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But there are friends on the other side and particularly Mr. Bryan who say if we go on in this way the republic is doomed, we shall soon have an empire. In one breath they say that William McKinley is a weak, spineless creature without any backbone, snuffed this way and that by every passing breeze; in the next breath they say that he is now meditating a coup d'etat after the manner of Napoleon the Third by which he shall become the emperor of this country. This also has an old familiar sound. When I was a small boy I heard many an old democrat say that if General Grant was elected that it would be the last time we should ever hold an election in this country, that before the expiration of his term he would simply proclaim himself emperor, call his old friends around him and that would be the end of free government in this country. You know how baseless were these predictions then. They have no better foundation now. Do you know any republican neighbor who would be willing to submit to the overthrow of our government? Is it not a fact that every one of them would if need be, shoulder his musket and fight to maintain free government? It seems to me that Mr. Bryan at least ought to go a little slow on the prophecy business as his reputation as a prophet is, to put it mildly, a little bit out of repair. Four years ago he did some prophecying. He said if we have the gold standard, prices are as certain to fall as a stone which is thrown into the air. Is that true? Is it not a fact that every single article which you buy or sell is higher today than it was then. He said it is only necessary to note the increased number of failures in order to know that a gold standard is ruinous to merchants and manufacturers. The fact is that the failures last year were only about 40 per cent of what they were in 1896. He said every nation which goes to the gold standard makes the dollar dearer still and as the dollar rises in value you must sacrifice more of all the products of toil in order to secure it, and yet, since he made that statement, various nations of the earth whose population aggregates more than 500,000,000 of people have gone to the gold standard, and yet, labor and prices have all gone upward. He said the gold standard means dearer money, dearer money means cheaper property, cheaper property means harder times, harder times means more people out of employment, more people out of work means more people destitute, more people destitute means more people desperate and more people desperate means more crime. And yet, the fact is that this country was never more prosperous in its history, that there is employment for every man who wishes it; that the price of all products has gone up especially that of labor. Here at Forest Grove Mr. Haines and Shipley have had fifty men employed all fall baling hay at \$1.75 a day. Talking with a friend of mine in Portland who is a street contractor, he told me that four years ago he could get all the men he wanted and the best kind of men for street paving work at \$1.50 a day, but now the poorest men he has receives \$2.00 a day. I was at the Southern Pacific station in Portland a few days ago and there was a crowd of men around the depot and a man came there looking for hands to work in a wood camp. He offered them \$1.60 a day and board. There were several laboring men there and they laughed at him and said they could do better. Mr. Bryan said that if we established

to something like normal conditions. The republican party proposes a remedy for this condition in the way of shipping subsidies. I have never been very partial to subsidies, consequently, have not much to say in its favor. But, this much can be said, that the republican party is at last trying to devise a remedy for this state of affairs. Mr. Bryan has never mentioned it in any way or manner and has no remedy so far as the public has been informed. Mr. Bryan said that if we established the gold standard our exports would increase and that we would import all our goods from foreign countries and that the fact is that from 1790 to the date of McKinley's inauguration as president the excess of exports over imports, (that is we sold more than we bought) \$383,000,000. During the first three years of McKinley's administration our excess of exports over imports (that is we sold more than we bought) was \$1,483,000,000, nearly four times as much in those three years as in all the previous history of this country. What shall be thought of a man whose very utterance four years ago with one exception has been disproven by experience. The sound money people said, give us the gold standard and money will be plentiful, times will be better, interest will be lower. Mr. Bryan asserted the exact opposite. Every prediction made by the sound money men has been fulfilled; every prediction made by Mr. Bryan has been shown to be false. I do not want to say anything harsh about Mr. Bryan, but experience has demonstrated that his prophecies were incorrect. Now one of two things is true. Either he did not know what he was talking about and made his predictions in total ignorance of facts, or else he made them knowing they were not true and did it to deceive the people solely to humbug them out of their votes. There is no escape from this and neither he nor his friends can explain it in any other way. He either knew what he was talking about or he didn't. If he knew what he was talking about, he was willing to tell what was not true in order to deceive. If he didn't know what he was talking about then he is a reckless liar. The amount of money paid to our president of the United States in either event it is not wise to place much dependence upon his prophecies at the present time.

