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If many readers of The Independent knew what trouble their carelessness is causing the management by not paying up when they are delinquent, they certainly would not delay longer. A reform paper that must depend almost wholly for its support upon subscriptions, is not like a plutocratic paper that gets all the trust, bank and great corporation advertising. What a plutocratic paper gets from subscriptions is an infinitesimal part of its income. They send out thousands of copies free as every well posted populist knows. But The Independent can't do that. It MUST get its money for subscriptions or it can't exist. Therefore we say please listen to this plain statement of facts and no longer put off sending in what you may owe on subscription. By looking at the figures on the wrapper you can see how much it is. We try our very utmost to make the paper as interesting and valuable as it can be made. Hundreds of letters are received saying that we succeed—that we are doing our part—now please do your part.

Failure to keep up closely with our exchange reading a week or so caused us to overlook the calamity which befell the Pittsburg Kansan nearly a month ago. Bro. Buchanan's office was completely demolished by an explosion of acetylene gas. A brother editor helped him out for three issues until he secured a better plant even than the old one. But the accident places him heavily in debt and the Kansan readers should not forget that "many a mickle makes a muckle."

Helen M. Gougar has butted into the Hearst campaign with a column of boiler plate, written in the same exquisite style as those pamphlets she gave Vice Chairman Edmisten and afterwards sued for. Helen accuses Mrs. Wm. Randolph Hearst of being a "very beautiful woman, with a charming personality"—which is doubtless true; but isn't that combination nearly as stale as one of those "roaring conflagrations" where the "heroic firemen" work "like demons"? Billy better watch out! Helen's long suit is making donations and then suing quantum valebant, and she isn't averse to beating her lawyer out of his fee, either. All she wants is "da mon."

About the most disgusting thing that has happened in millionairedom lately is the Carnegie gift of \$5,000,000 to establish a hero fund. A hero is one who unselfishly risks his life or fortune to aid others without thought of reward. If he is to be paid for it, he is not a hero. This gift is the most blarney donation any millionaire has yet made of unearned millions.

**THE HEARSTITES**

Shortly after the St. Louis meeting, in a letter to a prominent "mid-roader" of Indiana, The Independent, remarking upon the probability that a considerable portion of the populist delegation from Kansas would be avowed Hearst men, said, parenthetically, that there was much more Hearst sentiment among the mid-rovers at St. Louis than among the fusionists.

In reply the Indiana man expressed astonishment. He had not heard Hearst's name mentioned in his committee, except in derision. The Independent was surely mistaken. It could not be.

The Independent was not mistaken—and confirmation came rather unexpectedly. Following closely upon the heels of Tom Watson's letter to Samuel Williams, wherein he advised independent action, believing there never was a better time for a "straight, fearless fight upon both the old parties," came Watson's letter to the Atlanta News, wherein he declared that if he were in politics he would be for Hearst.

That was the signal for Milton Park of the Southern Mercury to enlarge the space he had theretofore so skilfully given to saying kind words for the millionaire editor, that very few of his associates had any suspicion that Park was for anything or anybody except a straight middle of the road course and a populist for president. But The Independent was not deceived. It had read The Mercury carefully and had some extraneous evidence besides. Park and The Mercury will be for the nomination of Hearst at Springfield if it can be accomplished—paste that in your hat. And mark it down that he will have a Texas delegation to do his bidding at Springfield.

Mr. Hearst has also the support of Jo A. Parker, chairman of the allied people's party. Mr. Parker's comments this week leave no doubt as to that. His club organization will be used to promote the nomination of Hearst at Springfield.

Mr. Parker's statements as to Watson's position would indicate that he has information that Watson has withheld from others—or is guessing. Mr. Watson told Mr. Williams that he could aid with his pen and advised a "straight, fearless fight on both old parties." "By all means make the effort," he said. A few days later he averred that if he were in politics he would be for Hearst, leaving the inference that he is not "in politics." The only logical deduction seems to be that Watson would aid with his pen in making a straight, fearless fight on both old parties with Mr. Hearst heading the populist ticket. And it seems evident that both Park and Parker are working with this end in view.

