How hard it is to loosen the tentacles of the devilfish if he once had a hold, we best observe in the case of our penitentiary. It is over a year ago that the tentacles were cut in two, but until to-day it was not possible to totally re-

It is impossible to describe all the dif-ferent kinds of devil-fish which work in the form of monopolies, trusts, contracts

etc., and which live by sucking the life-blood from the people.

By this system in the last thirty years it became possible to transform this earthly paradise into a desert and its once proud; free citizens to miserable debt ridden, powerless serfs, who fight nselves for the possession o a bone which is not quite gnawed off.

This people hope in vain that the gov-ernment, which is controlled by the pluto crats will bring them relief. They will have to fight for themselves to, loosen the iron grip of the octopus.

To make us forget our own misery, our attention is drawn to the condition of Turkey, Armenia, Japan or China, and our sympathies are for liberating Cuba and Venezuela, but there is never a single step taken to remove the misery of our own suffering people or to draw off the iron shackles with which our plutocrats have bound us.

There is no other help for this people. It must liberate itself, and this is not so very difficult a job if only the people once get their eves open and instead of blindly following its corrupt leaders, commence to think and act for themselves. At present we have one of the most disastrous business calamities ever known, and which was provoked purposely and artificially by our plutocrats in order to rob the people and prepare for the last stroke at our liberties. Therefore our administration, legislatures and courts employ extraordinary compulsory means, increasing the army, police and Pinkerton's, and procuring enor-mous war material. It is high time this people woke up and fight for its rights.
Will this people do its duty?
There must be a close distinction made

between appropriating and stealing or robbing. When a man steals a sausage to silence his hunger he is a common thiel and even more detestible as a beg-

If somebody takes hold of some fellows throat and takes a few cents out of his pocket, he is a bold robber and belongs to the peniteutiary; but if a fellow takes with one grip enough so that he can live comfortable all his future life and have a little to spare for soft soap for lawyers, jurors, etc., he has only to appropriated what he had a right to, which his law

yers can easily prove. When Rockefeller, Gould, Vanderbilt, Carnegie, Armour, Baron Havemeyer, Pullman, etc., have the throat of the whole people and turn their pockets inside out, this is a legitimate noble business, wherefore they not only are admired, honored and presented with patents of nobility, by the nobility of the old country, the thoroughbred decendants country, the thoroughbred decendants of the old robber knights, so that our money barons stand on the same level with blue blooded sovereigns and princes. Some of these noblemen erect universities, where their noble doctrines are

the people honor them as benefactors. Even the devil has no power against such gentlemen. If he should try to molest one of them, he builds a church wherefore he will be protected so that the devil loses every claim.

taught and their virtues are praised and

FRED SCHWITZER. [The above is condensed being about hand. Correspondents must remember there is a limit to the amount of matter that can be printed in one paper.-EDITOR NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

SWITCHMAN MEETS DEATH

W.G. Nickerson Steps Between Two Cars and is Fatally Hurt.

At Lincoln Monday morning at about 5 o'clock, Switchman W. G. Nickerson fell to his death in the Burlington yards. He was standing on the car next to the last of a string of twenty talking to Foreman Bradley who was on the last car. He evidently forgot that there was an opening between the cars for when he started toward Mr. Bradley he stepped into space and fell to the track below. The last car passed over him severing one leg above the knee and frightfully mangling the other. He was at once taken to the sanitarium, but did not rally, dying at 8:40. He leaves a wife and a two-yearold boy. He was about thirty years of He carried \$750 insurance in the Burlington relief fund and \$1,200 in the brotherhood of railway trainmen.

Populist Papers Combine.

The Wealth Maker and Independent both published in Lincoln have been consolidated and will hereafter be known as the Nebraska Independent. T. H. Tibbles will be the editor and Frank Eager, secretary of the state central committee of the populists will new field, one where he may be at liberty to organize co-operative societies. Mr. Huckins, the former editor of the Independent, is now the editor of the Wahoo New Era. This is the second attempt to maintain a single party or gan at the capital.

