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"The fair summer hath dead" and some other things.

The English newspapers are all greatly pleased over the result of the election in the United States.

Rockefeller has bought another railroad. This time it is the Santa Fe. He attends strictly to compounding his income.

Fighting a campaign on "the nigger question" did not result in a "solid south," but in a solid north and some to spare.

While there is so much "reorganizing" going on in this state, would it not be well to "reorganize" that democratic poker club down at Omaha?

Every trust, corporation and financial syndicate has taken on new life since the landslide. They intend to clean up all there is left during the next four years.

Senator Daniels of Virginia went whining around after repudiating every principle he ever advocated, and gave as his excuse that he was "tired of defeat." Does he feel rested now?

Before the state convention the editor of The Independent constantly asserted that fusion with the Parker democrats was both absurd and dishonest. Does anyone doubt it now?

Jim Boyd, the World-Herald and Metcalf are at it again in the old-time fashion. There is the same kind of peace in the democratic party in Nebraska as there was among the cats of Kilkenny.

While Massachusetts was the moral capital of the world it was also the intellectual capital. When it lost the first, the latter disappeared. Such has been the case during the whole history of the world.

When Edward Atkinson was demonstrating mathematically the beauties of the gold standard and of dear money and low prices, his figures were sworn to as correct by every great daily in the land. Now that he has been applying the same process to the cost of imperialism and has been proving by the same mathematical process, that the Philippines have cost us already \$1,200,000,000, the same editors declare that Atkinson is crazy and his figures all lies.

Are things to go on as they have been going? Is that the meaning of the republican landslide? Is that what the people intended to accomplish by their votes? Will the United States government continue to pay \$6,000 a year rent for a postal car that can be built for less than that amount of money. Is it the desire of the people that the postoffice department shall continue to pay much higher tariffs for carrying the mails than the express companies are charged for the same service? Are such things as that what you intended to accomplish by your votes?

Sounds the Tocsin.

New York, Nov. 12, 1904.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—Chairman Ferriss and I left headquarters at Joliet about noon Thursday for Chicago and left there at 1 o'clock p. m. over the Pennsylvania for New York to confer with populist leaders as to our future course. When we reached the Hotel Kensington here we found Mr. Watson, Melvin G. Palliser, chairman of the New York county committee; National Committeeman J. A. Edgerton of New Jersey; Eltweed Pomeroy and Joseph R. Buchanan of the same state; Judge Samuel Seabury of New York; Jo A. Parker of Kentucky; Jay W. Forrest, chairman of the New York state committee; and several others in waiting.

No time was lost in getting to work. For once in their lives the New Yorkers waived the usual formality of eating while they talked. We simply plunged into the subject at hand after accepting Mr Palliser's invitation to lunch with him on the morrow. I need not tell all that was said—it might not be politic even if politics was the subject. Besides, the talk was hardly formal enough to demand a full report.

Meagerness of election returns prevented exact knowledge of where we are "at" as a party in some of the states; but it did not take long to ascertain that every man present was heart and soul in favor of going on with the work of building up the people's party. Not one favored a retreat. All wanted to move forward.

It was finally decided that Mr. Watson should give to the press a signed statement setting forth what might be expected of the people's party in the future; and that later, when the returns are in, the officers of the national committee should give out a resume of what has been accomplished in this campaign and proposed plans for carrying on the work of organization in the future. In a general way it was shown that the entire national campaign—counting all expenditures by the committee and by individuals—had cost less than \$25,000.

Today we met early at Mr. Palliser's law office at 100 William street and Mr. Watson prepared his statement, which was given out to be released Monday morning. Reporters from nearly all the New York papers were clamoring for it—but how fully they print it remains to be seen. You will learn that before this reaches you very likely.

Mr. Watson voices the sentiments of every man at this meeting. I believe he voices the sentiments of populists everywhere—that we have nothing in the way of reform to hope for from the democratic party and that the people's party must be built up into a militant organization—a party of real opposition to plutocracy, whether it wears the label "republican" or "democrat."

CHAS. Q. DE FRANCE.

