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Omaha is to have voting machines and that yard wide and ten foot long blanket ballot will be known no more down there.

Joe Chamberlain ruined the liberal party and Gladstone and now he is trying to ruin the conservative party and Belfour. He came very near ruining England with his Boer war.

There are \$91,000,000 invested in the New York stock exchange seats, on which not one single cent in taxes is paid. Have you any remarks to make on the subject?

The New York World says: "The democratic party is and will be hopelessly divided against itself." That is just what The Independent has been saying for the last three or four years.

After Mr. Ager gave Ernst a dressing down, not another representative or senator uttered a single peep. The great lobbyist could lead them around with a baby blue ribbon.

The "prudential committee" of the Congregational board of foreign missions has transformed itself into a society for the reception of stolen goods, all for the glory of God and the salvation of the heathen.

Teddy was going to build a canal at Panama. Congress gave him all the money he wanted and an up-to-date lot of canal commissioners. He has just kicked all the commissioners out and that is as far as he has got in building a canal.

Just think of the "high financing" that enables young Mr. Hyde, owning only \$51,000 of the stock of the Equitable Life Insurance company, to control over \$400,000,000 of the policyholders' money. That is "frenzied finance," "high finance," "thieving finance" or something of that sort, sure.

London increases at the rate of just about 1,000 houses a month. The consequence is that a new system of drainage had to be adopted. Three miles of main sewers will be built. It will take five years to do the work and it will cost \$35,000,000. When will the limit of population of great cities be reached?

If the Congregational church had done its duty, Rockefeller would never have offered it any money. The fact that Rockefeller gave it money damns the organization in the opinion of millions. Would Rockefeller have donated money to a church that had for twenty-five years denounced his robberies? That is what the Congregational, and all other churches ought to have done.

Under One Banner

The people's party will live in history as long as men have interest in political history, even if it never wins another political victory, and it will live for this reason. When the progress of invention and science was producing new economic conditions everywhere, when the old ways and the old statesmanship was failing to meet the wants of mankind, when men saw before them only anarchy or absolutism, when degeneration, moral and physical, was impending and no man pointed to a way of escape, populism pointed out a way, and the only way. Little by little, the principles of populism were adopted. First one city and then another, one state and then another, some in the east and some in the west, adopted some of the principles of populism. They did it because there was no other way of salvation. The cities adopted municipal ownership of city utilities and the states put into practice the initiative and referendum. Day by day the work goes on. The advocacy of the government ownership of railroads spreads with astonishing rapidity. The land question will press as hard for solution in a few years as the public ownership of city utilities does now, and the money question will some of these days spring into prominence and press upon the public welfare with such overwhelming persistency, that it will have to be settled. In that day the populist monetary principles will have to be adopted. Let the gold mines fall off in production to any great amount for a year or two and the money question will be on us again.

In the next few years the whole civilized world will have to adopt populist principles. There is no other way.

While the populists have certainly given to the world a theory of government and the only theory that is adopted to modern conditions, they have not evolved any politician capable of marshaling the voters under its banner, but such a man may appear at any time. Without any doubt ninety-nine men out of every hundred in the United States is a populist. In fact all men are except those who accumulate wealth by prating upon the inhabitants of the nation. Ask any man if he does not want a money that every dollar is as good as every other dollar, and he will say yes. Ask him if he does not believe that land is the heritage of all the people and that it should not be monopolized for the benefit of the few and he will say yes. Ask him if he don't think that the alien ownership of land should be prohibited and he will say yes. Ask him if he does not believe in the public ownership of everything where competition is impossible and he will say yes. When and where the master leader will appear, who will gather under one banner this overwhelming majority of the people and get them to vote one ticket, we do not know. It is altogether probable that he will appear. In every great crisis of man in modern times at the critical moment the leader did appear, and The Independent believes within the next three years such a man will loom up and be recognized by all who love good government. He may be some man hitherto prominent or some one who has been a silent student of the affairs of men.

But whether such a man appears or not within the populist ranks, one thing is certain. The world is going to adopt populist principles, and the men who gave populism to the world will be the heroes of the future, just as the men are still heroes who helped to establish individual liberty in the world and overthrew the doctrine of the divine right of kings.

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place for any man or woman to advocate anything that the writer thought would help humanity or tend to make the world happier and better, but the editor has received a letter from a writer in New York taking so low a view of the working classes and expressing such contempt for those who are engaged, as he says, in "menial" services, that it will not be published. These men and women who serve in the restaurants and hotels are just as honest, just as upright as a class, as the merchant and employer. The editor of The Independent has traveled all over this continent and for a year in Europe and he has never yet met with a discourtesy from one of these people. Whether in Lincoln, in London or Seattle, he has never found servants who were not obliging and courteous and he has never been given to bestowing tips either. Only on one occasion in all these years of travel has a servant ever been insulting, and that was a negro porter on a Pullman car out on the Pacific coast. That porter suddenly concluded that the next car would be a more comfortable place for him and got himself there with the speed of lightning.

The obsequiousness of servants in England and in New York is of course annoying to any gentleman. In most cases that is put on as part of the business and is not a trait of their character. That is the fault of the snobs and new rich in New York and of the aristocracy in London, and not of the servants. A man may be a servant, but "a man's a man for a' that and a' that."

Injured Innocent

Washington Gladden's stinging criticism of Rockefeller brought out H. H. Rogers in defense of that injured innocent. That philanthropic New York association which does business under the title of "civic association" has come out in a mass of literature in Rockefeller's defense. The motto of

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