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LITERARY ROT

A Protest is Coming up from the People Against the Trash Furnished for Reading Matter

The Independent has received during the last few months scores of letters protesting against the character of the matter furnished to the people by the great dailies and most of the magazines. A majority of thinking American citizens object to wasting the portion of their time that they can give to reading as they have been has degenerated into intellectual dishsewer. It consists mainly in comments on daily happenings or bitter personal assaults upon political opponents. The great questions that press quiries and demands for a supply of running a little job printing-house. good reading matter. Of this class is the following from Chicago:

ly, and before renewing I write you for | many different papers daily and weekly, but get very little satisfaction out a rule weak and meaningless. I have always classed myself as a democrat, but at present to call myself a democrat doesn't signify anything as there are too many kinds of that breed going reach the diseased portion of the ear. by that name. There is one branch of the democratic party which exists only ness, and that is by constitutional for the offices and doesn't care what remedies. Deafness is caused by an the principles or issues are, so long as inflamed condition of the mucous linthe offices are to be gained. The other branch of the democratic party which contains the good and called by various names, such as the "Bryan wing," are a little too conservative to suit the result, and unless the inflammation me. The populist propaganda comes nearest to my ideal, and I hope the radicals of the democratic party and be destroyed forever; nine cases out the pops will fuse and then those con- of ten are caused by Catarrh, which servative democrats would or should go way back and get lost. In the long of the mucous surfaces. run direct legislation, public ownership of public utilities, government control of all money and other planks as catarrh) that cannot be cured by advocated by the pops will be certain to win. I would also like to see the people pay their own campaign expenses as the fusionists have been doing in Nebraska, a small contribution from each voter would go a long way in purifying politics.

"I am a subscriber at present to the following papers: Nebraska Independent, The Commoner, the Springfield Republican, the Public, Chicago, and Public Opinion. I wish you would be kind enough to recommend a few other papers as near like The Independent as possible. I like a paper that has good editorial reading and for that The Independent is ahead of all others. If you have a clubbing rate with any other papers please advise me. I have tried to get others interested in The Independent, but it seems most people only read of matters pertaining to political economy when a campaign is on and therefore I failed

to accomplish anything. GUS. J. ANDERSON. 112 South Water st., Chicago, Ill. The Independent will soon publish a clubbing list, Mr. Anderson has included in his list about every paper in the United States of the character that he describes. The object that plutocracy has had in view and toward which their energies have been directed for the last decade has been to suppress, boycott or buy out every publication that endeavored to discuss economic problems in a logical and dispassionate way. They have gone further than that. They have refused to meet their opponents on the public rostrum. In Nebraska it has been impossible to get a republican to agree to a joint debate. The member of congress from this district took to the woods at the first suggestion of a joint debate and stayed there during the whole campaign. No prominent republican of the state of Nebraska, with the exception of Rosewater, can be dared, taunted or coaxed into a debate. and the republican press of the state denounces him most fearfully when he accepts a challenge.

For Conscience Sake Thirty-five years ago there were few names more prominent in the public eye than that of United States Senator Ross of Kansas. In the great national crisis which culminated in the attempt to impeach President Johnson it was the vote of Senator Ross which preyented him from being driven from the presidency in dis-

matter of conscience and in the face of tremendous party and personal pressure, cost Ross his seat in the senate and made of him a political exile. Today the former governor and U. S. senator is living in great poverty and loneliness in a tumble-down Mexican adobe house on the outskirts of Albuquerque, N. M., deserted and forgotten by his old-time friends, a broken, decrepit old man, who works hard all the day long to saw wood and cook the food with which he keeps life in his body. In few careers have there been greater contrasts of prominence and prosperity and obscurity and want. forced to do, or not reading at all. If, as he has always claimed, Mr. Ross Editorial writing in the great dailies, cast the vote which saved Johnson which is transferred to their weeklies, and kept Benjamin F. Wade from becoming eighteenth president of the water only fit to be thrown into the United States, as a matter of personal conviction, of right, and justice, it is certain that there have been few men who better deserve to be called martyrs for conscience sake. The casting for solution affecting every member of of the deciding vote in favor of Presisociety are disposed of by a quip, a dent Johnson practically marked the sarcasm, a jibe or a jeer, and a col- end of his career. He went back home umn of the editorial space is devoted to Kansas, where he had lived and gation of the Suez canal, that is to say: to the trial of some policeman, the fought so many years, only to find machination of some ward political himself ostracized both socially and to the vessels of commerce and of boss or a scandal in high life. The politically. Every venture he tried protest against this kind of journalism was an utter failure. Finally he that there apall he are discussed by the scandal in high life. The politically. Every venture he tried rules, on terms of entire equality, so moved to the territory of New Mexico. sources, and along with it come in- where he made a miserable living by

