#### PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

4 Just Digusion of Wealth Can Never be Obtained Until the Public Owns all Monopolies and

Franchises. tion rests with the people; where the of the legislature or councils, may stop or rejection at the polls: where the and refutation by the democrats. voters by petition can propose or inneglect or refuse to pass, and can by ure before the people for final decision will; in other words, where the popular recall exists and the initiative and referendum are applied to city and state legislation, as well as in townor amending of commerce of a continent, the way to diffuse wealth and equalize power is to transfer the ownership of the railways to the nation.

Public ownership is the simple, direct and practicable remedy for the ership of franchises and industrial monopolies and public ownership of the government, the most important monopoly of all. If the state constitutions—then the people may truly be said to own and operate the government. They can stop or start legislaas they please, and no others; government by politicians is changed to government by the people, and the people possess the continuous and effec-

may solve the problem of monopoly which lies at the heart of the great work of diffusion the Twentieth cen- follows: tury is to accomplish. The public schools have been a main factor in the diffusion of knowledge; public induztries will be a main factor in the diffusion of wealth. Public ownership of the means of education has been followed by wide diffusion of enlight- cent. enment; while private ownership of the railways, telegraph, telephone, gas feet. and electric plants, and other monopolistic means of producing and dis- feet great congestion of wealth and power; | 42 per cent. to secure a just equalization of we must adopt the same great, democratic, kegs. all-pervading force of public ownership opportunity and wide diffusion of kegs benefit that has produced the diffusion of intelligence. And this very diffu- 65 per cent. sion of enlightenment, resulting from the public ownership of education, is a fundamental means of securing the new diffusion of wealth and power through the public ownership of government and public utilities. The conwhen the people know the facts and understand how to secure their rights. Private monopoly must suppress the public schools and destroy the fountains of thought, or it cannot last long. We, who desire a just and righteous

diffusion of wealth, should do our utmost to see not only that diffusion of knowledge shall continue, but also charity to keep themselves and chilthat less attention be given in public schools to studies that are compara- price of flour has all gone into the tively unimportant and irrelevant to our welfare, in order that more attention may be given to economic, sociologic and ethical studies, that concern us so deeply. We should deepen and strengthen our system of public instruction, extend it in full force to the kindergarten and college, improve its methods, and focus its power on the vital industrial and political problems, on the true solution of which the peace and happiness of the future so largely depends.-Prof. Frank Parsons.

#### The Tin TRUST

This is a trust after McKinley's own heart for he was the one who started it with a tariff on tin. It will be remembered that they discovered a great tir mine up in the Black Hills and were going to mine all the tin that would be used in the United States. The republicans those days wore little pieces of tin as campaign badges. This writer fought that tariff on tin with all his might and pointed out what the result would be, but the mullet heads would have it. Now here is a biography of that trust, cut short for

want of space Planted by McKinley tariff, 75 per Nursed by Dingley tariff, 70 per cent

Tin plate trust (New Jersey) capi-

talized, \$46,000,000 Tinware trust (Nat. E. & S. Co.) \$30,000,000 National tin plate and stamping,

Advance in tinware, 20 per cent to Advance in tin plate, 125 per cent.

The price of tin straits Nov. 6, 1896, The price July 27, 1900, was \$34.62

an increase of 167 per cent. This is Porto Ricans, because we have the strictly a tariff trust and lays its piratical hands upon the poor especially for the rich use but little tin.

#### REPUBLICAN GLOOM

The Indiana McHannaites Are Very Much Depressed Because Harrison Won't make Speeches for McKinley

last made his declaration that while to escape the blessings of imperialism he would vote for McKinley he would and militarism of his country, sold out dends on watered stock they have clear understanding of what value is. remained the same, wheat would rise the death-dealing tornado. When at worthy of the utmost confidence. make no speeches in this campaign, and moved with his family to the raised prices. Glance at the following The point that has been most under in the markets of the world. But if last, brought face to face with the de- However as they send goods on apcoupled with his denunciation of the United States, locating at Schuyler, list and see how they have raised discussion of late is: "What would their population was bankrupted, by struction that their gold standard polrorto ascan legislation has prought Neb., where he bought property and consternation to the republican leaders engaged in business. Here the young and especially so in Indiana where he man, in addition to ten years' schoolresides. A recent dispatch from Ind- ing in the old country, received his ianapolis gives the impression that it education under the direction of Mr. fell upon the Hannaites like a wet J. A. Grimison, the present district