I said a while ago that every prediction made by him since 1896 has been disproven. I want to take that back. He made one statement in the nature of a prophecy, that we were going to stop borrowing money from Europe. This prediction again has been fulfilled though perhaps not in the way Mr. Bryan expected. We have not only ceased to borrow money from England but we have loaned her \$25,000,000. We have loaned Russia \$1,000,000,000. Japan and Russia are now knocking at our doors to borrow money from us. So I must give him credit with one prophecy fulfilled. In 1896 he pointed out the fact that we were engaged in a terrible burden upon the people of this country, that it was draining the life blood of the country and that we actually hadn't gold enough to pay the interest on it. One would naturally suppose that he would have suggested some way of reducing money instead of borrowing it, that Mr. Bryan would recognize and regard it as a sign of prosperity. Not so, however, Mr. Bryan is too afraid a dodger for this. He says that the reason we are in debt is because of our loaning money to foreign countries that it shows the conditions of business in this country are bad men can find no use for their money and he asks his audience— "Why don't you buy up the surplus of Europe?" All that are hold up their hands. It is hard to please, When

The republican party, in this campaign at least, stands for the same policies from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida. It stands for the gold standard and expects to win that question. The Bryanites are for free silver in the west, particularly in the Rocky mountain states, they are for anti-imperialism and consent of the governed in the east. They are for governing the negro without his consent in the south. Which party do you prefer to support? One that proclaims its principles from the house-tops all over the Union without variation or change of opinion, they are for governing the negro whenever it crosses the state lines? Can you trust the sincerity of a set of men who treat the voters in that way? Why at Kansas City the chairman of the committee on platform, who was elected to the office and supported by the convention wherein they solemnly protested against governing anyone without the consent of the governed, was Senator Tillman, of South Carolina who stood up in the senate and asked the question, that we suppress the negro vote in South Carolina. We stuff the ballot boxes. We shoot the negroes. We organize red shirt brigades and drive them from the polls, and we will do it again. We will do it and we will do it about it. Are they not a consistent set of fellows to talk about the consent of the governed. The representative of the state of New York upon that committee which declared in favor of the consent of the governed, Judge Van Wyck who with his brother and with his boss Mr. Crocker are the principal stock-holders in the ice trust of New York City, the meanest and most contemptible trust in the U. S.

And on the question of trusts I have this to say. The question, as it now stands, is a difficult one. It is really speaking there are no longer any trusts. Mr. Bryan makes a great deal of fun or merry out of Mr. Hanna's statement of that fact, but he knows Hanna's statement is legally true. There can be no trust without a trustee. Formerly three or four companies who were in the same line of business would get together and at all their plants into the hands of one or more trustees. These men made all the sales, fixed the prices of the product and divided the money amongst the parties in the ratio previously agreed upon. Now the law has changed. The question was agitated somewhat, congress passed what was known as the Sherman anti-trust law. It was introduced by Senator Sherman, of Ohio, a republican, and was passed by a congress republican in both branches, and signed by a republican president. It declared all combinations of this kind to be illegal and punished those who went into them criminally. The trusts contested this law in the courts very bitterly, but it was sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States in many cases. The law now holds that if you have enough to prevent dividends from going into a pool to divide their profits and to pay taxes. This settled that business and a new method has been devised. A new corporation is formed which actually buys all the old plants, the owners own stock in the new company instead of cash and one company owns the business. Just exactly how this can be prevented is consistent with the liberty of contract is a little bit hard to say at this time. If the Clinkas mill and the Forest Mills combine to form a new corporation a combination to keep up the new flour and it could be proven, they should be punished under the Sherman anti-trust law, but if a new company is formed which goes into the market and buys all these mills and runs them under one management it is quite difficult to prevent it in a free government. It is a question upon which the best minds of the day are thinking. It must be solved in a careful statesmanlike manner and we must be careful in attempting to solve it that we do not make a mistake which the barber did when he shaved his finger in the shaving. He was shaving in order to push his neck out so he could shave it properly

