

The republican party is the avowed friend of trusts, known in other ages as monopolies, created by government favor and which were repudiated by the people in bloodshed and the dethronement of kings. Charles I. of England and Lewis XVI. France, brought their heads to the block for upholding the forbes the American people are now confronting. Through their trusts, (monopolies) and privileges, the privileged classes of England and France rode rough-shod over the French English people, until Hampden, Cromwell, Lafayette and Mirabeau headed the movement that crushed them and overturned their thrones. Abraham Lincoln declared "labor to be the superior of capital," that the man was above the dollar.

Wilberforce, the great philanthropist, pleading for the freedom of British slaves, and the abolition of the slave trade under the flag of Great Britain, in one of his contentions took the bible and a gold coin. Opening the sacred volume he placed the coin over a passage in the scriptures. He told his opponent, who favored slavery, that was the slave advocates' platform—that money was above the word of God. Removing the coin he disclosed the passage. It read, "God is love."

That was the platform of Wilberforce! He died with his countrymen freed from the stain of slavery and the British flag and emblem of freedom wherever it floated to the breeze, and the hand has forgotten Wilberforce. The coin again covers the passage in the bible.

"The dollar is above the man." Greed is its leading principle. The hand of England is clutching the throat of liberty.

"God is love," means government by the consent of the governed here and everywhere—in the Philippines or in the United States.

It is the foundation on which Jefferson framed the immortal chant of human freedom.

The Declaration of Independence has been spured and spit upon by republican leaders. Imperialism is being forced down our throats and its yoke around our necks.

They have repudiated Abraham Lincoln.

The dollar has been enthroned.

The American citizen has been impoverished for the enrichment of the few. Classes have been organized to enslave the many by pernicious government legislation.

They have closed the avenues of support to the people to make them the dependents of a moneyed aristocracy remorseless in its purposes.

The American people are ceasing to be independent.

They are becoming "servants" of the trusts and pampered pets of government.

We are going to back the days of feudalism, and the days of the barons whom England exterminated on the field of Barnet, where Warwick, the king-maker, lost his life.

As Charles governed England without a parliament and Lewis XVI. governed France without a States General, we are being governed by a President without a Congress.

As England and France resounded with the tramp of armed legions to uphold despotism so we see our country with its armies marshalled to crush a liberty loving people in the Philippines who have fought their oppressors for centuries.

The approach of despotism is often gradual.

When Rome entered on its career of imperialism, in the conquest and destruction of Carthage, it took nearly two centuries to imbrute and degrade the Roman people to prepare them for a Caesar.

Sixty years ago Abraham Lincoln, then a young man under thirty years of age, feared the appearance of a Caesar on American soil and warned the people of the danger. In the civil war he told them of the wish for a monarchy on the part of the enemies of popular government. In his speech at Independence Hall on the way to his inauguration, he said if he could not save this government without violating the principles of the Declaration of Independence he would rather be assassinated on the spot. At Gettysburg, he made government of the people, for the people and by the people, the apotheosis of all that is grand in history.

Did he foresee these days when this republic, founded by Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton and the fathers, and preserved by him, should reach out its strong arms to protect the rich and the few, and to dispossess the millions of American freeman that this government "should trample on our own and our children's liberties?" Did he foresee it sending invading fleets and armies to a distant soil and raping the ballot box to perpetuate a party in power that has scorned his teachings? Did he see it upholding polygamy and slavery in Asia and enforcing imperialism in the United States?

When Louis and his nobles placed "the dollar above the man," the French people had no recourse through the ballot box. Human hyenas broke loose. Danton, Robespierre and Marat revelled in blood. The creaking of the guillotine was their sweetest music. One fell by the hand of Charlotte Corday, a young woman who loved liberty better than life. The guilty heads of

the others rolled on the scaffold. A million Frenchmen perished. Europe was deluged in blood and France, a victim to its excesses sunk into the abyssal depths of imperial despotism.

Are we approaching these horrors urged by the party in power? Is this republic to be strangled in the coils of empire? Are the people to be forever secure in their liberties? Are Washington and Lincoln to be replaced by demagogues owning an imperial master? Is Grant, the patriotic soldier, to become a myth? Is our vineyard as a nation to be taken from us and given to another people? Is the Declaration of Independence to become a mockery? Is the union sealed and made sacred by the blood of the soldiers of the revolution and the civil war, to perish from the earth? Is it to be the legacy of the tribe of the lion and the eagle that Lincoln feared? Is it to be the prey of the vulture of the breed of Mark Hanna? Is the federal congress to vanish in a parliament of "money barons"? Is the American people to be enslaved by the trusts, syndicates and combines?

