

are the boundaries of the world, or if there is anything outside of those boundaries, it is not worth considering.

Our courts are farces in more ways than one. The trial of the "boy bandits" of Chicago after each one of them had confessed to one or more murders, cost the city \$60,000, and there is one more of them to try yet.

The war news this week has been as follows: The Japanese have taken Port Arthur. The Japanese have not taken Port Arthur. There was a fight on the river Yalu and the Russians captured 1,800 Japanese. There was no fight on the Yalu river at all. The guns on the sunken Russian battleships Reizvizan and Czarovitch have been taken off and mounted on the shore batteries. No guns have been removed from the Reizvizan and Czarovitch. The Russian gunboat Skori was sunk by a floating mine near the mouth of the harbor off Port Arthur left there by the Japanese. The Skori was not sunk and all on board are well. No damage was done to Port Arthur by the frequent naval bombardments. Port Arthur was set on fire, several of the land forts were blown up, 365 persons were killed and several Russian officers committed suicide after enduring the stress of the awful conditions for several days. There was a naval fight off Dalney. There was no naval fight off Dalney. The sound of guns was caused by target practice by the Japanese. The latest news is to the effect that the whole Japanese fleet has been bombarding Port Arthur again and no contradiction of the statement has been sent. The above is a full summary of all the news of the Asiatic war received during the week.

Cortelyou, he of the many carriages, servants in livery and gold mounted harness, is going to investigate the meat trust. He says there will be no public examination of witnesses and that he scorns to stoop to detective work. The meat trust will continue to grow fat under such investigators as Cortelyou.

A distinguished citizen of Indiana who has failed for three or four weeks to get his Independent (it was mailed all right from this office) writes: "There is no way that I can find out anything here and I am very anxious to hear. I have heard very little about what was done at St. Louis, for little or nothing is published in the daily papers." That gentleman is in the same state of ignorance of tens of thousands of populists all over the country who do not get The Independent. An earnest and most persistent effort should be made to get information of the great populist movement into the hands of the people.

To get some of those fellows down in New York to "think" a little, suppose some one down there asks them which is the heavier: a pound of lead or a pound of feathers. Then after they have come to a conclusion on that point, ask them which is worth the more, a dollar's worth of gold or a dollar's worth of potatoes. If they can conquer such problems as that then they might be asked how do we arrive at the value of 25 8-10 grains of gold, 9-10 fine?

Dr. William G. Anderson, director of the gymnasium at Yale university, seems to be verging very close upon the doctrines taught by Mrs. Eddy. He says that "muscles can be trained to perform ordinary gymnastic feats by the person merely thinking of the movements."

Congress, on account of the plutocrats, did not dare to pass a service pension bill, so the administration had the commissioner of pensions make a ruling that all veterans over 62 years of age shall receive a pension varying from \$6 to \$12 a month. The republican majority in congress is about as cowardly and sneaking a body of men as ever got together. They have had service pension bills before them for many terms and never dared to pass one because the eastern plutocrats objected. Plutocrats don't care anything about old soldiers except to get their votes.

Henry Hartington, who is Hearst's emissary in Ohio, approached Tom Johnson and asked his assistance in getting Hearst delegates, Johnson flatly and positively refused to back the Hearst boom in any manner whatever. Hartington declared that he would get Hearst delegates in Medina county in spite of Tom Johnson.

The Kingly Prerogative

The nation is rapidly approaching the one-man power under the strenu-



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ous rule of Theodore Roosevelt. In the Panama affair, he assumed what Charles Sumner denounced in Grant as the "kingly prerogative." In this affair of service pensions he assumes to do, through an order to his clerks, what has heretofore been done only through legislation by congress and which congress alone has the authority to do. Mr. Roosevelt wants to be elected president in November. Ordinarily, a new congress would be elected at the same time. But what is the use of congress? Roosevelt can do it all.—Boston Post.

Furnas Co., Neb.

Old Guard Jonathan Higgins, of Furnas county, Neb., in sending in his renewal to The Independent, says he has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time. Commenting on the situation out his way, Mr. Higgins says:

"In the way of papers the republicans have it all their own way out here, outside of the scope of The Independent. This has wrought a change in more ways than one. Many of our people are becoming heedless, not taking the interest they did a few years ago.

"Republican papers are becoming much more bold and defiant than when we had a press to answer them. Without a press it does not now appear possible—not even for a Dietrich—to save this section, once a populist stronghold.

"While I read every line of The Independent, I enjoy most the 'old war horse' correspondence from the isles of Hades." (This was written while Mr. Tibbles was in New York.—Associate Ed.)

Fillmore County Minn.

Editor Independent: I enclose you \$1 and wish you success in your grand efforts to line up the Old Guard. Yes, I want The Independent. It is the "ray of sunshine."

The people's party should be kept alive as there is nothing in sight to take its place. We have the socialist movement, which is catching some old populists. This is a misfortune, and will, if many of our Old Guard go in that direction, serve to retard reform.

I think the plutes are encouraging

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the socialist movement. They hope in that way they may destroy the people's party—an organization they have always feared.

The socialists are well meaning, but they do not stop to consider that their platform is no stronger than its weakest plank. They would have us wait for government ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, the coal and oil fields and all of these things which are agreed by all reformers to be public utilities, until we have converted the majority of the people that the other socialist demands are reasonable. For instance, that the land shall be held in common. A century hence that demand may sound reasonable; but today, and during this generation, no party can carry any considerable portion of the voters of the country for that proposition.

It is proper to discuss all these questions and it is, perhaps, a good thing we have a socialist movement taking such a radical ground—advocating that which is impossible of attainment. But it is a foolish thing for populists to desert their party at this time and join such a movement.

THOMAS J. MEIGHEN,
Member National Committee,
Forestville, Minn.

Trusts Pay the Bills

Editor Independent: I am delighted with your paper every week and lots

Notice of Sale Under Chattel Mortgage

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated the 9th day of October, 1900, and filed in the office of the county clerk of Lancaster county Nebraska, on the 5th day of December, 1903, and made by Torgney Anderson to J. A. and E. W. Anderson to secure the payment of \$270.00, upon which there is now due \$240.00, default having been made in the payment of said sum and no proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part of it, therefore we shall sell the property therein described, to-wit: One Calenberg piano No. 16662, at public auction at the music store of Arthur M. Betz, No. 212 South 11th street, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the 31st day of March, 1904, at one o'clock p. m. of said day.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1904.
J. A. ANDERSON and
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Mortgagees.

of others are to whom I read it. Your last paper was particularly good. I read the article entitled "populism" to half a dozen with all the gusto and fellow feeling I had with the author and it met with an echo. But the pockets of the crowd are mortgaged to the plutocratic papers at 25 cents a year and never discontinued—expenses paid by the trusts. That makes it impossible to get at them with truth, reason, argument or facts.

T. L. STURGES,
Perry, Okla.

We know a man with five children and nine horses, and although he does not know the birthday of a single child, he can tell the exact date of birth of each of his nine horses.