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THE bonded debt of the Chicago Record-Herald is \$3,600,000, and still that newspaper will live and make money.

SENATOR PETTIGREW has just cleaned up a quarter of a million dollars speculating in Wall Street stock and is not so rantankerous as he was.

SENATOR HILL, the great New York statesman, has wisely denied the assertion that he was already kiting after the presidential nomination in 1904.

HON. TOM L. JOHNSON, Cleveland's new mayor, has replied to the many public statements by saying that he is neither a candidate for governor or United States senator. Mayor Johnson knows his business and don't 'cher forget it.

GOVERNOR DURBIN has honored Dr. McAdams with a place upon his staff, with the rank of Colonel. The Adams county g. o. p. do not seem to be on the map, as nearly every county in the eighth congressional district have acknowledged some favor from the governor, save and except Adams.

If all our public men would approach the discussion of trusts and monopolies in the spirit that David B. Hill approached the same in his Jefferson banquet speech at Buffalo, the foundation might easily be laid for a broad sentiment that would lead to a safe and certain solution of these problems.—South Bend Times.

HON. HUGH DOUGHERTY while in the city yesterday, proclaimed the impossibility of his accepting the chairmanship of the Indiana democracy. Mr. Dougherty has too much business and it entails a too large volume of money to neglect in any way, as the chairmanship necessitates. Mr. Dougherty has grown much in the eyes of the Indiana democracy, and some sweet day we expect to see him grace the gubernatorial chair, for which he is splendidly equipped.

GOVERNOR DURBIN is slowly but surely building a machine in Indiana that he can confidently rely upon to elect him to the United States senate four years hence as successor to Senator Beveridge. Every appointment made so far has been with this end in view; and while the governor is to be complimented upon the most of his selections for office, each person so honored has had the Durbin label stamped upon him. In this line the Dispatch has heard it intimated repeatedly that more changes are to be made at the penitentiary, sooner or later, until every official becomes a recognized cog in the Durbin machine. With the great patronage at his disposal, and the governor's acknowledged ability as an organizer, it behoves the junior senator to do some fence building himself if he wants to be in the senatorial race at the end of his first term.—Michigan City Dispatch.

It is stated that the president of the billion dollar steel trust receives the fancy salary of a million a year. The amount stated is perhaps exaggerated, but nevertheless is enough to keep the wolf from the door.

The story is again in circulation that soon James K. Jones will retire from the national chairmanship and that Mayor Taggart will succeed thereto. In Indiana there is a sincere desire that this change in leadership come to pass.

A echo from the Zimri Dwiggin's style of banking comes from the east. James M. Starbuck, an old partner of Zimri, has just filed a petition in bankruptcy, in which he places his indebtedness at \$368,380, and not a red cent to pay on it. Asa Napoleon of finance Starbuck certainly is in Zimri's class.—Columbia City Post.

The president and party have departed upon that much advertised trip which measures more than 10,000 miles in length and covers twenty-three states. The start was made at ten o'clock Monday. The Washington end of the government will be in the hands of Secretary Root during the president's absence. The trip will cover seven weeks, and be the most extended sight-seeing expedition ever enjoyed by a president and his cabinet.

The selection of Prof. H. A. Hartman to superintend the public schools of this city for another year, is a deserving tribute to the merits of a worthy man. Mr. Hartman is a gentleman of much ability in school work, all of which has been fully demonstrated beyond any pre-venture. His social qualities are such that bring him into the good graces of both the pupil and those interested in the welfare of our public schools. He is worthy the place and the school board is to be commended for their prompt compliance to the wishes of the people.

ACCORDING to the treasury bureau of statistics the national debts of the world now aggregate more than \$30,000,000,000, as compared with an approximate aggregate of \$2,500,000,000 at the end of the eighteenth century. Thus in the last 100 years the world's national debts have increased more than ten times. This should be compared with an increase of the world's population during the last 100 years of about 150 per cent and an increase of gold and silver, which form the basis of the money with which debt payments are made, of about 300 per cent. The enormous increase in national indebtedness is chiefly the result of wars, standing armies and works of public utility. The official figures clearly prove that the bulk of increase in the world's national debts takes place invariably in times of great national or international wars. Most of the recent increases on a large scale were made during the latter half of the nineteenth century, which included the Crimean war, the United States civil war, the Franco-Prussian war, the China-Japan war, the Spanish-American war and others of less note. It is not necessary to follow here any statistics showing that the wealth of the nations that have uniformly increased their national debts during the last century has also uniformly increased in prodigious ratio. The point is self-evident that no matter how capable a nation may be of caring for its national debt, it cannot assume a war policy without building up colossal future burdens for the taxpayers.

WATTERSON ON BRYAN.

"Mr. Bryan and his future," is the caption of the leading editorial which appeared in the Courier-Journal, from the pen of Henry Watterson. It is his comment upon the Nebraskan's announcement that he will seek the presidency no more. Mr. Watterson says:

"It is over early to say whether Mr. Bryan is a statesman or a moral philosopher, a preacher or a party leader; a democrat or a socialist. Statesmen have made in their time as many mistakes as lie at his door; howbeit he is young yet. Democracy has been so ill-defined of late years that the commonality of democrats have got confused somewhat, albeit they have not wholly lost the trail.

