

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The Springfield Republican, which is so cautious and conservative that it would not venture to remark that it was going to rain unless it saw everybody with their umbrellas up, got up courage enough last week to venture the expression, after Tom Taggart went home and Gorman assumed command, that: "It is a question whether Mr. Taggart is running the campaign or not."

It looks a little strange to be receiving letters on the outside of the envelop of which is printed, "People's Party Committee, 235 Broadway, Room No. 16, New York." But a good many such letters are received at this office, the last one was from J. A. Edgerton in which he says: "I have already received assurance of tickets in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. These are the states assigned to me and I intend to leave no stone unturned in either of them." Edgerton adds a postscript in which he says: "Ticket in Delaware is assured since this was written."

Since the naval authorities have sent a cruiser outside of the harbor at San Francisco to keep Togo away, the officers and crew of the Lena are having a jolly good time.

Some of the old populists out in the sandhills of Nebraska, who have been in the fight from the beginning, have been writing to the editor of The Independent asking what this upheaval down in the east really means. One of them says in his letter: "Do these men really understand populist principles or are they simply disguised at the action of the democratic national convention and are going into it simply to beat Parker?" The best answer to that question is to quote a paragraph or two from the populist platform recently adopted by the Connecticut people's party state convention: "The people's party of Connecticut reaffirm the Omaha and endorse the Springfield platform, and as citizens of the New England states call the especial attention of the voters to the government ownership and control of the railroads, and municipal ownership of public franchises, which come in touch with all the people. We would ask the people to remember the coal famine of the winter of 1902-03 when coal was selling at \$14 to \$20 per ton, and in many cases could not be procured at any price, and schools, factories and churches were closed, and thousands of poor suffered from want of fuel. We of the people's party hold it to be true that with government ownership of the railroads, which would permit the small coal miner to ship his coal as the small manufacturer can now ship his manufactured goods, would destroy the power of the coal trust to tax the manufacturers and families of New England each year hundred of millions of dollars to pay unjust profits on the watered stock of the coal trust. We do not believe that the government can fully control what it does not own, consequently we advocate that the government buy and pay for the railroads and then control them through operating companies or otherwise for the benefit of the whole people. We claim this principle should be applied to trolley lines and all municipal franchises, also to telegraphs and telephones and all public means of communication for which franchises are granted."

This is good enough populism for The Independent and no doubt when they read it, it will be perfectly satisfactory to the sandhill populists of Nebraska, for these same sandhill populists know something about paying extortionate prices for coal themselves. They are not 100 miles from the great forty-foot veins of lignite coal in Wyoming which Jay Gould captured with an armed force from the men who owned them and turned them over to the Union Pacific road. Ever since that time the cattle raisers and farmers out there have been paying \$5 a ton more than they ought to pay for coal, on account of the private ownership of

this railroad to which the people donated enough land to build it and then money enough to build it again. They paid in excessive freight and passenger rates enough to build it five times since then. The populists only demand when the people pay for it once more that they shall own it. The editor of The Independent is denounced on the streets of Lincoln every day for being "too radical" because he believes in such doctrine as that. The people of Connecticut don't seem to think that he is "too radical."

Again these sandhill populists of Nebraska have been so opposed to fusion that some 30,000 of them have refused to vote for the last three or four years. The Independent advises them to read what Henry M. McDonald, the chairman of the New York county people's party executive committee says about fusion in this week's issue of The Independent. Perhaps by that time all their doubts about the eastern populist movement will be dispelled.

Whenever a railroad wants to steal a street they lay a track on it on Sunday. That was what the Union Pacific road did last Sunday in Omaha. Every citizen, being a part owner in the streets has a right to take a galling gun or a club and defend his property against such thieves, and the time will come when the railroads will run against some such proposition as that.

During the first quarter of the year there were forty-three strikes in the state of New York and the strikers lost all of them but five. Some of them proved very disastrous to the unions. Parry had it in for them, but he expects them to vote his ticket which is Parker and Roosevelt.

