Bryan Conquers

He goes into "the Enemies Country" and they not only Surrender but Split the air with their Shouts of Welcome.

"WE WISH TO REMAIN A FREE PEOPLE."

The People Crowded Around Madison Square Garden in Numbers that could not be counted for hours before Bryan was Announced to Speak.

GREAT SWARMS OF PEOPLE JAM THE STREETS

No Ovation Ever Given in New York to an American Citizen Equals the Enthusiastic Greeting Given to Bryan.

IMMENSE POLITICAL CHANGE SINCE 1899

Then there was only one Prominent man, the Economist St. has compelled the citizens of this state to stand and deliver something over their labor is to be paid out to sup- Royal baking powder for less than 45c John, who would Extend to him a Welcome.

BUT WILLIAM J. BRYAN HAS NOT CHANGED on you and holds you up for some

He Stands for the same Principles now that he did thenthe East has made an "Unconditional Surrender."

POPULIST PRINCIPLES BOUND TO CONQUER.

Sod house Political Economy and Theories of Government Subdue the East-Bryan will be President.

Victory at Last in Sight

During the week Bryan made a tour the republican party, among whom through Ohio where he was every- were E. M. Shepherd, Webster Davis where greeted with larger crowds, ex- and ex-Attorney General Monnett. The cept in a very few places, than ever press reports say that wine glasses gathered to hear a public speaker be- were placed at Mr. Bryan's plate the or any other European country with fore. Then in company with Golden same as at the others, but that he Rule Jones and ex-Attorney General drank no wine. Monnett he started for New York.

people who greeted him in New York ing beside the one at Madison Square. there is no precedent in the history of The Cooper Institute meeting was the politics. The crowds were so immense most enthusiastic ever held in that that there was no way to make an es- historic building. timate of the numbers. The anxiety to hear him was so great that the peo- into the railroad ticket office at Linple assembled in immense throngs coln and buy a ticket to New York in around Madison Square Garden four 1896, when he said laughingly as he sours before the time announced for stepped on the train, "I am going all appearance. The doors were op- down into the enemy's country," canened at a p. m. an unpreceded thing not fail to reflect upon the advance for an evening meeting, and the rush that populist principles have made was so great to obtain entrance that since that time. When Bryan got to hundreds of policemen and over two New York, there was but one promihundred ushers were swept along nent man to extend to him the hand abrad like driftwood on a roaring of welcome. He took him to his home wood. In the minutes the largest au- and entertained him the best that he dience room in America was crowded could. He is not now alive to see the to the last inch of standing room, surrender, but his name will ever be where the people patiently waited for precious to those of us who have so over two hours for Bryan's appear- many years fought the fight against

When Bryan at last stepped upon dared to defy the whole money power the platform, such a shout went up as and stand for the people. He was one was never heard in Madison Square of our martyrs, who was driven by before. The cheering continued for malice and hate from the position he fitteen minutes and appeal after appeal occupied and finally to an early grave. had to be made to the audience before. His name is a household word in the quiet could be restored.

All the streets of New York along This tremendous outpouring of the which Bryan passed were so jammed people unmistakably portends the elecwith people that it took the exertion tion of Bryan. He will spend four of a very large body of police to force more days in New York and wipe up a way through for Bryan's carriage, the earth with the plutocrats in the A dinner was given him at the Hoff- same manner that he did his republirad men who have been prominent in congress.

ly reported is \$75,506,000, more than half of which is water. On that watered stock they paid in dividends for the years 1894 to 1899, 12 per cent. The tariff protection is 75 per cent. March 4, 1897, William McKinley inaugurated.

