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### READY-MADE EDITORIALS.

The "great" Republican dailies of the country seem to be of one mind—as well as all the little echoes and jumpers-up-behind; and the cause of all this unanimity and editorial harmony is the question of strikes, which is agitating the whole nation. We quote a portion of an editorial from the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, which editorial we have seen in the Kansas City Journal and other leading Republican papers. To us, it appears like a ready-made syndicate editorial, such as are sent out from Republican headquarters every campaign. Here's the editorial referred to:

"The seeming anomaly is presented in the prevalence of strikes and the increasing demand for laborers. But is the situation strange? Of course there are those who will answer immediately that the demand for laborers is due to the strikes, but to a small extent only is that true.

"The true explanation of the co-existence of strikes and the demand for laborers is the renewed prosperity of the country. The renewal of the volume of work offers something to quarrel about, and the struggle for what each thinks is his right is on between many employers and employes.

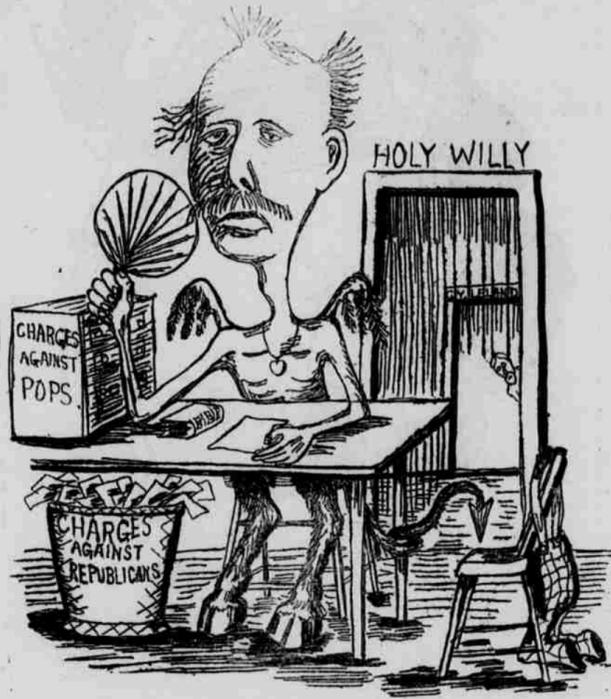
"Hence most of the strikes with which the newspapers are filled. There was news yesterday of nearly a dozen strikes, most of which may be accounted for by this theory. Among them were the strikes of the tailors of New York, the dockmen of Ashtabula, the Pennsylvania freight-handlers of New York, the puddlers of Pittsburg, the coal-miners of Indiana, the millmen of Youngstown, the messenger boys of Cincinnati and New York and the street-car men of Cleveland."

This is the first intimation we ever had that prosperity and plenty of labor causes strikes. Evidently, somebody's been a-foolin' the Republican editors. It's too bad that they should be imposed on in this way. Sensible people won't believe such stuff, and the ignorant, credulous Republican editors should be protected.

Thursday's Capital has in flaring headlines, "Permanent Gold Basis for India. Producers of this Country and India on a Common Level." There you have it. The adoption of the gold standard brought the producers of this country below those of India, and now the agriculturist over there has been pulled down to our level. Why? Why, indeed, but because the money lords who are in the conspiracy would make the demand for gold so much greater, the value of their possessions so much the more? The Capital goes on: "Movement of Gold. No Danger of India's Demands Becoming Serious." Ah! how does the Capital know? There is no other place on earth where gold can be obtained but right here, where we have thrown the doors to the treasury—everywhere else they are bolted and barred—wide open for the robbers to walk through. And from time immemorial, India has been called the sink-hole of the world for silver. How will it be when it begins to drain for gold? We have not a gold dollar in this country on which we are not paying interest as a nation—were it not for the coin standard, we would not be paying a dollar in interest to anyone. When the money of the world is again halved, the Rothschilds' three billions will become six, and the wealth of Rockefeller would have purchased the entire territory of the United States when we formed the Union; and we thought we conquered Great Britain.—State Record, Topeka.



### HOLY WILLY IN UNDRESS UNIFORM.



The Mail and Breeze approvingly speaks of Governor Stanley's lack of conventionalities, and mentions an instance where the Governor took off most of his clothes, and sat in his office nearly naked. We have secured a snap-shot of His Worship in décolleté garb. It will be seen he is sprouting a pair of wings, ready for next year's campaign.—Fr. Scott Lantern.



### RECESSIONAL.

HYMN BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

God of our fathers, known of old—  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings depart.  
Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—  
On dune and headland sinks the fire;  
Lo! all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—  
Such boasting as the Gentiles use  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard—  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding calls not Thee to guard—  
For frantic boast and foolish word,  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!  
Amen.

