

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANS**

**Sulzer Goes the Whole Thing While Bryan the Same Day Registers a Kick.**

There has been much speculation about the outcome of the support of the president by the democratic party in congress, the question has been frequently asked: "Under these circumstances is there any democratic party?" That support does not seem to be unanimous. At a dinner given to President Roosevelt by the Hungarian club on the east side in New York last Tuesday, Congressman Sultzer, the democratic member from that district said:

"I shall stand by the president in his fight against the senate of the United States. He has been right in all these matters. The people have said so, and he is right in the senatorial controversy and I believe that the American people will uphold and sustain him in his fair and just contention.

"The senate of the United States today is an aristocratic, autocratic and plutocratic body. It is the most undemocratic, the most un-republican, the most un-American institution in our political system. Some of the senators are all right, but most of them are generally wrong and try to stay wrong. Just think of it, my friends, forty-five men in the United States senate practically control and run the government of the United States. They spurn the executive, spit upon the house of representatives and bid defiance to the American people. We can never secure the reforms the American people want and demand; we can never change the plutocratic system now enthroned and in power throughout the country, until we reform the senate of the United States."

The same day that Mr. Sultzer made his speech, Mr. Bryan gave out an interview at St. Paul, Minn., in which he said:

"I believe the senate is right in refusing to surrender its right to a voice in making treaties and I think the president in error in making the action of the senate a basis of criticism. The very fact that he refused to recognize the right of an opinion so overwhelmingly expressed is evidence of the danger of delegating to him the power which he asks."

All this of course refers to the fight between Roosevelt and the senate concerning the confirmation of the arbitration treaties, the senate having determined to amend them and Roosevelt declaring that if it does he will never present them to the countries with which they were made. The senate wants each arbitration submitted to it, before it goes to The Hague.

**A Raid on Populist Principles**

Editor Independent: The referendum vote recently taken by your paper in regard to further fusion with democracy was interesting (I think) only so far as it amused. The plea of some democrats who pose as populists for further fusion right in the face of all the sad object lessons that populists have before them is presumptuous in the extreme—though not unexpected. By the way, I see that one of your townsmen at a recent banquet at Memphis favored the idea of government operating the main trunk lines of railroads and the states operating the shorter or lateral roads. This would make a complication of at least forty-eight systems. An idea that would be a very mixture of the delays, transfers and perplexities of such systems could be imagined by presuming that our mails today were handled in this manner.

It is safe enough to presume that another foray upon the now popular principles of populism are contemplated. We can not hope to suppress this during the off years however misleading and damaging it is intended to be.

However, when the order comes again Wall street to democrats as it will in 1908, to be "reliably regular," it will be submissively obeyed by all who are of a make-up that requires them to

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adhere more closely to party name than to political conviction.

To those of your correspondents who seem to be confused by this discussion and can "not see the best course to pursue," I would advise the use of a very cheap X-ray, or trip to eastern Washington where from easily accessible eminences they can see clear across the state.

There is no vision political or otherwise that this clear atmosphere will not benefit.

"The nigger is in the woodpile," and in the same old place. With this I send a copy of circular issued during the campaign. It will the better help you to understand our local party interests at that time. The absence of state and county tickets left populists in a position to acknowledge in a substantial way the betrayal of the democratic party with whom, under fair promises, we had associated so long politically. I now hand you a dollar for the coming year's subscrip-

tion and five dollars to assist in paying last campaign delinquency. Am pleased to say that I have lost sight of amount paid previous to election.

I believe it immaterial. Let the left hand not know what the right is doing" in matter of this kind. Those who have so considerately and confidently "banked upon us" in this righteous cause should not now be "thrown down."

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