April 1, 1897, sugar at wholesale, \$3.47 per 100 pounds, Special session, 1897, Dingley tariff

March 4, 1898, sugar. \$4.99 per 100lbs. Jan. 1, 1900, sugar.... 5.05 per 100 lbs. May 22, 1900, sugar... 5.20 per 100 lbs. May 23, 1900, sugar... 5.30 per 100 lbs. May 26, 1900, sugar... 5.40 per 100 lbs. May 31, 1900, sugar... 5.50 per 100 lbs. June 1, 1900, sugar... 5.60 per 100 lbs. June 14, 1900, sugar... 5.70 per 100 lbs. June 26, 1900, sugar... 5.80 per 100 lbs. July 5, 1900, sugar.... 5.90 per 100 lbs. July 9, 1900 sugar.... 6.90 per 100 lbs. Sept. 1, 1900, sugar... 6.15 per 100 lbs. Sugar consumption U. S.

Campaign fund rise, May-July, 1900, 0.8c..... 40,000,000

April 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1900. 2.5c....\$125,000,000 In Kansas, for instance, the sugar trust (140,000,000 lbs. consumption at 2c rise over 1897 price) aggregates \$2,-

In Nebraska, the consumption of sugar is not quite as large, but the trust has compelled the citizens of this state \$2,000,000. Most of that amount has been taken fro mthe farmers and wage are to have imperialism, long before workers. Every time you go to town its full fruition is completed, we will the sugar trust lays its thieving hands | have an army and navy twice as large amount. It is as much a robbery as if that, you know how to vote to get it. Havemeyer had a man at every entrance to the city who with pistol or gun ordered you to hold up your hands while he searched your pockets.

Deitrich at Superior said: "Our flag now floats over the slave pens and harem of the Sultan of the Sulus. Shall we haul it down? No.'

Poynter at Hebron said: "In the discussion of our treaty with the Sulus I cannot condemn our policy more strongly than by quoting the words of ment; but when he governs another against his will, that is despotism.'

A Gage county German farmer said: "If you people had lived in Germany a great standing army you would say the United States with its volunteers There were two other meetings ad- was good enough for you. Our army in the enthusiasm and masses of dressed by Mr. Bryan during the even- tax is too much already."

GRANT ON IMPERIALISM

His Dying Testimony Against Forcing Government Upon any People

of Mexican journalists, and being unable at the time to speak, communicated to them in writing the following: 'My great interest in Mexico is dated back to the war between the its use. United States and that country. My interest was increased when four Euup institutions on this continent, selecting Mexico, a territory adjoining us. It was an outrage on human rights plutocracy-St. John, the banker, who for a foreign nation to attempt to transfer her institutions and her rulers to the territory of a civilized people without their consent. They were properly punished for their crime. I hope Mexico may soon be in an upward and prosperous departure. She has the people, she has the soil, she has the climate, and she has the min-

not be an easy task in the future. The quotation is made from an article written by Mr. Hamlin Garland and published in McClure's Magazine. man House and at the table were sev- can antagonist the first time he ran for | May number, 1898, page 94, and can be used as a fair comparison with the Filipino question of today.

erals. The conquest of Mexico will

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH braska. Several other distinguished

farmers' homes of Nebraska.

Bernses of Neterseks and Learned

principle advocated by the populists ten years. Still talking about this without getting in a rage Of late a plutocracy he says change has come over the spirit of his He is now greatly agitated over the "Menace of Plutocracy." he had written that article in 1896 in- is going out of fashion in England. favor of plutocracy, it might have

marveliously developed, and financial having its cepter in the east, headed trenched by a multiplicity of great cor- naturalized, to obtain a knighthood or porations and trusts, daily absorbing money and extending its influence. feeling more and more the general aristocratic connection. One of its Does anybody happen to have heard of

said in 1896, when Goldwin Smith and New York." thousands of other professors were denouncing us as 'anarchists," "repudiators" and "mobs of the ignorant. He now says of the money power:

"It may boy legislatures, judiciaries. municipalities, perhaps even churches. It may command the public journals and thus control public opinion. It

win Smith has also been going to The stock of the sugar trust as official- prices.

school in the sod school bouses of Neprofessors have given evidence of late that they have learned something from the pop farmers of this state. But that is not all that Prof. Goldwin Smith. LL. D. A. M., etc., has learned from the pop farmers. The following could be duplicated from a thousand speech-

We populists wno saw Bryan walk

'At heart is sighs for a court and aristocracy. It is even introducing If the powder-headed footman, while he upon the free list. To that doctrine such quantities. more from the United States to monarchical and aristocratic England, where it can take hold on the mantle circle of royalty, and, if it becomes That is exactly what the populists a royal income from the industry of

THE TARIEF TRUSTS

Havemyer Boldly Declared That "The Tariff is The Mother of All Trusts.

