BEST FOR THE BOWELS



EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY

To answer several inquiries at once, it may be said that the address of any member of the congress is, if a senator, "senate chamber," if a representative, "house of representatives." A letter so addressed will be immediately delivered either in the house or senate or at the residence of the member as he may have directed the postoffice authorities.

Choate, the American ambassador to the English court, at a reception the other day humbly kissed the king's hand. No doubt the royal condescension (the king did not allow all the blessed privilege who attended) will be greatly appreciated by Hay and all the imperialists in this country. Think of the indescribable honor of allowing a plebian American citizen to kiss the king's hand!

If the sort of Christianity preached by Paul to the Romans had been of the warlike kind that we hear in the plutocratic pulpits of today, Paul would never have had the glory of martyrdom. The old Romans would have flocked to his church and cheered him until the marble walls resounded to their enthusiastic shouts. They never would have considered it danger-

Governor Taft complains in his tes timony before the congressional committee that he cannot live on his salary of \$20,000 in that expensive country. If that is the case, how can he expect the people to live who have to pay it, working at \$15 a month? If a carpet-bagger can't live on \$20,000 a year, he had better stay at home and let the Filipinos govern themselves without his assistance.

The Congregationalists built : church at Nome within the artic circle the furthest north that any church was ever built. When the day of dedication came they found after the utmost efforts that they could not raise money enough to pay for it. There was a deficit of \$200 and things came to a standstill. At that juncture a Roman Catholic and a saloonkeeper stepped forward and furnished the money, and the church was dedicated

********* Do correspondents ever stop to think what work they put upon the editor when they write: "I send you a marked copy of a paper by this mail?" That means an hour of exhausting work for the editor if he ever sees it. That paper goes into a pile of exchanges two feet deep. If the editor hunts for it. it will be the one at the bottom or next to it every time. If you want the editor to see an article in another paper, cut it out and send it in a

Governor Taft furnished a witness that nullified all his own testimony in regard to the pacification of the Filipinos when he submitted that alien and sedition law. If the Filipinos were in favor of their own subjugation and government by carpet-baggers there would be no necessity of a law that made the reading of the Declaration of Independence or to circulate "a hand bill, newspaper or other publication advocating independence," a criminal offense. In this case acts speak a great deal louder than words.

It is announced that John L. Webster will soon make another speech in which he will attack the Declaration of Independence with a rehash of the arguments of Stephen A. Douglas and Jefferson Davis. It would be much better if Cheap Wheat Johnny would read the speeches of those men to his audience for they put the argument in much better form than he will ever be able to do. But Johnny will not do that for fear that some of his hearers might surmise that he is not such a true follower of Lincoln as he swears *********

There are a lot of protectionists who express the utmost sympathy with the Cubans on account of the suffering that they endure on account of high tariffs who have no sympathy at all with the American producers who are

owning aristocracy of Russia or the English landlords who own millions of acres of the soil of the Argentine republic, would show more patriotism. ***********

The republicans of Iowa had a majority of nearly a hundred thousand. But there seems to have been a hitch somewhere as they elected a man governor, Cummins by name, who seems to be very much of a populist. He says that "capital in the trust associations should measure the actual value it acquires." That "consumers have a better right to competition than producers have to protection." If that and the demand that he is making for a revision of the tariff can be branded 'republicanism," every mullet head in STERLING REMEDY COMPANY, CHICAGO or NEW YORK. | the state will vote for it. If they had the faintest suspicion that it was populist they would brand it as anarchy.

******** The process of consolidation goes merrily on. Wednesday's dispatches that the Merchants' National bank of Chicago had been absorbed by the Corn Exchange National, and that a Baltimore syndicate will close its options for the consolidation of the Market street, Sutro and Sutter street railroads in San Francisco. On the same day the insurance combination announced an increase of 25 per cent the Rocky mountains. And J. P. Morgan & Co. distributed a \$10,000,000 | reply. dividend to the underwriters' syndicate which "financed" the steel trust. Rumors of a new coal combine were also in the air.

The Independent is curious to knew whether the morals of republican editors run as low in other states as in Nebraska. Here is a sample of the degeneracy of the Nebraska kind. There is published in Lincoln a daily called the State Journal. It has a rule of long standing never to mention the name of the Nebraska Independent in its columns. When ever this paper makes it so hot for them that they have to make some reply they refer to it as "the popocratic organ" or some such phrase. A short time ago a correspondent got an article in The Independent without the editor's knowledge, assaulting one of the most trusted and honorable man in the populist party. In the same edition there was an editorial taking exactly the opposite view. Now this republican editor for the first time uses the name of this paper and prints it in bold type crediting the views of this correspondent to the Nebraska Independent. If there is a republican editor in other states who will do as vile a thing as that we should like to know his name and the title of his paper. The Independent does not believe that outside of Nebraska there is another as vile a thing as the man

******* LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

who runs the State Journal.