Are the cries of "the reapers," the American farmers, to be unheeded? They fired a shot "heard round the world," rose against British despotism, conquered at Yorktown, and made one of their own number our first, illustrious president.

Is the cap of liberty on the capitol to be changed into an emblem symbolizing the dollar? Is the statue of the Goddess of Liberty to be replaced by the image of a Caesar with the western world beneath his feet?

Is the London Times to gloat again in the declaration "the bubble is burst—the great republic is in ruins?" Step by step, since the "crime of '73" we have been led to the brink until now we see the yawning chasm before us. A great party has apostatized. It has become the slave of Britons. It is boldly urging the American people to take the plunge disastrous to our hopes. If we do, liberty is lost. The world will utter a wail of despair. Government of the people, for the people and by the people, will have perished from the earth.

Taken Up.

About Nov. 10. Four steers came to my premises 3 miles north and 2 east of Worthing. Three of the animals are black and one is red. Three are yearlings and the other is coming 2 years old. Owner please call, pay charges and remove property.

A. E. MOULTON.

THE END IS NOT YET.

A correspondent asks us whether the elections of last week are to be regarded as a settlement of the question of imperialism; and whether the proper course now would not be to "go in" and finish the "insurgents" and close the whole controversy.

This correspondent does not seem to understand the real question involved in the so called Philippine controversy. We have never doubted and we do not doubt that the president will "finish" the "insurgents;" and that with his present force he will quickly conquer them. The sooner the better for all concerned. But no matter how effective the finishing; though every armed Filipino were slain, though every cabin in the islands went up in flame, though every cultivated field were laid waste, and the conquered people lay helpless as a corpse upon a desecrating table, the president will not have touched, not to say settled, the substance of the true issue.

The question is not whether we "ken lick" the Filipinos, but whether we are ready to renounce the charter of this government's existence, to re-accept the principles of George III; to declare that governments no longer derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; but that any powerful government planting its flag over any feeble people creates the right to govern them.

When will men cease to regard the vote in a state election as settling a great principle? When will the weak-at-heart regard the subjugation of a distant people as the sunset of American liberty and the burial of American conscience? Neither Paul Kruger in the eye of the Englishman, nor Aguirre in the estimate of the church robbers at Luzon, is considered half so base as was the man-God by the rabble that led Him amid whips and jeers to the place of execution on Calvary. But neither the crucifixion of Christ nor the merciless persecutions of the early Christians disposed of the principle of Christianity. The scorching of the hand of the Scaevola did not mark the termination of Roman liberty, nor the martyrdom of John Brown terminate the contest for the abolition of human slavery.

Men wanting in moral courage are apt to mistake their own weakness of heart for the overthrow of some great principle. But the principles of Washington will not perish from the earth. Those who contend for them may be shot or stoned or strangled; but you can neither shoot nor stone nor strangle to death the principle embodied in the American Declaration of Independence.—North Western Catholic.

School Board Proceedings.

Regular monthly meeting of the board Nov. 1. 1899, held in clerk's office. All members present. Board called to order by the president, minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following bills were examined and approved and warrants ordered drawn for same. Vis:

C. G. Lawrence, salary,	\$75
Mabel E. Bartow, "	40
E. E. Vernon, "	40
Hannah Nordvedt, "	40
Cassie Dougherty, "	40
Elizabeth Abbot, "	40
Kate Kennedy, "	40
Josephine Norlie, "	40
Rebecca Gehon, "	40
Nona Miller-Smith, "	50
H. F. Stone, "	35
Theo. Schmede Oct. and 1/2 Nov. salary,	10
G. W. Engle, for foot scraper,	60
Bethel Church, balance rent	3 12
Jacob Kehm, fuel,	4 58
J. C. Kuempel, 15 cords woods,	46 50
C. E. Morris, drayage,	20
W. A. Menor, drayage,	25
Pankow Bros. furnace linings,	8 87
J. F. Munger, drayage	75

It was on motion decided to renew the insurance on the school-house in the amount of \$7000.00 as follows, \$1500 with H. N. Cooper, \$1500 with H. Anderson, \$1500 with L. H. Larsen, \$1500 John Allibone, and \$1000 with T. Thorson & Co. and \$125. on school furniture and fixtures in the Bethel Church to be written by T. Thorson & Co. On motion adjourned. G. Skartvedt, Clerk.

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