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The meat trust has raised the price of meat on the best grades, one cent a pound since it won the strike. Don't ask what has become of Teddy's injunction, but vote 'er straight.

Has any one heard whether Beavers or any other political thief has been sent to the penitentiary? There was some talk of doing something like that in the newspapers a few months ago.

Mr. Bryan was in the habit of saying very frequently when he was carrying on his fight against the reorganizers that there could be "no compromise." He never did compromise. He just surrendered.

Candidate Fairbanks made a speech in Baltimore the other day in which he declared that democracy was worse than the Baltimore fire, but he failed to add that republicanism was still worse than democracy.

Eight years ago the republican press was filled with sarcastic references to the "boy orator of the Platts." Last week those same papers announced that the "boy orator" was a grandpa. This last time they told the truth.

Senator Stone of Missouri is in the dumps over the Parker campaign. He says: "Heretofore we have always had ratification meetings, torch light processions and all kinds of such things, but this year, if there has been a fire-cracker exploded, I have not heard of it."

Governor Durbin returned from New York the other day and said that the democratic national committee had secured a loan of \$400,000 from a loan and trust company and that a big slice of it would go to Indiana. Wonder what sort of collateral Taggart put up?

The congressmen elected this fall will not take their seats for more than a year afterwards. That matter was arranged in that way so that time enough would elapse between their election and taking their seats for the people to forget the promises they made to get votes.

ASSISTANT REPUBLICANS.

Any man who will make a study of the political history of the last 40 years can come to no other conclusion than that it would have been impossible for the republican party to have established the system of Hamiltonianism and concentration of wealth in few hands, had it not been for the effective assistance that the democratic party has given.

Two or three times the people have been ready to throw off that system and would have done it, had it not been for the assistance of the democratic party, given at the critical moment to plutocracy. Governor Seymour would have been elected and the whole course of the government changed, if at the critical moment the leaders of the democratic party had not come to the aid of the republicans. It was the Belmonts then, just as it is the Belmonts now that did the work. A short time before the election when it was clearly seen that Governor Seymour would be elected the "House of Belmont" rushed to the assistance of the republicans and ordered the New York World, which it owned to announce the defeat of Seymour. (See Del Mar, History of Monetary Crimes.) By that act the republican party was saved. The assistance rendered was of vital importance.

Again in 1892, the people determined to throw off the protective system. A campaign was made on the tariff and the democratic party was put in power for the purpose of reversing the policy which forced American citizens to pay fifty per cent more for American goods than the same goods were sold to foreigners. There was a rebellion against the republican policy and that party was in sore need of assistance. The democratic party, as always, was ready to give it. In violation of promises made to the people they passed a tariff bill which, while lowering the rates on some articles, enacted a higher "protective" measure than was ever before enacted.

In 1896 the republican party was again in sore need of assistance. The whole fabric of national banks, trusts, and high protection was in the greatest danger. The leaders trembled as they thought of it. There was no hope for them unless they could get assistance. There was no one to give it except the democratic party and they did not appeal in vain. Hundreds of the democratic leaders rushed over to the republicans. They formed a third party for the express and avowed purpose of assisting the republicans. Besides that, the leaders insisted on putting on Bryan's shoulders a high protection-plutocrat-republican as vice president. They knew very well if Tom Watson had been put on as the vice presidential candidate and he had swung into the campaign with his away oratory along with Bryan, that even the desertion of the leaders to the republican party or the organization of a third party could not save the day to Hamiltonianism and protection. That was the most vital and powerful assistance that the republican party ever received from the democratic party. So important was it that many of those engaged in it were rewarded by high office with life tenure. Others by the score were appointed on commissions. Judgeships and all such things were distributed among them. Today no man denies the value of that assistance.

Again in 1900 the republican system was threatened. The democratic party sprang immediately into the breach. They knew that the turning down of Towne would give the republicans every northwestern state. They proceeded to hand those states over to the republicans. They did not propose to break their record as republican assistants.

In 1904 the people were again ready to assault the ramparts of the national banks and the trusts. There was no hope for republicans unless the democratic party would again come to their assistance. Republican leaders knew that if a battle was fought along the old lines and the opposition was consolidated, there was no hope for them. A battle fought along the old Jacksonian and Jeffersonian lines against national banks and special privileges would end in an almost complete change in the policies of the government. For forty years a constant effort had been made to set a moneyed plutocracy upon firm foundations. They had every pin set for the completion of their work. If they could get one more law, giving the banks the right to issue asset currency and establish branch banks, then a power could be set up in Wall street greater than had ever been known in the world before. How could they accomplish this last thing? It was manifestly impossible

What's a Dollar?