all American history than that moment "Editor Independent: My subscripin the United States senate when Sention to The Independent expires short- ator Ross, knowing that if he said "yea" there were honor and riches bea little information. I buy a good fore him, and if he said "no" ostracism, poverty and toil, and for conscience sake said "no." The result was acof them. I am sick and tired of read- creted without a murmur. The name ing of murders, suicides, divorces, bur- of Ross will be cherished when the glaries, etc., and the editorials are as rames of most of the senators of that time will have passed into oblivion.

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New Canal Treaty

"The United States of America and his majesty, Edward the VII. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British dominions beyond the seas, king, and Emperor of India, being desirous to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, by whatever route may be considered expedient, and to that end to remove any objection which may arise out of the convention of the 19th of April, 1850, commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, to the construction of such canal under the auspices of the government of the United States without impairing the 'general principle' of neutralization established in article 8 of that convention, have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries: The president of the United States, John Hay, secretary of state of the United States of America, and his majesty, Edward the VII. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Cominions beyond the seas, king, and Emperor of India; the Right Hon. Lord Pauncefote, G. C. B., G. C. M. G., his majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the United States; who, having communicated to each other their full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon the following arti-

ARTICLE I. "The high contracting parties agree that the present treaty shall supersede the aforementioned convention of the 19th April, 1850.

ARTICLE II. "It is agreed that the canal may be constructed under the auspices of the government of the United States, either directly at its own cost or by gift or loan of money to individuals or corporations, or through subscription to or purchase of stock or shares, and that, subject to the provisions of the present treaty, the said government shall have and enjoy all the rights incident to such construction, as well as the exclusive right of providing for the regulation and management of the

'The United States adopts as the basis of the neutralization of such ship canal the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention of Constantinople, signed the 28th October, 1888, for the free navi-"1. The canal shall be free and open against any such nation or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the con-There has been no grander scene in ditions or charges of traffic or other-Such conditions and charges of traffic shall be just and equitable.

ARTICLE III.

"2. The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed within it. The United States, however shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and dis-

"3. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not revictual nor take any stores in the canal except so far as may be strictly necessary, and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible dein force, and with only such intermission as may result from the necessities of the service. Prizes shall be in all respects subject to the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents.

"4. No belligerent shall embark or warlike materials in the canal except people depends upon these principles Omaha. in case of accidental hindrance of the formulated into law. And they will be transit, and in such case the transit just so soon as the masses come to shall be resumed with all possible dis-

"5. The provisions of this article ning plotters. shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal, within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than twenty-four hours at any one time, except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible, but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within twenty-four hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent.

"6. The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be parts thereof for the purposes of this treaty, and in time of war, as in time of peace, shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents, and from acts calculated to impair their usefulness as part of the

"It is agreed that no change of territorial sovereignty or of international relations of the country or countries traversed by the before mentioned canal shall affect the general principle of neutralization or the obligation of the high contracting parties under the present treaty.

ARTICLE V. "The present treaty shall be ratified by the president of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the senate thereof and by nis Britannic majesty; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Wash-

the date hereof. "In faith wereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty and hereunto affixed their seals. Done in duplicate at Washington the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and JOHN HAY (Seal). "PAUNCEFOTE (Seal)."

