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EDITORIAL.

LINCOLN'S PROPHECY IN 1865

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxious for the safety of the country than ever before, even in the midst of war."

CLEARWATER is a misnomer for the machine candidate for congress, it should be Muddywater.

WHOM will you vote with, the party of the millionaires and trusts, or with the party of the people?

AN out-of-town republican in another column fires hot shot into the county republican machine on account of its wicked way o'doin' things.

J. K. P. HALL, the democratic nominee, is on record against all the abominations against the masses which Clearwater is pledged to.

UNCLE DAN HASTINGS has consented to deliver six speeches for M'Kinley, two in each of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Too late, Daniel, too late. Tell 'em "the war is over" and that "there are no trusts."

THE republican nominee for congress in this district, Mr. Clearwater, is for the Hanna subsidy of nine millions a year for thirty years, he favors the perpetuation of the trusts, the enriching of the rich and the policy of deeper poverty for the poor.

THE Keystone Gazette proclaims a million of democrats are disgusted with Bryan. Next the Gazette will be swearing "the war is over" and that "there are no trusts." A million did you say? Well can't you just give us the names of a half dozen as a digester?

ON the authority of commissioner of navigation, Chamberlain, an official advocate of subsidy, it is shown that the steamship subsidy scheme of chairman Hanna covers the enormous expenditure of \$270,000,000 in thirty years, or 9 millions per year. It must be born in mind that Hanna owns a big lot of steamships and would pocket the greater part of these enormous millions of the public monies, simply a gigantic robbery.

FEW people realize the amount of work being done these days by Mr. Bryan and work of the most arduous character, in addressing the people from ten to twenty hours a day, yet he never grows weary and tedious. His sincerity, honesty and courage impress everyone. Truly he is one of the best equipped and strongest men this country has ever seen. A vote for him for the highest office in the gift of the American people is something to be proud of for a lifetime.

THE Indianapolis sheriff gets 40 cents per day for boarding prisoners and furnishes them with grub that costs six cents per day. For breakfast he gives his boarders three slices of bread with coffee and molasses; for dinner one potato, with a quarter pound of hominy, a small piece of meat and three slices of bread and molasses. For supper the gentlemen are given three slices of bread and molasses. This is as tough as it is profitable, yet more wholesome than the embalmed beef diet served to our soldiers in the war with Spain which was a thousand times more profitable to administration favorites but it brought fever and death to our brave boys.

THE total electoral vote at the coming presidential election will be 447, necessary to elect 224.

If there is a farmer or laboring man in Centre county who has been struck by McKinley prosperity let him stand up and remain standing until he is counted.

It is said McKinley has begun to write his annual message for the December congress. We'll bet a cucumber he has a paragraph down saying, "the Philippine war is over."

You can't find a thimble full of "prosperity" in this item: Business failures the past week, 208. For corresponding period last year, 134. Percentage of increase 1900, 55.22.

GOVERNOR STONE, one day last week passed through Bellefonte, and did not even stop to say a how-dy-do from the platform to the citizens of the city of governors. Anything wrong here, Stoney?

SINCE Governor Pattison's administration the expenses for running the state have increased 222 per cent. The machine legislature did this to pay for padded pay rolls, new and useless offices, increased salaries, etc.

J. K. P. HALL is a native of Centre county. County pride should induce every citizen of the county to vote for Hall and for the additional reason for having represented this district in congress for the best interests of his constituents.

CLEARWATER, that is the name of the republican candidate for congress in this district against the true and tried J. K. P. Hall. This "Clearwater" gets very murky when you ask him his status on Quay or anti-Quay, a fact that proves that Clearwater has some unhealthy sediment at the bottom.

REMEMBER, voters, the McKinley organs claim their party is not responsible for the trusts. Their Dingley tariff is the sole foundation of the trusts because it destroys competition and that enables these heartless beings to take the blood money from you in all you buy. The Dingley-McKinley tariff does the business.

IN 19 Howard, 393-447, will be found the supreme court's declaration that "there is no power given by the constitution to establish or maintain colonies, bordering on the United States or at a distance, to be ruled and governed at its own pleasure." That interpretation of the supreme law of this land puts the official stamp of illegality upon the administration's Philippine and Porto Rican performances.