blanket. The dispatch was as follows: judge of said district. Mr. Svoboda Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 11.-General sr. finding that he could not succeed in Benjamin Harrison's statement is un- business withou tthe knowledge of the mistakably a disappointment to Ind- English language, bought some land tana republicans. They looked for in Howard county-a new county at something larger and stronger. I saw that time-moved out there and enevidences of the disappointed feeling gaged in farming. Mr. Svoboda hoped in the southern part of the state this to be able to finish his studies, but morning, and here in Indianapolis, found this impossible on account of notwithstanding that the Roosevelt his father's financial losses and faildemonstration is occupying the minds | ing health. So he took up the work of |

of the republican managers, they show the farm, being the only boy in the that they expected more from General Harrison than they received.

Publicly the republican leaders say and difficulties of a western pioneer, General Harrison's course is satisfactory, because it puts him clearly on energy, became comparatively inderecord with his party and shows that pent financially. He spent seventeen in his view the issue of four years ago, years of the best part of his life at Where the power of direct legisla- which made the defeat of Bryan important, is again the issue in this campeople, when they disapprove an act paign. Some of the newspapers republish his Carnegie hall speech. This, it from going into effect by petition of however, does not meet the expecta-

silence on this subject.

Years, and That is McKinley Prosperity for The Farmers.

with the products of their farms, every nationality. sometimes directly as when they trade at the country store, sometimes in- our state officers. Mr. Svoboda is the tion at will; they can have such laws directly as when they sell their prod- right man. Although a farmer, he has ucts for money and then exchange the had a good deal of experience in busimoney for the things that they want. The reduction of the purchasing power of what they raise and the increase of though an active worker in politics, tive control essential to real public the price of things that they buy, can he never was a professional politician. never bring permanent prosperity to He ever bore an enviable reputation With such real public ownership we them. The decrease in the purchasing for honesty, integrity and purity of power of wheat (the standard Min- character. nesota being taken as the basis) is as

> Sugar-January 1, 1898, 157 lbs. Sugar-January 1, 1900, 104 lbs. Sugar-Shrinkage 53 lbs. 33 per cent. Salt-January 1, 1898, 914 bbls. Salt-January 1, 1900, 5 bbls. Salt-Shrinkage, 41-3 bbls, 45 per fully deserve.

Lumber (2x4)—January, 1, 1898, 723 Lumber (2x4)-January 1, 1900, 418

tributing wealth has been followed by Lumber (2x4)-Shrinkage, 305 feet. Wire Nails-January 1, 1898, 41-3 Wire Nails-January 1. 1900, 11/2

Barbed Wire-Shrinkage, 302 ibs., 70 per cent. Kerosene-January 1, 1898, 101 gals. Kerosene-January 1, 1900, 56 gals. Kerosene-Shrinkage, 55 gals., 50

pounds.

Enormous crops in most of the western states is the only thing that has saved the farmers of the western states from ruin. One year of poor crops would bring them begging for dren from starvation. The rise in the coffers of the miling trust. Think of these tuings when you cast your ballot.

#### Please Answer

At a little town where Bryan had only five minutes to address the people, he occupied the time by proposing the following questions: "If the trust is a good thing, why did the republican platform denounce

"If the trust is a bad thing, why did the republican administration allow one time when I would have had him more trusts to be organized than dur- different. I consider him a model ing all previous history of the coun-

"If some trusts are good and some bad, can you tell the difference between a good one and a bad one?" "Do you know of any good monopoly

in private hands?" 'Do you know of any man good enough to stand at the head of a monopoly and determine the price of that which others are to use?"