While Havemeyer publicly declared

THE GLASS TRUST

Gives it His Hearty Endorsement At Alexandria, Ind., Mr. Rocsevelt

the republican party is unalterably opmit Mr. Bryan to have his way and of high society, get more homage and throw down the barrier of protection haps in the end to win its way to the worker and his underpaid Russian

The Plate Glass trust and the Winhis class, while he continues to draw because Boston is just inside the 100 per cent tariff wall and at Pittsburg present or soon would be. the unhappy consumers can be com-

Budget, of Pittsburg:

WHAT YOU RAISE WHEAT FOR

Sow And Reap And all The Wheat They Raise Won't Pay the Cost

in the report of the secretary of agriculture for 1899 was as follows:

Bushels. Indiana25,361,000 16,231,000 merchants and either by questioning Iowa18,195,000 18,963,000 brands are handled by him. If it is Kansas36,468,000 Minnesota 68,223,000 found that other brands than that of Nebraska 20,791,000 10,187,000 the Royal company are sold, every ef-North Dakota. 51,758,000 26.396.000 South Dakota. 37,728,000 18,864,000 handling them in the future. There39,998,000 25,598,000 are other and better brands than the Oregon21,949,000 11.633,000 Royal, but a demand that is general Pennsylvania .20,472,000 13.512,000 and wide-spread is created by the Washington .. 21,710,000 11,072,000 enormous expenditure for advertising

from 10c to 15c per pound cheaper than Now let us look at the price we pay the Royal. Some of these brands are much better than the Royal, but the for McKinley militartsm. call for them is very much less. The Royal company when they find a re-

Annual cost of the army...\$150,000,000 Annual cost of the navy... 75,000.000 Total cost for one year in

time of peace.....\$225,000.000 another pound. What wisdom is there in keeping the farmers of twelve states toiling the year round when the whole product of port an army and navy? But if we per pound. The powder costs the trust as what we have now. If you want

HOW THE TRUSTS DO IT.

An Interview With a Merchant Who Had To Deal With Them And Knows Just How They Control prices

In interviews had with retail merchants on the subject of the trusts and the war tax much inside informa- March 4, 1900...........141/2c tion has been gained as to methods of Increase in 3 years...250 p. c. 188 p. c. governs himself, that is self-govern- trust restraint upon competitive commerce, and the effect of its war tax jugation of the Philippines is in part upon consumers.

bate is given on every shipment, which any less for twine than you do now. makes it impossible for the small producer and refiner to market his goods. It resorts to every means to drive small refiners out of business. It has been known to seek injunctions They Are Capitalized for More Than Nine against the use of certain transportation facilities, and failing in the attempt, it has solicited signatures to a General Grant on his death-bed in petition declaring the refinery a public July, 1883, was visited by a company nuisance. It has raised the prices of oil \$1.50 per barrel within the last year. The defense is, like that put forcheap that no one need be deprived of

Second in strength is the Sugar trust. In answer to the question of whether sugar was selling today at a higher price than it did ten years ago, a large retail merchant said that it was sold now for less, although the price has been raised recently, and is now 21/2 cents per pound higher than it was two years age. The retailer

