

devil was hard after every one of them and not ten feet behind.

All of this applies, of course, to the masses. There are some who ride about in automobiles, who take things in a different way, but they are the few.

This old pop wanted to go up in that region where the desolate wastes of what was called Harlem existed a few years ago. A Third Avenue train was advised by a policeman. Mounting the long stairs I at last reached the station. But there seemed to be something wrong. For some minutes no trains came along. A pleasant-faced and "magnetic" sort of man walked up and down the platform. Presently he got into conversation with a boy. He patted the boy on the head and said: "Here is an honest face. This boy will make the right kind of a man. See what a nose he has! That indicates character."

In an instant this pleasant-faced man was surrounded by a crowd, all of whom wanted to shake hands with him. All at once a rush was made for the cars which had come along. The rush was like that of a lot of Texas steers stampeding upon some sudden fright. However, every one took it as the regular thing. Once on the cars the pleasant-faced man began to talk rather loud. Among other things he said: "I tell you the whole lot of them get hardly enough to keep soul and body together." The cars halted for a second or two and a rush was made for the doors. There was a fiercer stampede than when we got on. One man said: "Let us go with him," and all who were standing near the pleasant-faced man rushed off with him. A man standing near said: "That is Murphy, the Tammany leader."

There are miles of canons and cliff dwellers up where the Harlem wastes were a few years ago, and the canons and cliffs are being extended out farther and farther all the time. All these people have votes. They are all the obedient followers of Boss Platt (or just at present Boss Odell) or Boss Murphy. Here is "a race problem" that threatens good government more than the race problem of the south.

-T.

NOTES FROM GOTHAM.

Down on Wall street I caught a glimpse of J. Pierpont Morgan. He has the same brutal, vicious look that he had in 1893 when Cleveland sold him those \$62,000,000 of bonds at nearly par when they were the very same day quoted on Wall street at 118. Morgan raked in \$9,000,000 on that deal. He has now the inside track of the \$40,000,000 that is to be paid over on the Panama deal. The secretary of the treasury has employed the house of Morgan & Co. to "finance" that matter.

The restaurants all place finger bowls before their guests. It is strange how the provincials who live along the sea coast here cling to things that came down to them from their barbarous ancestors. Those old ancestors used to gnaw bones (when they could get them) and eat with their fingers, and, of course, they wanted some sort of a rag to wipe their fingers on after each meal, and a bowl in which to wash them. So they keep up the old custom.

The meat trust is preparing to take in all the retail business in all the New England states. Swift & Co., in whose bailiwick that region lies, has increased their capitalization \$12,000,000 and with that money they intend to buy out, or drive out, every retail dealer, and fix the retail price for every Yankee from the sea to the land of the Cannucks. Up Boston way there is even now and then a man to be found who is beginning to doubt

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whether his soul's eternal salvation actually depends upon always voting the plutocratic ticket straight.

Platt has been dethroned in New York and Odell is the new boss. Long live the boss!

Coming down the state, half way from Buffalo to New York city, one new house was seen. The man who said that this part of the country was "finished 75 years ago" was not absolutely correct. Some fresh paint had been put on another house. These two things were the only discrepancies that were noted concerning the assertion that the country is finished.

All this region of country is paralleled, gridironed and diagonaled with electric and steam railroads, the result of "seeking investments for capital." Many of them pay but slight or no dividends because there are more roads "than the traffic will bear" which is a sort of retribution meted out to the cliff dwellers. For fifty years the earnings of the people of the west have accumulated in Wall street, and the money that has come here has been invested in that way when, if the bankers of the west had

had common sense it would have been retained in the west and invested in needed improvements that would have returned dividends. There are places in Nebraska where electric roads ought to be built and they would pay, but the Wall street crowd that controls this capital would rather have these rocky hills gridironed with useless tracks than build in the west where such roads would pay. The western banker who backs up Wall street is "a natural born fool, and hasn't sense enough to know it."

There are so many pill advertisements painted on the barns, factories and fences along the lines of railroads in New York that they generally give all the passengers the diarrhoea from constantly looking at them. In passing along the streets of the city one cannot help coming to the conclusion, after seeing the enormous number of drug stores and saloons, that the principal diet of the citizens must be drugs, beer and whisky.

"The oldest inhabitant" says that this has been the coldest winter with the most snow in New York and New England that has been known since 1873.—T.

...The Old Guard of Populism...

All the necessary formal preliminaries for the St. Louis meeting of the national committees have been made, now that Vice Chairman Edmisten has issued the call for his committee. Chairman Parker's call was made several weeks ago. In order that new readers of The Independent may receive the benefit of what has gone before, both calls are printed this week.