Among the numerous eulogies of Abraham Lincoln printed on his birthday in the republican papers, the following was in the Omaha Bee:

Abraham Lincoln met the highest standard of patriotism. His love of country and devotion to free institutions were profound and intense. He had also an unfailing faith in the survival of republican institutions and in the grand destiny of his country. An eminent American statesman, contemporary with Lincoln, said there cannot be any exaggerated estimate of him. No one will be disposed to question this who is familiar with Lincoln's history. From its humble beginning to the hour of martrydom the career of Abraham Lincoln proclaims him one of the greatest, noblest and most heroic characters the world has known.

The only fault with that is that it was not brought down to date. Mr. Rosewater should have added: "But the party which Lincoln led to victory and by whose agency chattel slavery was abolished in the United States, has repudiated every fundamental principle that Lincoln advocated. The Declaration of Independence that he revered and which was the inspiration of his whole life, the party has repudiated and its leaders now make exactly the same arguments that Lincoln's opponents did, when Jeff Davis and Judge Douglas fought him in his campaigns. Like the old Spanish Inquisition, which in the name of Christ practiced the most inhuman cruelties, the republican party of today uses the name of Lincoln to overthrow every principle for which Lincoln lived and died." If Mr. Rosewater had written those words at the end of his eulogy he would have written history up to the present time.

A Record Breaker

What is believed to be the largest mail order for groceries ever received by a retail grocery store in this city | the records of all mankind a demowas received by the Farmers' Grocery Co., on No. 10th st., a few days ago. A single customer of theirs sent an order for a bill of goods for use on his farm or ranch consisting of several hundred items from matches to sugar and enclosed with the order a draft for \$400 in payment. The goods were shipped promptly and the cusforced by high tariffs to pay twice as tomer promises his continued patronmuch for their goods as the same age. It is as safe to buy goods by goods are sold to foreigners. A little mail as over a counter when you sympathy for the farmer who is forced patronize an established store, such as the Farmers' Grocery Co. of this to pay twice as much for his imple- city. If interested see their ad. on they are sold to the land, another page of this paper.

THE SINGLE TAX

The Independent with a request that the editor would state any objection he had to the principle involved:

The Australian tax amendment does not seek to impose any kind of tax, nor does it permit the people to adopt a land tax, for that would be a tax on land area. What it would permit is a tax on the value of land-that value which is properly known as a social value, because it is a value given to land by the community. The improvement value of land would not be taxed.

The community or population gives value to everything, and if it is right to tax the full amount the value given to land by the community it is certainly right to tax all values given by the community to the full amount. that is not so. The Independent will be obliged to any man who will tell him why it is not so. There is an imcity of Lincoln. It is the community that gives it value just in the same way that the community gives value to the town lots. If the population should suddenly disappear, the merchandise in the stores and the town lots would be equally valueless. The editor has asked this question a thousand times of single taxers and while throughout the United States east of he stands ready to be convinced, not one of them ever attempted to make

A SIGNIFICANT HINT

Rosewater is very anxious that th trial of Meserve should be postponed until after the next election. He gives a very significant hint to the judges of Omaha that it would be inapprepriate to allow the trial to come off at the next term of court. He says:

While a speedy trial is granted by the constitution to every person accused of crime, there is no reason why the trial of Mr. Meserve should be rushed. He is at large and cannot suffer serious loss or inconvenience by reasonable delay.

As far as a constitutional right to a speedy trial is concerned, that will not trouble any republican. The coustitution and the Declaration of Independence, as every one knows, have been thrown into the waste paper basket by bigger men in the party than even Mr. Rosewater. The "white" man has no rights that the republican party is bound to respect. That was settled long ago and Mr. Rosewater only re-echoes the voice that comes from Washington. We shall see how effective the hint given to the courts at Omaha will be.

NOT WASTING ANY TEARS Most of the railing against trusts is directed toward that class of combinations usually denominated "industrials," but The Independent has all along been calling attention to a danger equally as grave—the consolidation of banking institutions. If there is danger in any line of manufacturing falling into the hands of a few and becoming a monopoly, there is ten-fold danger in a banking monopoly. For years there is no doubt that through bankers' associations the great institutions have acted practically as a unit in expanding or contracting credits, but only within the past few years has there been a genera! movement toward the actual consolidation of banking houses. What the end will be is not hard to predict. After all the great institutions have become one, then will come the breaking down of the smaller banks throughout the country and replacing them with branches of the great central institution. Populists have been predicting that this would come to pass and have been called "fanatics," lunatics, etc., as a token of appreciation. There is not overmuch satisfaction in seeing things go to the devil in a canter, even if it does give a chance to say, "I told you so;" but The Independent shall not waste many tears over those small bankers who have been moving heaven and earth in a political way to compass their own destruction.

