

**JERRY SIMPSON**

**Kansas Leader Located in New Mexico—Believes Much Depends on What Democrats Do in 1904.**

Editor Independent: Your circular letter reached me here a few days ago. I have been in this territory for over a year and am here to stay the rest of my days.

Of course, you know there is no politics here at present, especially populist politics. As for myself, I am out of the fight. Some other and younger man will have to take up the battle which, in my opinion, will be a hot one in the near future.

As to the wisdom of keeping up the fight through the populist party, or not, in my opinion a good deal depends on what the democrats do next year. If the Bryan wing of the party should control the action of the next national democratic convention, I would be in favor of joining forces with them. However, I trust the best counsel will prevail. With good wishes for your success.

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**Hanna's Key Note**

Cincinnati, June 14.—Senator Hanna's "key note" speech at the recent republican convention in Ohio furnished a theme for Mr. Herbert S. Bigelow, of the Vine Street Congregational church. Mr. Bigelow chose for his text the fourth verse of the fifteenth chapter of Deuteronomy.

"To the end that there be no poor among you."

That, said Mr. Bigelow, is one of



HERBERT S. BIGELOW.

the essential aims of good government. Deuteronomy is a codification of the laws that were to govern Israel. While the great law giver of the Jews recognized poverty as a chronic social disease he condemned, in unmistakable terms, that guilty optimism which closes its ears to the cry of the poor and which boasts of prosperity in the presence of poverty.

Senator Hanna thinks it is unreasonable to expect a happier state of society than one finds in Ohio today. In sounding the key note of another political campaign the senator surveyed the past, present and future, and then exclaimed: "Can we ever hope to place ourselves in a happier position as regards ourselves and our own interests?"

It is probable that so far as Senator Hanna, personally, is concerned there is good reason to be content. He seems to desire no better good fortune than to be permitted to operate, at a 5-cent fare, street car franchises which others would willingly operate for a 3-cent fare.

Moreover, Senator Hanna's street car franchises pay no taxes. They are worth millions, but they contribute nothing to the support of the government. The supreme court of New York state has just decided that franchise values should be taxed. But while these enormous values evade taxation in Ohio, Senator Hanna can see no reason for a change and his message to the voters is, "Hands off!"

Of course the senator pays taxes on the physical property which he has invested in his street railway enterprises. But on that property he does not pay enough. Before the defeated republican auditor went out of office in Cleveland the senator's company quietly made a bargain with that official whereby a fraction of what was owing to the county in back taxes was accepted as payment in full. The new auditor proposed to reopen the deal. This the state auditor has tried

to prevent. Yet this state official, who overstepped his bounds to protect the senator's interests, has been rewarded with the nomination for a third term, by the convention which the senator controlled. "The servant is worthy of his hire." But this servant works for the monopolies and is paid by the people. The senator not only advises the people to keep their hands off, but does everything he can to see that they keep their hands off.

Even in so trifling a matter as the tax on his home it seems that the senator has been very generously dealt with by the taxing machinery in Cuyahoga county which, until recently, has been so tractable. Any Cleveland-er will tell you that there cannot be much difference between the value of Senator Hanna's home and that of Mayor Johnson. Mayor Johnson's house with an acre and a half of ground on Euclid ave. is appraised at \$73,320. The senator's home with ten acres of ground on a picturesque bluff overlooking the lake is appraised at \$39,930. If you talk of equalizing the burdens of taxation the senator says, "Hands off!"

He not only says it, but he takes the taxing machinery out of the hands of the local authorities and puts it in the hands of the state auditor. Driven out of his entrenchments in Cuyahoga county, he has taken refuge behind bulwarks which the state legislature has erected for his protection. The same political forces which have wrested Cleveland and Cuyahoga from his control must now dispute his right to control the state legislature. Those who believe in American institutions, who believe in the power of truth and the ultimate good faith of the people, have no fear as to the final result of that contest.

But when we consider, not Senator Hanna's private affairs, but the condition of the people of the state and the nation, what do we find? The senator says he cannot imagine anything happier than the present state of society. What is the condition of society? Senator Hanna is one witness, and not an impartial witness surely. Let us summon another.

Here is the story of "Big Jennie." She was an ironer in a laundry. She had worked in the laundry for years. She was heavy and great sores had come on her feet. The doctors thought an operation necessary. The forewoman in the laundry described to me the affecting scene when Big Jennie said good-bye to the girls. She had been a faithful worker, and was kind-hearted and loved by all. She had a premonition that she would not survive the operation. As she was waiting for the elevator to go to the hospital, she turned to the group of companions which had gathered about her and said: "Girls, you won't let them bury me in the pauper's field, will you?"

It was one of those "successful operations" in which the patient died. There were girls in that laundry working for as little as two dollars a week. But they all contributed something to buy a coffin and a grave for their friend.

When the great senator made that speech in which he described the present social order as the very climax of our ambition he wore linen which was laundered by girls who do not receive enough for their work to pay the cost of keeping one of his horses.

You remember the fate of Dives. Thus did the Nazarene exorcise that type of rich man who is unmindful of the beggar at his gate. When I read the senator's shameful admission that he was satisfied with a government where there is so much bitter poverty, I thought of the rebuke of Alton Locke—

"You sit in a cloud and sing, like pictured angels,

And say the world runs smooth—while right below

Welters the black, fermenting heap of griefs

Whereon your state is built."

We want statesmen with a loftier ideal of human society. We want statesmen who will feel there is a flaw in their work so long as there is poverty among us. We do not need rich men to tell us that we have reached the goal of progress and that there is nothing more to be desired in the way of social improvement. Of more service are the agitators who will cry to us as Charles Kingsley cried to the workers of England—"Men of England, heirs of glory, Heroes of unwritten story, Rise, shake off the chains like dew Which in sleep have fallen on you! Ye are many, they are few!"

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**SPECIAL MARKET LETTER**

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

Monday brought the heaviest cattle receipts of the year followed by nearly 7,000 Tuesday, and the market was hammered to a finish, showing a decline of fully 30 to 50c. Wednesday only brought 2,300, but with pens all full from previous receipts market was slow and dragging. There is no evidence as yet that the supply in the country is becoming exhausted.

We quote choice beef steers \$4.65 to \$4.80, fair \$4.40 to \$4.60, warmed-up \$4.00 to \$4.35; choice cows and heifers \$3.85 to \$4.50, fair to good \$3.35 to \$3.75, canners and cutters \$2.25 to \$2.25. Good light stockers and feeders are selling at \$4.00 to \$4.40, fair \$3.75 to \$3.90, stocker heifers \$3.15 to \$3.40. Bulls \$3.00 to \$4.25; veal \$5.00 to \$6.25.

Hog receipts heavy; market nearly steady. Range \$5.85 to \$6.10. Sheep receipts light; market unevenly lower.

J. A. Russell, Republican City, Neb.: If the single taxers had run the buffalo and antelope out, lived in a dug-out, eaten corn bread, freighted over the prairies and slept on the ground, they would think they had pretty nearly earned their farm and would object to having it confiscated.

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Some socialist papers have published "populist" editions written by socialists—The Independent (a populist paper) proposes a Karl Marx Edition, July 23, 1903, written by socialists.