

The exodus to northwest Canada from the western states seems to have frightened the Chicago bureau of "Press and Publicity" for the Louisiana Purchase exposition. John H. Rafferty, a Chicago correspondent and story writer, has been engaged to "aid in deflecting the increasing tide of emigration from Canada into the United States." Advance proofs are being sent to publishers in every city appealing to "mutually patriotic" sentiments in this "exploitation" of the west. The Independent has not sufficient space to print Mr. Rafferty's interesting stories, but is inclined to believe that it will take more than a few newspaper articles to stop the Americanization of Canada.

The Independent has been a little tardy in acknowledging receipt of a book, "Politics of the Nazarene, or What Jesus Said To Do," by O. D. Jones of Edina, Mo., and a pamphlet entitled "The Seventh Angel's Blast and Christian Government," by O. H. Truman of Fairfield, Neb., both of which deserve more than passing notice. Mr. Jones' book outlines the formation of the Mount Vernon league, a patriotic organization; and Mr. Truman advocates public ownership as the only solution of the saloon question. In this he differs but little from Dr. Brooks, whose book, "Sixteen to One—Escaped Criminals to One Conviction," was reviewed in The Independent some weeks ago.

The bill to tax the output of coal in Wyoming was twice defeated by the United States lobby in the house. There was a great uproar about it from one end of the state to the other. Then the lobby took a new turn. A new bill of the same character was introduced and passed without any opposition and by almost an unanimous vote. It now goes to the senate where it will certainly be defeated, but this move will enable the republican members of the house to go back to their constituents and say that they voted for the bill and the fault was with the senate. The railroad managers think that will satisfy the mullet heads and at the next election they will line up and vote 'er straight as usual.

Mr. Shallenberger calls the Fowler asset notes "promises to pay, which, by the fiat of law, shall have the power and effect of money," which is a very good description of them. It is the first time in all history that a law-making power became so besotted as to make bank promises to pay a legal tender.

The arrangements have already been made, if the government issues \$200,000,000 of Panama canal bonds, that no one but the bankers can handle them. The interest will be put very low, so low that the people generally will not invest in them, but the bank-

Lost

The Use of Arm.
Heart Trouble.

Could Not Eat, Sleep
or Walk.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure
Cured Entirely.

"If it hadn't been for Dr. Miles' Remedies I would not be here to write this letter. Two years ago last June I lost the use of my left arm, could not use it and could only move it with the help of my right hand. My heart was so weak I could not sleep nights for smothering spells. I was out of sorts all over and could eat nothing. I grew so weak that I could not walk without staggering like a drunken man and my home doctor said he could do nothing for me. I was in so much pain I was almost wild. I could not take morphine nor opium as they made me worse. So I got to thinking about Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nerve and the more I thought about it the more I wanted to try them. I wrote to the Dr. Miles Medical Co. for advice which I followed to the letter. I can say today that I am glad I did as I am a well woman now; can work and can walk two or three miles and not mind it. I can also use my arm again as well as ever. You do not know how thankful I am for those grand medicines Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and Nerve. I think Dr. Miles' Remedies are the best in the world, and if I should get sick again I should take the same course. The remedies also helped my daughter Vida so wonderfully that I should have written you before to thank you, but I wanted to be sure that the cure was permanent, which I now know to be the case."—Mrs. Frank Loomis, Allen, Mich.

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ers will get more than three times the rate of interest on them than a private, unincorporated individual can get. Bankers will immediately hand them back to the government, draw interest on them and get their full face value in national bank notes which they will lend to the people. It may be figured out in this way. If a private individual gets a bond, he will receive only 2 per cent interest. If a banker gets a bond, he will receive 7 per cent interest, the 2 per cent that he gets from the government and the 5 per cent that he gets from the people on the notes that the government will give him when he deposits the bond. The people have submitted to that sort of outrages for more than forty years and there are no signs that they will make any objections to its indefinite continuance. That is because Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves.

Where are Bynum and McLaurin? Nothing has been heard from either of them for some months. Is not their treason to be rewarded? One thing that stands in the way is that the unwritten rules of the senate prohibits either of them ever getting an office, the nomination to which must be confirmed by that body. Bynum would have had his reward long ago had it not been for that fact.

The populists believe in one kind of money, the same dollar for wage-worker as for the millionaire. The currency tinkers of the republican party have succeeded in imposing upon us nine kinds, and they are not through with their tinkering yet. Aldrich wants to give us another and Fowler is bent on giving us still another kind. Perhaps this idiocy will run its course by and by, but there are no signs of a let-up at present. We now have gold money, silver money, national bank notes, treasury notes, copper, nickel, gold certificates, silver certificates and greenbacks, when greenbacks would answer the purpose as well as this grand conglomeration. Fowler wants to add to this assortment, notes, and Aldrich wants a sectional currency, dividing the country into three sections where it can circulate. If ever "a hell broth" was brewed, it is this Wall street currency system.

The republican party is going to "get it in the neck" the next time in a good many republican states, if not in the nation at large. Even the latter begins to look exceedingly probable.

In youth this writer was taught that there were legions of devils. Recently, after having made a list of about four hundred and looked it over several times, he has come to the conclusion that the three worst are the devil of greed, the devil of partisan spirit and the devil of the credit system, and he is inclined to think that the worst of the three is the devil of credit. If no one went into debt there would be no interest to pay. That would dispense with the enormous sums paid to the banks and thousands of other money loaning concerns. Interest and usury would be known no more and the world would be happy.

Latest news from London indicates that the English are about to re-establish slavery in South Africa. It goes by the name of "forced labor," but it is slavery all the same. The liberal party has announced that it will fight the proposition, but the liberal party is honey-combed with traitors and is in very much the same fix as the democratic party is in this country with its Hills and Clevelands.