Who would ever have dreamt that in 1904 Charley Wooster would be found working for a Wall street stool-pigeon for the presidency?—State Journal.

Who would have thought that a republican paper in 1904 would point the finger of scorn at any man who might be found working with Wall street to elect a president.—Crete Democrat.

Honest men everywhere are pointing their fingers at both of them.

According to a dispatch from New York Judge Parker has been bankrupted because of the nomination that the degenerates gave him in St. Louis. But he can't lay the blame on the degenerates. If he had just opened his mouth a few times before the degenerates met he would never have been nominated. It would have been Cleveland.

It is announced that Belmont and Gorman are putting all the money they can raise into the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana to save those states for Parker and that the congressional committee to whom is assigned the duty of electing degenerate congressmen has been left without a cent. The consequence is that the men in charge of that committee are going home. The degenerate congressmen will have to look after their own campaigns.

All the Indians in the great wild west show at the St. Louis fair went on a strike the other day. The Red man is fast picking up the white man's ways. The first thing we know there will be a labor union on every reservation.

The eastern wage worker is confronted with very serious conditions. There was a rise in the price of coal, then in meat and now in flour. All the time wages are on the decline and thousands are being thrown out of employment. More than two years ago The Independent told them what sort of times there was ahead of them, but they continued to "vote 'er straight."

It is a sad thing to relate but several of Mr. Bryan's oldest friends and most earnest and enthusiastic supporters in this state have expressed to the editor of The Independent during the last few days the opinion that he is wholly lost to the reform movement, and that in the near future they will have to fight him.

The London Statist says that the output of gold this year will not be less than \$350,000,000, which is the greatest the world has ever known. It also asserts that it will be still greater next year and the year following. It

believes that by that time the output will reach its zenith and after that it will decline. If it does not, of necessity, it will have to be demonetized.

Both the government and the people of Canada exhibit more patriotism and courage in fighting the trusts than do our boastful Yankees. The Canadian government has been slapping on retaliatory duties and the people are organizing neighborhood meat supply companies so as to eliminate the meat trust. Here in the United States the people simply grumble and "vote 'er straight."

A splendid ranch is advertised for sale at a great bargain by G. W. Campbell. If interested see page 9.

Not counting the wholesale piracies of Wall street, there have been committed in New York city twenty-four murders, 258 burglaries, sixty-eight highway robberies and ninety-five felonious assaults since August 1. There has been about the same increase of crime in every other large city. If it were not too much trouble we would look up and reprint some of the editorials that appeared in The Independent three or four years ago on the coming degeneracy.

### Prayer of a Parker Democrat

The meanest fling at W. J. Bryan is this poem of one stanza from the pen of Lowell Otus Reese:  
Oh wad some power the giftie gie us,  
And from this Bryan evil free us!  
We daren't renounce him, dare not use him—  
Kind heaven take him out and lose him!  
—Doc. Bixby in Neb. State Journal.

### In Half a Day

As an illustration of what a little time and labor will accomplish Mr. Thos. Knox of Bennet, Neb., in one half day collected \$12.75 for the state campaign fund. The contributors were neighbors who were glad to assist in the campaign work when their attention was called to the need for funds. There are many men in YOUR neighborhood who would join with you in sending something for the state campaign fund if you would suggest that they do so. Try it. Tell your neighbor that you will put in a dollar if he will. Tell your next neighbor that you have put in a dollar and ask him to do the same. In a little while you will have a considerable sum and mail it to D. R. B. Weber, chairman, Lincoln, Neb.

- The contributors to Mr. Knox's fund were as follows:
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South Omaha has been the best cattle market this week. Chicago and Kansas City have had extremely heavy runs and a 20@30 cent lower market. At this market beef steers and cows are 10c lower. Heavy feeders fully steady, others a little lower. Stockers about the same as at the close of last week. Feeder demand at present prices is good. Receipts are liberal but not excessive for the time of year. We quote:

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