

eyes of the plain people of the party who arose in their might and cast off their old leaders and gave the crown of leadership to the most fitting of their own number in whose faithful keeping the party principles have won the respect and homage of all honest men.

The power of the people has become attached to the personality of Mr. Bryan even in a greater degree than to that of Roosevelt, because in Bryan is seen the larger, greater and grander character of the two. Bryan challenged the waywardness of his own party on the floor of congress, when his party was in full possession of the government. He forfeited his claim upon federal patronage in encouraging the plain people of his party to go with him into revolt against the perverted leadership of the party of Jefferson. The success of the Chicago convention in 1896 in repudiating a so-called democratic administration then in power, followed by Bryan receiving a million more votes for the presidency that had ever been before cast for a democratic candidate, notwithstanding the party organization was shattered and the wealth of the country was lined up against him, and panic stricken was pouring its money like water into the campaign to secure his defeat, was an object lesson in the power and vitality of democratic principles in which Bryan was the star performer, and from which Roosevelt drew his inspiration. Again, when Roosevelt gave utterance to democratic sentiments Bryan was always prompt in giving public endorsement to the same. And, before leaving his own country on his globe encircling tour last year, Mr. Bryan made public his desire that all democrats in congress aid President Roosevelt in every way to give force and effect to the democratic principles he had enunciated in his message to congress, showing thereby a spirit infinitely broader and grander than was exhibited by Roosevelt in his dealings with the democratic senators without whose assistance his rate bill was doomed to failure. The country well remembers the patriotic action of the democratic members of the senate committee on interstate commerce in protecting the rate bill as it came from the house and reporting the same to the senate against the opposition of the majority of the republicans on the committee. They also remember that the measure was protected in the senate from adverse amendments by democratic votes and that the democrats were ready at all times to aid and assist in perfecting the measure and in finally passing the same. It will also be remembered that after the battle had been won in the senate by democratic help that President Roosevelt accepted a compromise for the purpose of lining up his own party, preferring to accept a bill, with the rate reduction feature practically eliminated, to be passed by republican votes alone rather than give the country a perfect measure if by so doing any considerable credit would redound to the democrats without whose aid the measure would have been a signal failure.

While Roosevelt, by learning the lesson of the people's loyalty to democratic principles from Bryan and by

appropriating the lesson thus learned has secured much fame, yet Roosevelt's fame will ever remain as that of the imitator of the greater Bryan from whom both Roosevelt and his followers received their inspiration, and who, with his democratic hosts, stood in the background forbidding Roosevelt and his followers to beat a retreat.

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Hon. Wm. R. Hearst knows a band wagon when he sees one.

Bryan's London 4th of July address is being read by the people of three continents.

Reports indicate a large turnout at the populist state convention August 15th. The larger the better.

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The railroads are trying hard to prevent the nomination of George W. Berge in the democratic state convention. They will fail.

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Hon. Wm. R. Hearst evidently isn't hunting for a collision of band wagons in New York state this fall. He claims a seat for himself in the Bryan 1908 band wagon.

If any democrats are inadvertently doing what the railroads want done, their inadvertance will not shield them from the suspicion that will naturally attach to their action.

Assurances of support in the democratic state convention are pouring in upon Mr. George W. Berge from every section of the state. The people are becoming aroused.

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Just think of Steve Elkins trying to discourage young men from trying to get rich. Can it be his purpose to discourage competition in the field in which he shines so conspicuously himself?

When you hear men of intelligence giving flimsy and shadowy reasons for either supporting or opposing a particular candidate for office, you can be sure that there are no good reasons for so doing.

The New York banks have renewed their agitation for a law authorizing the issue of bank notes based on bank assets. Too late, gentlemen. The Bryan boom has not got any wild cat currency in it.

Watch your pass holders and see that they are not sent as delegates to the state conventions of either par-

ty. The railroad agents will vote them for their candidates in whatever convention they attend.

If those who are opposed to the nomination of George W. Berge for the governorship by the democratic state convention are not working in the interest of railroads, they are doing what the railroads want done, just the same.

