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Join the Old Guard of Populism.

Mr. Hanna still bows low and says:
"After you, my dear Teddy."

The Advance Agent of Adversity
looms up in plain sight.

The great question agitating the
minds of the statesmen at Washing-
ton is: "Who killed prosperity?"

Senator Tillman says that the dem-
ocratic party is "a howling, squalling
mob."

The political fences of the republi-
can party are getting down in about
as many places in Nebraska as those
on the ranges where Uncle Sam's land
has been fenced in.

The Springfield Republican writes
about "the next step in railroad con-
trol." The Nebraska Independent
would like to know when the first step
was taken.

The only thing that now seems prac-
tical in regard to the Missouri boot-
lers is to call a special session of the
legislature and impeach and remove
from office the whole supreme court.

The cost of food has increased 16
per cent since 1896, and wages have
been reduced during the last few
weeks from 17 to 30 per cent. Where
does the prosperity, except for the
corporations and trust promoters,
come in?

Things seem to be coming to a crisis
in Pennsylvania at last. Rev. S. M.
Vernon declared in a public meeting
in Philadelphia the other day after
considering the conditions there:
"Better have a monarchy, for then we
can put safeguards around it."

The president appointed Wm. Buch-
anan as minister to Panama without
any authority from congress and with-
out any appropriation to pay his sal-
ary or expenses. Go it, Teddy. This
country likes strenuousness. Constitu-
tions and laws don't count any more.
When you want anything just issue
your order and an obedient congress
will pass the law afterwards.

As a rule, the newspapers, in al-
most all of the numerous Spanish-
American republics, fill their columns
with the most vindictive and violent
expressions that the Spanish language
can supply to word their hatred and
scorn of American politicians and im-
perialistic policy. Mr. Hay seems to
be the special target of their spiteful
attacks. They are all looking forward
to the day when it will be their turn
to be "benevolently assimilated."

ON TO ST. LOUIS

In accordance with the agreement
made at Denver, July 23, Chairman Jo
Parker of the allied people's party has
issued the call for his national com-
mittee to meet at the New St. James
Hotel, St. Louis, February 22, 1904, at
10 o'clock a. m. The Independent had
hoped to hear from Chairman Butler,
with the call for his committee to
meet at the same time and place, in
time for publication in this issue—but
was disappointed. It trusts, however,
that in the near future the call will
be made—because it is none too early
now to talk over the matter and find
out who will be in attendance.

With both national committees in
attendance, together with the Denver
conference organization committee,
the St. Louis meeting ought to be a
big one and enthusiastic. Read the
letter from National Committeeman
E. Gerry Brown of Massachusetts,
elsewhere in this number. He sounds
the key note. Let the cry be from this
time forward, "On to St. Louis!"

CHRISTMAS PSYCHOLOGY

There is no doubt that Christmas
has a great deal to do with increasing
the happiness of life. For a little
time at least, most of the world pre-
tends to adopt the teachings of Christ,
and although it is only a pretense, it
makes life for a day happier and
brighter. All the year following, the
remembrance of Christmas brings to
the mind pleasant memories. The lit-
tle shams and pretences, as much as
anything else, bring about a happy
state of mind. The whole thing is an
effect produced upon mind, brought
about in various ways, and it is all
psychological. Happiness and unhappi-
ness are things wholly of the mind.
One man afflicted with poverty, poor-
ly sheltered, poorly clothed and poor-
ly fed is happy and goes singing
through the world, while another with
all that wealth can buy may never see
a happy day. It is not material things
that produce happiness: it is a condi-
tion of the mind.

The dread grind of the years as
they pass by is broken by the Christ-
mas time. Then for a short time all
join in trying to bring pleasure to
others and thereby bring the greatest
pleasure to themselves. If the ef-
fort would only last through the year,
what a different world this would be.
In some hundreds of thousands of
homes this year, the homes where
wages have been cut down or where
all the wages have disappeared by the
discharge of over 1,000,000 workmen,
it will take a great effort to be hap-
py, but for one day let the effort be
made and whatever hardships the
coming year may bring, it there be
one bright day around which a joy-
ous remembrance will cling. Let it
be a day of smiles and loving kind-
ness.

PLATT AND DEPEW

The days of those two old pluto-
cratic barnacles, Platt and Depew,
seem numbered. Depew obtained a
promise from Platt of re-election, but
since that time Odell has overthrown
the boss and taken his power and au-
thority from him. For years these
two, Platt and Depew, have ruled New
York, Platt the boss and Depew the
lieutenant, one represented the rail-
roads and the other the express com-
panies. They were not elected to rep-
resent the people, but for graft, and
they secured millions of it. Neither
one of them ever pretended to be a
statesman, they never introduced any
legislation in the interest of the peo-
ple, but they controlled the nomina-
tions and appointments to office in
their state and to a considerable de-
gree in the country at large. Once
in a while during the last thirty years
their machine has slipped a cog and
the democrats have been given a
taste of the public spoil and when
that occurred, such men as Dave Hill
and Grover Cleveland have come to
the surface. The result was that

where one devil was driven out ten
more returned, each of which was
worse than the first.

