

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

The utter demoralization of the democratic party is thrust upon us by the announcement that Tom Patterson of Colorado and Dubois, of Idaho, have decided to join it. It is reduced in size to fit the caliber of Dubois and in reputation to meet the requirements of Patterson.

The odor arising from stirring up the finances of the Populist party indicates the management of the campaign to have been almost as disreputable as the principles advocated. The truth of the charges made by both Edmiston and Porter can readily be admitted by all fair-minded persons. There has never any thing emanated from populist sources with such ear marks of truth as the character sketches these gentlemen offer us of each other. The vilest enemy of reform would not now, in the face of the evidence, dare insinuate that sordid motives of unhallowed gain, ever entered the heart of these unselfish patriots. It might be said of the Pop administration as was long ago said of a certain sermon: "Pretty good what there was of it, for the kind, and plenty of it such as it was."

In the name of all that's decent and holy in religion why is it paraded in the papers that Dinsmore is the president of the Y. M. C. A. in the penitentiary. No reason is alleged for the Y. M. C. A. being in the pen, although electing Dinsmore president is sufficient justification. There has never been so revolting a crime in the borders of Nebraska as that of this villain. He no doubt longs to meet his bride of three months who owes her being in heaven today to the loving clutch of his fingers at her throat. The making a saint out of this lecherous fiend is a disgrace to any church that tolerates it. If a soul such as that can enter the pearly gates the devil must find his career as near its end as that of a pop orator.

The Isthmian canal should be built by private enterprise. We do not need any repetition of the Pacific Railroad scandal. All arguments and schemes for government aid to this canal bear too close a resemblance to those advanced for the Credit Mobilier in this country and the Panama affair in France. If there is a legitimate demand for such a work there is plenty of capital to promote it. It will pay a fair profit. If it is not of sufficient importance to commerce, if it does not fill a long-felt want, then it is too soon to build it. Capital has grown to such stupendous proportions now that aid of governments is no longer needed, and the asking of a subsidy for steamships or bonus for erecting public works is evidence upon its face that business men avoid the enterprise for fear of fraud or knowledge that it can not be made to pay. Five hundred million dollars can be raised in sixty

days for any legitimate business enterprise headed by legitimate business men. There is no justifying the use of the government to protect any business enterprise from loss or to insure excessive profits.

The only man ever nominated for the presidency by the republican party who deserved to be called a statesman was Benjamin Harrison. He is today without question the greatest intellect in the party, though it is likely to cost its owner his position. The politician could not grasp the situation when Harrison was president: that the public service should be considered instead of personal friendship in appointments; that in outlining a policy that he should think of the union and the future instead of the party and present salaries, made him almost as much of a Sphinx as Cleveland. And now that he actually has ideas of his own is creating a hubbub equal to a heresy trial in a Presbyterian church. In a party that "looks to the East" to have Grand Master Mark Hanna furnish all ideas, it actually throws a suspicion over Harrison that he is leaning towards democracy because he thinks for himself.

Bryan still insists that he was defeated by his men being so pusillanimous that Mark Hanna bought them up like sheep. But Mark's record as a business man is shattered and he must be weeping over his wasted cash when he contemplates how many more he bought than were necessary. It must have been that the rush of Bryanites for Mark's boodle broke the market so that his "contribution" to the campaign bought double the number of "the allied forces of reform" anticipated. The only wonder is that they stayed bought.

Bryan confesses that the Nebraska populist is like his brand of a democrat. It will be difficult for him to find any slur in a Gold Standard paper upon his style of democracy that will equal his confession for bitterness and scathing sarcasm.

The nation is now awaiting with interest to see which city will first exhibit the grim humor of inviting Bryan to address a Fourth of July assemblage. In spite of his remarkable utterance to the travelling men last summer, the manufacturers of calendars for 1901 have inserted this day and some have been so cruel as to print it in red in order to emphasize the failure of our modern Cæsar to amend the calendar.

President McKinley will find that the advancement of Samson to please a clique of politicians has again stirred up one of the ugly phases of the Spanish war that good politics required to be left slumbering.

If granting by Russia of a subsidy upon sugar is to bar its admission to this country, by what species of logic do we

expect subsidized ships to be admitted to foreign ports?

The republican party, like a fond parent, has doted upon its beautiful progeny, the tariff, until the entire family seemed to think there was no other "truly good and beautiful." While our tariff is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," it appears to the Chicago implement manufacturers that the Russian variety is a horrid ogre. They have actually called a meeting and notified Secretary Gage that the infant industry of making twine binders is being offered as a sacrifice upon the altar of the consumptive sugar infant. It is really preposterous that an attempt should be made by Russia to cheapen agricultural implements through the well-known republican method of taxation. If all nations would unite in protecting themselves by a McKinley tariff, wealth would soon be a drug on the market.

Mrs. Nation came to Chicago but found the platform too tough even for her and returned to the more congenial air of Topeka without having even started one of its joints.

Mansfield, the great actor, stated at a reception that "Good deportment is essential to success upon the stage," and the next morning flew into a rage because his mutton chop was not to his liking and threw it against the wall of his dining room. This is an eccentricity of genius.

When Carrie Nation took up the hatchet the Creek nation retired into obscurity.

It is a question of some moment why teachers should have a school maintained for their profession any more than any other business. The maintenance of so many inferior schools is a menace to our real seats of learning and fosters the idea that "a smattering" is an education.

It transpires that Postmaster Gordon of Chicago only contributed \$100 to the campaign expenses last year. Under the civil service rules now prevailing Mr. Gordon will soon be "benevolently assimilated" with the common herd and the office which knew him will know him no more forever.

A populist surgeon at York, Neb., has been devoting much time to hypnotism and asserts that by "suggestion" a man can be voted for Bryan and Reform by simply indicating to a subject that "on election day you will vote the ticket of assorted vagaries." Think of the field this opens up for the practical politician who wishes to be sure his coin is not wasted or a candidate who desires to have faith in his promises preserved until after the ballot is cast.

Victoria is to be congratulated that she will not have to read Austin's requiem.

A minister lately attacked in the daily