Last week Senator Depew was arrested and brought to the senate by the sergeant-at-arms. It is the first time that any use for Senator Depew was found in the senate. It was at last discovered that he could be counted as one in making a quorum.

In answer to one or two inquiries concerning the best method of getting this state out of the clutches of the railroad corporations we can say with absolute certainty that if the circulation of the Nebraska Independent was increased to 50,000 in the state, the republicans and railroads would have difficulty in carrying even half a dozen counties. How long it would be held after being redeemed would depend upon how close the legislature and state government stuck to populist principles.

News of the Week

A copious flow of oil was discovered in Ireland last week. It came from a cellar in a house located in the bogs. All the Emerald Isle is rejoicing. Their rejoicing, however, will be of short duration. Inside of a year Rockefeller will have it and the Irish

will have to pay 20 cents a gallon for all they get.

It is announced that Governor Cummins of Iowa will be a candidate for the vice presidency. He has a good show to get it. His tariff ideas have produced uneasiness among the tariff grafters. If Cummins can be made vice president his talk about the tariff sheltering trusts will be shut off.

The house committee recommended the passage of the Philippine currency bill, but balked at the bimetallic provision placed in it by the amendment of Senator Patterson.

During the last hour of the legal existence of the Oregon legislature, C. W. Fulton was elected United States senator after an all-winter contest. Fulton is an unknown man and the result is another demonstration that senators should be elected by the people.

If a conversation of Littlefield, reported to The Independent, is true, and it comes from the most reliable of sources, the republicans are going to have trouble with that man. He bolted on one or two recent votes in the house and that everybody knows. Littlefield has a worse opinion of the recent republican trust-busting legislation than The Independent has, and he swears by the holy horn spoon that he is going after the deceivers and scoundrels who brought it about. He believes that unless the trusts are subdued that this republic is doomed. The republican party is a queer home for an anti-imperialist and opposed of trusts, and such is Congressman Littlefield.

From information lately received, The Independent would not be the least astonished to see it announced in the papers some of these mornings before the 4th of March that Mark Hanna's ship subsidy had been passed. There is a lot of that kind of dirty work going to be accomplished on the last day of the session.

The people of Kansas insisted on having a republican legislature and now they are howling because it is about to bankrupt the state. They also insisted on electing a republican United States senator a few years ago, and last week it was announced that they were going to demand his resignation because he was mixed up with the "get-rich-quick" concerns in St. Louis. The mullet heads of Kansas are a premium lot.

A decision rendered by Judge Grosscup last week, if sustained by the supreme court, will knock out the meat trust combination and it must dissolve. How long it will take for the case to reach the supreme court nobody knows and what the decision of that court will be, nobody can guess.

The president has appointed Judge William R. Day to succeed Judge Shiras on the supreme court bench. That is strengthening the anti-imperialist side of the court in a mild sort of way. Judge Day was opposed to the treaty with Spain.

If we could ever get a law passed making public what the cost of the legal departments of the railroads are, the American people would be astonished. The assembling of the leading railroad lawyers last week to devise ways to enable the roads to carry on business after the old fashion notwithstanding the passage of the republican trust-busting bills, calls attention to the matter. Every railroad system has its general counsel, who has been selected because he is in the front rank of his profession, and the general counsel is assisted by an expensive staff of general and special attorneys. For years the legal department of railroading has been admitted exceedingly expensive. Freight rates and passenger tariffs could be greatly reduced and the net earnings remain the same, if the services of these expensive lawyers were dispensed with.

Attached to Congressman Littlefield's speech in support of his trust-busting bill is an appendix containing a list of nearly 800 trusts with a total capitalization of nearly \$14,000,000,000. It is said that this is the first accurate list of trusts ever published, but it will be out of date in a month. New trusts are forming every day.

The York Teller says that "the populist leaders are discouraged." If any man thinks that he is a "populist leader" and is discouraged that is his misfortune. Those who vote the populist ticket have never acknowledged that they had any "leaders," and instead of being discouraged they are

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics, in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets.

everywhere rejoicing over the great advancement that populist principles have made in the decade that has passed since those principles were first promulgated.

The coal trusts, little and big, all over the country are determined to take "all the traffic will bear" and have by no means stopped their murdering for money. A Chicago telegram of the 18th says: "There is much suffering among the destitute, notwithstanding the best efforts of all charitable organizations, although the scarcity of coal is less general than in the previous cold spell. In addition four deaths are reported directly and indirectly from the effects of the cold." Dispatches from St. Louis of the same date say that the four courts had to be closed for want of coal. "Not a pound of coal could be found in the engine room, and old floors are being torn up to keep the 250 prisoners in the jail warm." Topeka, Kas., reported: "There is much complaint about the scarcity of coal. Very little difference exists between the conditions now and when the coal famine was worst. Many stories of suffering are coming in." All this suffering and death is a result of the formation of trusts and some millions of people still vote for the party that has created the trusts, because Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves.

Tom Taggart, who succeeded in getting control of the Indiana democratic machine and thus largely aiding the republicans of that state, officially announced that Dave Hill will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for president and that the Indiana delegation will be for him. He says that Hill is not backing Judge Parker of New York, but is backing himself.

The news from Philadelphia during the week was very disquieting. There has been a good deal of fighting near Manila and some in other places. The dispatches still insist that it is all caused by "ladrones" or mere robbers. That does not alter the case at all. There is an organized force in the field commanded by officers whose orders are obeyed and the thing is just as serious whether the Filipinos engaged in it are called ladrones or insurgents. What we shall ever gain by keeping an army in those islands and undertaking to hold the people in subjection, it is impossible to imagine. No nation, since nations existed, ever went into a more foolish business than the imperialists forced upon us.