upon which they have to regulate
 trusts, in other words, that the amend-
 ment was introduced in the interest of
 the trusts. Now, if it is true that the
 states already have the power to deal
 with the trusts, what business does Mr.
 Bryan have to inject the question into
 a national campaign? If the states have
 the power, let them exercise it. Mr.
 Bryan's excuses will not hold water. It
 is not the power of the facts. Let me
 ask you the amendment, and I ask you
 to listen to it carefully so you may see
 how much truth there is in Mr. Bryan's
 contention. Here it is:
 Art. XVI, Sec. 1 All powers conferred
 by this article shall extend to the sev-
 eral states, the territories, the Dis-
 trict of Columbia, and all territories
 under the sovereignty and subject to the
 jurisdiction of the United States.
 Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to
 define, regulate, prohibit or dissolve
 trusts, monopolies or combinations,
 whether existing in the form of a corpo-
 ration or otherwise, and I ask you to
 may continue to exercise such power in
 any manner not in conflict with the laws
 of the United States.
 Sec. 3. Congress shall have power to
 enforce the provision of this article by
 appropriate legislation.
 This amendment plainly shows that
 the several states may continue to ex-
 ercise such power in any manner not in
 conflict with the laws of the U. S. This
 motion was put in there on purpose to
 satisfy the states-rights democrats. The
 intention of the opposition in this matter
 shows that their anti-trust cry is simply
 a campaign purpose. Mr. Bryan was
 in congress four years, during that time
 he was the champion of the whiskey trust
 and the tobacco trust and many other
 trusts were in active operation. If Mr.
 Bryan is such a foe of the trusts, it seems
 a little singular he does not point to
 something which he tried in congress to
 destroy them. If the trusts have suffered
 at all by the hands of Mr. Bryan as a
 congressman, the public has yet to learn
 if it. There is an old saying and a true
 one, that a man is to be judged by the
 company he keeps. Who are the men
 closest to Mr. Bryan? Are they such as
 would lead one to have confidence in
 Mr. Bryan as a foe to the trusts? Sena-
 tor Joseph R. Chandler, the leader of the
 democratic national committee at the
 present as well as four years ago, is
 deeply interested in the Cotton Bale
 trust. James D. Richardson, the pres-
 ent leader of the democrats in congress
 and the man who will be speaker if Mr.
 Bryan is elected has a trust or monopoly
 of the most vicious character by
 which he controls the printing of the
 messages of the president of the U. S.
 and other public documents, and he se-
 cured this monopoly through his official
 position as a member of congress. Rich-
 ard Croker, a member of the legislature of
 New York City is one of the principal men
 in the city. By virtue of his being the
 political boss of the city, he doesn't al-
 low any other ice company to land in
 the docks of the city of New York. If
 Mr. Bryan is elected, he will owe his
 election to Mr. Croker. He cannot pos-
 sibly be elected without the vote of New
 York and he would not have the shadow
 of a chance to carry the city without the
 support of Mr. Croker and his political
 machine. And yet, Mr. Bryan goes to
 New York City, is the guest of Mr.
 Croker, a member of the legislature of
 New York and who has made them out of politics
 without ever holding an office, and who
 receives blackmail upon the gamblers and
 the prostitutes and upon every form of
 crime in New York city and shoves it
 down into his pocket. Mr. Bryan went
 there as his guest, he sat upon the plat-
 form with Mr. Croker at his right hand,
 after the speaking he went to a banquet
 with Mr. Croker, and sat with Croker on
 the right and Mr. Van Wyck on his left,
 and he holds a holder of stock in the ice trust,
 and he got partook of a banquet which
 was given to celebrate the victory of the
 trusts. Mr. Bryan spoke to the effect
 since the next day and said: "Great
 Tammany and Croker is his prophet."
 So you think that the trusts have any
 reason to fear at the hands of Mr. Bryan?