Enlisted in the Regulars

Editor Independent: It is certainly has introduced the writer to The In- local institution. dependent of which W. J. Bryan says: "The Nebraska Independent, which is is one of the leading populist papers ized under the laws of Nebraska, and in the United States." It is with pleasure that we greet The Independent as invested assets are subject to those perhaps the only journal in the west laws. The insurance department of which fully represents our political Nebraska is the custodian of its securi-opinions at this time. We started out ties. It now has deposited at the cap-

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IT BELONGS TO THE WEST. It is officered by western men and included in our clubbing proposition, the west will make it great. Organwith the birth of populism as a populist, and we have, hitherto, seen no senting more money than any alien

B. H. ROBISON, PRESIDENT. lay in accordance with the regulations stand of The Independent. The rapid the most malignant and unreasonable growth and universal spread of the champion of alien companies to show spirit of trusts, railroad combines and a single good reason why any Nemonopolies, will sooner or later im- braska man should give to an alien mortalize the principles of populism in company any part of his life insurthe hearts of the American people. ance. He wants more agents and an

THE REFERENDUM

All the Seed Sown Has not Fallen on the Stony Ground-It is the Great Question of the New Century

In the preamble of the constitution of the knights of labor, the first "demand" of the law-making power of municipalities, states and nations, is for: "The establishment of direct legislation, the initiative, referendum, Ill., a village of eighteen hundred peoetc." The seed sown by these pioneers ple. Most of the voters are business bles, and in "shallow earth," "alkali board of trustees was about to grant spots," "doby" and "Johnson grass" patches, but not all. Thousands and franchise for supplying gas. tens of thousands have learned these great lessons that are as just and honorable as the multiplication table;

reason for changing our views and company has ever pretended to keep the revolution, or the Roman honor situation appealed so forcibly to the

lie affairs, is the burning question at principals, the voters. Then when the the close of the century; and the new evening came around at which the vil one opens with a remedy. This inven- lage board were to pass the ordinance tion enables the voters to assume con- the leading citizens turned out trol in a constitutional manner; and masse and one of them, Mr. Henry I This is sure to come. In the very na- extended field of operation. Write him the moment the official recognizes the Lloyd, secured the floor and talked for disembark troops, munitions of war or ture of things, the salvation of the for territory at McCague building, power of the people to manage public two hours. He urged that the question matters, that moment the headstrong be referred to the voters. Finally th official becomes the servant of the council voted to do so. common people. We invite your thought to this invention as another and the result was only four votes for means to an end. Utah has just given | the franchise an object lesson to illustrate something. The Utah voters amended their constitution granting the initiative and referendum; and now the legislature

> provide for its use. THE WINNETKA SYSTEM. Sixteen miles north of Chicago, on the Northwestern railway is Winnetka. ressive. Some years ago the village to a private corporation a forty-year

refuses to enact the simplest laws to

At that time the citizens were holding each month a public meeting for the discussion of public questions. and that have been baptised as a part Town meetings is the name they ap-Are the Best Life Policies Offered of the great Magna Charta of Ameri- ply to these gatherings. While the can liberty at Bunker Hill, Valley pending forty-year franchise was be- R. E. CHALMERS & CO. 352-356 Dea Forge and Gettysburg. Fifty years ing considered by the elected rulers ago, a denial of the right in this de- (the few men who composed the board mand would have ruined the most pop- of trustees) the time came around for ular political idol. But the grasping the "town meeting," and, very naturalclaims of modern commercialism have ly, the question which came up for dishatched court decisions, incubated ad- cussion was the proposed franchise for verse statutes, corrupted the party gas. It clearly appeared that the votplatforms, silenced most of the church, ers did not legally possess the power the school and the press, until the to veto the contracts negotiated by fathers of the republic can scarcely their agents (the village trustees). recognize the phanton patriotism of The unbusiness-like character of the

and American manhood of Abraham citizens who were present that a reso lution was framed by Judge Winder To reverse the conditions and re- asking that the trustees of the villag store to the people the control of pub- submit the proposed contract to the

> The referendum election was held This settled the proposed franchise

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