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(Democrat, Madison county.)  
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(Populist, Hamilton county.)  
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(Democrat, Harlan county.)  
Sixth.....Patrick H. Barry  
(Populist, Greeley county.)

Our readers in other states must have patience when reading the large amount of political matter devoted to the interest of the party in this state which appears in this issue. This is the last issue before the election and there seems to be at this writing bright prospects of success. The editor believes that every reader of The Independent is interested in carrying Bryan's own state, and besides that the methods of corporations are very much the same everywhere, while there are many states that have no paper like The Independent to fearlessly describe those methods. The subscribers residing outside of Nebraska can feel assured that the same sort of forgeries, briberies and other villainous methods are employed by the party of trusts, railroad corporations and high tariffs right where they live. The Independent is both a state and national paper which sometimes makes the position of editor a very difficult one. The educational features will be resumed in the next issue and continue until the next election with more vigor and force than ever.

One of the peculiar things that was observed during the coal strike was that the less coal the people had the hotter they got.

Grover Cleveland has solemnly, formally and officially indorsed the New York democratic candidates. That makes it certain that they will soon pass into "innocuous desuetude."

There is one thing that is just as certain as death and taxes and that is that the anthracite coal trust will take the cost of the strike out of the consumers of coal. They have a trust-tight monopoly and there is nothing to hinder them in the least.

"Tariffs have nothing to do with trusts. The two greatest trusts, Standard Oil and anthracite coal, are on the free list." That is what the spell-binders told the mullet heads and every one of them believed it. Most of them believe it yet.

During the last four years, every great daily in the land has printed more than a hundred times the statement that the Standard Oil trust had no tariff protection. That is the sort of information that they have been giving to the people on every subject.

The protectionists said that a high tariff would encourage and build up infant industries, but the final result has been the development of trusts and monopolies and every infant industry is knocked in the head the moment its shell is cracked and it begins to peep.

The reports from the Illinois charitable institutions indicate cruelties inflicted upon the helpless inmates that would be a disgrace to the dark ages, and degradations worse than a lot of savages. The men who buy elections, from the Morgans down to the petty employees in charitable institutions, are all animated by the same spirit, and oppress an rob whenever and wherever they can.

**WISDOM OF THE AGES**

Thousands of people who could never understand the statement in the first populist platform that "the land was the heritage of all the people and should not be monopolized," are getting a clearer view of that subject since the monopolization of the anthracite coal fields have attracted so much attention. The truth is that no man owns anything absolutely, for the ownership must be subject to the general welfare. That principle is older than the common law, and was expressed by the old Hebrew economists, where the church and state was one and the same thing, in the phrase: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."

The ownership of property only gives control so long as it does not conflict with the public welfare, and that principle is engrained upon every sovereign government, the only proviso being that it cannot be taken without due compensation.

The private ownership of land and all the land contains is permitted as long as it does not conflict with the public welfare and no longer. When the ownership of land becomes a monopoly, inflicting distress upon the people, or when by its public ownership it can be better used for the public welfare, the right of eminent domain, which is a right preserved to itself by every government, is enforced.

A railroad is allowed to take the land belonging to private parties when the public welfare will be better served than if it remains in those hands. That is, the ownership of the land is by force transferred from one party to another. It will be seen that this right extends further than taking land from private parties for the government use and ownership. It takes land from private owners and confers the title upon other owners, not the government. Whenever the transference of coal lands or any other land from one private party to another, or to the government, will better serve the public welfare, the government has a perfect and constitutional right to make the transfer, and has thousands of precedents to sustain it, the forcible transference of privately owned lands to the railroads being only one of them.

In a political platform covering almost the whole field of government and political economy, it was of course only possible to state propositions in the very briefest terms. The land declaration in the Omaha platform contains the essence of the wisdom of the ages upon that question, and is in perfect accord with the other government ownership propositions that the document covers.