"But it is quite certain that if Mr. Bryan is to be a useful force in the arena of democratic politics he must pull himself together and get down to business from the high horse of mere idealistic sentiment he has been riding, and that if we are to have a democracy of the old order, unfeared and undefiled, yet equal to things real, the entire opposition to syndicated government, as embodied by the republicans, must be united under broader banners and be marshaled upon surer ground. In a word, he, and the rest of us, must get down to facts.

"He may not be king; but he may be Warwick. He must devote himself to the future rehabilitation, not the healing of wounds, the mending of fences, the combining of forces. He must show himself a disinterested—nay, even a self-sacrificing man. If he fail in this, or if he attempt further to exercise autocratic power, he may find its magic gone from him in a day and night, passed to some newly risen favorite of fortune come as suddenly as came to the front, and offering the following that was his—a hope.

"It were a melancholy reflection twenty years hence, as he crosses the shadow line of sixty, if, amid the crumbling arches of life-time of lost opportunities he should be obliged to confess, with shame and guilt, that all his theorizing had brought him were the discredit of his counsel and the ruin of his party.

"There is a radical difference between recognizing existing conditions and of being answerable for their existence. We may regret the altered situation raised by a Spanish war.

"We may, as an original proposition, be averse to the idea of outlying territory and all it implies. We may have been shocked by the president's change of policy as to Porto Rico, by the scandals in Cuba by the blundering in Manila, but we cannot deny that, for weal or woe, we are in possession of Porto Rico and the Philippines, that, we are tenant in Cuba, and that we must either pack up and come away—and in doing so make a confession of national impotency—or else, standing our ground proceed with the new and complicated obligations and duties incident thereto.

"In abandoning the Philippines we yield our vantage ground in the far east, which is already become the center of the strife of the powers for commercial supremacy. We make what the world and the ages will hold an ignominious and short sighted surrender, for we are entering upon a cycle of pure commercialism whose end will witness the survival of the fittest and since when was any spirit-ed people insensible either to money or empire?

"Wrong, morally wrong," says Mr. Bryan. Why, on that line of effort

which has gain for its objection is wrong. "Out of line with American traditions," says Mr. Bryan. Why, every important movement from the Louisiana purchase to the abolition of slavery might be described. But right or wrong, they are facts, and as an organized body what shall the democratic party do about them?"

Mr. Watterson warns Mr. Bryan not to venture on too much predicting, saying:

"If he sets up for a prophet God help him, because in that event God only can. He should rather recur to Kinglake's fine illustration of Louis Napoleon and apply it to himself. 'An aeronaut who has twice fallen from the skies and is still in some measure alive.'

"If the intuition of mind much given to speculative studies do not inform him his reading must that the idol of today becomes the outcast of tomorrow. Heaven forbid that we should decry the bravery of youth; but in the case of Mr. Bryan, while it has carried him far, it has fallen short of the mark and has lost him a most dangerous eminence."

Mr. Watterson closes by recalling the criticisms he suffered for insisting that the south accept the three war amendments and make peace with the north, adding: "It was fighting for the democratic party which, except it reached some high, solid ground to stand on must flounder along in a quagmire of its own delusions. The Greeley fiasco was but the prelude to the Tilden triumph; the storm of sectionalism was over, and except for the other extremists, represented equally by the selfishness and the incompetency of Mr. Cleveland, and the illusions and optimism of Mr. Bryan, the democrats would be in power today, a great, conservative force, true to the constitutional teachings of the fathers of democracy, yet alloying tradition with progress."

"In 1901 we faced a revolution as great as that of 1865. Except as we realize its requirements we fail. Nothing is easier than to theorize about the bucolic republic of Washington and Franklin to fustianize about the 'constitution,' to make speeches and write prose—poems against imperialism, to fiddle and fool away the time whilst the republicans whipsaw us here and hamstring us there. Mr. Bryan's violin may give forth sounds sweet to listen to. Meanwhile Rome burns.

"It may be that we ought to deliver up to the useless sacrifice of the flames of a few more presidential elections in the interest of a cause already lost.

"We may be of the earth, earthly,

wanting in grace, but somehow we cannot help feeling that in this wicked world it is substance, not shadow, that rules.

"We are mighty tired of shooting blank cartridges out of flint muskets against an enemy armed with Mauser rifles and occupying all the strong positions upon the field of battle."

WILLIAM J. BRYAN and his Commoners are made out of the right stuff, as the following taken from his paper indicates: "I have no enemies to punish. No matter what a man may have said or done against the ticket in 1896 and 1900, that man becomes my friend the moment he accepts democratic principles. Neither have I any disposition to reward political friends at the expense of our cause. No matter what a man may have said or done for the ticket in 1896 or in 1900 that man becomes an opponent the moment he turns against the democratic principles. Political battles are fought, not in the past or in the future, but in

the present. The heretofore can not be recalled and the hereafter cannot be anticipated, but the now is all important."

In the same editorial Mr. Bryan announced that he had no intention of again becoming a candidate for a third nomination for president.

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