The sugar trust has many methods of coercion. For instance, a merchant whose business will average say \$200,-000 per year cannot buy direct from the trust, but must purchase from the jobbers in his section. The trust first commenced to selling to merchants of the above class nothing less than ten barrel lots. This was raised to twenty-five barrels, then to fifty barrels and now to 100 barrels. Then came the notice that purchases would have to be made from the jobber. If a merchant asks for a quotation from a jobber in another city on a 100-barrel lot, he is informed he must pay whatever price is asked by his own jobber. and must pay the freight on the shipment. Thus he is forced to deal with one of certain jobbers and buy at a price fixed by the trust. If it is found that two merchants are dividing a lot. "I am informed that in a speech here both are notified that their orders will Mr. Bryan admitted that he stood on not be filled in the future. Much hardthe plank of the Kansas City platform ship is thus forced on retailers who the 45 per cent tariff and compete with fidently conceded by the general pubwhich demands that all products made must have sugar, but many of whom them, but they compete with all for- lic to McKinley. But the people are by large corporations shall be put have not facilities for storing it in

"The trust absolutely and arbitrarstead of throwing his influence in the Its social center is shifting more and posed. Glass is made by large corpor- ily controls the price of its product, ations such as Mr. Bryan describes. and the jobber is compelled to sell for fencing, just remember that the trust The republican party will never per- that price or be refused dealing with

When asked, "how about beet su- go and vote accordingly. subserviency for its wealth, hope per- that interposes between the American gar?" the retailer said, "I do not handle it at all, but the beet sugar industry is commonly supposed to be controlled entirely by the sugar trust.' even a peerage. It barters the hands dow Glass trust have doubled the price It has been pretty well shown by tes- It is an Infant Industry Because it is of its daughters and its millions for of glass within the past two years. timony before congressional committees and commissioners that the supunity of its interests, and threatening. leading members has just abandoned their doubling wages? They sell glass position is well based. Incidently, the if its ascendency be not moderated, to his native country for the country of cheaper at Boston than at Pittsburg, merchant stated that Arbuckle was supposed either to be in the trust at New Jersey in January, 1899. At its their hands which will require more

The cracker trust is very strong and | way: pelled to pay railroad as well as cus- is known by the name of the National Capital stock......\$90,000,000 by the democracy for a change of ad-The effect of the trust system on the ing out competition is very similar to Water 70,000,000 trusts and the yell of imperialism, and protected glass industry has been thus | those of the other trusts. In one case | Profits first year...... 15,000,000 | the tirade against English influence, described by the National Glass a manufacturer of crackers and cakes A good share of that \$15,000,000 of are all having an effect in bringing lumber, but they consume immense The price of domestic glass must be purpose of holding out against the hard-working Nebraska farmers. They Oakland, the panner republican counkept at such a figure that the worst trust. The employes of his factory will soon be called upon to decide ty of the state, there has been a big other citizen of Nebraska should vote may kill commercially anyone who op- that the tariff was the mother of all equipped and poorest managed misfit numbered, perhaps, 100, and for some whether they want that sort of thing change of opinion from that of two for a tax on lumber is one of those poses it. Even universities, fed by its trusts, that is not strictly true. But factory can keep its neck above water, time he successfully withstood the ef- to continue. We will know when the and four years ago. This change has things that no pop can find out. The bounty, may fail under its political in- many of the trusts are distinctly tariff and unfair prices must be squeezed out forts of the trust to ruin his business. votes are counted just how many mulfluence. A limit can hardly be set to trusts and among them the most of the home-builders who consume an- Finally, however, he was forced, by re- let heads there are. the extension of its power in an age in prominent of the whole lot is the su- nually between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 peated cuts in the price of crackers | The price of barbed wire, January life-long standing announce their inwhich the universal object of desire gar trust. Remove the tariff on raw boxes of domestic glass, in order to be and small cakes, to sell out to the 1, 1898, was \$1.85. The price January tention to vote for Bryan. Particis modey, with the enjoyment which rugar and the Havemeyer sugar trust able to fritter a pertion of it away in trust. By this nearly 100 men were 1, 1900, was \$4.25. The trust exported, ularly is this the case with voters of would not last a month. The farmers a differential in the shape of a bonus thrown out of employment. The prod- according to the government reports foreign birth. We do not intend to No wild-eyed pop ever talked with and laboring men of America would to jobbers in a vain attempt to keep uct of the trust factories has risen in of exports and imports, 899,240,000,000 say that the country will go demo- \$6,300,000. more vigor about the money power then buy their sugar for half what the out 600,000 boxes, the im- price from time to time, and although pounds, which they sold to foreigners cratic, but its majority will be greatly Lumber trust raised wages 10 per than that. It seems that Prof. Gold- trust forces them to pay for it now. portation of which would reduce the quality of the goods put out by it for forty per cent under the price that lessened unless the republicans arouse cent, but raised prices 33 per cent. has proven in many cases to be very they charged American consumers.