All Had Passes

A gentleman who does not wish The Independent to give his name "unless it is actually necessary," sends the following: "I recently attended a term of court, being detained several days as a witness in an important case. A certain case was called in which damages were claimed against a railroad company on account of killing a man at a crossing. After the case was before the court, the lawyer for the plaintiff made a motion for the dismissal of the jury because he had discovered that three of the jurymen had annual passes on the road, and therefore could not be impartial jurymen. The motion was granted and a new jury was impanelled. Then the lawyer made a motion for a change of venue, because the presiding judge had an annual pass on the road. The judge replied that he thought the lawyer had a right to ask for a change of venue on that ground and it would be granted if insisted upon, but the judge wished to call attention to the fact that a change of venue would be no relief as every other judge in the state also had an annual pass, and if he appealed to the supreme court no relief could be obtained there, for every supreme judge also had an annual pass. Passes are part of the system of republican government. Did the people wish to perpetuate that system when they voted in such overwhelming numbers for Roosevelt?"

For The Winter Months.

The next five months will be months of intense interest to all the people of the United States. The leaders of the republican party stand dazed at the extent of the landslide. They do not know what to do. There have been no ratification meetings such as are al-

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ways held after a presidential election. Congress will soon be in session and much new and important legislation will be introduced. The banks expect to pass a branch banking act, which will be a counterpart to the consolidation of all the trunk lines of railroads under the leadership of Rockefeller. The overwhelming vote will give boldness to agents of plutocracy, and in Washington will be assembled the largest and most unscrupulous lobby ever seen there since the war. They will all be looking for such legislation as will make their investment in campaign funds pay them more than a hundred per cent. There will be claimants there from every state in the union with the exception of the few that went democratic, all demanding payment for the work in the campaign.

There will be army, naval, postal and Panama contracts to give out. Every man will want part of the pie and there will be thousands of them. The old political barnacles from Nebraska and every other state will be there, demanding office or pay in some other line of government favors.

The daily press of the country is entirely plutocratic. There is no more difference between the policies of the democratic and republican papers than there was between their two platforms. If you get the facts you will have to rely on The Independent as you have for so many years. It will furnish them to you and your neighbors will be interested also. The man who reads The Independent in a neighborhood will have to furnish the news to his neighbors unless he gets them to subscribe. It will be less trouble to get the subscriptions. Push the educational work during the winter. Five months for 25 cents is the special educational rate, for trial subscriptions.

Coming to Their Senses.

The south seems to be coming to its senses. Clark Howell of the Atlanta

Constitution, now lays down these propositions as being fundamentally true:

1. With the race question removed the southern states would divide on the ordinary political issues of the day just as they did before the civil war.
  2. The best interests of the negro would thus be conserved and the welfare of the whole country would thus be materially promoted.
- The south finds itself politically marooned. It is left a small patch on the map without political significance or power. Its ablest men, like Tom Watson, are ostracised. Plutocracy, socialism, imperialism, all things are alike to that little band of negrophobes. Tom Watson says that he is going to carry Georgia at the next election. It is to be hoped that he will and so make another break in the solid south.

The Curse of Republicanism

Under the curse of republicanism the ships of the United States have almost disappeared from the seas. Our commerce is carried in foreign owned ships. All men are either land owners or tenants. When the republican party took charge of this government, the land owners were many and the tenants were few. Now the man who owns his home is rare. Ninety per cent of the population are tenants paying rent for the privilege of living on the earth that God created for all men. Great fortunes were unknown when the republican party came into power. Lincoln said that \$50,000 was a sufficient fortune for any man. Now fortunes are counted by the hundreds of millions. Then competition was open to any man in any trade or profession. Now competition has been destroyed in all the great industries and trusts fix the prices while the men who were once free and independent business men, are simply hirelings. When the republicans came into power, if a

SEND IN YOUR VOTES

Ballots on the referendum votes began to arrive in The Independent office a few hours after the paper was published. Let populists everywhere put into practice their principles and vote on this referendum. Shall the people's party continue as a separate, independent, political organization, or shall it disband and try to make a reform organization out of the democratic party? Whatever your honest opinion is vote it. You are scattered over every state and territory in the union and it will take some time to hear from you all, but don't fail to vote. The ballots will be preserved and will be open for examination by any interested person after the final count is made and published. Again The Independent says: Vote and let your vote express your honest, conscientious and matured opinion.