**THE MORGAN DEMOCRACY**

It is constantly asserted in many of the eastern papers that J. P. Morgan is back of the whole reorganizing movement in the democratic party. It is claimed that his recent conferences with Cleveland has resulted in Cleveland agreeing to take the stump in behalf of Morgan democracy and that he will make his first address in New Jersey. Furthermore it is asserted that Morgan is confident that he can elect a democratic candidate for president, if he can get one of the right kind nominated at the next democratic national convention. He proposes to continue to buy up state conventions and if it is necessary he will force a panic to help his candidate. He can do that easily enough if he wants to, for all he would have to do would be to issue an order to his string of banks to call in all their loans.

Every man knows that capital has no politics and no country. If Morgan thinks that he can make money or prevent serious assaults upon his trusts by reorganizing the democratic party and electing a plutocrat under the democratic name, then he will do it. If the Wall street power is thrown over to such a democratic party, it is thought that it will be an easy matter to buy the few northern states that with the "solid south" will make up an electoral majority for such a president.

There is not much doubt that Morgan is down on Teddy for interfering with his presidents of the coal railroads. It is constantly and confidently asserted that he is. It is also said that the "fine Italian hand" of Gorman has been engaged in the manipulation of these matters from the very first. Gorman would be the head of the movement in the senate and every one knows what Gorman would do with a tariff. The 900 amendments that he tacked onto the Wilson bill is a sufficient indication of what his course would be.

**"HUMAN DEVIL"**

The tin workers have been holding a session the last week. The principal question discussed was whether they should submit to a reduction in wages for the benefit of the Standard Oil trust. Rockefeller not only has the benefit of a high tariff on oil, but a reduction of 99 per cent of the tariff on tin which all other American consumers have to pay in full. The consequence is that he buys all his tin in Wales and the trust uses immense amounts of it. The workers finally agreed to make Rockefeller a donation out of their wages of 99 per cent and

one minute the republican spell-binders say that it was "sound money" that did it and the next they declare that it was the tariff, and finally they assert that it was simply because the republican party was in power. They can't tell the same lie and stick to it to save their lives.

**THE TERM "WALL STREET"**

A lady says she thinks that "the frequent use of the term 'Wall street' is not 'edifying' as it really has no meaning except what each reader pleases to attach to it." That may truthfully be said of almost any word or term, but to the average reader "Wall street" in the first place means the great, combined financial power of the United States, held principally by the string of clearing house banks in New York city. Besides that it means the first stopover station for each republican congressman on his way to congress and is the place where he gets his instructions concerning how he shall vote. On his final return it is the last station just before he reaches hell. On one side of Wall street there is a mountain of gold nine-tenths fine and on the other a million of paupers. It is a place where in all kinds of business that it does, if one fellow makes the other fellow must lose. It is a great collection agency for funds with which to buy elections. It runs the largest gambling hell in the whole universe. No man has ever been elected president against its wishes since the time of Andrew Jackson. It is the only place in the nation where a banker can refuse to pay a depositor his money and not be thrown into the hands of a receiver. It is where all the secretaries of the United States treasury go as soon as they get out of office, and most of the comptrollers end their days in those happy hunting grounds. It is the cave where the most rapacious robbers that the world has ever known hold their meetings and plan their raids upon their helpless victims. It is where a banker can pay his depositor in clearing house certificates instead of money and the government at Washington dare not say a word. The members of the gang range from the wild rappers to the lowest grade of sneak thieves. That is what the term "Wall street" means to the man of average intelligence.

**OMNIPOTENT REPUBLICANS**

The Star claims that "a large portion of the prosperity enjoyed today by Nebraska people is due to the fact that the republican party is in power in both the state and nation." That is the main argument made everywhere to get men to vote for "our man Mickey" and the other members of the board of equalization, who, if elected, will put the burden of taxation on the farmers, merchants and business men and let the foreigners who own the railroads escape. Will the Star please give a single fact to prove that because Savage is governor and Prout attorney general, the price of corn rose from

10 cents a bushel as it was in the Sherman-Cleveland times. Does it deny that the rise in the price of hogs and cattle? Does it deny that the rise in the price of the productions of Nebraska has caused the better times? Does it believe that if we had a republican set of state house officials and corn was

10 cents a bushel and hogs 2 cents a pound, that we would still have prosperity?

