

**NOT TRUE.** J. Sterling Morton objects to Mr. Bryan hiring the Commoner printed instead of investing in a printing plant himself.—Fremont Herald.

Our respected friend, Deacon Smails, who edits the above-named periodical, is laboring under a mistake. Wisdom would hire for such a purpose. "Printing plants" are permanent things and cost a deal of money. Therefore, they are too expensive for merely ephemeral publication. Common stock is dangerous enough, in many inflated corporations of these not-enough-gold-in-the-world-to-do-business-with times; but commoner stock might be more than dangerous. Especially when the Fourth of July, the Star Spangled Banner and the Declaration of Independence have disappeared forever, is it unsafe to plant a printing plant for the common people.

**REFORM.** Common reform in New York City is represented by Dick Croker, the chief of the Tammany savages. Commoner reform in Colorado is impersonated by Tom Patterson, a long-ago democrat, recent populist and new convert to Bryanarchy, who has just succeeded Edward Wolcott as United States senator. But the commonest kind of reform is found in the person of that great political purist, Senator Clark of Montana whose anti-plutocracy and anti-corruption-of-the-legislature and pro-consecration-of-the-ballot-box efforts have made him forever famous.

If Bryanarchy could have conquered McKinleyism and Croker been given the federal patronage of New York, Patterson that of Colorado, and Clark that of Montana, what a delicious reformation there might have been in American politics. But 1904 will see the same reformers nominate the same sixteen-to-one candidate and once more listen for the last time to "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and the explosions of Fourth of July fire crackers, "for the spirit of empire is upon us."

**HULL OF IOWA.** On March 1st, 1901, in the House of Representatives of the American Congress the state of Iowa was disgraced by one of its members. His name is Hull; he is chairman of the committee on military affairs, a position which has made him potential in all matters pertaining to the military management of the Philippine Islands. This Hull on the date given brazenly boasts that he is a stockholder in the Philippine Lumber Company and with Thespian ardor declares, in relation to his speculative operations in the denudation of those islands: "I would prefer to leave congress to being a drone dependent only on politics for my living."

Did Hull ever achieve prominence,

social or pecuniary, except by being a "drone?" A "drone," according to the spotless Hull of Iowa, is a person who lives off from and in pursuit of public place "for the money that is in it." Will some Iowa friend proceed to disinfect Hull of the self-microbes and the avarice-bacilli which seem to permeate his personality? By his own statement, he is in a lumber business which he would not have been in if—as a condition precedent—he had not been in Congress and chairman of the committee on military affairs. He had better have sawed wood and said nothing than to thus publicly have boasted the prostitution of his political power.

**CROUNSE.** THE CONSERVATIVE is pleased to read remarks by Senator Crouse relative to the reckless extravagance of proposed appropriations for two more state normal schools. Crouse is correct, conscientious and conservative and if he is found in a minority of the legislature and the diabolism and idiocy of peanut politics pass the bill, it is hoped and believed that Governor Dietrich will veto the same with courageous alacrity.

Crouse declares the republicans in power only on probation, and it is only fair to say that, in the estimation of a few thousand gold standard democrats, who made even a trial on probation possible, they are behaving very badly. In truth some of the republican legislators seem to forget that senatorships were created not for the benefit of individuals nor to exalt persons but for the benefit of the state and for the exaltation of a pure and undefiled republican form of government. Let each representative and senator in Nebraska remember that offices were intended as utilities for the commonwealth and not as mere decorations for individuals who may have acquired personal and other property called wealth.

**CROW.** The difference between the alleged detectives of the United States on the one hand and the alleged democracy on the other is that the former live in hopes of getting Pat Crowe and the latter is dieting on Fat Crow. Pat Crowe nourishes anarchy and Fat Crow feeds Bryanarchy. A crow diet is more easily secured than a Crowe reward.

**LAW MAKERS.** Nebraska needs legislators who will repeal about one hundred statutes, amend fifty and adjourn without enacting any except a revenue law and an act providing qualifications for electors and electees. No man ought to vote who has paid no taxes. He is not a contributor to the corporation called government although it protects his life, liberty and property.

A Chicago telegram to the newspapers of the country dated March 7th referring to the recent populist nominee for the presidency, says:

"Mr. Bryan was not disposed to discuss general politics, but departed from the rule to some extent when asked regarding the outcome of the senatorial fight in his state 'The trouble seems to be,' he said, 'that there are not enough senatorial positions to go around among her railroads.'"

Can this utterance be from the same mouth that importuned, upon a time, Harwood & Ames, — attorneys at Lincoln, for the Union Pacific railroad—to exert their influence to nominate him for congress, at the same time suggesting that another man talked of for the nomination was a B. & M. man?

Can the prophetic and peerless afore-said be identified as a man who once, when running for congress in Nebraska, asked a division superintendent of a railroad to find out how many of his men, who would not vote a certain way, he could prevent from voting at all? Is it the same man whose defeat abolished the Fourth of July, the Star Spangled Banner and invited and permitted the spirit of empire to settle down in the former land of the free and home of the brave?

**MATERNALISM.** An Otoe county farmer telling of the precocious fecundity of his Jersey cattle, declared that he had a cow of that breed which was giving lacteal nourishment to her eighteen months old heifer calf and the heifer's calf at the same time, and thought it a phenomenal instance of maternalism. With John M. Thurston getting five thousand dollars a year as commissioner to the St. Louis fair and his son drawing financial nourishment from the dugs of the same treasury as a consul to the Argentine Republic, it is demonstrated that the Jerseys are equaled, as to the maternal instinct, by our own beloved and benevolent government, which simulates them by suckling two generations simultaneously.

**A GREAT SALVATION SERMON.** No cheap-John statesman of modern times has achieved as much by a single oration, declamation, monologue or soliloquy as Tom Carter of Montana. His exhortation in the United States senate, March 4th, 1901, antagonizing the stupendous steal of fifty millions of dollars for rivers and harbors, out-lasting the legal term of the fifty-sixth congress, and asphyxiated that legislative larceny. Mr. Carter made a salvation sermon and saved the taxpayers fifty millions of dollars. Few other speeches have been so salutary.