much inferior to those made by private factories, they sell in the market at higher prices.

The Baking Powder trust is, after

the sugar trust, perhaps the most re-

morseful in its methods. Denials are

constant that there is a baking powder

trust, but the facts show differently.

ploys, instead of ordinary salesmen,

or by general observation see what

fort is made to prevent them from

purposes. The other brands sell for

tailer selling the Royal brand for less

than 45c per pound refuses to sell him

Merchants are furnished a written

agreement which they are compelled

The Farmers of Twelve States plow and of Militarism.

The crop of wheat in twelve of the It is supposed that Price of Chicago. largest wheat-raising states as given and the Royal company control the industry. The Royal company emmen who might be called travelling in-California33,743,000 \$20,921,000 spectors. They visit the stores of

Total value.....\$220,906,000

The Twine Trust

from 15c to 18c per pound to make.

The twine trust exists by the grace of the Dingley bill. The cost of twine is a considerable item in every farmer's outgoes. See what McKinley has done for you on this subject. The price of twine as taken from the United States treasury bulletin has been as

M'KINLEY'S INAUGURATION. Manilla. Sisal. March 4, 1897..... 4c March 4, 1898..... 4½c March 4, 1899..... 7½c

responsible by paralyzing the produc-With reference to trusts, the Stand- tion of Manilla fiber, and two New Jerard Oil trust is the largest, most pow- sey trusts organized and protected unerful and most unscrupulous. Its der the McKinley dynasty do the rest.

methods of restraining competition in | if you want that item of expense to trade are various and far-reaching. It continually grow larger, you know has practical control of shipping rates how to get it. Vote for the party unthrough secret agreements as to re- der whose lease of power the twine bates with the railroads, whereby a re- trust will see to it that you never pay

INFANT INDUSTRIES

Hundred Million Dollars But Still Must be Fed From a Tariff Bottle

ward by the sugar trust, that oil is so by Mark Hanna and McKinley among the infant industries that must have of all. protection or perish. Their capitalization is as follows:

Federal Steel Co., N. J.....\$200,000,000

60,000,000

Am'n Bicycle Co., N. J....

Am'n Car & Foundry, N. J.

Am'n Iron & Steel Mfg., Pa. 20,000,000 Am'n Smlt. & Ref., N. J.... 65,000,000 Am'n Steel Hoop, N. J..... Am'n St. & Wire, N. J..... 90,000,000 Am'n Tin Plate, N. J..... Nat'l Enameling (tinware) National Steel, N. J..... 59,000,000 80,000,000 National Tube, N. J..... 25,000,000 Pressed Steel Car, N. J.... Republic Iron & Steel, N. J. 55,000,000 14 other iron and steel mfg.

Total iron and steel "infants"..... \$977,000,000 Average dividends for 1899, 6 per

Total profit of hardware trusts, 1899, \$58,600,000 on a capitalization twothirds fictitious.

in foreign markets at one-half what they charge American citizens for the

THE WIRE TRUST

Vet Two Years Old and Must be

organization it started out in this Biscuit company. Its method of freez- Plants consolidated cost.... 20,000,000 ministration, the whoop-up against the

in considerable quantities declared his profit was taken out of the pockets of votes to the Bryan column. Here in quantities of it. Why a farmer or any

THE INCOME TAX

In the Better Days of the Party it imposed Such Taxes and the Supreme Judges Appointed by Lincoln Decided Them Consti-

There is not a principle formerly advocated by the republican party that it has not repudiated in the last few years. Perhaps the most complete flop of all the flops it has made has been on this question.