******** The Brooklyn Eagle says that the United States "is historically and sympathetically in very close relations with Great Britain." The Independent would like to inquire of the editor of the Eagle what "history" he has been reading. Was that "historical smypathy" manifested by Washington, Adams, Hamilton, Jefferson, Jackson, Madison, Lincoln, Seward, Grant or Sherman? Are Paul Jones, Decatur, Perry shining examples of "historic sympathy" with Great Britain? Will the Brooklyn Eagle please inform the public what history records the facts to which it refers? When it comes to writing nonsensical rubbish defying cratic gold bug editor is among the

most efficient. *****

The editor of The Independent examined a file of a New York daily paper printed in 1872. It was interesting to notice the change in what may be called "personal" matter. In those papers the men and women who were noticed were almost exclusively scholars, authors, artists, great educators and philanthropists. In these days the millionaires and their doings take for ten" is soon current again. Gov-

up all the space and the scholars and The following clipping was sent to authors have to take back seats if they get any at all. The editors of the dailies seem to think that the people are more interested in the dinner parties of the rich, their yachts, their horse fairs, dog and cat shows, than in the fovements of the scholars and thinkers of the country. Are the editors right?

******** Dewey said: "The Filipinos are more capable of self-government than the Cubans, and I know them both.' Teller forced the government to give the Cubans a chance to try, but the imperialists still declare that the Filipinos are incapable of self--government. The policy that they insist upon is that of the fond mother who told her son that she wanted him to learn how to swim, but that he must not go near the water until he knew how. for he might be drowned. The truth about the matter is that any decent sort of government that the Filipinos would establish for themselves would be far better than any one that will ever be set up there by carpet-baggers from America appointed in payment for political services.

A while ago it was Bryan who was the cause of the war in the Philippines and were it not for him the Filipinos would all lay down their arms and become loving "subjects" of the United States. Now it seems that it is Professor Schurman and Senator Hoar who are the cause of the death of our brave soldiers in those distant islands. Why the president don't order General Miles to round up and shoot these traitors who are causing all this trouble and bloodshed is one of those things that this editor can't find out. It is true that we would have to go to the cost of electing a few United States senators, university chancellors and other officers after the shooting was over, but that would be nothing in comparison to the cost of this continual war in the Philip-

The single taxers say that their system would greatly benefit the farmer by "reducing his taxes." They also say that land should be taxed to its full rental value. Now the rental value of good farms in eastern Nebraska varies from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per acre. If every farmer who owned one of the fine farms should have to walk up to the captain's office and pay \$640 taxes every year, Henry George himself. good and great as he was, could not make that farmer believe that his taxes had been reduced. He might talk to him a year and point out that all indirect taxation had been removed and that really he was paying less than before, but the farmer would not believe it. At \$3.00 per acre rental value his taxes would be \$480. He wouldn't like that much better, when he comes to reflect that he now pay from thirty to forty dollars taxes.

Mr. W. B. Price, formerly insurance commissioner for Nebraska, has been selected as manager of the city agencies for Lincoln and Omaha by the Old Line Bankers' Life Insurance Co. of this city. The company is one of the best in the country and has enjoyed excellent patronage and growth since its organization and the indica tions for future business are all that could be desired.

Medal for Nebraska Fruit

Mr. E. F. Stephens, the well-known Nebraska nurseryman, has just received notice of an award of first premium for his exhibition of apples at the World's fair at Paris. The letter notifying him is as follows: New York, Jan, 1902.

Mr. E. F. Stephens, Crete, Neb .-I have the honor to send you herewith the bronze medal awarded to you in Class 45 (apples) at the Paris exposition. The diploma will follow in due course. Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige. Yours B. D. WOODWARD,

Ex. Assistant Commissioner General On one side of this bronze medal is noted Exposition. Universelle. Internationale. 1900. E. F. Stephens. On the other side Republique. Française. Yours truly, E. F. STEPHENS.