Barred Out of Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 14.-The Supreme court of Kansas has denied a rehearing of the case of Jonathan Banks, a newsdealer at Leavenworth, who after being placed in jail for violating the law concerning the making and distribution of scandalous publications, sought release by habeas corpus proceedings in the Supreme court. The writ applied for was denied and the law upheld in an opinion written by Associate Justice Allen, the Populist member of the court. The Kansas City Sunday Sun is the publication involved in the decision.

A Woman Clerk Shoots a Floor Walker. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14.-Miss

Ruth Gordon, a clerk in the dry goods store of Ayres & Co., of this city, fired two shots at Harry Purviance, a floor walker, for alleged ungentlemanly conduct. One shot made an abrasion in Purviance's side. The second failed to take effect and Purviance grabbed and overpowered his assailant before she could fire again.

Reward for the Burden Jewels. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Townsend Burden has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the return of the \$65,000 worth of diands stolen from his residence.

DESTROY PARTY RULE

Then We Can Unite to Secure the Opportunity to Divide on Questions Affecting our Welfare

George Howard Gibson, in Coming Nation. How may the good honest people of all parties get together, seems to be the question that in a sense includes all other questions, because it is the question that must first be answered. The conviction is forcing itself upon intelligent, thoughtful people that party rule is destroying our liberties by dividing us; that it is not safe to entrust power to representative (?) lawmakers; that representative government, so-called, is a conspicuous, hopeless failure.

But is there any way by which we can come together? We cannot get together as Republicans, or Democrats, or Prohibitionists, or Populists, or bimetallists, or on any new platform constructed of selected timber taken from the platforms which divide us. We cannot escape from party boudage by any effort of one party (new or old) to swallow the voters of all other parties. We cannot get together on any one question like tariff reform, or silver, or government banks, or the railroad question, or the land question, or prohibition, or socialism, because we cannot agree as to which of these questions, or others in dispute, is the most important. Must we, then, continue divided. and helplessly look on while wealth and power are being concentrated with in creasing rapidity, and complete dependence and poverty is being made the condition of the great majority?

There is but one way of political salvation, and that is, to secure political freedom and unity of action, by destroying party rule, the partisan machinery which now groups and divides us. The Swiss method of Direct Legislation, a nonpartisan question, is incomparably more important than any and all party questions, because it would remove the obstacles which separate us and provide the means by which to vote decisively and without delay upon any and all questions of right and justice.

Therefore, that majority rule may thus be secured and party machinery cut off from power, let us urge and plan for the union of all citizens who desire a government of the people. Upon the all-important question of Direct Legislation we must unite in order that we may secure an opportunity to divide on the various questions that affect our welfare

It will not unite us to simply make Direct Legislation one plank of a party platform which contains divisive questions. Three reform parties, at least, will naturally, without more agitation, place it in their platforms. But to make it a uniting power, we must have no other demand joined to it. We must make it our sole demand, and ask all good citizens to vote for the power, the means which will enable the voters to divide on and settle all other questions.

It seems plain to the writer that the thing to do is to make a great effort to capture the next Populist convention and induce it to reduce its demands to one, Direct Legislation, and with that mand show plainly, with declaration emphasized, that by uniting in this demand we can alone secure power to vote upon and settle all questions in which reto-mers and good citizens are deeply interested. Let the preamble show the bondage we are in under party rule, groupings, divisions, and the one way of escape, the one way to unite. Then call on all believers in popular government to join us in our one great, all-import ant demand, in order that we may put a stop to political corruption, and reach a vote on each and every question by any considerable per centage of the people be lieved to be important. And let a list of such known questions be appended, to attract and bind together every class of good citizens.