On August 6, 1861, the republican party, then in full control of the government, passed an act imposing a tax of 3 per cent on all the excess of income over \$800. Thus the very first republican dealings with the income tax included the exemption of all incomes under a certain figure—the very thing that is now denounced by re- thentic history, a valuable book, elepublicans as an illegal discrimination. On July 1, 1862, the republican party

went even beyond that, and introduced what it now condemns as the populist scheme of a graduated rate. It exempted incomes under \$600, taxed those between \$600 and \$10,000 at 3 per cent, and levied a tax of 5 per cent on come exceeded \$10,000.

ty ordained that taxes should be levied at the rate of 5 per cent on the excess per cent on the excess over \$5,000 up to \$10,000, and 10 per cent on the excess over \$10,000. On March 3, 1865, the 10 per cent rate was extended to of them, and I am glad to indorse it all incomes in excess of \$5,000.

As a further proof of the complete abandonment of the principles that the republicans formerly advocated, we call attention to the constant assaults made upon Bryan in which he is called an anarchist because he points out to the people the two ways in which the income tax decision can be overcome. The two ways were suggested by a member of the supreme court appointed by Lincoln. Justice Harlan, in his dissenting opinion,

"But the serious aspect of the presthe hands of the legislative branch of government that witnout an man," published at Albany, N. Y. amendment of that instrument, or unless this court, at some future time, is circulating a very interesting map should return to the old theory of the constitution, congress cannot subject dained for the protection of the rights

Desperate Bosses

The republican bosses are making a campaign of sheer desperation. The Cincinnati Enquirer thus sizes it up: "Messrs. Hanna, Roosevelt and Beveridge are all on the stump, to say nothing of the bedridden performance of the vaulting Stewart of Nevada. Hardly an incident of the campaign can be simply stated without becoming a virile arugument for Bryan and Stevenson.

PACIFIC COAST FOR BRYAN

Republican Newspapers and Leading Citi zens Bear Testimony to That

There is no doubt in the minds of the fusion managers that their candidate will carry states this fall that he never carried before. Mr. Bryan is Besides the above is Carnegie's big stronger everywhere than he was in two hundred million trust that turns 1896 and when the votes are counted over to him in profits \$23,000,000 a there will be some painful surprises All of them are tariff trusts for the republicans. Nowhere in the which could not exist without the pro- country is the situation more encourhibitive duties which now exist. They aging than on the Pacific coast, a sechave a complete monopoly of the mar- tion which has been confidently ket. No foreign manufacturer can pay claimed by the republicans and as coneign manufacturers by selling goods taking the campaign in hand themselves and quietly making up their minds to vote for the people's candisame things. When you buy wire date next month. The vote on the coast will be a shock to the adminsells it in Argentina and South Africa istration, and the Chinese issues, for half what you pay for it and then which is just beginning to be understood in that section, will clinch the

The following editorial from the Oakland (Cal.) Transcript, bearing date Saturday, September 22, 1900, a leading republican organ on the coast. shows the trend of public opinion

there, as even the republicans see it: "There is no disguising the fact that The wire trust was organized in the republicans have a campaign on than ordinary effort to make the party victorious. The arguments advanced common thing to hear republicans of follows: themselves to some form of activity.

The writer had reason the other day to visit West Oakland and it was surprising to note the change of heart on the part of many who, in the past, had been staunch adherents of McKinley. Imperialism was the reason given by some, trusts and the friendliness of the administration toward England by others. These arguments are being used with good effect by democratic missionaries and if the republicans do not combat them and show their falsity, they will be treated to a surprise of an unexpected kind."

