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Marcus Aurelius Hanna, chairman of the Republican National Executive Committee, who comes from 'ell or Ohio, has decided that the big trusts of the country which have enjoyed such unprecedented prosperity during his administration must contribute \$6,200,000 as a campaign fund to re-elect to the Presidency his man McKinley. It is pointed out in his letter of assessment to the big trusts that the developing strength of the Democratic party can be intercepted only by the liberal expenditure of money, and that they must contribute to his campaign fund more extensively than ever before or expect to see in the next President W. J. Bryan. That the trusts to whom he has appealed for help will come to his assistance is beyond peradventure, and that he will need every cent they contribute is also a foregone conclusion. It required the expenditure of more than \$16,000,000 to defeat Bryan four years ago. If they defeat him at all this year, which is exceedingly improbable, a corruption fund twice as large as that of 1896 will be necessary. Bryan is as irresistible to the great mass of people as the ocean's measureless motion, and they do not purpose that State after State shall be stolen from him as was done on last Presidential election day.

"The right to strike is an inalienable one and no body of men is to be blamed for exercising it. In the present matter of difference between the Southern Railway Company and some of its telegraphers we have a strong impression that there is more or less justice on the side of the strikers, some of whom, at least, have been overworked and whose compensation has been inadequate."—Charlotte Observer.

"Such an expression as this coming from any other paper in Charlotte would doubtless have been appreciated by the strikers and their sympathizers. But coming as it does from a corporation which only a few weeks ago kicked out its entire force of job printers because they protested against 'over work' and 'inadequate compensation' and filled their places with 'rats,' will not be received with much applause."—Mill News.

The Charlotte News and Courier tells a pathetic story of Stephen Moore, a blind Confederate private who died in that city last week, and whose obsequies could scarcely have been more impressive had he borne a commission or rendered some service of conspicuous gallantry. He was one of three brothers, two of whom fell in battle for the South, and the third, himself, came out of it with his eyes forever darkened to the light of the world. But Stephen Moore was of heroic build, and since the war he has cheerfully accepted pain and physical privation, and with unwearied energy and industry labored for his own support. "Although his comrades," says the News and Courier, "were ready always to care for him, he would not accept their willing aid but as it supplemented his own efforts. Working with his own hands at toil for which the thoughtfulness of his Confederate friends had equipped him. He was led by the hand through the streets to attend himself to the disposal of the fruits of his labor, bearing everywhere a smiling face and honored everywhere as an upright man and consistent, conscientious Christian.

Extract from a speech delivered by ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson:

"It is not for the pleasure, the solace or the glory of the dead, but for the instruction, the guidance, and the inspiration of the living that we celebrate the birth of one of the greatest men known to the annals of freedom. In law, in medicine, in science, in war, in every field of human activity, the deeds of mighty dead light the path for to-day and point the road for to-morrow. Today the men of America, who love liberty and hate oppression; who love justice and despise hypocrisy, look to the shrine of Thomas Jefferson for new hope and new courage. The foundations of the Republic are shaking and the altars of liberty are crumbling. Dirty fingers are laid on the Goddess of Justice and soiled hands are pillaging the temple of humanity. The effort to secure privilege and to maintain private monopoly in city and in nation is not only robbing us, but rotting us down. In America, enterprise has come to mean exploitation and patriotism has become a new name for plunder. Any contingent will do, and one hemisphere is as good as another, so long as the Government can be used for private enrichment. Finding the Government such a profitable asset, these private monopolies have taken possession of it. They seek to control caucuses, conventions, and elections. They control legislation, they own courts, and they dictate to the President of the United States."

A new coin, of the denomination of half a cent is one of the possibilities of the future, says the New York Times. If it should be coined it will be a testimonial to the influence of woman on public affairs, for it will come as a concession to feminine wants. Man could make use of a half cent, but the new coin, if it should be minted, will come into use as a direct result of the growth of the bargain counter. For some time the Treasury officials have been aware of a growing popular demand for half-cent coins. The big department stores in some sections of the country are the chief advocates of such an addition to the monetary denominations, and now a bill has been prepared and is ready to be introduced in Congress calling such a coin into existence. The latest and most striking proof which the Treasury Department has received of the existence in some quarters of a demand for five-mill coins is the fact that they have actually been coined by business houses, and are in circulation. Still more surprising to the department is the fact that from the first introduction of such coins by business houses their use has spread rapidly from one part of the country to another. Director of the Mint Roberts is not sure in what city the new half cent originated, but it seems to have reached its greatest vogue in Chicago. Since it first appeared other cities have taken it up, and the prospect is that department stores all over the country will soon be using five-mill pieces of their own coinage, in addition to Government money. It is said that the demand for Government sanction of the five-mill piece comes largely from the department stores of Philadelphia. Half-cent pieces were once issued by the Government. They went out of use about half a century ago. The one-cent coin then contained twice as much metal as the present coin of that denomination. The checks or coins issued by the department stores are of copper, and this could, of course, be the metal used in the new coin, should the Government decide to issue it.

