Somowhat Bewildored Editor Independent: Having read so many well written pieces, ideas, no-
tions, opinions, policies and visions, as well as principles in your paper, as well as some other papers, trying to uphold true American principles-
called by so many names when applied to old as well as newer parties and bring no scholar and nothing but a common clodhopper $I$ often become more or less bewildered. I am somewhat of an independent (in thought more particular) both in religion and nothing politically (being both young and an orphan) until the little simbling, sapheaded lawyers, preachers and others began to blow their little secession trumpets which started me to thinking, reading and deciding. (I was in secessionist.) rather than be carried in. I was in surrendered to Gen. Grant by Gen. Lee at Appomattox, which made my stock in southern democracy as i have seen,
understood and known it, more than understood and known it, more than
worthless. I was a greenbacker long worthless. I was a greendacker pete: Cooper and the greenback party. I was with and for the reform movements
until the h-1-ish $d-v$-ishness of 1896 . I was then somewhat of a secesh until this 1904. I voted her straight for
Watson for yourself and down to conWatson, for the county, while I always grant others the spme right and liberts. I take my self in politics and religion. Yet we are all subject to each other's criticism of differences in opinion (or of words and actions). Probably if
the presidential (i3.) haid not buzzed so to the confusion of thoughts and
principles in W. J/ B.' bonnet would not have made so many declarations and then paid no more attention to them than if not made, but being a democratic politician he must follow
the customs and rules waich is party, party, party, office, office, office. Perdepending on old England to help, as he but recently returned from over
there. If the papers were correct, England backed $u$; secession until the Bible war was a fixed realization and then through her democratic and other
allies North overthrew the Lincoln Chase and Thad Stevens financial green back policy and got what is known as the senate amendment on the second greenback bill with, the devil begotten English conceived hell reserving na-
tional banking system fastened on the American people as a tail to the American financial kite, which in my humble opinion is the foundation cause of more woe and misery with the laws resolutions, decisions and rulingse establisher since to uphold and perpetuate the
$\mathrm{h}-\mathrm{-ish}$ policy and princip.e, which depreciated the grzenbacks at the tim and since has destroyed nearly all of them and now favors entire destruc tion of them all, whth was good enough for the preservers of our glor

## My Breath.

Shortness of Breath Is One of the Commonest Signs of Heart Disease.

lous American union, but not sufficient $\mid$ road." That was nearly fourteen years or the English and American financial
tratorous Arnolds of the national banks who in beelzelbub form and satanic style have lived on the interest of what they owe (bank notes), who were and are today a thousand times more angerous to American freedom and ing the sixties, etc, etc. We are up ing the sixties, etc., etc. We are up
against an extreace and 1 predict we will be forced to meet it with another extreme before we successfully combat with and overcome it. We need a Saul of Taxsus and maybe letters of autho iy from the chtef priests and a bis
ight on the way to Damascus and Judas on a street that is straight and an Ananias to lay hands on that the sales may drop from our eyes that we may see how to drive the money mongers and changers from the control of ur American temples of justice and
freetom (the present policies and agencies that rule) na establish instead truly improved Jeffersonian and Lia-
colnian principles by whien to be govcolnian principles by whicn to be gov-
erned. (No "con"-fusion with either old party.)

Yours for the war
MASON.
Alto, Texas
Populists
Twenty Thousand Populists Editor Independent: I netice in you will from now on follow the orders of the rank and file of the peoples party. This inspires hope for the cause of the the great good that will follow if you with firm.
With
With 20,000 voters in our state
am sure that in 1906 the party "r am sure that in 1906 the party of "re-
deemers" will see redemption in truth for with such a motive power of earnest men no legion of corruptionists
can withstand. Honest men will soon see that our party is amply able to resist any appearance of evil collusion delayed our advancement. These 20 , delayed our adnat be coutited as any-
thing buters populists; will represent no thing but populists; will represent no
party strength but that of the populist party and when these are organize into state, county and precipet committees they will not be made to repre
sent-or rather misrepresent our party Now we are again free from entangling alliance and the past ought to teach us that all important axim that it you want a thing done, don't ask oth ors, but do it yourself.
Every populist now should be ready
and willing to help organize. If only and willing to help organize. If only
eight are found in each precinct who voted for Watson and Tibbles those voted to resolve themselves into a precinct committee and at once pro-
ceed to call a meeting of all preeincts ceed to call a meeting of all precincts ing organize the state. After this is done future work will have discipline. As now constituted, many committee men are fusionists and the task of or ganizing will be somewhat like that of organizing the Bryan democracy whon
the other fellows have all the commit-
tees.
Many of the members $c i$ the fusion state committee may be ready now to
go with the reorganization and if singo with the reorganization and if sin-
cere, will aid in the work, but with cere, will ard in the work, the see no reason that will compe until another state convention is called to form a new committee. It seems to me that if it is possible, that as con-
stituted we must wait the call of the stituted we must wait the call of the
present committee, the committee should be called now and discuss
where we are, that months of time may be saved.
You will find, dear editor, that mighty power will show itself when
the test comes. It will take your care the test comes. It will take your care-
ful and vigilant watch, tegether with ful and vigilant watch, tegether with
a strong hard pull toward the shore The enemy is alert and you need the I believe populists are made of stú to do it.