It's a hard thing to get when you haven't got one, and an easy thing to get rid of after you've got it. Dollars usually go like sheep—in flocks—and when one starts to go they all follow. It's an easier thing to accumulate your second dollar than your first, and it's easier to get rid of your second hundred than your first. Many a woman throws away the dollars that her husband works hard to get—not wilfully, but "just because." The women who are helping their husbands save money are ordering their boys' clothing from our new fall catalogue. Look on page nine and see what lovely suits we are selling for \$2 and some for \$2.60—ladies, we can't see how you've got the heart to buy these suits of your home merchant and pay him 25 per cent more than these prices. On page two of our fall catalogue we show some very fine suits for men at \$10. Send for samples or look in the book and see. If you haven't a catalogue, we'll send one free.

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without the assistance of the democratic party.

As the democratic party had never failed to come to their assistance in time of need, the leaders had no fear that it would fail them this time. The proposition was for both parties to nominate candidates upon whom the Hamiltonians could rely. It did not take long to make the deal nor cost very much money. At St. Louis the democrats rushed openly into the ranks of the republicans, and declared to the world that they "irrevocably" abandoned the principles for which they had been contending for eight years. The abandonment is "irrevocable." The democratic party will never again return to the principles of Jackson and Jefferson.

This last great act of "assistance" is really more than the republicans asked and they fear that it will lead to trouble. It may so demoralize the democratic party that by 1908 it will be in no condition to assist anybody.

After forty years of assistance, rendered at every critical period of the republican party's history, the funniest thing that ever occurred in politics has happened. These democrats are accusing the populists with being "republican assistants."

THE RECALL AT LOS ANGELES

The efficiency of another old populist principle was recently tested in Los Angeles. It will be recalled that several years ago they succeeded in securing a new charter for Los Angeles in which the people were given the initiative and referendum, and power of recall. Notwithstanding this fact boodling continued in the city council and elsewhere. It was only so because the boodlers did not realize what it meant for the people to have the right to assert control of public officials as well as public affairs.

Recently the printing bid for the city was let to the notorious Times, and it was shown that the bid of the Times was about \$13,000 higher than the next highest responsible bid. There was a combination in the council known as the "Big Six," that had engineered the graft through. The mayor vetoed the rotten deal, and the grafters passed it over his veto. Up to this time the people had not asserted their prerogatives. But now the time was ripe.

A petition of twenty-five per cent of the voters was secured and filed with the city clerk, demanding that the question of recalling from office the ringleader of the "Big Six" be submitted to the voters. Thinking to prevent it, the clerk refused to acknowledge the petition because he discovered that a few addresses on it were not according to the city directory. The petitioners secured another and larger list, when the courts were appealed to to save the official neck of the offend-

ing rascal. For once, the courts remained true to the people, and the question was submitted, with the result that a vote of two to one of the people demanded the recall from office of the recreant official. This is probably the first application of this sound populist proposition anywhere in the United States. It will become very popular from now on. And so another populist principle has proved sound and practicable. So populism is making toward the light.

HENRY GEORGE BETRAYED.

Every reform movement has been wrecked that has allied itself with the democratic party. Henry George tried it and regretted it to the day of his death, and on several occasions gave voice to that regret. Democracy accepted of his assistance and by the use of his great work, "Protection and Free Trade," the copyright of which George gave to the democratic party, won a great victory. At the very next session of congress the democratic party enacted the highest protective tariff measure ever enacted up to that time. A more damnable piece of perfidy and violation of faith was never known. More than a million copies of that work were circulated by the democratic national committee. The way the deceivers acted in that matter was as follows: They got Henry George to permit them to get it printed in the Congressional Record which made it a public document that could be circulated free under the frank of any congressman. Five congressmen took the book and divided it among them. Then each one of them incorporated his part of the book in a speech, which under the rule of "leave to print" got the whole of it in the Record. Then the book was put together and appeared as a complete work.

That work was one of the great factors in electing Grover Cleveland and a democratic congress and senate. Then with the whole government in their hands—house, senate and executive—the party went deliberately to work and passed a high protective tariff measure. A grosser betrayal of trust or repudiation of promises is not known in all history. Is it any wonder that every single taxpayer in all the land, with the exception of Henry George, Jr., is today a supporter of Watson and Tibbles?

HOW THE TRUSTS RULE.

The autocracy of the trusts has brought the belligerent Teddy to his knees twice in the last few weeks. He has found that the trust is bigger by far than he.

Enormous quantities of sheep skins are used by the shoe manufacturers. They are imported into this country in a salt pickle and prepared for use after their arrival. They have always been on the free list, but the meat