

combinations producing within a state, but whose products enter into interstate commerce.

Comprehensive plans to enable the government to get at all the facts bearing upon the practices of corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce.

Creation of a commission to make diligent investigation into the operations and conduct of interstate corporations; this also relates to employees of such corporations.

Legislation which will speed the final decision of cases now pending and others that may be raised under the anti-trust law.

The anti-trust measure introduced last session by Congressman Shallenberger of Nebraska has also come in for its share of public attention, as the following article from the Washington Post of January 3 will indicate:

"Representative Shallenberger of Nebraska addressed the general committee of the anti-trust league in an exposition of the subjects of his anti-trust bill, now pending before the judiciary committee of the house.

"Mr. Shallenberger's bill provides for two new proposition in the regulation of the trusts. First, that there shall be a tax of 10 per cent on the par value of the stock of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce; second, that all corporations which shall take out a federal interstate commerce license and comply with the provisions of the law as to full reports as to their methods of doing business and submit to a thorough system of inspection by the interstate commerce commission shall be exempt from the 10 per cent tax on all their stock which represent actual capital invested. But all watered stocks shall in any case pay an annual tax of 10 per cent on its face value.

"The anti-trust league, after proposing some few minor amendments, unanimously indorsed Mr. Shallenberger's bill.

"It is understood that this bill also embodies to a large extent the views of Hon. W. J. Bryan on trust regulation by federal authority."

The statehood bill continues the regular order of business in the senate. The republican leaders are conspiring to talk the measure to death but the democrats, with Senator Quay and several other republicans, have so far been able to hold their advantage. A compromise is talked of to admit Oklahoma and Indian territory combined as one state and New Mexico and Arizona combined as another. The leader of the opposition to statehood (which opposition is based upon republican fear that Arizona and New Mexico will become democratic states) is Senator Beveridge of Indiana. Beveridge was the leader of the Indiana delegation to the last republican na-

tional convention and helped to draft the platform which promised statehood to Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Senator Quay has continually kept this fact before the people and is asking the republican majority for a definition of consistency.

The spectacle of the Pennsylvania boss begging his republican colleagues to redeem their platform pledges is a spectacle to be seen but once in a generation and the most pre-eminent example of satan rebuking sin in the public eye. H. W. RISLEY.

THURSTON'S THREATS

"Red Rose" Poet Tries to Intimidate the Inhabitants of Hawaii

A copy of "Home Rule," published at Honolulu, H. T., the issue of September 11, 1902, shows that at the time Elmer Stephenson, Tom Darnall, Bud Lindsey, et al., were whipping the brewers and saloonkeepers into line in Nebraska, with dire threats if they did not cease their "fight" on "our man Mickey" that there'd be somethin' doin' in the legislature this winter, our own and only John Mellen Thurston was over in Honolulu threatening the people of Hawaii that if they failed to elect a republican delegate to congress, no attention would be paid to the needs or welfare of the islands. The following quotations from his speech will show how delicately he suggested that the election of a republican delegate would be about the proper caper:

"They (the republican administration) take it strange that the islands and the people here do not put themselves in harmony, through the election of their delegate, with the republican party which is administering the affairs of the people."

"I do advice you with all my strength, if you wish to secure results from the republican administration, to send some man who will come with a certificate of election from the republican party of the Hawaiian islands."

"You might as well send a frog to chipper at the doors of the court of St. James for what you want, as to send to Washington a delegate who is not one of and in harmony with either of the great political parties. This not a political theory—it is a political fact."

"You can send men from this island to represent you there and they may be ever so good and great, I care not what he may be, or how energetic their efforts, unless you send a man or men who are in harmony with the republican party in both branches of congress, and with the republican president of the United States, he will accomplish little."

"Whatever you have achieved through congress you have achieved by the hard work of men you have sent there without certificates of election behind them."

"The United States government ought not to have taken away the revenues of your ports without giving you something adequate in return. It should not have depleted your revenues unless it gave you something of equal value from which you could derive revenue to carry on your local affairs. I think it is only necessary to have that question brought to congress and the proper appeal made through the proper representative (i. e., a republican delegate) to have this matter straightened out, and this imposition will cease."

WHAT'S THE MATTER

The heart of the editor goes out to the hundreds of honest toiling men who write letters of encouragement and tell of the conditions surrounding them and their families. They come from every state in the union. How The Independent wishes it could help them. But a tithe of these letters can be published for want of space, but none of them are written in vain for all that. There was one in last week's issue that was peculiarly pathetic from J. A. Huston of Beaver, Ore. He has five children and has worked hard all summer in a logging camp getting the highest wages paid and yet, with the closest economy, could not provide, free from debt, the actual necessities of a wife and five children. He said:

"Now, I wish you would tell me what is the matter; do I need high tariff or do I need low tariff, or do I need no tariff; do I need dear money or do I need cheap money? Our last campaign in this state the little bugle-mouthed parrots that stumped around here told us we had too much money."

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kept the tribute that these trusts levied upon him above a fair price, he could now have money in his pocket instead of being unable to meet his bills. The tribute that most of these trusts collected from him was made possible by the tariff and the others by discrimination on the railroads. Trusts, tariffs and the private ownership of railroads is what is the matter. The increase in the volume of money has given work to all, but the trusts, railroads and tariff grafters take all except a bare living for the toiler. That's what's the matter.