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rency reform, a budget system of setting forth expenditures and revenues of the government, and several equally desirable reforms. All, the democrats say, will be ignored.

Following the election of Mr. McKinley in 1896 President Cleveland refrained from making any appointments to the federal service, leaving these to the incoming president. President Taft being unwilling to do as much it will be incumbent as a duty upon the democrats in the senate to refuse to ratify all appointments and thus prevent them.

There is something more than the doctrine of the spoils for the victors in this view of the matter. Suppose that the senate should ratify the nomination of a republican for district attorney for the northern district of Iowa and he should take office for a period of four years. Is it to be assumed that he would seek to make such a record in his office as to reflect credit upon the democratic administration and the democratic party? The contrary is to be supposed. We can not imagine him investigating trust operations with a view to prosecuting illegal trusts so that the democratic party might be able two years hence and four years hence to point to a record of achievement and to proof of faith kept.

The country has voted to give the democrats a trial—a fair and full trial. It has turned over to them the machinery of the federal government. It is for them, charged with full responsibility, to have full power. Let them then, take every place of power and authority.—Dubuque (Ia.) Telegraph-Herald.

### THE NEW DECLARATION

The Commoner seconds the following timely motion made by the New York World: Now that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has very generously presented to the Congressional library a rare volume containing autographs of all the signers of the Declaration of Independence, we suggest, with all due humility, that he follow up this splendid gift by presenting a companion volume containing autographs of all the distinguished signers of the Declaration of Dependence, the list of signatures, of course, to be headed by his own. This inspiring gift would, we imagine, run somewhat as follows:

## DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

"When, in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for certain great financiers to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with their fellow-citizens, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and unequal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect for the opinion of gentlemankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created unequal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain alienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to obscure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their unjust powers from the consent of the Governors. \* \* \* And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

"J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
"JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER,
"ANDREW CARNEGIE,

"HENRY C. FRICK,
"E. H. GARY,
"GEORGE W. PERKINS,

"ETC., ETC., ETC."

## HARD TO PLEASE

The New York Times is hard to please. Its Washington correspondent wound up a long and mournful account of Mr. Bryan's recent visit to the national capital with the following note of despair:

"But why is it that Mr. Bryan will not go home and stay there?"

Another paper announced that Mr. Bryan had gone to Florida to spend the winter and added that it was construed by some of the leading democrats at Washington as a declaration of war against congress.

The unfriendly papers are prepared to catch Mr. Bryan "a comin' and a goin'."

Is there any law, statutory or moral, that gives to friends of the plunderbund the exclusive privilege of being represented at Washing-

# Popular Vote for President Shown By States of Union

Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer: New York, November 26.—The popular vote for president in the election of 1912 shows that Wilson polled throughout the country a total of 6,156,758 votes, Roosevelt 3,928,140 and Taft 3,376,422.

The socialist vote for Debs amounted to 673,783, with the socialist count still unfurnished in even states.

In 1908 Bryan's popular vote was 6,393,182 and that of Taft 7,637,676. The figures in the following table by states are divided between official and unofficial returns, as indicated. No count is at present available where the spaces are left blank.

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ton. Is a great journal like The Commoner to be denied the privilege of getting its news from the national's political center?

Mr. Bryan, while at Washington, carefully avoided the one subject that is uppermost in the mind of the newspaper men, namely, the personnel of the next cabinet. As Mr. Hearst, the New York Sun and other papers of that class, presumably because of their malicious and conscienceless attacks on Mr. Wilson before his nomination, are now busily engaged in the congenial task of selecting Mr. Wilson advisors for him, Mr. Bryan thought it wise not to enter into speculation on the subject.

He still has opinions, however, on public questions and still feels an interest in the public welfare, but the fact that he has consistently taken the people's side without asking the aid or consent of Wall street bars him, in the opinion of the predatory press, from active participation in politics. But as the predatory press has always been against him he has not lost anything—in fact, its criticism is an asset.

## HARRIMAN MERGER ILLEGAL

The United States supreme court has decided that the think known as the Harriman merger, being the purchase of the Union Pacific of forty-six per cent of the stock of the Southern Pacific Railway system, was illegal under the Sherman anti-trust law. Justice Day delivered the opinion, which was unanimous.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "Instead of following the reasoning of Justice Van Devanter and Judges Sanborn and Adams the court, in substance approved the minority holding of Judge Hook that the roads were competitors and that it was just as much a violation of the law for one road to buy the controlling stock of a competitor as it was for a holding company, as in the Northern Securities case, to buy the controlling stock of two competing companies. As the Northern Securities company plan failed nearly ten years ago, so the Harriman plan failed. The circuit court was directed to supervise the separation of the two roads."