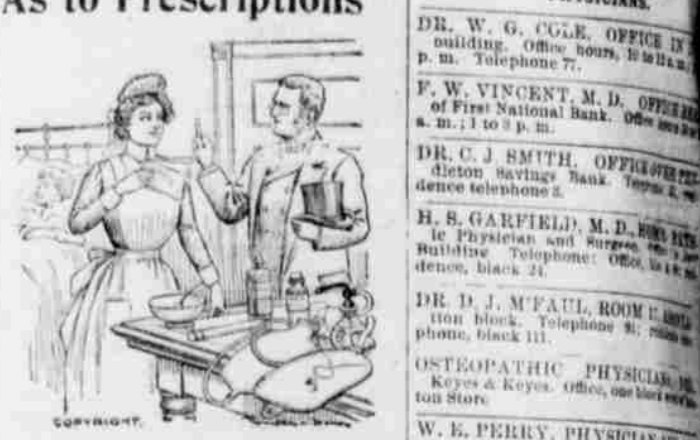
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