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### AN EXPERIMENT SUGGESTED

Mr. Craig Suggests That The Independent Conduct an Experimental Election on the Choice for President

(The letter below is valuable, inasmuch as it explains the practical operation of the Hare system of preferential voting. This was also explained fully by Mr. Wakefield in a series of articles in The Independent some months ago. It points out one of the things which should not be overlooked in the event that the St. Louis meeting decides to nominate candidates by direct vote. It could be determined at that meeting that the ballots should be prepared and sent out by the national committee to every enrolled member of the people's party. And that printed in the ballot should be the names of all candidates for either president or vice president who should first be nominated by, say, at least as many persons as would constitute a majority in the electoral college. Space should also be provided for writing in at least two names. Then it could be decided that the first candidate to receive the nomination should be the candidate of the people's party for president and that the second should be the candidate for vice president.

For the present, The Independent has not the time to conduct such an election. The enrollment of the Old Guard of Populism is a big enough contract just now. Mr Craig says: Editor Independent: I would suggest that you might conduct an experimental election through your paper, or on a larger scale if desired, to determine the real choice of populists for a candidate for president.

The Hare system of preferential voting to be used. Quite a number of candidates, say 8 to 12, may be nominated, and all names printed on one ballot and sent out to the readers of The Independent.

The paper might require candidates to receive signatures from, say, five persons who intend to vote for the nominee as first choice. Say five candidates are nominated.

1. Lowell.
2. Longfellow.
3. Holmes.
4. Bryant.
5. Whittier.

The voter makes 1 before the candidate of his first choice; 2 before his second choice, etc., marking all or all but one or two of the nominees in the order of his choice.

If in this illustration Bryant should receive a majority of all first votes cast he would be the nominee and that would be the end of the matter. If, however, he received but a few first votes and none of the candidates received a majority of first choice votes, Bryant might be the lowest on the poll, and he would be first declared out of the count, his votes going to number 2, on each ballot, and so distributed. The next lowest is then taken up and eliminated in like manner; if he have second choice votes these go to number 3 or 4, etc.

When all but two candidates are out, the leader of these two is the nominee and has the concurrent majority of all votes cast. If there be a tie, declare elected the candidate who had most first choice votes. Let us suppose that a voter votes thus:

Longfellow.  
Lowell.  
Bryant.  
Holmes.  
Whittier.

Marking Holmes 1, and making no indications of his preference among candidates. If Holmes is eliminated, the returning board can't transfer the vote to other candidates; hence, it would be a null or waste vote.

This shows the importance of marking nearly all of the candidates with figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, etc., in the order of choice.

Now, notice that the voter will have no trouble in voting. The returning officers may have to carefully study the matter before beginning the count.

If you wish to try a real ballot, this is it. Your voters may be scattered all over the country and still have a free choice, sending their ballots by mail. In voting they should utterly put from their minds the old scare-crow of "Don't throw your vote away," because if the first and real choice of the voter is not elected, his vote goes to number 2, etc., and he will get the candidate nearest to his choice unless an opposing candidate has a majority of all votes cast, and in that case he would be defeated anyway.

**JAMES CRAIG,**  
Member American Press Writers' Association  
Peotone, Ill.

During the past two months the subscription department has sent bills for

# IAMS' HORSES

Well, well! Cheer up! Get busy—lams' peaches and cream are ripe. They were sensational "show horses," "live whirlwinds" at the Nebraska State Fair. (He had a snap.) lams had a whole barn full of prize winners there. lams won first on four-year-old Percherons in class of thirty-two (an easy victory). Also championship sweepstakes Percheron stallion over all, and many more prizes. In fact all the principal prizes in Percherons, Belgians and Coachers. Then lams kept his great 51,000-pound show pair and the best stallion in every class out of the Nebraska show yard. lams' best horses were at the Nebraska State Fair for exhibition and were not shown for prizes. None of the special train of 100 stallions received August 23, 1903, were shown at Nebraska State Fair, and among these he had the first and second prize four-year-old Percherons at largest French horse show at Chartres, and many Percheron winners at leading "horse-shows," as well as winners at leading "horse-shows" of BELGIUM and GERMANY. lams is justly entitled to the name—

## SWEEPSTAKES STUD

VISITORS and BUYERS throng his barn at Nebraska State Fair and said: "HELLO, TOM! I'M FROM ILLINOIS." "I'M ELY from Missouri. Say, IAMS HAS THE BEST HORSE SHOW I EVER SAW. Yes, see those four 2,000-pound two-year-olds. IAMS IS A HOT ADVERTISER, but he has horses BETTER THAN HE ADVERTISES: nicer than pictures." "HELLO, MR. I'M FROM IOWA." "I'M ZEKKE, from Ohio. Say, this is the BEST STRING OF STALLIONS I EVER SAW; they are sure peaches and cream. See those six 2,200-pound three-year olds—all alike, too. They are ALL-WOOL AND A YARD WIDE. Zekke, they are sure "THE WIDE-AS-A-WAGON SORT." "Say, MOTHEL, look! This is IAMS' GREAT SHOW OF HORSES. His horses are all black and big, ton fellows; none on the grounds to compare with his. He always has the BEST." "Well, Eamanthy, here is IAMS' SHOW HERD. EVERYBODY wants to see his horses. We came from California to see IAMS 5,100-POUND PAIR OF STALLIONS. THAT'S THEM; better than the pictures." They are sure the greatest pair in the U. S. Yes, and WORTH GOING 200 MILES to see." "Hello, Louie, here is IAMS' 2,400-POUND SWEEPSTAKES PERCHERON stallion OVER ALL. He is a HUMMER." "Say, DOC, I don't wonder at HIS COMPETITORS wanting this horse BARRED out of show ring. He is a SURE WINNER anywhere. IAMS always has GOOD ONES and has them in shape." "Hello, Bob, see those Illinois men buying that 2,200-pound three-year-old, a TOP-NOTCHER," at \$1,200—MUCH BETTER than twenty of my neighbors gave \$4,000 for." "Kitty, see those fine COACHERS OF IAMS." "George, dear, they are lovely; they can look into the second-story window. They step high and fast—real, live "WHIRLWINDS!" "Yes, Kitty, IAMS HAS MORE REGISTERED DRAFT and COACH STALLIONS than ANY ONE man in the U. S., and all good ones." "George, dear, you must buy your next stallion of IAMS. His horses are much better than the one you paid those Ohio men \$4,000 for, and IAMS ONLY ASKS \$1,000 AND \$1,500 FOR "TOPPERS!"

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# FRANK IAMS.

St. Paul, Nebraska.

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Manchuria and Dominates More Than Half the Orient, Then the World

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Was Made by the Powers When They Interfered to Prevent Japan from Enjoying the Fruits of Her Victory.

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### RUSSIA DEFEAT JAPAN

the power of the czar will be a constant menace to peace on this earth for at least a generation, if not for a century. Japan is as naturally the conservator of Oriental civilization as the insular kingdom of Great Britain is the potential savior in maintaining the common welfare of mankind on the opposite side of the globe. Japan is strategically the hope of the eastern hemisphere, the buffer which should protect the interests of enlightenment from the grasp of absolute monarchy. But Japan may yet become a counterpart of the British empire, for if she wins against Russia in the impending conflict the influence of the Flowery Kingdom in Asiatic affairs will be as powerful as that of England in Europe. Meanwhile the

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