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A formation of the Agricultural Implement Trust is openly announced. After January 1, 1901, every piece of machinery used by the farmer must be purchased at trust prices.

Every factory in the country has been captured, together with all the rights and patents. A number of factories are to be shut down and prices of agricultural implements are to be braced up.

Thousands of traveling men and agents in charge of agricultural implement depots, have received notice to look for other employment, that by March 1 none of their services would be needed.

The trust schedules of prices are being arranged now and will go into effect after the big monopoly takes hold.

Nearly all the big implement firms of the country have agreed to pool their issues in the trust. It means that every piece of machinery, plow, harrow, roller, pick, shovel, hoe, rake, scythe, etc., must be purchased through the trust at trust prices. There will be no remedy. It will be a case of stand and deliver.

Mark Hanna, who secured his seat in the United States Senate by bribery, is making a desperate effort to save the mortgaged McKinley administration from defeat by raising the cheap old cry that Mr. Bryan is trying to set the poor against the rich. It is too late in the day to rescue Mr. McKinley. The people of the United States know Mr. Bryan as the conservative defender of the constitution, the courageous opponent of reckless colonial adventure, and the champion of legitimate wealth, commerce and industry against the lawless and predatory trusts which are supporting their work agent in the White House. The whole country knows Mr. Bryan as a safe and sincere leader, just as it knows Mr. McKinley as the most corrupt and ineptible man ever placed in the chair of Washington and Jefferson.

McKinley's defeat is as certain as his ignoble place in American history. The convention which nominated him was dominated by the arch-briber of America, and its idol was ex-Governor Taylor, a fugitive from the justice of his own State. It was an apotheosis of human greed. The men who are trying to perpetuate him in power have gathered the greatest political corruption fund known in the history of the world.

These are the men who say that Mr. Bryan is trying to set the poor against the rich. The truth is that Mr. Bryan has done more to bring the honest rich and the honest poor together than any other man of this generation. His greatest service to his country is that he has put hope in the breasts of poor men and made them realize that their wrongs can be righted by the peaceful exercise of their votes. He has sought to awaken in the minds of honest men of wealth a realization of the the perilous conditions created by the law-defying combinations which the Supreme Court itself has condemned in sweeping terms.

Read Mr. Bryan's own earnest and statesmanlike words in his Madison Square Garden speech:

"We are not opposed to that wealth which comes as the reward of honest toil, and is enjoyed by those who give to society something in return for that which society bestows upon them. The Democratic party today is not only not the enemy of honest wealth, but the Democratic party today is the best friend of that

wealth that represents ability of muscle or of mind employed in its accumulation. We draw the line between honest wealth and predatory wealth. We draw the line between that wealth which is a just compensation for services rendered and that wealth which simply measures the advantage which one citizen has taken over many citizens, and no honest industry, no honest occupation, no honest man need fear the success of the Democratic party."

Could there be anything more conservative, more wise, more patriotic than that? Is there an honest citizen anywhere who does not say, "Amen?"

At the National Capital.
Regular correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, 1900.—When old Zack Chandler made Hayes a possibility by claiming his election after the returns showed Tilden's election, he established a precedent that has been slavishly followed by the Republican managers of every national campaign since. The Republicans have already re-elected McKinley, according to their claims, and the voting next Tuesday will be a mere formality. The object of this bluff and bluster is so plain that he who runs may read it. On a get that large portion of the public which takes no personal part in politics other than to vote to accept the idea that McKinley's election is assured, and the way will be paved to work Hanna's plans to secure the election by the corrupt use of money and any other crooked way that presents itself, and those who know little or nothing about the manipulation of political machinery will be more apt to accept the result so obtained because it had been so confidently claimed before election. "He who laughs last laughs best." The Democratic managers could shatter some of the surface indications which the Republicans are pointing out as assuring McKinley's election, but to do so they would have to show where many thousands of Bryan votes are which the Republican bosses are fondly counting for McKinley, and that they do not deem it good policy to do. It is the silent vote which they are depending upon to elect Bryan and Stevenson, and to locate that vote for the Republicans would be to make trouble for the voters and to lose much of it.