THE republicans brought their congressional candidate, Clearwater, into our county and made a blow for him alleging he is an elder in a church, a Sunday school superintendent, and a teacher of a Sunday School class. Pooh, that's nothing—we have a steamboat load of 'em in this county, besides fifteen thousand Sunday school scholars, and shall all these be future candidates for congress? Clem Dale filled that bill but they set him aside and imported one from another county. Vive, la hubbug.

THE Altoona Pennsylvania Methodist is still convinced that the country is in the grip of hard times. What prosperity the country has is only "fictitious," confined to the "corporations and trusts" and not shared by the mechanics and laboring men. The Pennsylvania Methodist is certainly telling the naked truth, as any religious journal should. "Prosperity" is not shared by the masses but by the few, the millionaire class. The other class goes with the empty dinner pail.

IN his speech at Indianapolis the other day Mr. Cockran was interrupted by a republican in the gallery, who inquired: "What about North Carolina?" The inquirer was quickly answered. "Sir," said the orator, "the people of the Carolinas and of the Southern States present the gravest race problem with which a nation has ever been confronted, but before that question is settled Mr. McKinley seeks to fasten upon us another race problem that will prove appalling and infinitely more difficult to settle."

SAYS the Pittsburg Post: "It does not matter whether the combination to control prices, production or labor, to the injury of free and unrestrained trade, is called a trust, a corporation, a partnership, a syndicate or a monopoly, the result is the same. Their existence has been made clear not only by the experience of all men in active business, but by the investigation of congress and legislatures. If there are no trusts, as Hanna argues, what need was there for the anti-trust laws he has advocated? If there are no trusts, what has been the character of the corporations or the trusts that have been given vitality by the New Jersey laws with McKinley's attorney general as its sponsor? If there are no trusts, how many judges have stated palpable falsehoods from the bench when denouncing their swindling methods of procedure? Hanna's declaration that there are no trusts is simply his way of protecting and maintaining them for which he has his campaign chest replenished to enable him to corrupt elections and legislation.

WHOM will you vote for, Clearwater, the millionaire's candidate, or for Hall, the tried candidate of the people?

THE republicans say there is no war in the Philippines and that there are no trusts. Now who can trust these republicans?

ONE of the McKinley electors of West Virginia, Joseph L. Berry, has come out square for Bryan. There are many more of the same sort.

IMPERIALISM is supreme in Germany with its soldiers, Russia with its serfs and England with her subjects, but give us the Republic of the United States, where the people govern themselves.

THERE is the insolent Turk, who wears an inverted crock for a hat, and for years has owed \$90,000 for property of Americans destroyed, and whom McKinley has been dunning and dunning and dunning time and again, instead of sending Dewey out to Constantinople to gun him. Why is our president so hasty with China and so lenient with the Sultan for the same offense?

EX CONGRESSMAN ARNOLD is one of the prominent independent Republicans of the state who is stumping for Emery in the northwestern part of the state for the purpose of defeating Joe Sibley, the republican nominee for congress. When Arnold can't endorse a republican nominee it must be mighty poor material, and yet Sibley is the man the Gazette quotes from week to week.

THE consumers who will have to pay more for their coal will not have a vast amount of admiration for the gentlemen who arranged the strike.—Gazette.

This strike was "arranged" by the trusts who made the workers pay 30, 40 to 100 per cent. more for all they buy for wives and children, and are offered a 10 per cent. recompense for it. No they will not "have a vast admiration" for the party of the trusts.

It certainly will be a creditable thing for the people in this state to give Senator Quay the finishing touch at this coming election. They surely can do it by electing anti Quay men to the next legislature. "In the interests of Harmony" Allison and Thompson, the republican nominees, will not announce their position. For that reason no one, but a Quayite, should vote for them.

THE brainiest men of the republican party, including Ex-President Harrison, Ex-Senator Edmunds, Senator Hoar and Ex-Speaker Reed, have taken issue with the imperial colonial policy of the present administration. They have declared it unconstitutional in law, un-American in spirit and wrong in principle. Thousands of the most intelligent republicans of the country believe as these leaders do and deplore beyond the power of expression this radical departure from a sound constitutional policy.—Times.

THE postal service of this country, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900, was conducted at a loss to the government of \$4,894,718.84, a decrease below the preceding year's deficit of about \$1,500,000. The receipts, for the postal service proper, were \$102,354,579 and the expenditures, \$107,249,298.13. The total financial transactions of the postal service, including the business of the money order department, were \$714,394,191.22, an increase of \$180,000,000 over the preceding year. The service is yet a great way from being self-supporting, but if the deficit shall be reduced at the rate of a million-and-a-half a year it will not be long before the balances will be found on the other side of the account.