FIVE POINTS IN POPULISM

The Greatest of Economists Sanction Then all-They are on the Only Line of Advancement

The populist position regarding the industrial world is summed up in Professor Ely's resume of the result of the last century's experience and the tendency of present opinion: 1. Private enterprise in the com-

netitive field 2. Government ownership in the field of monopoly.

all legal purposes. 4. Government regulation of private industry to protect the life, health education and general welfare of workmen. 5. Government arbitration, if need-

ed, to settle labor disputes. Under the first head, let us take the making of bread as an example. Combination among the bakers is not only possible, but is often actually accomplished, and for a time the bread buying public is compelled to pay a higher price for bread. But the monopoly. if it can be dignified by that name, is short-lived. If the price goes too high, outside bakers find it profitable to ship bread into the monopoly-ridden town or city. And the good housewives themselves enter the field to the end that the old-time rate of "three

ernment bakeries are not desirableand here is where the populists and socialists hitch.

Under the second head, let us take

the railroads for our illustration. A railroad is not wholly a natural monopoly, but partakes of the nature of both natural and artificial. In its operation it conforms to the law of "increasing returns," that is to say, up to certain limits the business done may be increased without a corresponding increase in the expenses of operation. In other words, nearly any railroad in the United States could do double the business it now does without doubling the expenses. It has a natural advantage as to its road bed No other company can operate trains on the same track (without, of course. paying such a rate as the owner company might see fit to charge) and in many instances, owing to the contour of the country, it is impossible to parallel the first line even were such a course economically desirable, which is seldom the case. In order to build the road it is necessary that the company exercise the governmental function of eminent domain and condemn and take private property ostensibly for public purposes, but, under the private ownership of railroads, in reality for private purposes. There is no competition whatever at all points where the railroad is the only one, and no opportunity frequently of avoiding the payment of whatever the company chooses to charge for its services. Even at places known as "competitive points" there is very little competition between the lines-a fact so well known as to need no extended

Professor Ely says: "All we can say now is that certain industries, by virtue of natural inequalities neces sarily existing between the competi tors, if left to the control of competition, inevitably become monopolies, while others find it seemingly impossible to escape from the control of the competitive principle. While it is difficult to draw the line between these two kinds of industries they seem none the less to indicate the existence of two separate industrial fields. the monopolistic and the competitive, requiring different principles of con-

IN A TIGHT PLACE

The British Ministry Caught in Their Own Trap-Ne Way for Them to Get Out

The publication of the official documents in the German foreign office has enlightened the world a good deal on the disinterested love that Lord Salisbury, Joe Chamberlain and that set have for this country. Here is the document forwarded by the British minister in this country when he was trying to get up a coalition of the European governments against us at the breaking out of the Spanish

"The memorandum of the Spanish minister, delivered on Sunday, appears to me and my colleagues to remove all legitimate cause for war. If that riew should be shared by the great powers the time has arrived to remove the erroneous impression which prevails that the armed intervention of the United States in Cuba commands, in the words of the message, The support and approval of the civ lized world.

"It is suggested by the foreign repesentatives that this might be done reat powers of the hope that the favorable consideration to the memorandum of the Spanish minister of April 10 as offering a reasonable basis for an amicable solution, and as removing any grounds for hostile intervention which may have previously

existed." When this document was presented to the emperor of Germany, he wrote on the margin these words: "I regard it as completely futile

and purposeless, and therefore prejudicial. I am against this step. Dr. Von Hollenben in forwarding it

to the emperor wrote on it: "Personally, I regard this demon-

tration somewhat coldly." It is for that kind of friendship of the British government that Hay has allowed it to establish military stations in this country and make it a base of supplies in prosecuting a most indefensible and inhuman war on two republics. It is about time that Hay, Pauncefote and the whole gang was kicked out.

From Unio

Editor Independent: I am in thorough accord with The Independent, but think that you and Mr. Bryan have a hard job before you. The American people are generally indifferent as to the administration of our government and it is a question whether there are enough patriots left to save the republic. If you will note the average ntelligence and concern of your fellow citizens about national affairs you will understand me. I am a democrat, but there are so many bad men among the leaders, I have little hope for the party. Mr. Bryan is too good for it and Grover Cleveland is not good enough and there you are. I wish you entire success with your patriotic paper. WILLIAM MEANS. Yellow Springs, O.

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honor and renown. Get you gold; and at your coming every door will open swing. Get you gold; it is men's god and he who has it is a king.

Hire a high-priced pew and be devout in panoply and state. Can we not serve God and Mammon; Is not Jesus out of date? Let your motto be: "For business we

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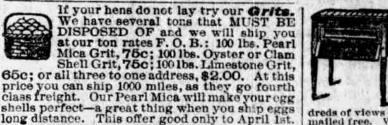
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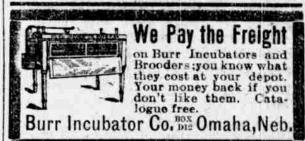
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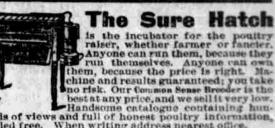
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