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The supreme court has just passed on an important question in connection with the operations of the Burlington volunteer relief department. The case was one where a widow of an employe killed in the service sued for damages for herself and children. Her husband had been a member of the relief department, and she had received the benefits from this department and signed a receipt waiving all further claims arising from her husband's death. The court holds that this receipt is no bar to further recovery; that the railroad company cannot force its employes to contract away the rights of their wives and children, nor by accepting an insurance benefit release the road from all further liability. The decision is a just one, and places the Burlington voluntary relief department in its proper category—as an insurance company, separate and distinct from the railroad company.—Lincoln News.

The Traitor Populists.

Inter Ocean.

With the exception of Senator Peffer the populists whom the farmers sent to congress seem to have become steadfast allies of the trusts, and especially of those trusts that make direct war upon the interests of agriculture.

Five of the Kansas delegation in congress—Peffer, Simpson, Davis, Hudson and Baker—were elected as champions of farmers' rights and free silver. One only of them (Peffer) has stood in opposition to the tariff bill that repeals the duty on Kansas wool, that takes away the bounty on Kansas beet sugar, and that repeals the reciprocity clauses that have opened a market for millions of dollars worth of Kansas wheat and maize in Germany, in Cuba, in Brazil, in Italy, in France, and in other countries. Colorado sent two populists to congress to guard the interests of its farms and mines. Both of them are found supporting a tariff bill that tends to enlarge our imports from England, and therefore to increase our indebtedness to it, though England refuses to take our silver in payment of our debts.

Both of them have withheld approval from Senator Lodge's resolution for a discriminating tariff against England so long as it discriminates against American silver. It is true that Lodge's resolution has not yet reached the house, but it is also true that an endorsement of it by the populists from Colorado would be encouraging. Both the Colorado populists have voted for free wool and for taxed sugar. They have voted protection to the great trust and have voted it away from the poor farmer. The Wilson bill is a "goldbug" bill in that it favors the trade of the foreign country that is America's largest creditor, and that is the creditor most obstinate in demanding payment in gold. The populist congressman from Minnesota also has voted to exclude the flour and the meat of his state from the countries whose markets were opened to them by reciprocity. He has voted for a tax on the sugar that the farmer buys, and for removal of protection from the wool which he sells.

The like is true of Kem and McKeighan, the populist congressmen from Nebraska, and Newlands, from Nevada. One and all, Peffer excepted, have become traitors to the farmers and miners, and facile tools of the trust-fostering, foreign-debt-making policy of the democrats.

It is time that the farmers make themselves heard by the populist gentlemen who are misrepresenting them in congress. Prompt and firm protest by the populists in congress may result in cheap and untaxed sugar, in protection to wool, in such policy as will force Europe into discarding its policy of hostility to American silver, and in keeping open those new markets that reciprocity has opened to American farm produce.

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Congressman Bryan, of Nebraska, is another democrat who sees the overthrow of his party in prospect and declines a renomination. Undoubtedly there publicans are going to make great gains this year in the Congressional elections, particularly in the West. In the present House Nebraska has one Democrat, two Populists and three Republicans, but it is likely to choose an entire Republican delegation next November.—Globe Democrat.

Half Potatoes for Seed.

By the experiments conducted at the Michigan experiment station during 1893, and corroborated by twelve other stations, it was shown that potato growers do not plant enough seed. The following conclusions were reached:

1. That an increase in seed within ordinary limits produces a marked increase both in total yield and marketable yield.

2. That an increase in seed from one eye up to a half potato produces an increase in the net value of the crop. But the increase yield from the whole potato over the half potato is not sufficient to cover the cost of the greater amount of seed.

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1. That for total yield (large or small) of 95 experiments, 76 are in favor of the half potato and ten in favor of the two eyes.

2. That for marketable yield (total less small) of 73 experiments, 58 are in favor of the half potato and 15 in favor of the two eyes.

3. That for net marketable yield (marketable less amount of seed) of 30 experiments, 23 are in favor of the half potato and 7 are in favor of the two eyes.

4. That for net value of crop [value of crop less value of seed] of 30 experiments, 22 are in favor of the half potato and 8 in favor of two eyes.

An Exciting Conyention.

Globe Democrat.

There are indications that the republican national convention of 1896 will be more interesting and exciting than any which has been held since 1880 or 1884. Only three men—Harrison, McKinley and Reed—have as yet been prominently mentioned for the candidacy, but more of them will undoubtedly be at the front by the time the delegates begin to be chosen to that gathering. The republican who is elected governor of New York this year—and the republicans will undoubtedly carry that state—can be counted on to have a following among the delegates, and the republican house of representatives which is likely to be elected next November, may furnish one or two more or less promising aspirants in addition to Reed. Then there is the senate, too, to be heard from, in which Allison may be said to be on the presidential track, and in which Lodge is making vigorous efforts to get a place on the course.

The impression which is widely prevalent among both parties that the choice of the republican convention will be the next president will render the contest for the nomination especially earnest and spirited. Nearly all the sections are likely to present one or more aspirants. The central west has two already, and New England one, and the northwest and the middle states are yet to be heard from. John Sherman, of course, will not be in this race but the age barrier which will keep him out will not exclude his old friend Allison. The Iowa will, in 1896, be still several years on the sunny side of seventy, and his ambition to get the nomination probably still clings to him. Allison is popular in his locality, and with the conservative element of the party everywhere. New York's choice for the nomination will be indicated in its selection of a gubernatorial candidate, and this man—Morton, Tracy, Depew, or whoever else he chances to be—will be entered in the Presidential race.

Struggles in which three or four aspirants are nearly evenly matched at the outset in conventions almost always bring out other contestants. In some cases men thus receive votes who were never conspicuously mentioned for the nomination previously, and in exceptional instances some of these men carry off the prizes. Van Buren, Cass, Johnson and Buchanan divided up the democratic convention of 1844 to such an extent that a new man, Polk, was brought forward and nominated. Eight years later the struggle in the same party between Cass, Buchanan, Douglas and Marcy put another new man, Pierce, at the front. The strife between Grant and Blaine, in 1880, did a like service for Garfield. There is a

possibility that McKinley, Reed and Harrison may, in the same way, make the political fortune of somebody else whose name has not thus far been coupled with the candidacy. That is to say, a man may be elected to the Presidency two and a half years hence who has never been thought of yet in that connection by a hundred persons in the whole country.

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