"Do you know of any good reason why the army should be made 100,-"Would you be willing to make the army 200,000, if the republican leaders said so, or a half million, if they

"What is your title to the Filipino? Did you buy him or did you get him

"Do you think you can buy the right

to govern people? "What are you going to do with the Filipino when you get him? Are you going to kill him? You cannot do that, because then you would lose your trade argument. You have got to let him live if you trade with him. Dead men don't buy things. If he lives, is he to be a citizen or a subject. Are you going to have congressmen from the Philippines, and senators and electors? If not, are you going to have subjects? Shall we force upon the

#### HON. C. V. SVOBODA

He Was a Farmer for Seventeen Years Helped Organize the Alliance and Has Been a Faithful

Worker in Reform Mr. Svoboda was born in Moravia Ex-President Harrison having at in 1860. In 1874 his father, in order

family. He went through the grasshopper plague and all the other trials but good management, economy and this occupation.

In politics, Mr. Svoboda has been a democrat and always opposed to the republican party, which at that time impressed him as the aristocratic para reasonable percentage of voters, de- tion in Indiana of a new speech from ty of the old country. Although he manding a reference or submission of General Harrison that would cover never sought any office, he was comthe act to the people for final approval new ground and compel discussion pelled by his neighbors to fill various minor offices. During the time of the The democrats had been counting on farmers' alliance movement, he was itiate a law the legislature or councils a campaign deliverance which would president of his local alliance, later be one of the strong republican influ- secretary of the county alliance and such petition bring the desired meas- ences in the last week's campaign, county organizer, until in the fall of and had been preparing to meet it. 1891 he was nominated for county at the polls; where the people nomi- They are relieved by his mild indorse- clerk on the ticket of the populist parnate their officers and recall them at ment of his party's position, and are ty, which he helped to organize. He making much of the Porto Rico state- was elected by a good majority in a three-cornered fight. Two years after The republicans would be grateful if he was re-elected by a large majority. he could be persuaded to say some- and again in 1895. After the expirameeting government and the making thing about the flag in the Philippines. tion of his third term he accepted a Their great disappointment is over his position of secretary of the Nebraska Central Irrigation company at Columbus, of which he was also a director; but not finding corporation work to his taste, he gave this up and engaged in the brick business at St. Paul and Ord. concentration of wealth-public own- It has Shrunk Fifty Per Cent in Two His business in these places is already becoming quite extensive. So much for a brief sketch of a good Bohemian-Amerian who certainly de-Farmers buy what they consume serves the support of all the voters of

We need honest and able men for ness and is thoroughly acquainted with all kinds of office work. Al-

It is the duty of every loyal American citizen who has the welfare of his country at heart, to see to it that we get men of this kind into office. In Mr. Svoboda, the Bohemian-Americans of Nebraska would receive recognition, which they with their 25,000 votes

#### Imperialism vs. Schools

Expenditures of United States war department for 1900.....\$150,000,000 Expenditures of United States navy department for 1900..... 75,000,000 kegs. Total for 1900......\$225,000,000 School expenditures of U. S. 194,020,470 Militarism exceeds school expenditures by over... 30,000,000 Barbed Wire-January 1, 1900, 133 Total cost of United States government, 1899..... 694,000,000 Total cost of United States

government, 1896..... 377,000,000 Excess for imperialistic policy .....\$317,000,000 Equal to a per capita tax of \$4.00 per head, or \$20.00 for each voter.

For any western state the imperialistic tax is over three times the taxation to support the state government and all state institutions.

#### Hon. Theo. Griess

There can be no question but that Mr. Griess will make a model officer. Wherever he has been, in everey occupation that he has been engaged, he has proved himself bonest, efficcient and trustworthy. Among the many testimonials of those who have known him is the following from the treasurer of Clay county in whose office Mr. Griess was employed for four years. "I feel a personal interest in Mr. Griess' campaign after four years of office work with him. I cannot recall office man, always at his post, bound to know and willing to attend to every detail belonging to his office. The voters of Nebraska can do no better than to elect Mr. Griess. GEO. A. SHIKE.