Beware of Silver Traitors What is the most effective way for a

professed bimetallic journal to injure the cause of free coinage? By contending that Democratic goldbugs are the guilty party, and hold them up to the contempt and scorn of the community and assume that the Republican party is innocent of the crime of 1873 by refraining to mention the constant monometallic record of that party, or, on the other hand, by contending that the Republican party is guilty, not only of the crime of 1873, but of the long catalogue of subsequent crimes, committed by Cleveland Democ rncy, without calling attention to the manage. George Howard Gibson of fact that Grover, the First, and his cothe Wealth Maker expects to seek a conspirators rival Sherman, himself, in their unrelenting war upon the people in favor of an alien syndicate of money changers and gold gamblers. In fact, it is the stock in trade of Democrats to charge the domonetization of silver upon the Republicans, and of Republicans to charge the Democrats with criminal destruction of silver as a money metal. We hope that all so-called silver papers will take notice that they must be more impartial and they must abuse all goldbugs alike, or rest under the just suspicion of aiding in a sham war between the Demo crats and Republicans, as to which is the guiltier party, when everybody knows that Sherman Republicanism and Cleveland Democracy are the same, and we call upon our readers to watch all professed silver men, and all professed silver journals to ascertain whether they are for silver, against all goldbugs, or for deceiving the people as to which of the parties did it, when everybody ought to know that both parties did it and both parties intend to continue to do it and inflict upon this country permanently all the horrors of the single gold standard. -Silver Knight.

Juggling Statesmanship

For the last six months evidence of collusion between the President of the United States and his ambassador to Great Britain, on the one side, and Lord Salisbury and his cabinet on the other, with regard to the Monroe doctrine, has been accumulating. On the 17th of the present month the people were startled by a bold, manly, and patriotic declaration.

signed by the President of the United States, which had been carefully prepared and couched in good English by Mr. Olney, Secretary of State. The message breathed the spirit of patriotism, and furnished evidence that the author of the message was imbued with a true spirit of Americanism. Thesentiment of the message was echoed and re-echoed throughout the land. It was in harmony with the the aspirations of the American people. It gave them courage and hope that British aggression on the American continent might end. Congress made haste to approve the message, and gave the President \$100,000 for a commission, which was what he asked and all he asked The people responded to the action of Congress, and the glow of patriotism spread over the land from ocean to ocean, and from the lakes to the gulf; but, while Congress was endorsing the patriotic message which they had received from the White House, the President of the United States was plotting a raid on the financial credit of the country. Before the final vote was taken in the Senate, granting the appropriation asked by the President, the private secretary of the Executive was waiting at the door with a message which showed the Senate and the country that the patriotic message which Congress had endorsed was a sham and delusion, for speculative and not for patriotic purposes. In this message which dispelled the illusion that it was possible for Grover Cleveland to entertain American sentiments, he informed Congress that it was necessary in maintaining the Monroe doctrine, to destroy the greenbacks and treasury notes, and thereby contract the circulating medium five hundred millions more; and it was also necessary, in order to maintain the Monroe doctrine, to strengthen our credit with English money loaners by destroy-ing all our money but gold, and to apply to Creditor England for a loan of gold with which to resist her aggressions on this continent.-Silver Knight.

WHY IS IT?

How does Reed & Co. fight Cleveland & Co? By denouncing the other's policy and doing the same thing.

What chance have the people in the conflict between the forces of Reed and Cleveland? The best chance in the world -to be robbed of what is left.

Why do both the old parties want to increase the circulation of the national banks and to decrease government money Because, they prefer bank rule to government rule.

Why does Reed play, high tariff and Cleveland low tariff to win the same pot? Because, with the high and low as starters, the confederates have a percentage that no bluffer can beat.

How does Speaker Reed manifest his impartiality between the rival candidates for the presidency opposed to him? By taking all the good things for himself so that there will be nothing left for them to quarrel about with each other.

What other banking business is the government in? None whatever. It has done some government business in the way of issuing greenbacks and treasury notes, but the banks want that stopped, and to fool the people they call it the banking business.

