

corporations engaged in public service; strict food laws and prohibition of contributions to campaign funds by corporations. It also pays a compliment to Mr. Bryan.

The Wisconsin state convention met at Milwaukee June 29. A fight was waged over one plank in the platform relating to municipal ownership, but the plank was finally adopted. The platform denounces trusts and monopolies, favors tariff revision, says that trust made or controlled goods must be put on the free list, advocates the reservation of coal and oil rights in public lands by federal government, favors the income tax, opposes imperialism, declares for the election of

United States senators by the people and insists upon government control and regulation of all public service corporations and recommends that the Wisconsin legislature amend the present law so that the state railway commission may correct upon its own initiative the tariff schedules which seem to need modification. The municipal ownership provision over which there was a fight was as follows: "We favor such legislation as will enable municipalities to own, construct and acquire by purchase such public service utilities as they may deem proper, and to enable them to do so we favor amending section 3 of article 11 of the constitution of our state so that indebtedness incurred

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in acquiring such public utilities shall be excluded from the limitations of said section, thus permitting municipal corporations to acquire public utilities and to restrict the constitutional limitations of indebtedness to debts incurred for non-productive property."

The next recommendation bears on the same subject, being a suggestion that a law be passed delegating to municipalities the power to regulate the rates and prices which public utility corporations may charge.

Two cents a mile as the maximum charge for railroad passenger traffic is urged in the twelfth plank.

The platform also denounced the practice of campaign contributions by corporations. Complimentary reference was made to Mr. Bryan.

The Vermont democracy and the independent republicans (anti-Proctor and anti-machine) met at Burlington and voted for fusion. The two conventions nominated a state ticket headed by Percival W. Clements, leader of the independents, and four years ago their unsuccessful candidate for governor. In the joint convention the independents took the offices of governor, secretary of state and auditor, while the democrats were satisfied with the offices of lieutenant governor, treasurer and attorney general. The ticket as made up is: For governor, P. W. Clement, of Rutland; for lieutenant general, G. Herbert Pape, of Barre; for secretary of state, Sherman R. Moulton, of Burlington; for treasurer, Walter B. Phelps, of Enosburgh Falls; for auditor of accounts, Edward J. Hall, of Bennington; for attorney general, V. A. Bullard, of Burlington.

NOT FOR HANS

Hans came in from his ranch, two miles this side of Olney, this week to buy a horse.

"I've got the very thing you want," said Ike Bergman; "it's a fine road horse, five years old, sound as a quail, \$175 cash down, and he goes ten miles without stopping."

Hans threw his hands skyward. "Not for me," he said, "not for me. I wouldn't gif you five cents for him. I live eight miles from Astoria, and I'd haf to walk back two miles."—Astoria Herald.

DEMOCRATS ARE WILLING

A contemporary bemoans the fact that all of the hemp being shipped out of the Philippines is going in vessels of foreign register and wants to know when the democrats will be willing to see the United States possess a decent merchant marine. Why, the democrats are willing enough. They simply do not propose to dig into the federal treasury for funds with which to enrich shipbuilders who are already wealthy. Those that want to build merchant vessels on their honest merits can go ahead as fast and as far as they like. The democrats will offer no objections whatever.—Salt Lake Herald.

FOUND IT

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for a child of tender years. One day, while he was playing in front of his home, a rough-looking tramp appeared, and asked David, very sharply, where his father kept his money. He replied that it was all in his vest in the kitchen.

A few minutes later the tramp came through the doorway in a hurry, very much battered up and looking sad, muttering: "Smart kid, that. Never said a word about his old man being in the vest."—Philadelphia Ledger.

ITALIAN LITERATURE

Miss Florence Trail of Frederick, Md., has written a "History of Italian Literature" which has attracted considerable attention. The work is published in two volumes, the price of which is \$4.00. It is said that the value of the book has been recognized by the king and queen of Italy, as well as by Italian literary authorities. One writer, referring to it, says, "It is the first history of this literature ever written by an American, and it is a brave effort to throw open pleasures long hidden to the people that they may enjoy the treasures of this rich literature for themselves."

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