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The growing demand for back numbers of The Independent, coming as it does from all sections of the country, suggests the growing popularity of the paper among students of economics, and current politics.

Neither the friends or enemies of Mr. Bryan, politically, are in doubt as to what he stands for. He dares to open his campaign two years in advance of the convention, because he is not seeking to play a confidence game upon the voters.

If the standpatter could be made to bear the unjust burdens his ignorance and folly brings upon the country we might wait complacently for him to learn the lesson of his folly, but unfortunately his vote affects our welfare as much as it does his own.

Voters, what kind of a show do you expect from an official that accepts railroad passes and uses them in any case where your interests are pitted against the interests of the railroads, in the matter of taxation, extortionate charges, discrimination or any anything else?

Candidates for public office are entitled to offer no excuses for past conduct, because the public can be served by parties that do not need to offer any. The public owes nothing to candidates and their record should be investigated with the most searching scrutiny.

Roger Sullivan is evidently determined to make the most of his opportunity to gain notoriety. It is to be hoped that Mr. Bryan will decline to enter into a public controversy with a politician of his class. A statement of the facts such as Mr. Bryan made at the Jefferson club in Chicago is sufficient for the information of the public.

The largest audience that Mr. Bryan ever addressed was assembled on the state lot in Lincoln on the evening of the 5th inst. to welcome him home. The number of people present is variously estimated from fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand, covering nearly four acres as closely as human beings could be huddled together.

In his address before the Jefferson club in Chicago Mr. Bryan stated that he was opposed to any man who held a position in a franchise corporation having any position or connection with a political organization that lays claim to represent the people, as such person could not represent his corporation, and the people at the same time. The truth of Mr. Bryan's statement is self evident. Never before did a prospective candi-

date for office speak so disinterestedly or so courageously in behalf of the interest of the plain people. Mr. Bryan spoke words of wisdom, not from the standpoint of a self seeking politician, but from the lofty standpoint of the public good.

The news of the world for each week is found in condensed form in our summary of news. Readers of The Independent do not have to spend a whole week reading daily papers in order to know what is going on in the world. The pith and kernel of the news of the week is carefully extracted from the dispatches and presented in skeleton in our summary. This feature alone is worth the subscription price of the paper.

When the election is over The Independent will treat, exhaustively, the meaning of the awakening in the Orient. The significance of the question presented by the developments taking place in Japan and China cannot fail to interest the thinking people of all other nations. The questions involved are of more serious import to the whole human race than any other that has arisen in centuries.

Bryan's home coming is proving a God send to President Roosevelt. It, for the time being, at least, occupies so much of the attention of the public, that his brutal assault upon English orthography is escaping the wholesale condemnation that it so richly deserves. Will the president have the good sense to take advantage of the favorable condition thus afforded him to beat a retreat, or will he await the chastisement that is sure to follow obduracy on his part?

During state fair week The Independent was the recipient of many pleasant calls from friends throughout the state, who were visitors at the fair. As a result our subscription list has grown considerably, in addition to many renewal of old subscriptions. The words of praise and commendation that was so lavishly bestowed upon the paper has furnished us with a stock of good cheer and inspiration that will lighten the burden of our toil for many months to come.

Guy T. Graves, the fusion candidate for congress, never rode on a railroad pass in his life. When he was first elected as judge, a pass was sent to him by an official of the Northwestern railroad, but it was immediately returned unused by Judge Graves, who realized that he could not accept it without becoming a debtor to the railroad company. If Judge Boyd has been riding on a railroad pass the voters will probably ascertain the fact between now and election day and act accordingly.

When a candidate for public office in addressing the voters deals eloquently in glittering generalities, interspersed with amusing stories, caustic criticism of political antagonists and fervent appeal to the emotions, it is safe to regard such candidate as insincere, merely acting a part. The

sincere candidate will labor to convey specific thought in direct and simple language that cannot be misunderstood. His appeal will be to the intellect and conscience, while the insincere speaker will seek to please the fancy and play upon the emotions.

In the United States we are passing through a period in which the great natural resources of the country are being appropriated and developed. That prosperity is somewhat distributed is due to this fact rather than to any governmental policy. In fact a governmental policy that is responsible for the increase of the wealth of Andrew Carnegie from one hundred millions to three hundred millions in a single year is sufficiently vicious to sap the foundations of civilization if permitted to exist very long. The stability of civilization is dependent upon the distribution of the wealth created rather than upon the rapidity of its production. The foregoing thought may contain a suggestion of value to the modern political philosophers who are dumfounded over the fact that Roosevelt has so suddenly eclipsed all of the great leaders of his party, and that the democratic party is bereft of hope except in the candidacy of Bryan.

Religion Divided Up

The late Dr. O. H. Bradley of East Jaffrey, N. H., had a most supreme contempt for shams of every form, and made no effort to conceal it. Some years ago a revival, led by a professional evangelist, was in progress in the village, and one of the loudest spoken of the new converts was a man noted for neglect of his domestic animals. The doctor saw this individual one day fastening his woe-begone horse to a post in front of the postoffice, and crossing the street proceeded to congratulate him upon his professed change of heart. "I hear, William, that you have become a Christian," said he. "Yes, doctor, said William, "I have, and things look very different to me from what they did." "I rejoice at it," said the doctor. "Now, William, I tell you what you do. Just divide up this religion with that horse. Buy some grain, and take some of your best hay, and feed him regularly, buy him a blanket to cover up his poor old bones and keep a little heat inside of him and clean him once in a while, and the Lord will reward you.—Boston Herald.

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