How is the government in the banking business? It has a Comptroller of the Currency of national banks, which is an expensive bureau in the department. The Comptroller of the Currency prepares and issues national bank notes, and in case of the failure of a national bank the government closes up the affairs and foots the bills.

What is the difference between the policy of Cleveland and the policy of Reed? About the same difference there is between the avordupois of the two chief combatants, or what is the same thing, the difference between them is equal to the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum.

Why did Speaker Reed relieve the constituents of Harrison and McKinley from the onerous duties of chairmanships of committees? Because he did not desire his rivals handicapped in 1896 with the argument that the sections favorable to them have already received their share of federal patronage.

Why do the goldbugs call issuing money by the government the banking business? Because they want to do government business, and they call the business of the government to issue money and supply the country with a circulating medium the banking business, so that

they can usurp it and rob the people. What similarity is there between Cleveband and Reed that causes them to be mistaken for each other? Their similarity in weight is a circumstance which naturally attracts the attention of the sightseers at Washington, but their similarity or devotion to Rothschild's gold standard unites them as brothers in the cause of gold monopoly, and establishes a bond of union that nothing but death can sever.-Silver Knight.

Rascals in Office, Fools Out

By C. E. Walker, D. D., Councilor American In. stitute of Civics.

Here we are over thirty years from the close of the Civil war, and instead of neing the "prosperous nation" (in fact) that we ought to be, instead of rejoicing in the recovery from the ravages of an awful rebellion, instead of marching forward in civilization in keeping with our resources God-given, we are suffering the burden of a doubled war debt, and adding to the number of the homeless, the tattered, the outcast, the criminal at a rapid rate, and daily hear the cry of thousands and thousands who perish for lack of bread, and all amidst a cry of "over-production" and returning "good times."

As the ravages of the war from which we are rapidly not recovering, there is only necessity to mention that the national debt at the close of the war March 1, 1866, would purchase 1,486,842,105 bushels of wheat; at the close of 1895 the national debt would purchase 2,133-620,689 bushels of wheat. The national debt March 1, 1866, would purchase of cotton 5.885,416,660, pounds; at the close of 1895 the national debt would purchase of the same article 14,588,823, 529 pounds; other staples in proportion. These figures were gathered by the prince

of American historians, Dr. John Clark Ridpath, and are certainly reliable.

How is this? Why, simple enough. The whole volume of money at the close of the war was in fair proportion to the needs of the country, the "greenback" as a full legal tender serving the people admirably, and the business of re-building the broken down interests of the country set in earnestly and we rested with confidence upon our financial condition as fixed by the war. The national debt was borne with some alarm, but fears soon subsided and the progressive American people plunged into old enterprises with new vim and attempted new under takings in splendid faith, but often to so far over-reach as to find it neces sary to go into debt. This going into debt in good faith and with a rather blind hope is the one thing that men did not correctly estimate; and once debtmaking became the custom, trusting to an expanded currency, the people suddenly tound themselves struggling with the system of contraction now fairly well understood. Money was rising in the scale of purchasing power, and labor products were falling proportionately of course. Here is the explanation of the financial conundrum that our reduced national debt-from \$2,827,868,959 to \$1,126,379,106—can today purchase nearly twice as much wheat as thirty years ago, and about two and one-half times as much cotton; the people who toil keeping their eyes upon the reduced volume of the national debt but forgetting to regard the ascent of the purchasing power of the war dollar.
Where lies the blame? Lincoln said:

"If a government contracts a debt with a certain amount of money in circulation and then contracts the money volume before the debt is paid, it is the most heinous crime a government could

commit against a people."

So our country is suffering today from the results of bad faith on the part of its chosen legislators and executives. At the suggestion of the money power our noble (?) statesmen have gone on legislating a reduction of our money volume and by "trades" made between Wall street, Lombard Street and our government officials our gold reserves have been reduced, the country become bankrupt, and we are a spectacle before the civilized world-our chief ruler (in name) trying to kick up a little war dust to blind our eyes, or divert attention from the shameless mismanagement of the American people's interests.

