

have been convicted and fined for giving rebates in violation of the anti-trust law. His other deeds as a public benefactor in bringing to time the ice trust and the gas trust in New York and contributing toward forcing the Pacific railroads to pay their indebtedness to the United States government can only be referred to in our brief space here, all of which mark Mr. Hearst as one of the most forceful and patriotic men of our generation.

The character of Mr. Hearst in connection with the organizations whose candidate he is, together with the platform upon which he is running and the novel and extraordinary campaign he is making attach interest to the campaign in New York this year beyond that of any campaign that has preceded it in any state of the union.

Mr. Hearst boldly proclaimed in advance that both political parties in New York state were owned and controlled by the corporations and that neither of them could be trusted to act in the interest of the taxpayers and voters. To furnish the people a means of defense he promoted the organization of the Independence League of which he became a member, and whose nomination for the governorship of New York state he accepted, and in whose name he is conducting his campaign for election.

The line of battle in the New York campaign is different from any that has ever been before witnessed in the country. A candidate regularly put in nomination by a state convention of the democratic party treats the nomination of that great historic party as a mere incident, ignores its platform and proclaims his allegiance to the Independence League, an independent political organization that is seeking to elect candidates for congress, the legislature and county offices in opposition to the candidates of the democratic party. Democratic bosses who are supposed to wield almost omnipotent power over the party voters are spurned, defied and denounced as corporation tools by Hearst and his organization. He serves notice upon all corporations and their tools in all political parties that he does not want their support and that it is his purpose to drive them from the political field and restore the rule of the people.

The battle is the fiercest of any ever known since the memorable contest of General B. F. Butler for the governorship of Massachusetts. But Hearst having daily newspapers of his own is better equipped for the contest than Butler was, and seems to possess the qualifications of a leader in a pre-eminent degree. He is displaying the characteristics of genius in the strong way in which he is making definite and unmistakable the dividing line between the forces he seeks to lead and those against whom he directs his attack, refusing to allow party traditions to obscure that dividing line.

A political battle pitched upon so high a plane commands the interest of all whether residents of New York state or not. The plan of action commends itself to all intelligent persons as the necessary and adequate means of restoring the rule of the people in the corporation ridden state of New

York, a state in which both political organizations have so long been the mere hand maids and servants of predatory wealth.

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When the election is over the usual number of wise men will be found on the street corners saying, "I told you so."

The railroad politicians are working slyly so as to avoid detection, but they are getting busy just the same. Watch out for them.

The prospects for the election of a majority of the fusion candidates for congress are good if we do our full duty on election day.

If you will make it a practice to read our summary of news, it will keep you posted upon all important happenings of each week.

Uncle Jake Wolfe asks for election as land commissioner on the record he made when he filled the office before. His record is a good one and he ought to be elected.

When we read of the snow storms and hurricanes that have been raging on all sides of us during the past week we must be excused for thinking that Nebraska is an ideal place in which to live.

President Roosevelt is said to fear that the successor to Senator Platte of New York will be a democrat and that in consequence he is reconsidering his determination not to stand for a renomination for the presidency.

Don't forget to select your seed corn while husking. Remember that the early maturing ears are best for seed. Don't pick a seed ear from a weak, slender stalk, even if it is a good, large, firm ear.

Watch the movements of the pass holders and railroad political henchmen in your locality, and when you find out which candidates they are supporting you cannot make a mistake in giving your vote to the opposing candidates.

It has leaked out that the railroads are not supporting a straight ticket this year, but that their henchmen are to be furnished with a slate to work for and instruction how to trade with both sides for votes for their favorites. Watch out.

Remember that a vote for the railroad candidates is a vote to enable

the Hill-Harriman-Rockefeller combine to collect from the people of Nebraska between ten and twenty million dollars for which they give no return except railroad passes to politicians.

The New York Central railroad has just been convicted of giving rebates to the sugar trust and sentenced to pay a fine of \$115,000. The evidence upon which the action was based and conviction obtained was furnished to President Roosevelt by William Randolph Hearst.