The Life of Bryan

(Written by Harvey E. Newbranch.) In the list of premiums offered by The Independent for new subscriptions will be found "The Life of Bryan," by Harvey E. Newbranch. It is an augantly illustrated and handsomely bound in cloth. Here is what Mr. Edmisten, chairman of the state committee and vice chairman of the national committee, says concerning the book:

"Lincoln, Neb., Sept., 1900 .- Hon, H. E. Newbranch, Lincoln, Neb.-My Dear Sir: I have read your book enthe excess over \$600 when the total in- titled 'Life of Bryan' and am very much pleased with it. It is well and On June 30, 1864, the republican par- ably written, and depicts the salient features of Mr. Bryan's life and character in a clear and discriminating of income over \$600 up to \$5,000, 71/2 manner. There are very few biographies in which the interest of the reader is sustained and unflagging from beginning to end. This is one

Very truly yours, "J. H. EDMISTEN, Chairman." If you want a copy read the special premium offer on another page.

"THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN"

The Specimens that Reside Under the Shadow of Wall Street are About as Big Fools as Exist.

Let some of the pop farmers out in this state cast their eyes over the folent decision is that by a new interpre- lowing production which appeared in tation of the constitution it so ties a paper called the "Country Gentle-

The National Irrigation association

of the United States, to which we take to taxation-however great the needs | much pleasure in directing attention or pressing the necessities of the gov- This precious body was organized, it ernment-either the invested personal seems, to cajole congress into irrigatproperty of the country, bonds, stocks ing, and then throwing upon our aland investments of all kinds, or the ready over-supplied market for agriincome arising from the renting of real | cultural land, about a hundred milestate, or from the yield of personal lions of acres now arid, to the enorproperty, except by the grossly un- mous injury of every man who now equal and unjust rule of apportion- owns a farm, and therefore, since agriment among the states. Thus undue culture is the basis of all our Ameriand disproportionate burdens are can industries, to the enormous inplaced upon the many, while the few, jury of the people of the country, save safely entrenched behind the rule of and except those who are directly inapportionment among the states on terested in the "development" of the The average protective tariff on iron | the basis of numbers, are permitted to | arid region. Well, their map makes and steel is 45 per cent. They are put evade their share of responsibility for the meridian of 98 degrees the dividing the support of the government or- line between "Humid America" and "Arid America," and gives the population east of that line as 52,218,000; west of it, 4,404,000. That is to say, according to their own showing, considerably more than five-sixths of the owners of the arid land-with individual exceptions, of course, about in the proportion, probably, of the proverbial drop in the bucket-are directly interested in keeping it arid. All the same, the one-sixth who live around and about it, and want to "develop" their new regions, are ceaselessly plotting to get it into market, while the rest of us pay the expense. It would be a good idea this fall to ask every candidate for congress, not only whether he will actively support the Grout bill just as it stands, but also whether he will vigorously oppose every project for bringing into market in any fashion, or for giving away to the states in which it may happen to lie, any arid land now the property of the people. Unless he answers both questions with an unqualified yes, farmers at least, will be very foolish to vote for him Political considerations are all very well in their way, but no farmer can afford to let politics interfere for a mo-

> ment with his business. That is all the sense that the "country gentlemen" brought up under the shadow of plutocratic influences seem to have. These "gentlemen" are all in favor of McKinley expansion, they want to annex far away islands of the sea to provide for the increasing population of the United States. But expansion of business, farming and factories at home, they are opposed to. They say it will produce "overproduction." If 50,000,000 of people could be furnished constant employment in what is now called the arid region. and by the impounding of the waters that produce the destructive floods on the lower Mississippi, save millions of appropriations to protect the farmers there, furnish a market for the products of thousands of workers in the eastern mills-if that could be done at a very small cost to the general government-it would be a calamity to the farmers of the United States! That is what this "country gentleman" thinks. What do you think of his brains?

THE LUMBER TRUST

been quietly effected and it is not un- biography of the lumber trust is as

Dingley tariff on lumber, \$1 per M. Price raised since 1896, 6 times. Amount of raise, per M. feet, \$3.50. On Chicago shipments, 1899, alone,

Trust tax beats wages by 23 per cent.