### Success in Caning Fruit.

preserving the form and handsome ap- bought some of those articles and con- rise. pearance of the fruit, the jars should tributed of your hard earnings to the syrup poured over it to within one to continue to pay 100 per cent more inch of the rim. Put the covers on for your nails and 125 per cent more loosely without the rubbers, and place for your barbed wire than they could the jars on a suitable frame in the be sold for at a reasonable profit? If in those countries would be most disbottom of a wash boiler. Pour in you don't, go and vote to stop it. warm water up to the necks of the jars, and allow to boil gently from five to twenty minutes, according to the yariety of fruit. Then remove, fill with boiling syrup to overflowing, wipe with a damp cloth, put on rubbers and minutes, plums, sliced rhubarb, sour apples (quartered) and peaches, about problems in political economy conten minutes, sliced quinces and sliced minutes, and Siberian crab apples a little longer. Shrinkage is greatly prevented by allowing the fruit to cool power, that which we would not bear slowly; it is a good plan to cover the jars with a heavy cloth and leave them in a warm part of the kitchen to become gradually cool.-Good House- ments of thought in which they find No. 38 where the "Good Housekeeping" magazine is offered to readers of The Independent at a special rate unequalled by any paper in the coun-

#### **Watered Stock**

To enable the trusts to pay divi-

Price of barbed wire, 125 per cent in-Builders' hardware, 45 per cent in-

crease. Mechanics' tools, 10 to 75 per cent increase. Farm machinery, 20 to 50 per cent increase.

Structural iron, 75 to 100

Tinware (average), 75 per cent in-Pig iron, 125 per cent increase.

Steel billets, 130 per cent increase.

# STIRRING PRICES

at the always busy store, the high qualities and new styles of these offerings make this a memorable occasion.

## **Dress Goods**

Specials 50c Venetians and all-wool mixtures, 36 in. wide, sale price per yard ...... 39c 75c Diagonal cheviots, serges and covert cloths, price, per yard ......63c 65c all-wool novelty, 38 inches wide, \$1.00 Cheviots, navy blue and black, 50 in. wide, and granite cloth; sale price per yd 87c \$1.25 serge, 50 inches wide, \$1.50 Pea Desce, 48 inches wide, per yard......81 35

A New Line of Flannel Waists

Made up in first-class style, \$1.75 waists ... \$1 58 \$3.00 French Flannel waists...... \$2 69 \$4.75 embreidered French flannel wasists. 84 32 10

### Corset Bargains

40c corsets, sizes 18, 20, and 22, a pair ..... 25c \$1 and \$1.25 Kabo Corsets, in black, sizes 19, 20, 22, 25, and up to 28, a pair ..... 90c

#### Bed Comforts

\$1.25 comforters, full size...... \$1 13 \$1.50 comforters, full size...... \$1 35

#### Prints, Flannelettes. Outing Flannels

Outild I talling	,
2,000 yards standard 6c prints, remnants 1 to 4 yards, per yard31	64
Remnants, 5 to 8 yards, per yard	4
6c full standard prints, per yard	6
6c outing flannel, light and dark, per yard	5
7c outing flannel, per yard	160
12c and 12+c outing flannel, per yard1	1
10c Flannelettes, sale price	
TIndomon	_

#### Undewear

O Hue w car
Ladies' medium weight vests and pants, regular 20c, sale price, each
Ladies glove fitting Jersey ribbed vests and pants, regular 50c, sale price, each43
Ladies' fine merino Jersey ribbed vests and pants, regular 75c, sale price, each59c
Men's sanitary shirts only, worth 40c, to close out, each
60c men's fancy random fleeced shirts and drawers, to close out. each
Men's wool underwear at, each, 75c, \$1.15, \$1.2 and \$1.40.