Seven thousand miles across the sea are some boys in blue fighting to uphold the honor and dignity of this nation and to the end that its flag may not be hauled down in the face of a hostile foe. They are in a tropical climate covered with a dense growth of trees and vines and treacherous foe, who like the Indian fights from ambush and runs away. These soldiers are men like you and I. Their families and their friends are as dear to them as are yours to you. Bravely and uncompromisingly they struggle on only asking that their struggle shall not be in vain. Safe at home are men of their own flesh and blood who are ready to secure political advantage by denouncing our soldiers, as hirelings, as skunks, and as the offspring of white trash. The treacherous and ungrateful few (a minority) of the fact that American soldiers and sailors drove out the people who had oppressed him for 300 years in fighting a waiting fight. He cheered up every few days by a proclamation from his leader telling him to hold on until November 6th when Bryan will be elected, and the American people will be set free. He is told that he should pray for the success of the democratic party. That he should regard Rizal, the Filipino poet, Aguinaldo and W. J. Bryan as his saints. Every soldier in the field believes, every civilian who has gone there, reports that the only thing which holds the insurrection together is the hope of Bryan's election. Gen. Lawton, the bravest of the brave, as he is called, says that the honorable man as ever wore the uniform of a man in a letter to the Hon. John Barrett,

the editor of the Argus makes light of the idea of patriotism. He sneeringly alludes to me who feel strongly on this subject as being inoculated with the rabies of patriotism. Thus classing patriotism along with hydrophobia. It may seem strange to you that men born and raised in this country should fail to appreciate one of the highest and noblest emotions of the human heart—patriotism. But, after all, when you relate upon it, it is not so strange. A scribbler-taker laughs at the idea of there being any honest men and boldly claims that every man has his price. The Roman without virtue and the confirmed libertine both selt at the idea of virginitas. The diehards of the reason for the American diehards in the existence of patriotism. Being incapable of the sentiment himself, it is perhaps natural that he should deny its existence in others. Oh, my fellow democrats, much as I value your friendship, much as I should like to retain your sympathy, I cannot allow my party to array me against the American flag. I cannot give my sympathy and support to any party which is depriving aid and comfort to the armed enemies of the United States.

By and by when Aguinaldo and his fellow bandits have been driven out of the islands; when peace and order shall have been restored, when the Filipinos shall have come to appreciate that real liberty is won when there shall be general consent to be as much a part of this country as the Sandwich Islands; when the story of the Philippines will become a part of the history of our common country. Your boy will go to school and read it. He will read of the three centuries of Spanish oppression, of the resistance of the natives, of how, when victory seemed almost in sight, Aguinaldo betrayed his country for Spanish gold and with a few other leaders left the islands to live on their ill-gotten gains while their countrymen were left to suffer. He will read of Dewey's victory at Manila Bay on that lovely night of May, 1898, and his little heart will swell with pride and burn with a desire to make the temple of liberty with a democratic and republican government. He will read of the driving out of the Spaniards, of the treaty of peace by which we acquired the title to the islands and agreed to protect life and property therein. He will read the proclamation issued by President McKinley to the Filipinos, promising them liberty and freedom and local self-government as rapidly as they showed themselves fitted for it. He will read how Aguinaldo; ungrateful for the deliverance of his people from bondage, with a hope of compelling this country to buy him again, by lies, by false circulars, by inflammatory appeals to prejudice and ignorance, stirred up the Tagals to attack their friends, and, to the disgust of all, he will read that the outbreak of a political party in this country, the political party of the Presidential election, gave aid and encouragement to the ingrate Aguinaldo; that they sympathized with him; that they rejoiced at the reports of his victories and pointed with pride to every death list of American soldiers; that

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they compared Aguinaldo to our immortal George Washington and denounced the men who were fighting under the American flag as "chickens" or "chickens" in order that his country might live. He could so far forget himself as to vote with the men who denounce our soldiers as "cowardly skunks." He may be a coward, but he is not a skunk.

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