Whose fault is it? All in all we are a short sighted peode. We let these questions of common interest remain unsolved, and elect party leaders whose chief ambition is to "sell to the highest bidder." We are ignorant of very common interests and still more ignorant of "methods" by which our wishes are defeated by our statesmen. Should one of us attempt to show up the rascals whom we would now call professional politicians or reveal the condition of the people as a whole, some one would shout "calamity-howler" and slander the cause of freedom by declaring, that "we shall come out all right when the Republicans get in.

The blame of increasing poverty rests upon two pillars—rascals in office, and fools out. This is not very complimentary to our servants (?) or to onrselves, but the truth should have right-of-way at any cost.

All well informed persons know that many statesmen buy their convention delegates, sell their votes in the Assemblies and halls of Congress, make flatterches to deceive the people, and vote contrary to public utterance for the lobbyists' money. Law is enacted for money in legislative assemblies and defeated in court for pay. Attorney-Generals ride on railroad passes and favor the companies with their "opinions." Committees are made to fool the people, resolutions are made to be voted down for money, and so from "Salary Grabs, "Land Grabs," "Returning Boards "Credit Mobiliers," and "Sugar Trusts" the peoples' prayer to be delivered can best be answered by informing themselves and then reforming the government. Introduce the Initiative, Referendum, Imperial Mandate, Proportional Representation, and elect all "green hands" to serve the American people

awhile. We may blame ourselves for our stupidity and save our nation by arousing the masses to two things-the fact of endangered liberty, and to action at the

We may save our country to future generations if we begin now. Let us hasten to the rescue.

"Bullet Proof" Medicine.

PERRY, Okla., Jan. 14.-Pawnee Bill, who has returned from the four bands of the Pawnee tribe, brings word that the Indians have all left their farms and moved into tepees on Black Bear creek and have gone to ghost dancing and making medicine. "Crazy Horse' claimed to have made medicine that was bullet proof, but when tried as an experiment on his brother in front of the council of chiefs, the bullet penetrated his heart and caused instant death. All of "Crazy Horse's" cattle and ponies were taken away from him as a penalty by chiefs, and there is talk of the federal officers indicting him on a charge of murder.

Dick Moore Knocked Out by Purtell. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 14.-Paddy Purtell and Dick Moore met for the second time in a finish contest last night and after four rounds of fast and furious fighting Purtell knocked Moore out with a swinging right hander.

Bank Robbers Frightened Away. BALDWIN, Kan., Jan. 14.-Yesterday morning at about 2:30 o'clock the safe in the Baldwin State bank was blown open by experts. They used nitroglycerine and an electric battery. The report was mufled, but awoke a party at the hotel, adjoining the bank, who lighted a lamp. It is believed that this frightened away the burglars. They stole a team from the livery barn and went west. The cash was left untouched.

May Have Been Foul Play.

ATCHISON, Kan., Jan. 14.-The body of Jacob Kant. who died at Dentonville, Doniphan county, last week, will be exhumed and an autopsy held. Kant was found dead on a road and it was supposed that he had been killed by a fall from a wagon. There were no marks on the body, and his friends are dissatisfied. Foul play is suspected.

Natural Law Applied

The world at large is undoubtedly upon the point of making perhaps the greatest discovery it is possible to make, viz., THE OMNIPOTENCE, AND THE SUFFICIENCY OF natural laws. As many view history, every incident thereof, political, social, and industrial, have been but factors to that end. All things work together for good (God). And still it is marvelous that with all our invention, science, and philosophy, we have never stumbled over the fact before. Every day, earnest Christian men will say to you, referring of poor indigestion. to the present troubled conditions of society, "ah yes, when men allow the spirit of Christ to enter into their hearts all will be well," as if the spirit of Christ were some adventitious thing, something that will enter our hearts when we are pleased to allow it. Those very same Christians will enter into commercial and other relations without ever a thought of APPLYING the spirit of Christ (Love) to such matters. To do so would be considered commercial lunacy, if not downright suicide, even by the most "sagacious" Christian men of affairs. Yet, we never build a railway, a machine, or an edifice of any kind, without first recognizing and taking into account, the law of gravity,-a natural law. The reference is of course, that gravity is "practi cal," but Love is—say accidental.

