

ous power over the government, national and state, wielded by the greatest criminals in the tide of time. It cannot be gainsaid that exposures of commercial corruption will do some good, but how immeasurably more beneficial to the country would be the prosecution, conviction and incarceration of the captains of industry who have turned out to be captains of crime.

WELCOME TO THE INDEPENDENTS

Having ascertained to the point of complete conviction that graft is non-partisan, the people have decided that political independence is a better weapon against corruption than partisanship. The election of this year has produced a great body of independent voters that will hold the balance of power in future elections. These voters are not necessarily men without a party. They may believe in republican, democratic or populist principles, but they have decided that the old maxim, "principles are more important than the man," is deceptive, and that principles without men of principle back of them, are useless.

The independents of 1905 differ from the independents of 1880 and 1890 in that they have cut their eye teeth. In those days the independents suspected, and when they expressed their suspicions, they were called fanatics and anarchists; now they know, and wily politicians can no longer frighten the conservative members of the body politic by the familiar cries of canting accusation. Political

leaders will be forced to deal more honestly with the people. Political leaders who are constitutionally unable to deal honestly with anybody, will not endure long as leaders in the new era of the "square deal."

To the independents of 1905 The Independent extends a hearty welcome, whether they be men of party or men without a party. If they be men of party they cannot fail to do their parties and the people good. If they be men without a party they will also be of much service to the people in keeping the parties in clean hands.

James Hazen Hyde has told some very unpleasant things about the connection of E. H. Harriman, Former Governor Odell and H. C. Frick with the Equitable Life. In plain language he has accused Boss Odell and Harriman of blackmail and Frick of treachery, and all of dishonesty.

The railway employes who are in Washington to oppose rate regulation must be secretly in favor of what they oppose, judging by their arguments.

The intimidation of railway employes recalls Hanna's famous threat: "Vote for McKinley on election day or don't come back to work the next day."

NOW IS THE TIME TO UNITE FOR GREAT REFORMS

ELECTION DAY IS GONE. AND WHAT A GREAT DAY IT WAS! IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR INDEPENDENCE AND DECENCY. IN NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME WON SINGLE-HANDED AND ALONE. BOTH OLD PARTIES AND PARTY BOSSES WERE AGAINST HIM, BUT THE PEOPLE WERE WITH HIM. TAMMANY, MURPHY AND ODELL RECEIVED A JOLTING FROM WHICH THEY WILL NOT RECOVER IN YEARS. IN ELECTING JEROME, NEW YORK PAID ITSELF A SPLENDID TRIBUTE.

HEARST, ALTHOUGH A DEMOCRAT, RAN UPON A MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PLATFORM FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK, AND WAS NEARLY ELECTED. HE IS NOW CONTESTING THE ELECTION OF McCLELLAN, THE TAMMANY CANDIDATE. THE HEARST FIGHT WAS AN ANTI-TAMMANY, ANTI-GRAFT, ANTI-BOSS, ANTI-FRANCHISE-STEAL FIGHT. HE CLAIMS HE MADE A WINNING FIGHT AND THE ELECTION CONTEST NOW ON WILL TELL.

PHILADELPHIA GAVE A GLORIOUS ACCOUNT OF HERSELF. INDEPENDENT OF ALL PARTIES, THE PEOPLE WENT TO THE POLLS AND REPUDIATED ALL GRAFTERS, LOAFERS AND THIEVES. DECENCY AND HONESTY TRIUMPHED. IN MARYLAND BOSS GORMAN WAS VIOLENTLY THROWN DOWN AND INDEPENDENCE WON. IN OHIO THE COX MACHINE WAS SMASHED AND RING RULE WAS DEFEATED BY 40,000 VOTES.

BONFIRES SHOULD BURN OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THESE SIGNAL TRIUMPHS. THE COUNTRY IS GLAD, NOT BECAUSE REPUBLICANS WON HERE AND DEMOCRATS THERE, BUT BECAUSE DECENCY WON. CONDITIONS WERE BECOMING INTOLERABLE AND THIS ELECTION SHOWS THAT A RECKONING DAY COMES TO UNFAITHFUL OFFICIALS, NO MATTER HOW WELL THEY MAY BE ENTRENCHED.

ENCOURAGED BY THESE ELECTION RESULTS WE HOPEFULLY TURN TO THE FUTURE. THE CAMPAIGN OF 1906 HAS ALREADY BEGUN. NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVER HELD IN THIS COUNTRY. THE RAILROADS AND THE PEOPLE EACH ARE STRUGGLING FOR SUPREMACY. THE FORCES ARE ALREADY LINING UP. IT WILL REQUIRE THE BEST UNITED EFFORTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

THE INDEPENDENT WILL BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT. IT WILL FEARLESSLY DISCUSS EVERY PHASE OF THE RAILROAD QUESTION. WE WANT 100,000 VOTERS TO READ THE INDEPENDENT. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN REACH THE PEOPLE IS BY YOUR HELP. WILL YOU HELP US? YOU CAN DO IT BY SENDING US LISTS OF NAMES. WE CAN CORRESPOND WITH THOSE ON YOUR LISTS AND CAN SEND THEM SAMPLE COPIES OF THE PAPER. TAKE ONE EVENING AND HELP US.

BELOW IS GIVEN A BLANK FORM WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU FILL OUT, GIVING THE NAMES OF MEN WITH THEIR ADDRESSES, WHO WOULD LIKELY BECOME SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND WHO WOULD ALSO BE LIKELY TO WANT MR. BERGE'S NEW BOOK. WE WISH TO SEND THEM SAMPLE COPIES OF THE INDEPENDENT.

CUT THIS OUT, FILL IN BLANKS WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO THE NUMBER OF ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE, AND PLACE THE SAME IN ENVELOPES AND MAIL TO US. THIS IS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING THEM SAMPLE COPIES OF THE PAPER AND YOU INCUR NO LIABILITY WHATEVER IN DOING SO:

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