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John H. Mickey was said to be a grafter and money shark by people who lived near him when he was running for governor, but he was twice elected. The people don't seem to care much what is said of a candidate as long as he has made the money and saved it. They don't seem to care how he got it if he's got it.

The Stuart Ledger, edited by Rosa Hudspeth, says if reforms are good why not support the democratic ticket which can be depended upon more than the republican party that has only just begun to adopt democratic measures. We copied several articles from the Stuart Ledger last week, but finally found our space so well filled as to not be able to comment on the change in that paper since the republican party has recognized that democratic reforms are correct. We are looking for other republican papers to get over onto the right side and get ready for the tidal wave that's coming. Recent investigations of monopolies and campaign frauds of the republican party and life insurance companies have silenced the cries of the tariff stand-patters against democratic reforms. All they can say now is "stand pat" or "stand by Roosevelt," whose name they hope to use as a tug to drag their corporation candidates safely into office. The reform has not yet gotten control of the republican party and it is unsafe to trust their candidates with the same confidence given Roosevelt unless they are known to be of the reform element. If reform is wanted the party that has stood for reform and has gone before the people year after year with reform candidates who are in full harmony with a united party is better than a half-hearted attempt at reform by a party whose record shows corporate and railroad influence at every turn and in every administration for years.

The recent republican state convention nominated a ticket which is being jubilated over by republican papers as the best that is. This is not new for they have done the same thing for years, though they now rejoice over getting away from railroad influence in this convention and recognize its past influence over the party. They make a great pretence of fighting this monopoly or corporate control and the grain trust in their convention and boast of defeating their candidates. They love to dwell on the anatomy of George Sheldon, whom they announce as their reform candidate. George Sheldon may be a reform candidate and he may have stood for all the reforms they claim for him during his four years as state senator. We will not attempt to berate him for his past record in reform, for he may have been sincere in his work. If republicans are proud of him and rejoice over his record as a reformer, why are they so opposed to the reforms of the democratic party which has advocated those reforms for the past ten years? If Sheldon reforms are good, republican papers cannot rejoice over other nominees of their ticket, for he is different from those associated with

him. It is probably true that on the whole republican state ticket there is not another like Sheldon. If he is a reformer he will have more friends in the democratic party than in trying to tug a lot of dead weight corporation candidates through for the republican party.

An editorial written for the State Journal of the 4th inst., in speaking of "some Bryan problems" states that, "it is not very vigorously denied that while the democratic State convention was adopting a more than ordinary strong platform the representatives of the railroads by controlling the organization succeeded in naming the principal candidates." It does not have to be denied at all unless some fool made the statement. We have not heard of any such statement being made by anyone and it will not be made as a statement of fact by any one. By placing the statement negatively that "it had not been vigorously denied" is meant to insinuate that which even the writer of the article would not assert as being true but undoubtedly was meant to relieve the suspicion resting upon the republican party for having accepted and endorsed railroad candidates for so many of their offices and only enough good clean men on their ticket to give it an appearance of reform while a majority of railroad candidates will tie the hands of the reform faction on the ticket after the election. "Stop thief" is a popular phrase in republican politics. It has not been vigorously denied that Norris Brown, H. M. Eaton, E. M. Searle, W. T. Thompson and J. A. Williams are railroad candidates, whose nominations are highly pleasing to their dictators.

A. L. Bixby, who is a funny writer on the State Journal, under the title of "Daily Drift," in one item says: "There are several things the democrats would like to forget, but the republicans won't let them." If there is anything the republicans would like to forget it is their past record in Nebraska state politics or national politics. Mr. Bixby while a very interesting writer and a jolly fellow to meet, is not particularly fond of democrats and his attitude toward them at times savors of the "stop thief" method. He is at once careless and indifferent in his writings of the faults of his party and those who are its standard bearers, preferring to have them stand approved if no criticism is made by the democrats. However, "Bix," as he is familiarly called, will harp about how men will lie about the amount of milk a cow will give, and that people ought to practice what they preach" and then tell something he thinks a reformer ought to do that the republican party should be exempt from doing on the grounds that they do not claim reform as any part of their anatomy. There are others like Bix who are so given to this habit that we wanted to speak of it since our attention was called.

Roosevelt in a long letter, for campaign purposes, compliments congress for its good work and

sooths the stand-patters with warm words for protection. He strongly advises against any change in the political complexion of the next congress, because all tinkering with the tariff should be done by protectionists. This places the president squarely, by his own words, just where we have believed him to be since 1900. If protection can only be safely entrusted to its beneficiaries when schedules are to be revised, why should not railroad rates be submitted only to railroad men when a demand is made by the people for a change? There is just as good sound reasoning to the one as the other and both are based upon the theory that if a band of pirates have looted the commerce of a nation or brigands levied tribute upon travelers crossing a certain path in the mountains, these predatory bands should be allowed to dictate any legislation the outraged people might desire to curb the rapacity of, or punish the marauders.—Crete Democrat.

TARIFF TRAP OPEN AT BOTH ENDS.

Putting Senator Cullom's mild expressions favoring tariff revision against Speaker Cannon's confession of faith in Dingleyism, the republican party of Illinois looks a good deal like the house divided against itself, which Abraham Lincoln said, at Springfield, in 1858, could not stand.

And yet the division is not so wide as it might seem. The republican leaders appear to be only spreading their nets for the voters on the principle of the old negro's rabbit trap, which was set to "ketch 'em a-comin' or a-gwine."

To please the great industrial trusts, which are most conspicuously represented in republican leadership by Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, Speaker Cannon is taking standpatism in this campaign, though he knows that the masses in all parties want tariff revision and are going to have it before long. These powerful and wealthy monopolies must be coddled and kept in good humor, for their contributions to the republican campaign fund are indispensable.

But votes are also necessary, and Senator Cullom bids for them by holding out the hope of relief from Dingley robbery through a revision of the tariff "by its friends."

Senator Cullom would not cut the Dingley schedules too severely, nor would he disturb them at all while the farmers are prosperous enough to pay the tolls they exact without getting cross. He doesn't want to disturb the tariff at all until after the presidential election, or while the good times last.

But democrats are convinced that the only way to prolong the good times indefinitely is to cut out the overgrown and oppressive Dingley monopolies by the roots before they bring on the bad times which necessarily follow persistence in vicious legislation. And they propose to begin this work in the Sixtieth congress if they win a majority of the house in the November elections.

Mr. Cullom proposes, after a while, to restrain the Dingley monopolies a little in their robberies.

Bryan's democratic plan is to stop them altogether from taking unlawful gains by law-made monopoly.

The voters of Illinois have their choice this year between the democratic open gate to pleasant pastures in which there is always good feeding, and the Cullom-Cannon vote trap, open at both ends with a dead-fall in the middle.—St Louis Republic.

It is remarkable how badly the defeat of Berge has upset the calculations of the "fake reformers," as the Bee calls them. The democrats could refuse to nominate Berge and still be free from the corporation strings which have held the "fake reformers" in line for all the corporation candidates the last 25 years, whom they have

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faithfully and earnestly supported and elected by their votes. But this has changed now and these leaders are louder, than the pops in 1890, for reforms demanded then, and they charge reformers, who have been working the last 16 years as consistently as they knew how, with bad motives in case they do not nominate the men, these eleventh hour reformers want put up. It looks to old demopops a little cheeky for these new leaders to come out boldly and charge that corporation influence caused the nomination of Shallenberger or defeated Berge.—Crete Democrat.

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Miss Blanche Bishop has been quite ill this week.