The slobbering—the word isn't elegant, but it is exactly expressive in this case—of the men who first kicked the late John Sherman out of the Senate to make room for Hanna and afterwards kicked him out of the cabinet, where he had only been a figurehead, while Day performed the duties of Secretary of State, over the death of Sherman, which occurred in Washington last week, is about as disgusting a political episode as the world has seen on this side of the Atlantic. It was killing a man and then praising him for his virtues.

Bank examiners that can detect fraudulent manipulation of bank books by crooked employees is a needed reform which has been emphasized by the news of a \$700,000 defalcation of an employee of the First National Bank of New York City. Secretary Gage was inclined to treat the matter rather lightly when asked why the bank examiners employed at high salaries by his department had not discovered the big defalcation in their examinations of the bank's books. He said, as though it were a matter of no consequence: "Our examiners can not be expected to discover an old defalcation when the bank officers themselves have not found or suspected it. The First National Bank can stand it easily, with a surplus of \$6,000,000." These few words of Secretary Gage are a strong indictment of the national bank system, as it is now run. If the bank examiners "can not be expected" to find crookedness until it is pointed out to them by the bank officers, pray, how do they earn their salaries? If Mr. Bryan is elected President, he will get a Secretary of the Treasury who will expect more of the bank examiners and will see to it that they are men with knowledge and skill enough

to meet his expectations. This particular bank has been such a pet of Republican Secretaries of the Treasury since 1877, through favors given it by the Treasury Department, that the bank examiners may have been afraid to look too closely into its books.

The government service is in a crippled condition in all the departments and is likely to remain so until after the election, owing to the absence of nearly all of the responsible officials, who are in the field doing political work of some kind, or putting up a bluff that they are, while their salaries are going right along.

20,000,000 Boxers.

London, October 25.—The Fortnightly Review publishes an article on China by Sir Robert Hart, director general of the Chinese Imperial maritime customs. It is chiefly interesting because of the alarming opinions enunciated regarding the future by an experienced observer who is probably more familiar with official China than any living foreigner. He declares that the Boxer movement, though officially inspired, has taken hold of the popular imagination and will spread throughout the length and breadth of the country. He says it is purely a "patriotic volunteer movement," and that the Boxer patriot of the future will possess the best weapons money can buy, and then the "yellow peril" will be beyond ignoring.

He refers to the prospective growth of this Chinese movement as threatening the world's future, and says that 20,000,000 or more Boxers, armed, drilled, disciplined and animated by patriotic, if mistaken motives, will make resistance in China impossible for foreigners. They will take from the foreigners everything the foreigners have taken from China, will pay old grudges with interest and will carry the Chinese flag and Chinese arms into many a place that even fancy will not suggest today, thus preparing for future upheavals and disasters. In fifty years there will be millions of armed Boxers at the call of the Chinese government. There is not the slightest doubt of that, and if the Chinese government continues to exist it will encourage, and will be quite right to encourage, uphold and develop this national Chinese movement. It bodes no good for the rest of the world, but China will be acting within its rights and will carry through a national programme.

Sir Robert fears that the remedies are outside the range of practical politics and looks to the future full of foreboding. Nothing but partition under certain conditions or the miraculous spread of Christianity can, in his opinion, avert the peril, and he does not see how either can be achieved. Failing these, the lawlessness of the present rising must be condoned and the Manchu dynasty supported.

White-Capping Mormons.

The Mormons are being white-capped in this county, and the citizens in some sections of the county where the elders have been operating are determined that the proselyting must cease. The Yorkville Enquirer says:

"The people of western York and eastern Cherokee are giving the Mormon elders who are operating in that section quite a lively time of it. Of late several Mormons have been whipped severely by crowds of disguised citizens, and the elders generally have been given to understand that they can not establish themselves in the neighborhood peaceably.

"The 'cooling ground' section of Cherokee county as far east as King's creek, in this county, has, for quite a number of years, been an inviting field for the elders. There is a great deal of ignorance and immorality in the neighborhood, and as far back as twelve or fifteen years ago, the Mormons succeeded in getting quite a foothold. Of late the elders have become much more enterprising and energetic than previously, and, as a consequence, many leading citizens of the vicinity have become aroused to active opposition."

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