Watchman. What of the Night?

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:been killing sheep or robbing somebody's hen roost.

To use the words of a Republican, D mocrats in line. But lots of money aid it, and if we can hold them in line will be dead."

stuck to their party we would have had an easy victory. But it proves that there state or nation. It also proves there can be but one party for the people. The object lesson given to us by the developments. esstern Shylocks and the paoic through which we are just passing seems insufficient to bring the voters to their senser, is will take another twist of the vise before the masses can see where relief lies. To suppose that relief can or will come by pursuing the same course or following the same channel that has brought about the present condition, is to me the hight of folly. I feel more convinced than ever before of the correctness of our plea, and that relief from the grasp of the money power esn on'y be had by the masses getting together in the Populist party and car rying it to success. I am in no way depressed by our seeming, defeat. It eannot be expected that we are yet strong enough to overthrow the twoold parties when they combine against us But by keeping up the fight and by pressing our claims before the people 1 am satisfied that the better element of people will soon see that their own and the nation's interests can be secured only by their voting for the principles of the reform party.

The vote of the Democratic party has so dwindled down in the last two elecions that it can hardly be said that they eccupy a place in the politics of the state. Two years ago they had a plurality; but now they only poll about ene-half as much as the Independents. And yet you hear the cry "The Independents are dead." No, no, they are not dead, nor dying, but are alive forevermore, until oppression is driven from our land and this country shall be the land of the free as well as the home of the brave. How a Democrat can lick the hand that has smitten him all these years, is a spectacle that would simost make angels weep; yet we find them doing so by the thousands.

Can it be possible that they are so charmed by the siren song of their old political enemies, that they are led on to their ewn destruction? I am led to believe that they will yet see their fate before it is too late, and break the spell and come in out of the wet, ere they are stuck in the quagmire of monomet-

I want to say to the friends of reform, close up the ranks, buckle on your armor anew; press the battle to the very gates of the enemies of free government. Let it never be said that the American people are unable to legislate in their own behalf without first consolting the old country.

Can it be possible that we have lost our patriotism and love for our own country and have to cringe and submit to England's wishes ere we can pass laws for and in behalf of our own peo-

Perish the thought. Dumb be the tengue that would suggest, and palsied be the hand that would write such

The enthusiasm manifested over the rictory in the late election is like the glory of Nero fiddling waile Rome burned. Some people seem unable to comprehend that the same losses that effect others effect themselves. Men shel in rags unable to furnish themselves or their families with sufficient siothing or bread, laboring hard early ard late, selling the product of their labor for less than the cost of production because of a false system of finance, yelling themselves hearse over the sucems of a principle that is undermining

the very basis of our civil government. To me such are more to be pitied than blamed, led on by a blind partisanship to their own rule. I say to my triands deal with such gently. Lead them to the light, instruct them in the right, and ere this republic is destroyed m predicted by Abraham Lincoln, enough may be brought to realize the danger staring us in the face and jain we in the great army that are fighting for the salvation of this country from the Shylocks of this and the old counthe Shylocks of this and the old country. I cannot but think we are pass | Low rates. Fast trains. Office 1137 tog through the darkest period this O St.

government ever saw. Even more dangerous than during the late civil war. Another battle has been fought. They may call me a crank or a calamity Search has been made for the dead, howler, but before me I can see nothbut lo and behold, no dead can be ing but dark clouds arising that lead found. And after carefully examining the coming storm. I pray God to avert the supposed wounded, we find none the struggle and give us access to the are hurt, only stunned by the explosion hearts of the people that they may of two guns at once. After the smoke turn from their party idols to serve the has blown away every man is found interest of our common country. In to his gun, ready for another fight order that we may the more quickly "Truth crushed to earth will not down." succeed in combining all elements that As for this, Dawson county, the unex- are opposed to the machinations of the pected took place. The Democrats money power, I am in favor of dropping voted alm at solid the Republican everything that is not of direct vi al ticket. This we did not expect as most interest and concentrate our whole efof them talked otherwise during the fort upon the question of finance. For campaign. Just about enough voted to my mind if we had a proper financial the Democratic ticket so as to keep system established in this country the their lightning rod up for government other questions that we contend for patronage should Cleveland take a would measurably regulate themselves. notion to change postmasters The Take the tariff, for instance. Give me most of them look as though they had money enough and I can easily pay my share of the tariff. But if I have no money it matters little to me whether the tariff is high or low, I could not *They had hard work to keep the pay it. I think the subtreasury plan would sink into insignificance if the fi nance question was settled right. Let one more election the Independents us adopt as our battle cry 'Free coinage of silver at 16 to 1; our money How are the mighty fallen! The issued only by the government, and all mme condition prevailed largely all such money a legal tender for all debts, over the state. Had the Democrats and the destruction of all monopolies and combinations that work against the interest of the masses." When can be but one goldbug party in the these are settled we can give attention to other things as they may appear and dispose of them in the light of future J. H. DARNER. Cozad, Neb.

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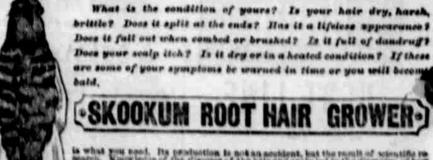
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