During the week several of the bishops and many of the leading men of the great Methodist Episcopal church have been in Lincoln to attend the meeting of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational society. These men have been an interesting study for The Independent. In the first place many of them are men of wide scholarship, and in the second place they are honest and striving for the attainment of high ideals. All that, it is a pleasure to say, not simply in a complimentary way, but because it is true.

The first thing noticeable was that one of the bishops made a political speech and advised the people to vote the republican ticket. He paid high compliments to Roosevelt and said to vote for him, not seeming to comprehend that to vote for Roosevelt was to vote for all the republican party

stands for.

Among the leaders present were several highly educated colored men. These colored leaders of the cnurch were also men of good scholarship, fine manners, and some of them eminent orators. But when they came to Lincoln every hotel in this city, where there is about 1,800 republican majority for the party for which the bishop advised his hearers to vote, refused to give entertainment to, or allow any one of these educated, refined colored men to enter their doors. Not one of them had applied for any entertainment, for they were true gen-tlemen and adverse to thrusting their presence upon any person who did not wish to receive them.

Then another of the bishops in a speech denounced the action of the hotel-keepers, announced his belief in the doctrine that all men were created equal and declared that God had created all men of one blood. This bishop went on to say that in the south there were thousands of noble white men who had been giving all the aid they could to the uplifting of the colored race.

Another speaker declared that there were colored physicians in the south who had large numbers of patients among the white people. Would these northern men, who call themselves "Abraham Lincoln republicans," the men who organized a republican chibi by that name in this city during the last presidential campaign, think of doing that sort of thing?

To a man who fought along with John Brown, who canvassed for Abraham Lincoln, who greeted the Emancipation Proclamation with thanks to God, the advice of the bishop to vote the republican ticket sounded strangely out of harmony with the acts of that party and the persecution it visits upon the very highest and best of the colored race.

Any man who knows anything about politics knows that it has been tue votes of colored men cast solidly

RAHAM LINCOLN REPUBLICANS for the republican ticket that has elected every one of the later republican presidents. In the closely contested states of Indiana, Illinois and several others the colored vote has been the determining factor, and yet that cowardly party has never had the courage to enforce the laws that were put upon the statute book and in the constitution.

The bishop advised his hearers to vote the republican ticket, and here in Lincoln where every officer, state and federal, is a republican, they refuse to enforce even the statutes of this state in regard to colored people. The following is a copy of them:

CHAPTER 14a.—Civil Rights. 1673 Section 1. (Equal Privileges.) All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres, and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law, and applicable alike to every person. 1885, chap. 104. Re-enacted 1893, chap. 10.)

1674 Section 2. (Same-Penalty.) Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons by law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages. facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and to pay the costs of the prose-

cution.
This act has been adjudicated and pronounced constitutional by the supreme court of the state as will be seen by the following note which is appended to the above chapter in the compiled statutes of the state:

Chap, 14a, "An act to provide that all persons shall be entitled to the same civil rights, to punish all persons for violations of its provisions to repeal," etc., chap. 14a, C. S., Took effect Mar. 17, 1893. Laws 1893, chap. 10. Act valid so far as it relates to citizens. 25 Neb., 275.

If party insanity ever had a better demonstration than in the occurrencles above narrated, The Independent never heard of it. The Methodists and the colored people themselves will continue here in Lincoln to "vote 'er straight' and the party followers "Abraham Lincoln republicans."

The Associated press, continuing its old practice, which it began in 1890, refused everywhere to report the populist vote. Out in Colorado where

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Judge Owers ran on a straight populist ticket and received over 10,000 votes, the fact was not mentioned in the Associated press dispatches at all. The Independent had to wait until the local Colorado papers arrived bepopulist vote could be obtained. No word has yet been received concerning the populist vote in Iowa or any other state and will not be until the weeklies arrived or the official tabulated vote is made public about the first of next January. What the people's party needs more than any other thing is, first, a national party paper going inand then county papers from which privileges to none. will continue to call themselves the news of general interest to all can be gathered. Plutocracy planned Every department of the governwell when it started out to destroy the populist press and build up other papers in its own interest in their stead, by giving them large amounts of bank, trust and protectionist advertising.

> \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* What becomes of the \$500,000,000 more of wealth that is shipped out of this country than is shipped in, has long been a puzzle to the economists. The republicans, and especially Secretary Shaw, insist that we can only get rich by sending more wealth out of the country than is brought in. Of course a balance must be struck somehow. The goods that we send out in excess of imports are not given away, but just how they are paid for it what has been the puzzle. Tourists in Europe, freight paid to foreign owners of ships and everything that can be thought of, when added up, does not account for it. Lately the answer has been found. The goods that are shipped out are priced at the rate they are sold to American citizens, but they are sold to foreigners for from 20 to 50 per cent less. That accounts for a good many millions of the missing dollars.

> The Independent has some information that is of special interest to labor unions all over the country. It appears that the effort made to break up unionism has the backing of much money and a portion of that money is spent in keeping a large body of men, some of almost every trade and occupation, constantly on pay and sending them to any point where there is a strike. They are regularly employed 'strike breakers," ready to go at a moment's noticew here a strike occurs, and give at least a semblance of having non-union labor taking the place of the strikers.

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There have been suggestions made to The Independent that it should from henceforth appeal only to the selfishness in men. It will, however, continue to fight the battle in the old way. Much these men say is true. The last contests have been won by appealing to the basest instincts. The love of bloodshed and the love of money have been engraven on the republican banuers. Whole provinces,

inhabited by hundreds of thousands of innocent and peaceful people, have heen made "a howling wilderness" and the followers of Mark Hanna gloated over misery and death. They have given special privileges to the fore any information concerning the few who have accumulated many millions and scattered a few of these millions among the purchaseable voters, and that policy has won. But The Independent will never advocate such methods, even if it were certain that such a course would secure political victory. It would a thousand times rather be defeated than win in that way. It will still stand for justice, to every precinct in the United States | for equal rights for all and special

> \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ment is full of grafters and thieves. but none more so than the Indian department. Things on the reservations are about as bad as they were in the days of the old Indian ring during the time of Grant and which he attempted to reform by his celebrated "peace pelicy" and giving the churches the Lower to select Indian agents. A terrible story comes from the Blackfoot agency where the agent has confined an Indian in jail for writing a letter to the department describing the conditions there. Ten Indians have been killed there during the year, caused by whisky sold to them by the government trader.

> \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Tom Johnson offered the olive tranch to the gold democrats in the nomination of Clarke and they trampied the offer under their feet. They even went so far as to cause their follewers to vote the republican Mark Hanna ticket by the thousands. All of which confirms The Independent in its previous views. There is an irreconcilable conflict between these two factions of the party. Especially is that true of the gold wing. Nothing will ever satisfy them but the utter destruction of such men as Johnson and Bryan. It would be well if these two men would accept that fact and act upon it.

The poor brokers down in Wall street are having about as hard a time as the farmers had out here in Nebraska in the years of hot winds, drouth and Cleveland soup houses. The price of seats on the stock exchange have declined one-half in the last few weeks. A while ago a seat was sold for \$81,000 in the New York stock exchange, and last week the papers reported the sale of a seat for \$31,000. The same decline has been made in the price of membership in all the great cities all over the country. Hot winds and drouth have struck the brokers. As they do not read The Independent, they had no warning of the coming change and it caught them unawares.

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