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A NOTE OF WARNING.
 A warm discussion took place in the U. S. Senate last Wednesday when Senator Hale of Maine and Senator Spooner crossed swords. In the course of the controversy Senator Hale declared he had discovered powerful influences at work to retain Cuba and never fulfill the pledge made the people of Cuba by congress. Such a statement from a republican senator prove that the charges made by populists and democrats are not merely idle campaign stories. In reply to a remark by Senator Spooner, Mr. Hale said: "The senator has more confidence than I have in the experiment we are trying to-day of teaching the people of Cuba honesty and good government. I think we would be better off if we had not taught the Cubans the lesson that has been taught in the last few months."
 Mr. Spooner: "What lesson?"
 Mr. Hale: "The lesson of fraud, perjury, cheating, appropriation of revenues, stealing, carnival in every direction of corruption and fraud."
 Mr. Spooner (warmly): "It is a little tiresome for me to be called upon on this side of the chamber to reply to a democratic speech."
 Mr. Hale: "I am as good a republican as the senator from Wisconsin. I do not recognize any party obligations that compel me to consent to the proposition that every thing has gone right in Cuba."
 Mr. Spooner: "Nobody pretends it."
 Mr. Hale: "I do not think the experiment has been a success. I would vote tomorrow to withdraw from Cuba and leave that people to establish and set up and maintain their own government. The time will come when we get out of this thing without worse things happening than are now."
 "What does the senator mean," demanded Mr. Spooner, "when he speaks in general terms of a carnival of fraud and corruption?"
 "I mean the things disclosed. A bill of particulars has been filed already. It is not the administration that is at fault. It is a natural cause. There never has been an instance of setting up a supreme government in a colony or dependency that has not been attacked with precisely the things that we have seen in Cuba. Congress is much at fault. The administration is not at fault. The administration has selected men who are believed to be good men. We went into it with our confidence, believing it was an easy thing. I voted against the Paris treaty because I believed colonial dependencies would result in precisely what has happened. I am glad to see the administration is trying to defend it, but I do not want anybody to say it is an unexpected thing."
 Mr. Spooner: "So far as anything I have said is concerned the senator's remarks are in the language of Shakespeare, 'A bolt of nothing, shot at nothing.' We went to war to free Cuba. Have we done Cuba and the Cubans no kindness by pouring millions of our money and spreading the blood of our soldiers in order to give our Spanish tyranny forever from Cuba? Has the senator any suspicion in his mind or in his heart that the pledge made in the resolution passed by congress as to the temporary character of our occupation in Cuba is not to be kept?"
 Mr. Hale: I have very grave suspicions. I think there are very powerful influences in this country, largely located in New York city, largely speculative and connected with money-making enterprises that are determined that we shall never give up Cuba. I think that the time will never come unless something earnest and drastic is done by congress that the last soldier of the United States will be withdrawn from Cuban soil. I do not think the president favors holding Cuba. I discovered very powerful influences, commercial, mercantile,

money and political, that are opposed to our ever withdrawing from Cuba. I take up the newspapers that are foremost in the large cities and I find every day intimation and hints that we are never to withdraw from Cuba. Mr. Spooner: "If I were inclined to doubt for one moment the United States government will seasonably withdraw from Cuba I should be ashamed of the government and ashamed of its action."
 Mr. Hale: "That assurance from the senator more than repays me for all I have said. I shall count on him in the future."
 Mr. Spooner: "To say that the senator will count on me in the future is little less than an insult. This is a government of honor and it is a people of honor. When the senator expresses a fear that the people's desire to keep the pledge of this government will be allowed to slumber at the voice of commercialism, he degrades the people and underestimates their integrity."

FARMERS' TELEPHONES.
 A Wisconsin farmer writes to the Farm Journal as follows:
 After reading "Post-office On Wheels," in March Farm Journal, I would like to say a few words about farmers' telephones. We have about seventy-five phones, all built and owned by farmers, in the western part of this, Fond du Lac county, Wis., all of which are in good working order and giving excellent satisfaction. We find it to be a great help to us in more ways than we expected, and when it comes to getting a doctor, or any assistance that is wanted in a hurry, it is just the thing.
 Our lines run from one city, village or country post-office to another, through the country. We use one wire, with wires running into the farmer's house, where they have 'phones. Our 'phones are long distance, bridged to earth instruments, and so far have given good satisfaction, some of them have been in use over two years. The cost has been a little less than \$30 each, on an average, for 'phone and building line. Had some help from the town people and doctors in building line. Cost of keeping in repair has been almost nothing so far. Have as high as seventeen 'phones on one line. All the lines here are connected by switch, so that any one can talk with any of the 'phones, which are free to all those having a share in the line. We also connect with some of the toll lines, where they will let us. More 'phones and line are being added as time goes on, which is a good recommendation for the telephone. Ladoga, Wis.