But the matter does not stop with the mere formalities completed. Both calls were simply pro forma, inasmuch as the Denver meeting settled both time and place. The duty now to be performed is to secure a full attendance. Mr. Groot in Ohio, Mr. Brown in Massachusetts, Mr. Weller in Iowa, and a number of other are putting in "their best licks" to have a big meeting. The Independent would be glad to hear from all who expect to be in attendance, with a short, crisp letter for publication, giving their views upon the desirability of nominating by referendum vote or by convention; if the latter, stating the best place to hold the convention; and anything else which will tend to arouse the old-time enthusiasm. The letter below tells the story for tens of thousands of former enthusiasts for populism:

Editor Independent: I received some blanks from some one, but I gave them scant attention and decided that to raise the populist banner would be out of the question. But since I have had the pleasure of reading The Independent for a few weeks, and hearing from the old-time leaders from afar off, the old love for the Omaha platform has begun to rekindle in my veins.

I have been reading the Appeal to Reason for two years and trying my very best to swallow socialism; but the longer I try the more difficult it becomes—so I just decided it a bad job, and quit.

I was made just right for the Omaha platform and it was made just right for me. I believe that every other old populist, who had a true case, is just like me—nowhere to go—so when the banner is raised, you can count on us fellows at Delhi beating the other fellows two to one. We have always done that well; we did it two years ago without a national party—and with a live people's party, and a gold-bug democrat for president, we could go it just as well now.

So push the old Omaha platform to the front, and when you need my old dollar, just say so, and she will come. Yours in hope of success.

P. A. MALOY.  
Delhi, Okla.

CALL FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12, 1904.—To the Members of the National Committee of the People's Party of the United States, Greeting: The call hereinafter is made in compliance with a resolution passed by said committee at Denver, Colo., July 29, 1903, that the committee shall be called to meet at St. Louis, Mo., on February 22, 1904, for the purpose of fixing time and place of holding the national convention of the people's party, which convention, when convened, shall place in nomination members of its own party as candidates for president and vice president of the United States,

and transact such other business as may come before it.

As vice chairman of the national committee of the people's party, I was empowered by a resolution passed by the national committee of the people's party at Kansas City, in regular session of the same, to call meetings and to transact any other business of the committee that the chairman by virtue of his office would be empowered to perform.

Therefore I do hereby call on all committeemen of the people's party to convene at St. Louis, Feb. 22, 1904, for the purpose aforesaid. And in addition to the committee, would respectfully invite all members of the party who can conveniently attend such meeting to do so.

It is to be hoped that at this meeting a full recognition of the efforts made at Denver last July will be inducted by a united people's party of the nation. And that the influences for reform as found in the people's party may be no longer throttled by misunderstandings, for it the only party that can and will uncover wrong doing and corruption wherever found.

We hope that this meeting will be well attended and be fruitful of good. Reform papers please copy.

J. H. EDMISTEN,  
Vice Chairman National Committee  
People's Party.

CALL FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 10, 1903.—The national executive committee of the people's party of the United States, in session at Memphis, Tenn., this 10th day of December, 1903, begs leave to congratulate the earnest reform voters of the United States on the rapid spread of those great principles of human government enunciated in the Omaha platform of 1892, and for which our organization has steadfastly contended, since the beginning.

The political history of the past few years has only served to strengthen our position, and to draw the attention of patriotic voters to the principles involved in our political creed, until it is today a generally accepted theory that government ownership of monopolies is better than monopoly ownership of government, although through the manipulation of political machines by the monopolies now controlling the public utilities of the country, there has been but little legislation looking to public ownership.

The political history of the past few years has taught several invaluable lessons to those who would reform existing abuses, the most important of which is that fusion or cooperation with either of the old parties is a failure, destined to spread confusion among reformers and to destroy our organization. It has also taught that a divided reform movement can accomplish but little. While in the past honest differences of opinion have divided our ranks, and lent consolation to our enemies and the despoilers of the people, we recommend as the future policy of our party that reformers of all factions bury their minor differences and unite on the essential principles that will restore to the people the power to conduct the government free from the dictation of an oligarchy of the "idle holders of idle capital."

To this end we hereby call the national central committee of the allied

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people's party to meet at the New St. James hotel, in St. Louis, Mo., February 22, at 10 o'clock a. m., to fix a time and place for a national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and we invite the committees of other reform parties to meet at the same time and place, looking to a practical union of the reform forces of the country in the approaching national campaign. We especially invite the representatives of organized labor, as it is the policy of the people's party to support the worthy efforts of organized labor in its struggles against organized capital, and believing that the final relief of labor rests solely in an intelligent and well directed ballot, we urge the cooperation of the labor forces in our conventions and at the polls.

We endorse the action of the recent Denver conference in looking to reunion of the people's party on the old lines, and extend our hands in fraternal greeting to our co-laborers of the great northwest who have in the past been misled by false promises, only