But we do have higher prices and

The Independent readily admits that they were caused by the action, not of state officials, but of a congress which had a republican majority. One of the first acts of that congress was to authorize the coinage of tons of silver bullion lying in the treasury, and a law of that kind they had declared from every stump and in every party paper would ruin the country. They had denounced every man who had claimed that "more money" would make higher prices, and sneered at, lampooned and jeered the proposition that they adopted the very moment that they got into power.

Well, "more money" did have exactly the effect that populists and Bryan democrats said it would. But the trusts, banks and syndicates went to work to gather in all profits that increased activities in the industries produced. The latest treasury statistics, as is shown in an article in the Baltimore American, a republican paper, and which is printed in another column of this issue of The Independent, shows that during the last four years the rich have been growing richer and the poor poorer. The point to which the poor have been reduced was shown by the suffering in all the eastern states, when the rise in the price of coal added just a little to their burdens. In those states which gave the great republican majorities there is as much suffering as there was in 1894.

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**WANT OUR OWN MONEY**

The editor of The Independent never looks over an edition of the New York financial magazines and journals without seeing things that have a tendency to make him say bad words. But the most irritating of all of them is the constant reiteration of the falsehood that the New York banks must furnish the west with money to move the crops. The west does not require that New York shall furnish a cent of money to move the crops. It will be

exceedingly glad if the banks there can furnish enough money to carry on honest business and the gambling speculations on the board of trade and stock exchange and prevent a panic. All that the west asks is that when having money on deposit there, checks and drafts will be cashed when presented and no attempt is made to play the '92 game again. What the west wants is its own money, not New York money.

**LINCOLN COMMERCIAL CLUB**

In the interest of honest business methods, The Independent makes the following proposition. It has no bets to make and no prizes to offer, but if the Commercial club will appoint a committee to examine the books and subscription lists of the Nebraska Independent and those of the State Journal and they do not find that The Independent has two subscribers for every one, the Semi-Weekly State Journal has, and three subscribers for every one, then The Independent will pay all the cost of the investigation.

The Independent wishes to do business in a field with honorable competitors and not be forced to compete with frauds and cheats. While it is a national organ having subscribers in every state and territory, Lincoln is its home and it wishes to see the merchants, business men and those who labor with their hands all prosper. There are many houses doing business in this city whose customers are scattered over a large area of territory and they are only reached by means of advertising. When a merchant pays out large sums for advertising in papers that have but small circulation, the loss is not only to himself, but to the city as a whole. He must bear harder upon his employees. He must curtail his contributions to schools and churches. He must minimize the expenses of his household and thereby curtail the income of other merchants from whom he would buy such goods. It is therefore to the interest of the whole city that the circulation of the paper here should be stated correctly. The Commercial club could do no better service to the city than to bring about such a thing.

Meantime The Independent invites any member of the Commercial club or any business man of the city to come in at any time and examine its books and circulation list. They are open to all.

**SPECIMEN DISPATCHES**

The dispatches in the great dailies run this way:

Washington, Oct. 22.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, eldest daughter of the president, is engaged to be married to Captain Greenway of the Rough Riders. Formal notices of the engagement will be sent out within a few days.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The story that Alice Roosevelt is engaged to Captain Greenway is absolutely false. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt both authorize a positive denial of it.

Thousands of people pay from ten dollars a year for a paper that furnishes them with such dispatches day after day to a greater or less extent—always to a greater extent when they relate to public policies affecting the plutocrats.

**THE HAS BEENS**

The republican party when it was first organized attacked the democrats as mossbacks and told them that they were still voting for Andrew Jackson, and there was good ground for such an attack. Now the republicans—and their most distinguished leaders at that—are campaigning upon the same old mossback plan that they once condemned in the democrats. Secretary Shaw is a shining example of this kind of spell-binders and has made great use of it in his western speeches. He tells of the glories of the republican party in the "has been" when Lincoln saved the union, and whatever else it has done in some later years after Lincoln's death. At Omaha he said:

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**Hanna, Spooner and Cummins</**