THE INDEPENDENT MAN IN OFFICE.
 It is really amusing to hear chronic old officeholders who have done nothing but pull the public tale all their lives talk about the populists as only being after offices. According to their idea they themselves constitute the only legitimate office-holding class, and should anyone have the audacity to aspire to an office without applying to them they consider him illegitimate and denounce him as an impostor. Their own sordid motives lead them to think that no person would express himself in favor of any certain public policy unless he had some personal selfish reason for so doing. It is only occasionally that you find a man that is willing to sacrifice time and money for the public good unless he sees a chance to reimburse himself. And such men do not lay out and scheme for months how to manipulate caucuses and conventions. They attend to their own business and seldom if ever aspire for office. Occasionally people will tire of the machinations of venal professional place hunters and will call for men who are known to be independent men of principle. It is after the election of such a man that the real test of his character takes place. He knows that the combination of circumstances which led to his nomination is not likely to occur again and that while the sentiment among the people who elected him is as strong as ever it may not find expression at the primaries unless an organized attempt is made to so arouse it. Were it only a contest for one office the affair would be simple enough, but in county matters, for instance, there are a dozen different places to fill, each place having different aspirants. This complicates matters making it impossible, except where the office is a very important one, to secure delegates wholly on the merits of the candidates for the one place. Therefore the temptation is great to enter into combinations with other candidates, and in a short time our independent man either becomes one of "the gang" or he is retired to private life. Lucky for him, if he can contentedly pick up the thread of private business or trade and escape the consuming lust for place. But what of the community which has lost the services of a good man? Well, it can console itself with the thought that it still has "the gang." And for its further edification it will be told by the political vultures that hover around the public crib eager to catch some bit of carrion that the retired man simply was after the office and nothing more.

Enough Race Troubles Now.
 Thomas C. Hodgson of Elbow Lake makes a rejoinder to an article from the pen of Dr. Johnson in the Fergus Falls Globe. The same contains a strong point against the permanent occupation of the Philippines by American troops, and for that reason we take the liberty of reproducing it, as follows:
 "A careful perusal of Dr. Johnson's article in the Globe for May 12 inclines me to make reply, contrary to my natural inclination. Anything that I would be likely to write in a series of

articles upon current politics would not cover some of the points he raises. "What the doctor says about the defeat of Mr. Ringdahl is astounding. I most sincerely hope it is not true, but of course I cannot prove that it is not. I admit that Mr. Ringdahl's vote surprised me, but I never suspected it was the result of treachery or a corrupt bargain. The moment he was defeated I knew he would likely receive the appointment of railroad commissioner. I don't doubt it was so believed by all interested people. The fact that he was appointed affords no proof or presumption that it was arranged beforehand. I decline to believe it on such evidence as the doctor gives, and I don't accuse the doctor of uttering anything but the truth, either. However, if it is true I hope it will be made bare and public. I abominate deals of that kind, even as I do the devil."

"I hardly understand the doctor in the following sentence: 'Eddy will be elected, and if I vote at all I shall vote directly for him, and not by proxy, as I did two years ago.'"
 "I know one can vote indirectly for another, but I don't see how he could vote by proxy. There is a sort of proxy in our way of voting for president and United States senators, but not in that of representative. By voting for a third candidate we may cast a half a vote for the first one, and that is precisely what I am warning my mid-road friends against."

"I want to see a solid vote by a solid opposition cast against the party in power, including Mr. Eddy. I shall not vote for him either directly, indirectly or by proxy."
 "The last thing I wish to notice of the doctor's remarks is that which relates to imperialism. The doctor is hardly fair in the argument he makes to show that the Republicans are less imperialistic than we who profess to be against it."
 "No one regrets more than I the fact of race prejudice which exists in the South. It is deep seated and almost, if not quite, ineradicable. Thirty odd years of negro freedom seems not to have abated it a jot. I don't doubt that Senator Jones has it just like the rest of them. I don't suppose that Senator Hanna has much of that race feeling which so dominates the white people of the South. The situation, from my standpoint, is deplorable to the extreme. All this is an unanswerable argument against our engendering a corresponding state of things on the other side of the world. We have the negroes and we have the white men, and we have the race feeling in our own country, and no statesman, no philosopher, no theologian, has yet been able to show us how to deal with it or how to eradicate it. Is it not criminal, is it not hellish, to be engaged as a nation in a war that must produce the same state of things in the Philippine Islands? It is hard to hold one's temper when one thinks about it. Now, doctor, don't confound race prejudice with imperialism. They are two separate and distinct things. Jones is an anti-imperialist and so am I, and no doubt you are, and you only confuse people by that kind of logic."

"The experience we have had in this country with inferior races ought to convince anybody outside of the insane asylum that we should have no governmental authority over or responsibility for the inferior races beyond our harbors. Don't forget that we were once a magnificent republic. We are now an inferior empire. And the opposition to such a state of things is frittering away its time and strength over names—just names. T. C. H."

Victor Lawson of the Willmar Tribune is said to be seeking the fusion nomination for secretary of state. This neck-o'-the-woods is prolific in furnishing candidates for the office—at Willmar, one at Litchfield and one in Wright county.—Litchfield Review.