THE supreme court has decided that the United States cannot have colonies and sustains the democratic position as to expansion and imperialism. This is the decision of Chief Justice Taney. This construction of the constitution has been upheld by the supreme court in a score of cases, notably at a time when so great a lawyer as Chief Justice Marshall was at the head of that great tribunal. This is the opinion as declared by Chief Justice Taney: "There is certainly no power given by the constitution of the federal government to establish or maintain colonies bordering on the United States or at a distance, to be ruled and governed at its own pleasure, nor to enlarge its territorial limits in any way, except by admission of new states."

The policy of imperialism is one that threatens the very foundations of this republic. No nation has prospered for any great length of time whose policy has been to extend by force its control over foreign people and rule them by military power. Take the history of Rome, Greece, Spain and other nations that have followed such a policy, and see if their example is one that we would like to follow. Rome at one time ruled the world, but because her empire was founded upon a policy of force and oppression it went down in inglorious ruin. Spain was once the foremost nation of the globe. Her possessions dotted almost every latitude, and her flag floated triumphantly on every sea. Yet her policy of greed and territorial expansion brought her to her knees and plunged her into the depth of poverty and misery. Do we mean to emulate her example and follow her to the same destiny?

A CONTRIBUTION.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please allow me a little space in your valuable paper for the purpose of speaking to the voters of Centre county, especially the laboring men and farmers? The time is drawing near when we expect to choose two men to represent us in the state legislature. The aspirants are Messrs. Allison, Thompson, Wetzel and Kepler.

The farmer has been complaining for years and years that he has to bear more than his just share of taxation which is true, because the farmer's property can't be hid from the assessor. Now would it not be proper, before casting our ballots, to fairly consider which of these men would be most likely to work to have certain wrongs rectified. Will it be Allison and Thompson, if elected, who will go to Harrisburg and exert every energy to have the farmers relieved of unjust burdens and have the wealth of the country bear its proper share of taxation? It is not reasonable that such will be the case, for Allison and Thompson represent the money power. The farmer don't need to expect that these men will act in their behalf, because these two men (Thompson and Allison) are owned, body and soul, by those who have big money, and must do just as their owners dictate. Those men sit at their ease and count their money by the thousands and concoct all kinds of schemes to evade taxation. Allison and Thompson were, in reality, nominated almost a month in advance of the primaries by two or three moneyed men, who have had the audacity to howl Quay and bossism. Mat Quay, in all of his eventual life as a politician, never did anything that looked so much like an infernal outrage upon the dearest rights of American citizens. It is hoped that no man, let him be of what ever political faith he may, will ever have anything to do with that illegal, bastardy ticket. As regards Wetzel and Kepler, they were legally nominated and are not owned by any man. Mr. Wetzel has been placed in the balance and is not found wanting. His record, so far, is before the people and is as clear as the noon-day sun. No man need have fears about voting for him. Mr. Kepler is a talented young man of promise and if elected will undoubtedly do all in his power to promote the interests of the farmer, because he is one of them.

Now, Mr. Farmer, let it be said you have a grand opportunity of voting for a man of your own profession, that will have the courage and manhood to stand up and raise his voice in your defense. Will you vote for such a man, or will you allow your party feeling to get so much the better of you as to cast your ballot in the interests of the money power, that has already its iron heel upon your neck? If so, you should cease to murmur.

"REPUBLICAN"

SPAIN PROSPERING.

While the United States are still carrying on the war in the Philippines—for the privilege of conducting which they paid twenty million dollars—Spain, relieved of her colonial incubus, is making rapid strides towards prosperity.

Her bonds, which two years ago sold below thirty per cent of their face value, are now above seventy. Private as well as public credit has improved, capital is pouring into the country, new industrial enterprises are getting under way, and there is a notable expansion of commerce.

Meanwhile in our struggle with the white elephant we took off Spain's hands in the Philippines we have sacrificed thousands of American lives and sunk nearly two hundred million dollars.—New York Herald.

Tired

that's all. No energy, no vim, no vigor, no ambition. The head aches, thoughts are confused, memory fails. Life becomes a round of work but half accomplished, of eating that does not nourish, of sleep that fails to refresh and of resting that never rests. That's the beginning of nervous prostration.

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