Former Governor Horace Boies, of Iowa, in his letter regretting that he was unable to attend the Jefferson banquet in New York, discusses the change in the administration's policy after the war with Spain. "Then," he says, "greed took the place of charity and usurped the throne of justice. We wanted an excuse for exploiting the Philippines and made a voluntary donation of \$20,000,000 of gold to Spain to find it. What followed? I wish to God we could blot from the annals of our race this page of American history as it must be written, and go shamefaced, as it will, through all the ages to come. The truth is, we have simply changed places with Spain and snatched from her palsied hand the sword she could no longer wield, and turned it against a race she had become powerless further to oppress.

"Look at the little island of Puerto Rico that welcomed us as deliverers from an oppressor's hand! What do we find? A people denied the most valuable privileges they enjoyed under a despotism that furnished our only excuse for what; a race of vassals without a right we are bound to respect—foreigners, in fact, who can not enter our gates without paying tribute on the products of their toil or take unincumbered from our hands that which their needs require—yet our subjects in name, over which the American flag is to float forever, to be ruled as our lordly will may determine.

"With unseemly haste a Republican Congress and a Republican President struck from the statutes of their country a tariff tax framed for revenue, the only purpose for which taxes can rightfully be laid, and built in its place a huge wall in front of every port of the nation, in the shadows of which an infamous brood of life-sucking trusts have been nursed, until there is scarcely a manufactured necessity of life the market price of which to American consumers is not fixed by the greed of some giant corporation."

Another pestilence that walketh in the darkness of this world is the tattler. This pestiferous prater is generally feminine. She is 45 or beyond, sometimes younger. She is rather quick in movement, having a sharp, knowing, observing eye, and a good nose, rather aquiline. The tongue is symmetrical and pointed, quick in and quick out. The mouth is small, rather pouty, and not at all disagreeable looking when in repose, if you can find it that way. She delights in exciting occurrences. Family fuses are a feast, especially if there is scandal in it. She generally on such occasions moves out and around, taking her knitting with her. And now she talks, soft, sweet, and low, with a wink and a blink. She begins: "Miss A came to our house yesterday and said that Mrs. B said Aunt C said that she heard that, etc., etc." The poor creature's health seems to depend largely upon the moral demoralization and social scandal around her. If there is much talk about that's exciting her digestion is good and she is vivacious and wondrously kind and soft-toned, but when there is a lull in the community's atmosphere the old thing doesn't seem to do well—she gets sad and looks weary. There is some commendable things the tattler will do, a sort of compensation that comforts. She will go to see the sick and will wait on the patient attentively. If it's a

doubtful case she becomes in earnest and very sympathetic, looks serious in a graveyard way, whispers gently (that tongue mind you is always going) and is very much disappointed if the patient recovers. Oh! mercy, if I had a tattler in my charge I'd go to the physician and say: "O, doctor, do something for her, give her, give her drugs—some strong nerve treatment and don't never let her liver get out of order; and say, doctor, if she is inclined to have hysterics with it all, do for the Lord's sake recommend amputation of the tongue speedily, and I will pay you for the job. Amen!—Selected.

The contract for the erection of the county bridge over Catawba River was awarded to an Atlanta firm Monday. It is to cost \$8,345.

Miss Rachel Rich, a young lady who was sent to the insane asylum at Columbia from this community a few months ago, died in that institution Monday morning. Her remains were brought to Fort Mill Monday night and interred in the cemetery at this place yesterday afternoon.

The annual commencement exercises of Gold Hill Academy began last evening, with a large and appreciative audience in attendance. The exercises are to continue till Friday evening, at which time the students' annual party will be held. Hon. J. J. McMahan, of Columbia, will deliver a literary address Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber, or otherwise trespass on the lands of the undersigned.

The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association will meet at the Bank Building at 3:30 o'clock, May 9, 1900. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

A special meeting of the veterans of Jefferson Davis Memorial Association, U. C. V., will be held in Confederate Park Saturday afternoon, April 28, at 3 o'clock. Every member is earnestly urged to be present, as business of importance is to be considered.

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS.—The Fort Mill Democratic Club is hereby called to meet in the Town Hall, Fort Mill, S. C., on Saturday, April 28, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing the club, electing delegates to the county convention, and a member of the county executive committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
Clerk of Court.  
We are authorized to announce W. BROWN WYLIE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.  
W. H. STEWART.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court for York County.  
J. J. HUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.  
J. A. TATE.

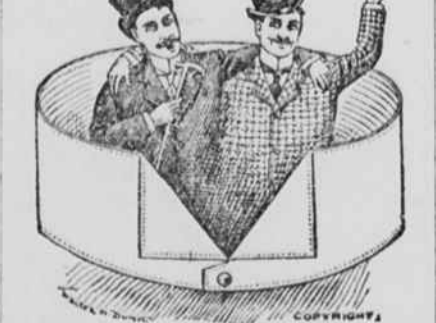
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