Do not forget to send us a list of the names and addresses of all persons whom you think would likely become subscribers to the Independent. A sample copy of the paper will be sent to each person whose address is sent in.

Nebraska leads the world in her per acre yield of winter wheat, corn and alfalfa. These are her safest as well as her most profitable crops, and are bound to make her the richest agricultural state in the world in the not distant future.

Now that the rush of business is over with President Roosevelt it is to be hoped that he will not longer delay ordering Cortelyou and Bliss to put back the stolen money they received from the life insurance companies to aid in his election.

The reason publicly given for their action by the few politicians that are opposed to the renomination of George W. Berge for the governorship can not be the true one. The reason given is flimsy and senseless suggesting a pretext rather than a reason.

Report has it that Hon. Charles A. Towne of New York is a prospective candidate for the vice presidency on the democratic ticket in 1908. Hon. Wm. Sulzer hails from the same bailiwick as Mr. Towne, and is likely to assert his claim before the finish. They are both good men.

The people of Nebraska have too much at stake in the state election this year to regard with toleration either trifling or hair-splitting. Those who expect political honors in the future will do well to take the people seriously this year and have due regard for their demands. The people have long memories in politics.

Nebraska farmers should commence at once to prepare their ground for the winter wheat crop. Remember it should be sown early to insure a large yield. All portions of the state are adapted to the growing of winter wheat. Prepare a good seed bed and put the seed into the ground with a press drill before Sept. 15th is possible.

There are at least 50,000 good democrats in Nebraska that are not yet members of the democratic party. If the democratic conventions act the part of wisdom and reflect the will of the people the party will soon become the dominant political power in the state. The test of fitness is up to the leaders and the people are not in the temper to condone mistakes.

The democratic party made a bad

go of it in 1904 when the politicians sought to return to the "flesh pots of Egypt." Many of the democratic voters rejected the feast offered them, preferring to vote for Roosevelt. Roosevelt carried the election that year by over two and one half millions, and would have received many more votes than he did receive if the voters had an idea that he would need them to win.

No friend of William J. Bryan will countenance the nomination of a so-called conservative by the democratic state convention of Nebraska this year. The character of the nomination made by the democrats of Nebraska will be taken by the country as reflecting the views of Mr. Bryan and his friends must see to it that he is not misrepresented and the cause of the people injured through their indifference by inaction.

President Roosevelt again reiterates his determination not to be a candidate to succeed himself. But the politicians of his party do not believe that he is telling the truth. Justification for their claim can be found in the fact that he has either been holding an office or been hunting for one ever since he became of age until the habit has become thoroughly established. On the other hand he is not accused of having acquired the habit of continuing steadfastly in one opinion.

Perkins of Iowa cast reflections upon the integrity of the republican national committee when he proposed to submit his claim to the nomination for governor to the body. He was fairly beaten in the conventions and his trumped up contests showed that he sought to secure the nomination by dishonest means, and his proposition to submit his claims to the national committee implied that he expected aid from that source. But Cummins was too old a fish to be caught on a pin hook and promptly rejected his proposal.

President Roosevelt has been invited to preside over the Bryan reception in Madison Square Garden by President Hoge of the Traveling Men's Anti-Trust League of America, who has charge of the reception. The president has declined to accept. While the acceptance of the invitation would unquestionably add greatly to the popularity of the president, we entertain the opinion that the president exercised a wise discretion in refusing to subject himself to the test of a popular demonstration with America's great commoner as his rival.

The publishers of The Independent want agents everywhere to canvass for subscriptions and sell Mr. Berge's new book, "THE FREE PASS BRIBERY SYSTEM." See advertisement of book elsewhere in this paper. We receive hundreds of orders through the mails. It is the only book written upon a subject in which the people are just now vitally interested. The people everywhere will want the book. Ex-Governor Larabee of Iowa ordered ten books before same were off the press. We receive orders from all parts of the country. This book is a seller. All you have to do is to tell about it. You can make \$100 per month. Write at once for terms. THE INDEPENDENT, Lincoln, Neb.