We have a Choice Selection in

## Jackets. Capes, and Collarettes

> We can positively Save you 10 to 15 per cent on your purchase

#### Horse Blankets

BUY NOW AND SAVE MONEY \$1.50 horse blankets, each ...... \$1 35 

#### We sell Carpets.....

Just received a new line in the prettiest patterns you ever looked at. In order to introduce this line we are making special prices for this week: Cotton Ingrain Carpet at 37c Wool Ingrain Carpet at. . 62c

### Worsted and Corduray Pants

Cordurby Famis		
\$1.75 Kersey Pants, per pair	63	
\$2.50 Cassimere Pants, per pair \$2	25	
\$2.70 Cassimere Pants, per pair \$2	48	
\$1.90 Corduroy Pants, per pair 1	70	
\$2.50 Corduroy Pants, per pair \$2	25	

Write us your needs if you can't call

# Shoes

**Dainty Shoes** for Ladies Serviceable Shoes for Children.

Infant's Shoes, lace and button, wine and tan, flexible sole, 1 to 4, special price .... 32c Babie's kid button, tip, round toe, 21 to 41 

Misses' kid button and lace, black and tan, 111 to 2, regplar \$1.35 to \$1.50, a pair. . \$1 23 A lot of Boys' Shoes, 12 to 51/2, worth up to \$2, sale price, a pair ..... 81 28 22 pairs Ladies' kid, lace and button,

sizes 3, 31, 4, 41, and 71, were \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.00, to close out, a pair...... Our line of fine vici kid shoes for ladies, in McKays, welts, and turns, up to date, C, D, E, and EE, is equal to shoes sold everywhere for \$3. Come in and see them, and if they please you try a pair. Satisfaction guaranteed. Our price, per pair...... \$2 50

> In warm lined Shoes our Assortment is complete

# FRed Schmidt & Bro.

All since the inauguration of Mc-

Every dollar of that rise has been taken out of the pockets of the prointo the coffers of the trusts. That is When one is especially desirous of you? Aren't you one of the men who be filled to the lower part of the rim | wealth of these thieves-thieves who

The Money Question A discussion of the money question seems to have revived in Lincoln, at least we judge so from the frequent chasing power of money in this counseal immediately. Berries, cherries calls that have been made upon the and currants should cook five or six editor of The Independent for explanations of some very abstruse nected with money and prices. It is pineapples fifteen minutes, Bartlett probable that this interest has been pears (halved) and tomatoes twenty aroused by the rise in the price of silsold in London for 65 cents an ounce, Mexico and the Argentine republic. notwithstanding that Teddy continues to talk about "a 48-cent dollar." There is no way for certain parties

to free themselves from the entangle- ability to provide paper money enough keeping for October. (See premium themselves entrapped except to go back to first principles, plant their up the level of prices in their counfeet on known and indisputable truth, tries to the point where they are now. and from that sure starting point, work their way out of the mazes of ruptcy in the silver using countries. conflicting theories.

The one truth that underlies all oth- and come into competition with the ers in a discussion of the money question is the "quantity theory" of the would be reflex action upon this counpurchasing power of money. To even try. If their disaster should reduce understand that, one must have a the output of wheat and the demand Price of nails, 100 per cent increase. and other farm products if silver interest, through the fall in the price in other words, the old ratio of 16 to 1 is only another way of saying that the world remaining as they now are?"

the United States, or in any of the altogether. That would cause some nations using both silver and gold. All of the factories in the United States or goes into the arts using silver in of workmen out of employment and silver will fall. various products. There would be no reduce the number of purchasers here. immediate increase in the volume of | The truth is, that the business of the money and therefore no effect upon world has been thrown into inextric- cal economy, and although there are and worthy the patronage of Nebras-General hardware, 25 to 150 per cent | the general level of prices. But there | able confusion by the scoundrels who | many other things that ought to be | ka people.

are some silver mines that now lie undertook to double the purchasing idle, how many no one knows, that power of money by limiting the money would be worked if the price of silver to the output of the gold mines. They should rise to \$1.29 an ounce. That have failed, absolutely failed. All that would increase the output of silver they have succeeded in doing is to ducers in this country and transferred and if the nations using silver should bring years of distress upon the procontinue to coin all that did not go McKinley prosperity. Has it benefitted into the arts, the volume of money would be increased and prices would

> In the countries that are upon a silver basis, the effect would be far difmoney would be doubled and the burden of their debts, taxes and interest would be doubled. The consequences astrous. Universal bankruptcy and ruin would come upon them like an this country after John Sherman and the Wall street gang doubled the purtry, only it would come upon them with suddenness, while the process was working slowly here for twenty vears before its full accomplishment was attained.