The editor of the TRIBUNE is becoming weary of being called upon to deny these reports of his alleged candidacy for office. He does not want an office—would not take one if tendered him, and hence is not "seeking" a nomination. He prefers to plod along as a hard-working newspaper publisher, as long as he is able to publish a free and independent newspaper. If he takes an interest in politics and devotes some space to political discussion it is because he believes that the mission of the TRIBUNE, which was established and is supported by the common people of Kandiyohi county, requires it. He believes that it would be impossible to conduct the paper as it should be conducted, if the editor or any of his associates on the paper became a candidate for office. If the editor wanted office he would run a different kind of a newspaper and would be more intent on making money and less careful of how he made it. In his brief experience he has seen bright and able men succumb to the temptation of preferment, and become moral cowards, losing their own self-respect. He has seen promising young men yield their own honest convictions at a vague promise from political corruptionists and willingly become their pupils in venal politics. While he is willing to admit that he may be mistaken in many things and has a great deal to learn, he does not propose to close his eyes, stop his ears, silence the promptings of his moral sense by drifting abjectly on the rocks on which he has witnessed the wrecking of others. So there, now, please give us a rest as to our being a candidate for office.

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 Att bygga en stark politisk plattform är löst alltid en lätt sak. Ola har alltid varit mycket hjälpsam af sig, och han erbjuder republikanerna följande plattform. Den torde vara något för rätt fram, men den grundar sig fullkomligt på Mark Hannas och McKiuleys nyomdiga republikanism:

1. Vi republikanerna peka med stolthet på det faktum att vi lyckats riva Förnta Staterna ur det fredliga civilisationsarbetets sömnaktiga tillstånd, och kastat det in på eröfringskrigens ärofulla stråt. Härigenom har öppnats ett vidt fält för arbete. Krutfabrikationen har blifvit en af våra viktigaste näringsgrenar. Våra blygruvor röna en stor efterfrågan på deras produkter. Fabrikanter af gevär, patroner, bajonetter, svärd, kanoner, pansarstål, o. s. v., ha uppstått det högsta västånd. Konserveradt kött, obrukligt under fredstid, har rönt en strykande ätgång, och de sjukdomar det försäkrat ha gifvit arbete åt en mängd unga läkare, samt åt medicin fabrikanter. Som vi framtägit de erofrade landen all sjelfreglering ha vi beredt plats för tusentals mislyckade politikkussar och unga odågor som vi ej hade något bruk för här i landet, men som nu erhålla förtäliga löner, och desutom ha tillfälle att ytterligare förstärka sin kassa genom startade försällningar af allmänna model.

2. Vi hänvisa en beundrande verld till det faktum att under den korta tid vi haft regeringstämman i våra händer har organiserats "trusts" med ett aktiekapital hvar gångar så stort som hela penningförärdet inom landet. Historien kan ej uppvisa ett motsvete till det västande trusterna uppstått under vår skyddande hand.

3. Stora själar lefva icke allena för sin tid, utan också för eftertiden. Derfor ha vi befäst vår nationalderförsäkring att våra efterkommande intill tredje och fjerde led må njuta af det västande som alltid följer en stor statskuld.

4. De fattiga nationalbankerna ha genom vår försorg befriats från hällen af de tryckande bördor under hvilka de hittills suckat, och beviljats rättighet att draga ränta på dubbla belopp af hvad de ega.

5. Visserligen ha vi ej hållit vårt löfte att årligt arbete för den dubbla myntfotens återförande genom internationell överenskomst, men så ha vi i stället gjort hvad vi icke lofvade, nemligen befastandet af den enkla guldmynnfoten. Härigenom ha vi stärkt det band som binder oss vid Europas nationer. När de lida så måste vi lida med. När de genom krig eller öfverdrifna spekulationer råka i penningbesättning kunna de draga till sig vårt guldfförråd. Härigenom öppnas ett vidare fält för nationalbankernas sedlar, ty vi ha varit förutseende nog att oskadliggöra regeringens egen papperspenning."

6. Våra hjertan svälla af stolthet när vi besinna det lysande statsmannasälle vår utrikes minister Hay utvecklade när han lyckades att utverka Englands tillåtelse för Förnta Staterna att bygga Nicaragua kanalen på egen bekostnad, med det vilkor att den icke befästas så att vårt land kunde draga någon fördel af den i krigstid.

7. Att lyckligt sluta ett krig är alltid ett ärofullt dåd. Men att göra slut på ett krig en gång är dock ett försvinnande intet mot de storverk vi ödfverträttige härförare, Gen. Otis, utfört i det han gjort slut på det Filipinska kriget omkring en gång i veckan i ett och ett half år. Alexanders, Ceasars och Napoleons dåd ställas i skuggan af detta storverk.

8. Ehuru många är hänsvunnit sedan republikanska partiet stiftade några lagar mot trusts är dock dessa lagar ännu i god skick och så godt som nya. Vi ha troget förvarat dem i statsarkivet, och aldrig utsatt dem för slit och nötning genom att bruka dem mot trusterna. Men ändå äro vi villiga att stifta flera lagar af samma sort och vara lika försigtiga i bruket af dem.

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