

IMBECILE OR CRIMINAL.

It is very evident that the persons in charge of the reorganizing forces of the democratic party do not intend to do anything which will in any way call in question a matter of vital importance in republican policies. Look at the feeble way the democratic members of congress have attacked the president's policy in regard to the Panama canal. They put up a weak talk about the way Roosevelt has violated the constitution and the law of nations, when they know that since the most vital parts of the constitution have been repealed by the supreme court, the people at large pay no attention to the lesser transgression of the president in that regard. Why don't they attack that thing in a way that will bring some of the criminals before the courts and land them in the penitentiary? Simply because they are among the criminals themselves. Every one of them knows that of the \$40,000,000 said to have been paid to the French, over half of it was paid to a certain set of scoundrels in this country for getting the thing through congress, and yet they never say a word about that. Why? Because these democratic leaders got a good sized share of the boodle themselves.

Then take the matter of the tariff. Why don't they do something along that line that would have some effect upon the people, instead of a silly talk about a tariff for revenue? Because a very large number of them are tariff grafters in the very first rank themselves. They could, in two months, set the country on fire with a demand for tariff reform if they wanted to, but they don't want to. Suppose they should send over to Europe for actual bills of sale of American products there, giving the price at which they are retailed to foreigners, photograph the bills and reproduce them in American papers along side of the retail prices which Americans have to pay for the same goods. What would happen? They know what would happen. There would be howl go up from Maine to Oregon and from Milwaukee to the land's end at Florida. They have the means and the papers to do it. But they will do nothing of the kind. They prefer to talk about "a safe and sane democracy," "cuss" Bryan and talk about Roosevelt being a "dangerous man." The tariff graft is pretty evenly divided between those democrats and the republicans. They will never do anything to stop the "rake-off."

They might take the comptroller's and secretary of the treasury's reports and show how many millions of dollars the national banks have of the people's money—\$170,000,000—without paying a cent of interest for its use. They could figure up the interest that the bankers got out of the people's money and put in their coffers. They could show what a tremendous graft the national bankers have. In 1892 they did that sort of thing, but they won't do it now. Why? Because the income from the thieving is about equally divided between the Wall street democrats and republicans.

There is material for the hottest fight ever made upon the republican party, but the democrats will use none of it. If they are not imbeciles, they are criminals. You can take your choice.

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE.

The reasonings of the State Journal are so unique that they should be embalmed and kept as a curiosity for future generations to wonder at and laugh over. After giving an account of how the silly populace at the St. Louis fair almost mob Alice Roosevelt every time that she appears, it adds: "Somewhat unpleasant are these experiences, but they show that we are a democratic people and ready to enjoy our liberty at any moment." If the instantaneous assembling of

thousands of silly people to gaze at a very ordinary girl is proof that we are a democratic people, then democratic people had better be wiped off the face of the earth. The paragraph only indicates what the Journal's idea of a democratic people is, and is on a parity with all its political ideas.

The dandelion is getting to be a very serious thing all over the eastern part of the state. It not only destroys the beauty of lawns, but is invading

the pastures and threatening great commercial loss. All plans to exterminate it have proved total failures. The Independent suggests that "our man Mickey" call a special session of the legislature and pass some laws against it. The Russian thistle flourished like a green bay tree until several legislatures met and passed laws against it and then it gave up the fight and suddenly disappeared.

Mr. Rosewater says: "Could the

Bryan program be carried out there would ensue a greater industrial and commercial stagnation than that which afflicted the country during the last democratic administration." What will Mr. Rosewater say when the picnic comes next winter or spring under a republican administration with the strenuous Teddy at its head?

Autocratic editors have adopted a new way of expressing their contempt for every man who works. They call them "the common pee-pul."

The Main Chance Is Your Chance



COPYRIGHT, 1904,
A. S. KIRSCHBAUM & CO.

And if you can save money by sensible buying, you are not doing the square thing by yourself to toss it recklessly overboard for less than value received. The firm of S. M. MARKS & CO., of No. 14 Waverly Place, N. Y., City closed out, to us, their entire surplus stock of Men's fine suits.

Suits that in a regular way command \$18.00 \$20.00 and \$22.50 we purchased these goods on a basis which enables us to offer you choice at

\$13.75

It's simply a grand good chance to secure the finest clothing in the market at a trifle more than the cost of a very ordinary suit.

Armstrong Clothing Company

Lincoln, Nebraska.