Truly the need of the day is a virile

Christianity, and practical demonstrations of its usefulness. To preach and prate of laws which are of no practica service is to bring such laws into deserv ed contempt. Even our artificial laws are repealed when no longer of service, presumably because we do not wish our children to unearth them, and bring us into ridicule. Now let us see if we can APPLY the law

of Love industrially, and doing so, the result. It will be admitted as a self evident truth that whenever we part with our labor, or its product, we should receive an equivalent-no more, no less. In fact, we should love others industrially even as we expect them to love us-as matter of business. Now suppose a body of men in possession of the natural facilities necessary to the production of any article of merchandise,-or it might even be a railway. They are drawing all profit from the lavish stores of nature, and exchanging with their fellows AT PAR (cost). What is the result? No one can now Borrow either land or money (all we can really borrow) and compete with them. No concern, stocked and bonded, can stand up against them and live. No more selling labor into bondage. The idler is left out in the cold, for no one can now go into debt-in that line of business-and live. Not only is "profit" destroyed, but "property" also, and USE is now the only title to land or money. Taxes will attend to that. Such being the case all opportunities to produce and distribute are thrown wide open; effort of every kind is in greater demand than supply and consequently in a position to demand, and get all it earns. And let the simple rural mind, now so agitated on this question of "more money" member that when there are no debts any volume of money is as good as any other for prices will then find an equitable and undisturbed level, -and not before. For it is really debt which "contracts" the currency-through interest

Furthermore, as natural laws are APPLIED, artificial law will atrophy. Competition, which is strife TO SERVE. and a natural law (every one must eventually compete) will bring a constant pressure to bear against taxes, and with taxes go government-as we know gov-Sincerely, Jas. T. R. GREEN. erament.

Das Moines, In., Jan. 8, 1896.

The Japanese View. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.-The Japan-

ese legation has received no advises concerning the report that the queen of Corea said to have been murdered. is alive. The affair, however, has been shrouded in so much mystery that officials here would not be surprised at any developments. In 1882 the same queen was reported killed and the details of her death were given to the world but after a year of retirement her majesty returned to the capital amid great rejoicing. The recent reports of her assassination have been so exact as to appear authentic, although the officials have viewed some of the circumstances with suspicion. It was said that a Japanese shoshi, or rough killed her, although it is well known that the queen is never seen, even by the foreign representatives. It has always seemed inexplicable how one of the shoshi secured access to her. The Japanese government has proceeded, however, on the theory that the queen was dead. A special envoy was sent to inquire into the circumstances of the uprising, and as a result the former Japanese minister to Corea, the military attache and several of the suite were recalled and placed under arrest. They are now held at the court prison at Hiroschima awaiting trial for alleged complicity in the uprising.

The king of Corea has also acted on the theory that the queen is dead. Immediately following her supposed demise the king issued a decree stating that the deceased queen, being a designing woman, would be considered to have occupied the position of concubine during her lifetime. The purpose of the decree was to prevent the succession of the queen's son to the position of erown prince. The king's decree crown prince. excited great indignation among the foreign ministers stationed at Seoul and they protested against it as an act of immorality. The king accordingly revoked the decree and issued an order restoring the queen to the full rank of royal consort. The original decree degrading the queen is said to have been inspired by the Tai Won Kut, who was driven out of Seoul.

May Renew Relations With Venezuela LONDON, Jan. 14 .- The cabinet courcil Saturday considered the question of re-establishing diplomatic relations with Venezuela, but no definite conclusion was arrived at.