The first result of the overthrow of
the Easy Boss will be that Governor
Odell will take the place of Depew
in the United States senate and short-
ly after Platt will follow Depew into
retirement. There may be somewhat
of a struggle, but that will be the end
of it. The moment the followers of
Platt find that he has lost his power
they will turn and rend him, just as
a pack of ravenous wolves tear in
pieces and consume a wounded com-
panion. There was never anything
more inhuman than machine politics.

The thing that ought to engage
right-thinking men is a study of such
phenomena. How is it possible that
hundreds of thousands of honest, hard
working men—Christian men—in-
spired for the most part by pure
ideals, will year after year follow such
a leader and cast their votes with the
regularity of a perfect machine for a
generation or more just as such a boss
dictates? How is it that these hun-
dreds of thousands will believe every
word such a boss says and believe it
all the more firmly the more the proof
of its falsity is presented to them?
No doubt the study of such actions
by Mayor Jones resulted in his con-
viction that good government could
never be obtained as long as the party
system existed.

Why is it that when a political party
is once established and a boss gets
control, that a man who has once
become a recognized member of that
party proceeds to defy it, to act as if
he could do no wrong, to firmly be-
lieve everything that is said in its
defense, and denounce as lies every
accusation that is brought against it?
There is no doubt that there is a suf-
ficient cause for such a state of mind,
but what is it?

There are tens of thousands of hon-
est men in the state of Nebraska to-
day who will not believe that the fu-
sion state government paid off \$600,-
000 of the state debt, or that the re-
publicans since they came back into
power have, since November 30, 1900,
increased the state debt \$535,723.49.
If one should get a certified copy of
the condition of the state treasury
over the signature of the state treas-
urer, who they themselves elected,
with the great seal of the state at-

**New Years Greeting
Special Holidays Combination.****We Pay the Freight.**

We will deliver the following \$10.00 combination to any towns
in the state of Nebraska, freight prepaid by us, any time during the
month of December, 1903. Reference:—First National Bank or The
Independent.

50 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.00
4 lb Fancy Mixed Candy.....	.50
4 lbs Fancy Mixed Nuts.....	.50
5 lbs Fancy Bulk Currants.....	.50
1 lb Bakers Chocolate.....	.50
1 lb Fancy Bulk Coconut.....	.25
1 lb High Grade Tea.....	.50
5 lbs Gilt Edge Coffee.....	1.00
4 lbs Fancy 4 Crown Raisins.....	.50
6 lbs Choice Prunes.....	.50
4 lbs Fancy Apricots.....	.50
4 lbs Fancy Nectarines.....	.50
4 lbs Fancy Muer Peaches.....	.50
6 lbs Fancy Japan Head Rice.....	.50
2 Cans 16 oz. Cream Tartar Baking Powder....	.50
3 Packages 10c Baking Soda.....	.25
3 Packages 10c Corn Starch.....	.25
3 Packages 10c Gloss Starch.....	.25
1 lb Pure Black Pepper.....	.25
12 bars Good Laundry Soap.....	.50
3 Bars 10c Rising Sun Stove Polish.....	.25
All the above for.....	\$10.00

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tached, they would declare that the
document was a forgery. The ques-
tion is what produces such a state of
mind as that and what is the reme-
dy, or is there any remedy? There
is a field for "original research"
which could employ the best talent
of the most eminent sociologists and
psychologists of the world.

There does not seem to be any re-
lief in sight anywhere from this state
of mind which The Independent has
called "partisan insanity." Platt and
Depew in their old age will be aban-
doned for younger bosses and the
hundreds of thousands of voters in
New York will go on voting as the
new bosses tell them. The old divi-
sions of spoils will be maintained.
The republicans will take the state
government and the cities outside of
New York and the democrats will
have New York. The up-state farmer
will swear by his new boss and city
democrat will swear by his new Tam-
many leader just as they have in the
past, and that will continue until some
method of curing partisan insanity is
discovered.

The Independent acknowledges re-
ceipt from the author, Will M. Mau-
pin, of a copy of "Nebraska—The New
State Song," set to music by William
O'Shea. Mr. Tibbles, editor-in-chief,
is the only person about this office
capable of passing judgment upon mu-
sical stuff—and he is absent at the
present time. But the associate edi-
tor is assured by persons qualified to
know, that "Nebraska" ought to be
sung in every public school in the
state—and it doubtless will be before
long if Daniel Freeman doesn't dis-
cover something savoring of "sectarian
instruction" hidden in Maupin's jing-
ling praise of the state.

Prof. Hawkins of Syracuse univer-
sity denounces Prof. Small of the Chi-
cago university as an anarchist on
account of Prof. Small's statements
about capital which were printed in
The Independent last week. Prof.
Hawkins declares that "academic free-
dom cannot be used as a cloak for the
dissemination of incendiary social
doctrines." It seems that the old fight
is on again. Professors in universi-
ties must teach plutocracy or get out.

Join the Old Guard of Populism.