Every man who has even a superficial knowledge of political economy ver estimated in gold. Silver recently can picture what would happen to Such distress as they never saw before would come down upon them, unless they had statesmen of sufficient prices. to offset the rise in the purchasing power of their silver money and hold With universal disaster and bank-

which are also wheat-raising countries farmers of the United States, there ver) they would not remain purchas-

ducing population of many nations, of many years' duration, and through that robbery and distress, accumulating some fortunes greater than was ever known or dreamed of in the all the world before. But they have not with the uncooked fruit, and the hot steal according to law? Do you want ferent. The purchasing power of their limited the legal tender money of the world to the output of gold, although that output is greater than was ever known before. All the silver that is mined and is not required in the arts, is coined into money the same as it always was. No nation in the world avalanch. They would be in exactly dared to attempt to complete the conspiracy and stop the coinage of silver. When brought face to face with the direful results that were sure to follow, they dare not. McKinley has coined more silver than was ever coined under the Sherman act during the same number of months. Silver is coined in England, in Germany, in France, in India, in Mexico, in all the South American republics, in Russia, Austria, Italy and among all nations of the earth. No nation dare to stop it. It constantly adds to the volumn of money in circulation and helps by that much to sustain the level of

The threat that these scoundrels made was to stop the coinage of silver. Every prediction of disaster made by Bryan or any other authoritative opponent of what was called the "gold standard," was based upon the accomplishment of that threat. If these world pirates had dared to do what they proclaimed that they were going to do, the disasters predicted would have come upon as like an avelanch of destruction. The predictions would have been as a gentle breeze to be the effect upon the price of wheat the doubling of their debts, taxes and icy would inevitably bring upon the the notice in The Independent this is human race, these conspirators lost all the evidence required of their should rise to \$1.29 cents an ounce, or, of their debt-paying products (which their courage and shrunk back. Instead of stopping the coinage of silshould be restored, with the coinage purchasing power of their money was ver, they have coined all the silver laws of the various nations of the doubled by the increased price of sil- that has been mined. When the threat that the coinage of silver was seen to The answer to that is that there ers of our products and our exports to be a bogy man, silver began to rise. If would be no immediate effect here in those countries would fall off, or cease all the silver mined continues to be stitutions that seems to keep concoined, silver will continue to rise. If the coinage of silver is stopped, and the silver that is now mined is coined, to close their doors, throw thousands that portion of the demand is cut off,

An edition of The Independent cannot be turned into a work upon politisaid on this subject of the price of silver discussion must be stopped right

### Who Hauled Down The Flag

"Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 28 .- A dispatch received here from the British commissioners' camp, near Porcupine City, Alaska, heart of the Porcupine mining district, says that Archer Martin, justice of the supreme court of British Columbia, and head of the British commission, raised the British flag there on September 17 and took all of that portion of the Porcupine district recently declared to be in British territory by the international boundary commission. He then announced that the Americans, who own all the claims in the district, must at once apply to have their titles con-

firmed by this commission. "The sessions of the commission are being held in a big tent guarded by

twenty mounted police. Uncle Sam bought that territory from Russia and paid for it in hard cash. The flag has floated there for more than a quarter of a century. Gold was found there and then the British government wanted it just as they wanted the Transvaal after gold was found there. McKinley ingloriously hauled down the flag without firing a shot, but Paul Kruger fought, one against ten, as long as it was possible to fight. Dewett is fighting yet.

To Cure Cold in one Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

To Our Lady Friends. The Roberts Specialty Company, advertising switches and other hair goods are vouched for by our Chicago representative as being

honest system. They certainly offer great bargains. A STRONG INSTITUTION. The Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insurance company is one of those instantly growing and improving. Its business for August, 1900, just closed, was a little over 25 per cent

greater than last August. This is an important increase This company is up with the times