

THEY ARE SATISFIED

One of the eastern dailies says that the result of the elections proves that "the people are satisfied with the government as administered by the republican party, and that satisfaction comes from the fact that all have work, while under the soup house reign of the last democratic administration there were millions who could get no work at all." According to that, the highest privilege to which an American citizen can aspire is to be allowed to work. There are no heights beyond that to which he can attain. The chattel slave had that privilege. It is true that the enormous increase in the currency has resulted in giving work to all, just as the populists said it would, but the enormous creation of wealth coming from the toil of these millions does not go to the workers, but to the trusts, the railroad magnates, the coal barons and the tariff grafters. While during the hard times only one in a family could get work, now two or three find employment. But the wages of workers have advanced very little, while the products that they create have advanced from 50 to 100 per cent. Capital gets the advance in prices, while labor gets little or none. If American workers are satisfied with that, well and good. Nothing better should be offered them.

A decision was recently rendered in the federal court in Michigan, which, if sustained by the supreme court, will knock certified checks clear out of the box. The judge in the case was so emphatic in his opinion that he took the case from the jury and ordered a verdict for the defendant. It appears that one Andrews presented and cashed a certified check when the facts were that he did not have a cent in the bank when the cashier made the certification. The judge declared that as Andrews had no balance at the bank, the check was fraudulent and that the certification was of no effect. If that is the law, then a certified check stands upon precisely the same ground as any other check and the bank making the certification is not liable. The bank cashing the check is the loser. More than a year ago when some of the banks went into this certified check business, The Independent said its say on the subject and it is glad to see that the courts are sustaining the view then held by this long-haired, wild and wooly pop.

The Fremont Tribune (republican) says: "The republican party admits God creates the fertile soil and causes the rain and the warmth of the sun. He has given us this year sixty bushels of corn to the acre, but the republican party makes it 35 and 40 cents a bushel." If the republican party makes corn 35 and 40 cents a bushel, how did it do it? By adopting the Bryan and populist financial policy and coining more silver than was ever coined in the same length of time before, and that, after denouncing that policy for years, bringing on the most disastrous panic that ever afflicted the country and denouncing the coinage of silver and more money as a crime intended to be the means of repudiating just debts. Cheap corn and cheap everything else was to be the salvation of the country. It takes more than the cheek of a brass monkey for Ross Hammond to now brag over the result of "cheap money" and dear corn.

Father Hardy may be correct in believing that Mickey was elected by the Methodist church, but it is rather a bad precedent to establish—this thing of electing a man because he belongs to this church or that or no church. Our federal constitution forbids any "law respecting an establishment of religion," that is to say, a union of church and state; and the constitution of Nebraska provides that "no religious test shall be required as a qualification for office." There certainly could be no objection to any Methodist voting for Mickey because he believed him to be a competent and honest man; but to solicit votes on the grounds of membership in the Methodist church—or any other—is a political move that will some time prove disastrous. Excellent as is the Methodist organization, it cannot avoid having some arrant hypocrites as members—and there is no doubt that some of these have been elevated to office by the aid of Methodist votes.

The republican who expects a carriage to be sent for him to be hauled to the polls on election day has some

justification for his act. He knows that his vote is wanted to add to the profits of the trusts, railroad corporations and tariff grafters, and that they can well afford to pay the cost of carriages out of the profit they make from the adoption of the policies and special privileges that will be conferred by his vote. But for a populist or a Bryan democrat to expect hard working men to contribute of their earnings to pay for teams and carriages at the thousands of voting places in the state to send for him on election day is about as despicable a demand as was ever made by any one. The souls of a thousand such men could all dance a cotillion in gnat's skull at once.

The benefit of having able correspondents in all parts of the United States is well illustrated in Mr. De Hart's article in this week's Independent. Mr. De Hart says that "the beef combine demonstrated to the people what a trust is;" but he really means that it demonstrated that fact to the people of the east. Out here in Nebraska there was a little grumbling in the larger cities about the high price of meats, but the high price of cattle blinded the eyes of most people, especially the farmers and stockmen who had cattle to sell. The people of Nebraska have had plenty of demonstration as to what a trust is in other ways which were more convincing than the high price of beef.