The Independent denies no man the right to favor any candidate he chooses, but it regards this running after candidates who are not populists as a violation of the spirit of the Denver conference and the St. Louis meeting. Mr. Park's "honah" was much wounded because he had to yield a little as to the date of convention; but it isn't aching much now as he whoops it up for a man who never claimed to be a populist. David B. Hill is for government ownership of coal mines—why not be for Hill? Alton B. Parker belongs to Hill and would be for anything Hill wanted—why not be for Parker?

**GOVERNOR CANADAY**

A glance at the various county papers which reach this office shows that the convention-goers are beginning to think about the coming conventions and the coming campaign and to suggest candidates. The Stanton Register and the Trenton Leader both mention Chief Justice Silas A. Holcomb with approval. The Fairbury Journal presents the name of former Congressman Stark. The Liu-

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coln Evening News recently started a boom for M. F. Harrington.

Any one of these three gentlemen, as it seems to The Independent, would make an admirable governor; any one of them ought surely to defeat the present incumbent—or is it "incumbent"? Judge Holcomb has served the people of Nebraska two terms as governor, and the record he made for economy in expenditures has never been equalled in the state's history. As a matter of fact, Governor Holcomb's administration is the basis upon which all calculations and comparisons are made. And everybody knows his ability as a vote-getter.

Judge Stark has served the people of the Fourth congressional district six years as their representative in congress, and with such ability that nothing short of a republican tidal wave could dislodge him. The Harrington boom, coming from a republican paper, need not be considered seriously. Michael's record, with one exception, is a uniform refusal to allow his name to go before a convention for any office whatever, and it is extremely improbable that he would permit it this year.

Notwithstanding the merits of the candidates presented by our fellow newspaper editors, The Independent is inclined to believe that the populists of Nebraska are not without other available gubernatorial timber fully up to the standard requirements. There must come a time, in the very nature of things, when those who have served long and well cannot be "drafted" again, and younger men must take up the burdens. Hence, with the highest regard for the candidates of our fellow editors, The Independent presents for the serious consideration of Nebraska populists the name of Hon. J. S. Canaday of Kearney county.

Mr. Canaday combines so many strong points as a gubernatorial candidate that The Independent cannot refrain from mentioning a few of them. He is physically and mentally a strong man, in the very noonday of his vigor. He was born in Indiana 43 years ago. He is a farmer by vocation—a farm-owning, farm-operating farmer—yet not without experience in public affairs, having served four years as county superintendent of schools in Kearney county, and having

represented the 28th district two terms in the state senate.

Mr. Canaday is a populist of the old school, "after the most strictest of our sect," and has always believed and acted in harmony with the populist axiom that "the office should seek the man, and not the man the office." He was one of the first to enroll in the Old Guard of Populism, his card bearing date of December 15, 1903, thus aiding The Independent in its fight for the preservation of the people's party organization while many other Nebraska populists looked on and scoffed. Members of the Old Guard should bear this in mind.

Mr. Canaday is always found helping along any movement to better the condition of the wealth-producers, and the manner of man he is is known by the prominent part he takes in the various organizations for the betterment of conditions among the farmers. He is secretary of the Kearney County Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, and president of the Nebraska Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Shipping association. Mr. Canaday is a worker rather than talker—although he can do his part on the stump—and the leading part he takes in the co-operative movement in Nebraska is due to his sterling qualities. Some men by a liberal use of "natural gas" elbow their way into positions of trust and profit; but Mr. Canaday is a man that must be pushed into places of responsibility by his fellows; once there, he is never a disappointment.

The issue this year in Nebraska is the same as in Kansas and other prairie states—it is the question whether the railroads or the people shall rule. There must be no shilly-shallying about it. It will be a fight to the finish. The victory must not end with election day. Who is not heart and soul for us, is against us. The Independent knows no man in Nebraska whose election as governor would be a more complete victory for the people. Nominate and elect J. S. Canaday for governor and have done with railroad domination.

Barton has been convicted in the courts, but when he gets before a committee of the United States senate it will fix him up just as fine as they did Dietrich.