George W. Berge in his campaign for the governorship two years ago made the platforms upon which both parties are seeking the votes of Nebraskans this year. He defined the issues with such clearness and force that both parties were forced to accept them.

William R. Hearst seems to have suddenly developed into a great campaigner. His speeches are models of eloquence and power. The republicans of New York already appreciate the fact that there is great danger for them in Hearst being at large among the voters of the state.

Remember that the tools of the Hill-Harriman-Rockefeller combine will put in a full day at the polls on election day, and that the success of their ticket means that millions of extortion will be wrung from the pockets of the toilers and taxpayers of our state. Turn out and vote against them and thus defend your interests as it becomes men to do.

It appears that the beef trust magnates are planning to evade responsibility to the anti-trust law by organizing a British corporation as a holding company to hold the stocks of the different corporations engaged in the packing business. Such a subterfuge will not suffice to protect a monopoly after the American people have decided that monopoly must cease to exist.

Among the list of fusion legislative candidates we fail to find any railroad tools. The list is a good one and every member ought to be elected. Remember it will devolve upon the incoming legislature to define the powers of the railroad commission that is to be elected this fall. They will have no power to do anything but draw their salaries until it is conferred upon them by the legislature.

Selection in seed corn will pay just as well as selection in animals to breed from. The advantages of selecting your seed when picking your corn in the field are many. First, if it is picked now it can be kept in a dry place free from danger of heating and second, you can select good ears from good stalks which is of great importance. Perfect seed means a better stand and a better crop. A small per cent of increase through improved seed pays higher wages for the work and care of selecting the seed than for any other work that can be done on the farm.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin secured the passage of a resolution

through congress authorizing the interstate commerce commission to investigate the relation of railroads to grain elevators and ascertain if rebates were given in any form to enable a trust to exist and control the markets and fix the prices of grain. As a result of the passage of that resolution every bushel of grain in Nebraska is now worth a little more to the farmer who raised it. Is it not about time for the Nebraska farmers to see to it that they have a representative in the United States senate instead of electing senators to represent the railroads and elevator and lumber combines as heretofore?

It begins to look as though "stand pat" is no longer a slogan of victory in our politics. It was all very well when our people were simple enough to believe that our tariff schedules were an ingenious device to make the foreigner pay the taxes to support the general government. But when it comes to learning that we are being taxed for the purpose of burdening Carnegie with millions faster than he can give them away and also for the purpose of enabling foreigners to buy the products of our mills and factories forty per cent below the prices we are compelled to pay it is a different matter.

The fusion legislative ticket of Lancaster county is composed of exceptionally good men, such as can be depended upon to do their whole duty intelligently and justly toward all interests in the state. Two of the candidates for the lower house are representatives of organized labor, who have occupied positions of trust and responsibility for many years. Mr. H. W. Smith is foreman of the Western Union Publishing Company, a position requiring a high order of intelligence and executive ability. Mr. Smith has occupied the position for many years and is well and favorably known to the community at large. Mr. George F. Quick, the other representative of organized labor, has been for many years foreman for T. P. Harrison, contractor and builder. He is a carpenter by trade and is also well and favorably known throughout the county. Mr. C. Y. Long is a bookkeeper, and Mr. C. S. Hall and Mrs. D. S. Coggin are farmers. All of the candidates are successful men, who have prospered because of their intelligence industry and sobriety. Judge A. S. Tibbets and Mr. A. E. Sutherland, the candidates for the senate, are known to all as men of the highest qualification and character. Judge Tibbets is an attorney, and Mr. Hall is a farmer and stock raiser. This ticket deserves to win and will win if the friends of good government do their whole duty on election day.

If you are thinking of getting a new start in seed potatoes, now is the time of year to lay them in. It is much safer shipping them now than in the spring, and you will receive them in good order. Then when spring comes you will have them on hand all ready to plant. You can usually get them cheaper now, too. You will find that it will be much more satisfactory all around than buying in the spring.