About 20,000 democrats in Massachusetts voted the socialist ticket, just to show their disgust at the nomination by their party of the plutocratic, corporation ghoul, Gaston. If the right kind of a candidate had been put up and the Williams platform adopted, Massachusetts would have done as Rhode Island did—elected a democrat. Enough democrats voted the socialist ticket or stayed at home to have downed the republicans. No unprejudiced man who looks over the returns can doubt it.

The greatest recalcitrant against the new gospel of money is Bishop Spalding whom Roosevelt appointed on the anthracite coal arbitration committee. Few men have made such persistent and continued assaults upon it. "Is not one true poet," he asks, "more precious than a whole generation of millionaires?" And he twits money with its futility when he says: "A rich man can buy a wife, but not a woman's love; books, but not an appreciative mind; a pew, but not a pure conscience."

Mr. De Hart is still earnest in his contention that an income tax must come before we can have free trade—that or some other internal taxation; and that if the people must choose between the principles of tariff for protection and tariff for revenue only, they will more and more be found voting to support protection. In view of the results at the recent election, it would seem that he is correct.

Wage-workers should all join the labor unions, including those who for the sake of euphony are said to work for salaries, and form a trust big enough to take charge of the government and knock all the other trusts out. There seems to be a slight tendency in that direction, for four thousand Chicago school teachers have joined the federation of labor in a body.

Thursday morning it is learned that the supreme court has granted the writ of mandamus against State Treasurer Stuefer requiring him to pay for \$300,000 of Massachusetts state bonds.

He Paid Car Fare

There has been an interesting fight on for some time between the Lincoln Daily Star and the State Journal over the pass forgery perpetrated against W. H. Thompson, the fusion candidate for governor. The Star stands for an honorable, stand-up and knock-down fight, and of course deprecates the fact that Chairman Lindsay should lend his aid to such dirty politics. The Journal, well, everybody knows what to expect from it; it cannot be depended upon to give fair treatment even to its own party members.

Complying with the "corrupt practices" act, Mr. Thompson the other day filed with the secretary of state a statement of his election expenses. He went further than the law requires and showed how much he paid out for traveling expenses—an item specifically excepted in the law, made especially for the benefit of republican politicians who always travel on passes. The State Journal has been careful to

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mention the expense accounts filed by other candidates, but somehow overlooked this one. But the Star did not; it said:

"W. H. Thompson, fusion candidate for governor, spent \$135.77 for railroad fare during the last campaign. This amount, he says, went to various agents. He paid \$25 to the Hall county central committee, \$114.30 for campaign buttons and \$95 to the state central committee. The remainder of his report is concerned with small items. He spent in all \$463.75.

"The expense account was duly sworn to and filed with the secretary of state. It possesses unusual interest in the light of recent political events."

The Private Secretary

A marconigram from Osceola to the State Journal announces that Governor-elect Mickey has allowed it to leak out that he will appoint as his private secretary his son, Evan S. Mickey, of Springfield, Keya Paha county. That's right. Keep it all in the family. The 99,998 other republicans in Nebraska have no rights that a protegee of U. P. Baldwin is bound to respect. Of course a private secretary is a confidential adviser, and the governor should have one in whom he has confidence—not drag along like Governor Savage did when he retained Harry Lindsay, well knowing that his secretary was dirking him at every opportunity. But it is laying it on a trifle thick to fill the governor's office with Mickeys. "No, children, thar ain't none of us sheriff 'cept me an' your pa," said the sheriff-elect's spouse to her quarreling offspring the day after election. "Thar aint no gov'nors but me an' pa," Son Evan can say.

And They Will Ride

The railroads will be in the saddle in Nebraska after January 1, though the people had an opportunity to defeat them. It seems that the only way to get the attention of a great many men on political issues is a tug at his purse strings at short range. A great many farmers when they raise a good crop become intoxicated with the temporary prosperity and let the politicians look after political matters.—C. Clinton Page, in Holdrege Progress.

A. D. Hall, Benton Harbor, Mich., sends in educational subscriptions even if he does say, "I respect your efforts for reform, but have no faith there will ever be anything done in that direction."

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