### Why Beef Is High.

Beef has got so high in the big cities now that it is practically out of the laboring man's reach. The retail butchers in Chicago have to pay nine cents a pound now for whole carcasses and fourteen cents for loins and ribs in even sets. The price they are compelled to charge their consumers is therefore prohibitive to poor men. Why beef should be so high in the face of a largely-increased stock of cattle, I will leave it for one of the big packing houses of that city to answer. A representative of the firm of Nelson Morris & Co. is reported by the

### CONFESSIONAL.

BY HOWARD S. TAYLOR.

God of our sires who hither fled  
Across a strange and stormy sea,  
Who suffered exile, toiled and bled,  
To make themselves and children free—  
God of the Pilgrims, smite us not!  
We have forgot! We have forgot!

How runs the story? Far away  
We hear the epoch-opening gun  
Fired by our minute-men at bay  
Upon the green at Lexington!  
But, far and faint, we hear it not—  
Lord God of Hosts, we have forgot!

The bill of rights our fathers signed  
And sealed with shot and saber-stroke.  
Their just appeal to all mankind,  
Their prayers sent up thro' battle-smoke,  
Their faith humane, without a blot.  
Lord Christ, forgive—we have forgot!

Ah, if where sunset islands lie, [spill,  
Thy brave brown men their blood shall  
Shall strike for liberty and die,  
Slain by the heirs of Bunker Hill,  
Thou wilt remember, wilt Thou not?  
Though we, Thy people, have forgot!

We have forgot! A Roman lust  
Profanes our ancient holy things;  
We trample justice in the dust;  
We have the rabies of the kings—  
The scarlet rage of gun and sword!  
Have mercy on the people, Lord!  
Amen!

associated press to have said:

"The advance here is caused by the efforts of American packers to drive Australian beef from the English markets and establish American beef instead. We want that business, and in order to secure it we are shipping immense quantities of beef to England.

"Just now this business abroad is carried on at a heavy loss, because we are cutting prices to kill competition. The consequence is that the exportation of American beef is very much heavier than ever before. Naturally under these conditions there is less beef for the home

trade, although there are as many cattle for the market as ever.

"There is no real shortage in marketable cattle, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The receipts at the yards in Kansas City, Omaha, and Chicago, yesterday, were large.

"The foreign demand being extra heavy, as I have explained, the prices to cattle dealers, as well as to butchers, are high. The packers are not reaping any great rewards. The recent heavy shipments to the cattle yards may ease the strain a little, but I do not look for lower prices.

"The remedy for complaining butchers is simple. They must raise prices. I have not heard any complaints from consumers. The butchers are complaining and they must work out their salvation by getting more money for their beef. They must get together and keep up their prices with the general advance, if they really want to protect themselves."

There you have it cold and flat. Cattle are abundant, but the beef trust is trying to get possession of the European market and destroy the competition of Australian beef. To do so it is selling beef in Europe at a loss; and it puts up the price to American consumers enough to keep up its own profits. For brutal, cold-blooded callousness and an unfeeling disregard of every sentiment of humanity, I must commend this millionaire packer who sits back in his easy chair and tells the retail butcher that he has heard no complaints from the consumer and that it is the only way out for them to put up the price. The American working-man has been faring too well. He can stand a little more squeezing. If he wants beef to keep up his strength, let him pay more, and let him and his family wear cheaper clothing, spend less for furnishing their homes and put their children to work at a more tender age. No matter what becomes of the consumer whose complaints have never reached the ears of this stuffed-purse monopolist, competition must be destroyed and the men with the pick and the plane must help foot the bill. And yet there are people who object to socialism because it would "do away with competition!" Be assured that if socialism doesn't put an end to competition, the trusts will, in a decade or two at the longest.—Kansas Populist.

### Our Army.

The administration sends out the gratifying intelligence that our standing army amounts now to 95,500 men (the 500 are thrown in for good measure), and that 55,000 well-armed fighting men will be in the Philippines by November. These new men will not be armed with Springfield rifles, as were the Nebraska volunteers. The war is to be red-hot for sixty days, and then it is to be over. "The nice-laid schemes of nice and men gang aft aglee." Suppose the natives won't fight—what then? Suppose Aguinaldo and his forces take shelter in the inaccessible recesses of the mountains. How is our army going to reach them? Can they not carry on, for years to come, a predatory warfare, such as Francis Marion carried on in the swamps of South Carolina? Is it not possible that we may have to witness once more a repetition of the heroic achievements of Wallace and Bruce in the mountains of Scotland? It is possible that the war may last more than two months.—Nonconformist.

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