## The Grip of Corporations

 Editor Independent: I find greatsatisfaction in reading the letters The Independent, many of these re flect very fine thought aud sentiment,
and are written by men who are honest ir. their political convictions. Though the writers may live far apart and sur-
rounded by very different social, politrounded by very different so
ical or religious influences.
The one truth apears in all of thema betterment of the condition which is
the lot of the laboring people and the the lot of the laboring
future of our children. future of our children.
Bro. A. A. Perry Bro. A. A. Perry of Omaha, has children will have ave and submit. I was with Bro. V. H. Biddison at Cincinnati May 19-20, 1901, and adopted: "Keep in the middle of the
road." That was nearly fourteen years
ago and with all our work and all the hard earned money that we have spent o advance our demands, are we one nch nearer our destination? Surely he task is a great one,
a high one to climb. a high one to climb.
The difficulties are
The difficulties are money and opbert Bigelow draws a very discouraging comparison between the condition and downfall of the Roman empire and our The beloved comarry
The question that we ask now is:
Will there be any salvation for our Will there be any salvation for our
country?" There is no doubt but that corruption is in every branch of naional, state and city government, and his corruption is spoken of and lightly passed by.
The weal
The wealthy men who dictate the policy of legislation are nothing more trade and stock markets are run by rade and stock markets are rua
men who have no conscience of right and justice.
It is utterly impossible to get any laws brought before legislative bodies
that have a shadow of lessening the grip that organized greed has upon the existence of the common people
It is useless to name these as every
reader of The Independent knows then
all. The greenback party was an organized protest against some of them
twenty-five years ago and some little good was accomplished. Then the union labor party came into existence. Then the people's party was organized and
bas made a heroic contest for reform with but little, very little success. Many good, honest and sensible men have come forward and tabored with
all their heart and soul. Some have died and passed away, others have been discouraged aud fell back. Some
have sold out and joined the greedy have sold out and joined the greedy
enemy, while others are yet in the line enemy, while others are yet ind wiling to put forth their best effort to right the many wrongs that burden the toiling millions of our country and to prepare a bet
tion for unborn generations.
Truly Bro. A. A. Perry has spoken Whon he says that instead of the wa
freeing the black slave that it fastened the chains of bond slavery upon all both white and black, who toil for thei existence and delivered them into the hands of the money power of the world While our president is making some effort of controlling some of the trust: he becomes the willing toal of the orig trust and dictates the most infamous cheme against the common people.
Surely the demands of the idle greedy wealthy individuals and corporations will hever have as end.
The old world is filted with hunger,
tarvation misery and wretchedness tarvation, misery and wretchedness
because of these greedy demands and will not our own beioved children pass gradually into that same, condition it our laws as
greedy class?
Yes every reformer in the land s knows this is too true and millions of
voters in the two old parties will ac nowledge the truth of this statement But now comes the hard proposition How can we get them to join us for better conditions, through better laws
How can we get these millions of votlow can we get these mintions of votof against their interest?
Will persuasion do it? Will goor
peakers do it? Will argument do it Will a candid review of the history of past legislation do it? Or will the on
ward march of oppression, the heavy ward march of oppression, the heavy
hand of greed, bringing in its wake hand of greed, bringing in
vant and starvation, $d\lrcorner$ it? Semething must do it it it is ever
one. The great mass of the peopl one. The great mass of the peopl
know what is right and demand it overy day in the year except on elec-
tion day. We who are striving to live ion day. We who are striving to liv
the life of Chist "That the world ma look back to the trend of human actio look back to the trend of human actio.
and therein try to outline the future. We look at thepast of a man's life
to decide what action he may do in the to decide what action he may do in the
cuture.
That the great mass of humanity must have leaders, ye
be willing to follow.
be willing to follow.
We must make personal sacrifices We must make personal sacrifices
for the good of all. We must do right as God gives the mental power to know the right. We must orgarize as did the ponr
sraelite slaves, have our captains and sraelite slaves,
a numbered.
We must go forward at the command even though the Red Sca
across our line of march.
There will be traitors to our cause every reform movement. We must ignore every man as a leader who has shown the black feather
whom any suspicion rests
whom any suspicion rests
We have leaders true and
We have leaders true and tried, men adopted: "Keep in the middle of the and heart is in the cause and who will
ever surrender. To them we will look or wisdom and counsel
Now, brothers, let us take hold of the work determined to win in 1908 and by the help of the Standard Oil trust, and the great banking trust and the
thousand smaller trusts that will thousand smaller trusts that will
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cal revolution we wifl elect our full ticket from the smallest to the highest office in our land.
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