

maniacs, have you not? If so, you know they are rich or well to do people who steal. If a poor man or one in abject need should covertly take property not his own, that is plain stealing. If one is wealthy or not needing what he takes when stealing, he is a maniac and not responsible. This same rule applies to railway presidents and directors. They are autocrats, and their crazy antics at rate-making are no less detrimental to the public than to legitimate railroad. If an interstate tariff is issued on the first of the month, the moon does not change until a supplement is issued amending it. A comparison of rates made today does not hold good for tomorrow. When will sanity take possession of the railway owners and of the public and put in a postal rate equitable and just? Let us hope it will be soon. One thing is sure, we can not leave rate-making to managers nor to directors of railways. We will, in later articles explain how the postal rate should be applied to the railways by the general government in regulation of rate-making and what that rate should be.

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**What Retirement of the Greenbacks Mean**

Now, then President Roosevelt, at the height of his popularity, is recommending the retirement of greenbacks, it is well that the public should know what that means.

That the bulk of the cash business transacted in this country is with paper money no one will deny. The issue is squarely drawn. Shall the government or the banks issue this money?

It is proposed that the government print the money, furnish the credit and turn it over to the banks to loan to the people.

The banks would have not only the special privilege of taxing the people for the use of this money, but what is infinitely more important, the power to control the volume of currency, and therefore to set a price on every kind of property, and fix the value of the wages of every laborer in the land.

Give the banks this power and it is more than any king in the world possesses.

With it they can control elections, dictate to the executive departments of the government and corrupt the courts.

A few men at the head of the great national banking system, with its ramifications in every part of the country, could, and no doubt would, control the entire business of the nation.

As the New York Tribune said a few years ago: "They can act together on a single day's notice, with such power that no act of congress can overcome or resist their decision."

It will be remembered that this power was killed by Jackson's veto and was not again able to show its head until the year 1863, when the government was in the throes of a civil war, and then, taking advantage of its crippled condition, the associated banks forced the system upon the people.

As Jackson has well said, we are not left to conjecture what the banks will do when once clothed with power. We know what they have done.

In his message of December 2, 1834, President Jackson, speaking of the United States bank, said it has become "the scourge of the people," and then goes on to say: "Events have satisfied my mind and I think the minds of the American people that the mischiefs and dangers which flow from the national bank far overbalances all its advantages. The bold effort the present bank has made to control the government, the distress it has wantonly produced, \* \* \* are but premonitions of the fate which awaits the American people should they be deluded into a perpetration of this institution, or the establishment of another like it."

I have not had space to give to the national banking system the attention which the present situation demands, but will do so in the near future. I feel that, just at the present time, pending the president's recommendation to retire the greenbacks, it is the greatest evil which now threatens the welfare and liberties of the people.—Morgan's Buzz-Saw.

**BETTER THAN SPANKING**

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**ON THE FIRING LINE**

Many of the readers of The Independent are active, pushing the educational and organization work. There are, however, many others who should join in helping to spread populist doctrines. Every mail brings encouraging words. Here are samples:

**Good List from Georgia**

"Enclosed please find postal order for \$8 for which send The Independent and Watson's Magazine to list of names and addresses enclosed. I feel very much encouraged at the outlook in this part of the land. The dry bones are beginning to shake and there is much activity preparing for the next campaign." C. D. Toole, Augusta, Ga.

In February Mr. Toole sent \$7 for club list of 5 subscriptions for The Independent and Watson's Magazine. John G. Farrell, Equality, Ill., sends \$8 for clubbing list for The Independent and Watson's Magazine.

E. S. Whittaker, Syracuse, Neb., sends \$7 for The Independent and Watson's Magazine with good list of names for sample copies. He adds that another club will follow soon.

Mr. T. K. Burks, Vinemont, Ala., sends \$7.50 for list of new subscriptions to The Independent and Watson's Magazine.

H. B. Hewett, Stafford, Kan., has sent in a large number of lists in the past. Another has been received with \$7 for Independent and Watson's Magazine subscriptions. He says there is more to follow.

J. L. Moore, Bethlehem, Ga., sends \$8.40 for Independent and Watson's Magazine subscriptions and good list of names for sample copies. He too thinks the outlook in Georgia is encouraging.

Mr. W. P. Guthrie, Comstock, Neb., writes: "You will find enclosed \$2.40 for which send The Independent and Watson's Magazine to names enclosed. Will send others as fast as I can get them. Yours for Watson and Tibbles in 1908."

R. Greathouse, Johnson, Ark., sends money order for \$1 payment for four new trial subscriptions at the special educational rate of five months for 25 cents each. He says: "I wish I could do more. Am solid for Watson and Tibbles, 79 years old, have voted the reform ticket all the time and expect to vote it the rest of my life."

Mr. P. S. McRae, Morven, Ga., sends \$4.20 payment for three subscriptions to The Independent and Watson's Magazine, and adds that he will send another list soon.

**List of Nine from Tennessee**

"I have secured nine subscribers for your valuable paper. Order blanks with names are enclosed. Also money order for \$2.25," writes H. P. Gray of Rutherford, Tenn. He also sends the names of several populists who have been active workers in the past and suggests that we write them and secure their co-operation in extending the circulation of The Independent.

**The Green Mountain State**

From Moscow, Vt., Mr. E. S. Wilkins sends \$1.25 in payment for five subscriptions at the five months for 2 cents trial rate. He says, "Send more order blanks, let's push the work as fast as we can."

Mr. I. Henthorn, Bentonville, Ark., sends \$1.90 payment for new subscriptions. Says: "Hope to get more subscribers soon. I believe if every voter could have The Independent for the next three years we could elect the next president and a congress to back him up."

**Wants More Order Blanks**

Mr. William Skillet, Table Rock, Neb., sends list of seven trial subscriptions with \$1.75 in payment. He adds: "Please send me seven more blanks and I will try and sell them for you."

Mr. John P. Rannel, Sherwood, Ohio, finds it difficult to secure subscriptions in that republican stronghold. He writes: "I send you a new trial subscription for five months. I must say that they are hard to get in this locality. Yet I am not discouraged. The people must sometime have the right to rule."

**Ohio Populists**

A few weeks ago, the first public meeting was held in Medina county of the friends of direct legislation. A call was circulated and it was held in the town hall. There were about two dozen men present among them, the postmaster, two leading ministers and a good number of the best men not professional. No one seemed opposed to the movement though many had but a slight knowledge but the postmaster, a prominent republican and ex-member of our state legislature, is aroused. The first meeting was devoted to speech-making and later a second was held when an organization was affected upon the lines of a state league. The following are the officers: President, Scott Bennett; vice president, Rev. B. N. Tanner; secretary, R.

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