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The state of Pennsylvania is in a terrible uproar over the selection of a new boss to take Matt Quay's place.

An old editorial friend in writing a private letter says: "If one editor in ten should give credit for the matter taken from the Nebraska Independent, there would be no chance for any of the rest of us."

Some of the trusts raise prices because they need the money, but God's trustee, Baer, makes no such excuse. He says he raises prices because the article he deals in is a luxury and the people are willing to pay.

The platform adopted at the democratic state convention at Omaha goes along all right until it reaches the subject of railroads. There it falls down. After that it gets its second breath and proceeds along right lines.

The Chicago Chronicle has things fixed up all right. It says: "If life and faith and hope abide in the democratic party the nomination of Grover Cleveland will be accomplished on the second ballot at St. Louis. The platform will then take care of itself."

The slackness in business shows up in government receipts as it always does. The government expenditure for May exceeded the receipts by \$54,720,413. Wall street is looking forward with great joy to another term for Cleveland and more bonds.

The Bryan democrats are calling themselves political mavericks. They realize that with the Kansas City platform abandoned and a Wall street crowd in control of the party, they will be left like Mahomet's coffin, suspended between heaven and earth.

The emperor of Japan, out of his own private funds, has supplied the wounded Russian prisoners brought to Japan with artificial legs and arms whenever they have lost either of those limbs. The Japanese are constantly doing things that surprise the whole world.

The United States has established the agricultural experiment station to advance the material welfare of the nation. New Zealand has established an "economic" experiment station for the benefit of the whole world and the nations will do well to watch the results.

Some of the judges have lately been summoning persons before them and fining them for criticism or decisions after they have been handed down and published. Whenever a court tries to suppress criticism of its decisions it makes an open confession that it is rotten and that its decisions cannot bear investigation.

### NEW CLEM DEEVERS.

The infamy of Clem Deaver consisted of the fact that while he claimed to be a populist, he was working in the interests of another party, and was paid for that work by appointment to office in the party that was most antagonistic to every interest and every principle of the people's party.

There has arisen another set of Clem Deavers, few in number, it is true, but working along the same lines. They still claim to be populists and wish to take part in the councils of the party, direct its policies and control its nominations, while at the same time they claim that the people's party is dead, and that it should not hold a national convention. If these men think that the people's party is dead, if they look for reform only through the democratic party, then the honorable thing for them to do is to affiliate with the democratic party, attend its primaries and conventions and stay out of the populist party. They have that right. Such a course would be honorable, and to it The Independent would make no sort of objection. It would honor them for taking such action. But it distinctly and earnestly protests against such men pretending that they are populists and endeavoring to control the policies of the party in the interests of another political organization.

The men of brains in the democratic party, the men who hope for reform in this state, are just as anxious for the people's party to maintain and build up the populist organization as ever The Independent was. They know that if the people's party should disorganize and go out of existence, that the republican party would carry this state by 50,000 majority and that no campaign fund would be necessary for them to do it. There are democrats in this state of ability and who are just as much interested and as earnestly desire reform and release from corporation rule as any populist. And they are just as honest, too. Many of these men have come to the editor of The Independent and urged that the people's party organization should be kept up in every county and precinct. These democrats are as bitterly opposed to the new Clem Deaverites as they are to the Wall street reorganizers.

Nebraska is the only state where there has never been any fusion—that is, the union or blending together into one substance of two separate substances—the people's party has always maintained a complete and separate organization, and Nebraska is the only state where the people's party is alive and enthusiastic. There are many other states where the enthusiasm is growing at an astonishingly rapid rate, but there would have been no enthusiasm anywhere had it not been for the firm stand that Nebraska populists have taken against "affiliating" with any other party, and ninety-nine out of every hundred populists in Nebraska are determined to pursue the same policy in the future. Whether the people's party shall "co-operate" with one or more parties in the attempt to wrest this state from the rule of the railroads is another question entirely and does not come within the scope of this article. One thing is certain, the new Clem Deaverites will get cold comfort from any assemblage of populists in this state.

### THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

The Pittsburg Leader says: "It is inevitable that the decision of the supreme court of the United States denying the right of trial by jury in the Philippines will provoke endless discussion and bitterness." It will do nothing of the kind. The denial of the right of American citizens, if they happen to be in the Philippines, of the right of trial by jury won't ruffle a hair on the plutocratic head, or

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cause the "full dinner pail" wage-worker to even give a grunt. The demolishing of the Declaration of Independence has already produced such sad results that the old ideas that once fired the breasts of all true American citizens will no longer produce even the mildest glow. They are no longer interested in the right of trial by jury or any other right. All that they are interested in is the "Almighty Dollar."

### SENSE OF DIRECTION.

Mr. Stewart Edward White, in his story of "The Mountains" in The Outlook, makes some remarks about the "sense of direction." He says: "Some possess it; others do not. The distinction seems almost arbitrary." He seems to think that it is a "sixth sense," and those born without it can never acquire it, in which he is wrong. We have never met a human being out on these plains who did not have an instinctive knowledge of north and south and east and west. But in the cities one may find hundreds who have no idea of the points of the compass. In a western city in directing a stranger we always say so many blocks "north" or so many "west," as the case may be. Once in a while a person gets "turned around," as they say, and north seems east or otherwise. When that happens the sense of direction is always wrong in that place, even if a person lives there for years. It is a constant annoyance and one which causes much vexation.

In the cities many people never in all their lives think once about which is north or south. If those very people had been born in the country, especially where the original surveys were on lines running north and south and east and west, they would all have had "a sense of direction." Of course this sense can be cultivated like any other. Once in a foggy night in Boston after a lecture, when wending our way through its crooked streets, Standing Bear was asked in which direction lay his reservation. He pointed immediately a very little north of west. I thought he was a point or two cut, and indicated a little further to the north, at which he was very much disgusted. A day or two afterwards he discovered a large map on a wall in the hotel. He took me by the arm and said in the Ponca language:

"Head Soldier Town?" (That was as near as I could translate Boss-town into the Indian language, and that was what he always called it.) I pointed out Boston on the map. Then he stretched a string straight west across the map to a point just south of the Niobrara river, put his finger on his reservation and told me that I was "no good and would get lost if I ever got out of sight of camp."

Standing Bear's "sense of direction" was certainly cultivated to a very high degree. There he was wandering around in the crooked streets of Boston, at midnight in a fog, fifteen hundred miles from home, and yet he instantly pointed with absolute accuracy in the direction of his reservation. Once more I tried him at midnight in New York. This time the stars were shining and he glanced up at them before indicating the direction.

### COME HOME TO ROOST.

Wherever the republicans have seen any danger to the corporations or plutocracy from co-operation by opposing parties, they have so manipulated the Australian ballot law that such co-operation would be nullified. That has been done in Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin and several other states. Now it seems that the chickens are coming home to roost. The split in the republican party in Wisconsin, under the present ballot, makes it next to impossible to carry the state for Roosevelt, though the presidential electors of both wings of the party are the same, for no man's name can appear twice on the same ticket. The democrats are now claiming the state and the most enthusiastic republicans admit that it is in the doubtful column. There has been too much subtle attacking on free government in a hundred years than the republican attacks on the Australian ballot law. It is now almost impossible for a third party to get the names of its candidates on the official ballot.

The official report of the Russian losses at the battle of Kin Chou where the Japanese captured the fortifications by a direct frontal attack, made by General Stoessel, the commander on the Russian side, states that "our losses amounted to 30 officers and 800 men killed and wounded."