An Outbreak in Peru

LIMA, Jan. 14. - An outbreak against the government has occurred at Moquegua. Troops are being sent to the aid of the local government.

HEART DISEASE.

SOME FACTS REGARDING THE RAPID INCREASE OF HEART TROUBLES.

Do Not Be Alarmed, But Look For the

Heart troubles, at least among Americans, are certainly increasing, and while this may be largely due to the worry and excitement of American business life, it is more often the result of weak stomachs.

Real, organic heart disease is incurable; but not one case in a hundred of heart

trouble, is organic. The close relation between heart trouble and poor digestion is because both organs are controlled by branches of the same great nerves, the Sympathetic and Pneumogastric.

In another way, also, the heart if affected by that form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half digested food; there is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath. Poor digestion also poisons the blood,

makes it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart.

The most sensible treatment for heart troubles is to improve the digestion and to insure the prompt assimilation of food.

This can be done by the regular use, after meals, of some safe, pleasant and effective digestive preparation, like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which may be found at most drug stores and which contain valuable, harmless digestive elements, in a pleasant, convenient form.

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Full size packages of the Tablets sold by most druggists at 50 cents or by mail from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich,

CHEROKEES PROTEST.

File Strong Objections to the Dawes

Commission Before Secretary Smith. WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 .- The delegates of the Cherokee Indian nation, who are now here, have left with the President and Secretary Smith a memorial protesting against the conclusions of the Dawes commission. In this the delegation says the commission "judged us from afar, without a hearing from us and condemned us out of the mouths of our enemies. They attempted to induce the Cherokee people to make certain changes looking to ultimate statehood, and again using as an inducement and argument the final and complete removal of intruders from our country. We hold our lands and money in common and in the light of past experience it would be criminal on our part to enter into further negotiations until we are prepared to definitely determine for ourselves the heirs to our estate and be placed in full possession. Otherwise endless litigation would be the result and the outcome easily foretold. The full blooded Cherokees as a class would be reduced to destitution and to begrary. No action on the part of the Cherokees can be reasonably anticipated until this vexed question is firs settled. Mr. President, your officia acts and public utterances in behalf of the weak and defenseless nations in spire my people with the confidence that you will see that they are hono ably dealt with and that their treat rights are protected."

A BITTER FIGHT.

The Kentucky Senatorship Contest Wil

Be a Hard Struggle. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 14 .- Since the nomination of Senator Blackburn by the Democratic caucus, and of Congressman Godfrey Hunter by the Republican caucus, there is a bitter

political fight for election as Senator. The law provides for balloting the second Tuesday after the assembling of the legislature. Blackburn's friends say there will be no joint ballot until Tuesday, January 2!, and filibustering will prevent it. The special election for Wilson's successor will be January 20. The Blackburn men will have the new Democratic member here Tuesday, January 21. They insist that no ballot will be taken till he qualifies.

Meanwhile, all interest centers the committee considering the cetests for the seats of Kaufman a Tompkins, both Democrats. The at tude of the two Populists is watched. Without the Populists, with Wilson's place filled, there tie between the Republicans and Democrats. The committee on elections was selected by lot. Whatever may be the finding of the committee, the fight will be on the adoption of the committee's report. If two Democrats are unseated, Hunter will have no further trouble, but indications are that there will be a long struggle. Blackburn men have decided and announced that they will filibuster or any attempt to consider the report on contested seats previous to Wilson's successor being seated. There is no doubt about a free silver Democrat being elected in Wilson's place from Nelson county.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—It is estimated that 5,000 delegates will attend the second annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, to be held in this city January 21, 22 and 23. Ohio will send 300 delegates. Missouri and Indiana 250 each, and most of the New England, Eastern and Southern States will be represented. The purpose of the convention is to extend the trade relations of this country with China, Japan, South and Central America, and to combat the influence of European manufacturers in those countries. Matters relating to local manufacturing conditions will also be discussed.

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