

Tammany up to the convention at Kansas City in favor of Mr. Bryan only means that Tammany at this national election has been whipped into line and has concluded that it cannot afford to again fight the Nebraskan. Richard Croker says:

"Mark my words, when W. J. Bryan is elected he will work eighteen hours a day in order to carry out in spirit and in letter every plank in the democratic platform. Hitherto other men have regarded the platform drawn up at their convention as a ladder on which they mount to power, and which they kick down as soon as they get to the top. Mr. Bryan is not a man of that sort. He does not want to be elected for purposes of vainglory and love of position. He thinks, and I agree with him, that if he is elected he will do his country good. He will be able to serve the people, and he will be a governing president, not a mere lay figure, whose movements are governed by wire pullers. He is a man of conviction."

This very fidelity to the platform is exactly what the New York democrats do not want in Mr. Bryan, as all the world knows, and the hollow hypocrisy of Croker's statement is most obvious. The idea of Croker's admiring a man of convictions, and a man who will do the country good, is too absurd. Croker is not in politics through any such high motives, as everyone knows. He is the finest representative the country affords of the men who are in politics for office and for money, and who have no principles or care for the country.—St. Joseph News.

POLITICAL TALK.

The gold brick lately purchased by Charlie Dietrich, aroused the jealousy of his brother bankers, and now one of them has on exhibition a specimen of the \$13,000 variety. They come high but the agony is much sooner over than in Charlie's case.

The organization of the Republican party in Hawaii was formally baptised with a gigantic fraud on the ballot box at the primaries that shows them true followers of the "God and Morality" party of Zach Chandler, John Sherman and the visiting statesmen of 1876. When Cuba and Luzon can produce equal evidence of benevolent assimilation they will undoubtedly be prepared for political annexation.

The German meat bill is but another illustration of the fact that all retaliation for our Chinese style of tariff must fall upon the farmer. When our own beauteous tariffs were under discussion a great wail of indignation was sent forth at the mere suggestion of considering any foreign nation. In fact the more protest that arose in Europe the greater the evidence of benevolent assimilation by our infant industries.

Sioux Falls having issued the orders to the democratic annex there is really nothing of interest in the Kansas City gathering but the question of hotel rates.

Whatever contempt Rosewater may have for the supreme court or any member thereof, it cannot equal that of the people for a man who permitted a personal quarrel to induce him to turn our state over to fusion and confusion. The insignificant fine of \$500 for making possible a supreme court subject to the contempt of Rosewater shows that Holcomb is inclined to pay his political debts honestly.

A new sugar infant with \$20,000,000 capital has been born into a cold and unfeeling world. That it will need the nursing and protection of the tariff goes without saying. Only by shutting out the fierce and terrible competition of the half breeds in Puerto Rico was it possible for this puling infant sugar trust to see the light. The great joy of the republicans at finding an alleged democratic trust shows how long and desperate has been the limit and the greatness of their surprise. I opine that the discovery of a republican trust would create about as much comment as finding a pebble on the sea shore.

A remarkable fad sprang up in Denver of going to the cemeteries for picnics. It became such a nuisance to have thousands strew the grounds with sardine cans, beer bottles and lunch boxes, that police interference was contemplated. But the ability to look happy under discouraging circumstances was soon seen to be worthy of cultivation in view of Colorado having to this year support Bryan and free silver when her mines are insisting upon producing more gold than any state in the union. The education of a graveyard picnic will be a tower of strength this fall when the returns come in and Bryan tells the boys to look happy; that the silver cause is still triumphant.

If we refuse absolutely to consider for one moment trade of other powers, by what reasoning do we demand through our minister a modification of German restrictions avowedly made for the benefit of their own people. Free trade means taking the markets of the world by force of merit both in goods and business methods. A tariff by any nation is either a lie or a confession of weakness and incompetency to meet the demands of the people. It is the "baby act" of the commercial world—a protection to the infants. It means that our manufacturers cannot or will not furnish us goods of equal quality and price that others would do. Any man who believes for an instant that manufacturers desire a tariff for any reason, human or inhuman, except to increase the price of their wares, is a fit subject for initiation into the mysteries of the cave at Leaven-

worth where Lo, the poor Indian, guards the wealth of "my Cousin Alberts' Friend." Between a gold brick chump and a high tariff farmer there is not room to stick a pin without pricking two fools.

The dear old State Journal has been sleeping on its oars, as it were. Where was the hawk eye of Gere when a truth like this could escape into the editorial column: "The boom in wheat comes entirely from the news of crop failures in the northwestern and middle states in addition to the bad conditions that have long prevailed in France." Where is that great and noble friend of the farmer, the Dingley tariff? Can it be possible that the Journal still recognizes Almighty God as occasionally having an influence? From twenty years steady reading of the Journal I had come to the conclusion that when once the republican party legislated upon a subject that the Almighty drew a sigh of relief and turned His attention to less favored lands. The pen of Jones has lost its cunning when an opportunity like this arose to prove how much the farmers of Nebraska owe to the philanthropy of Dingley while the northwestern and middle states, to say nothing of France and India, are still suffering from the droughts produced in the early nineties by the infamous Wilson bill.

Already the protectionists are demanding the repeal of the stamp tax. This is a real revenue producer and they fear a surplus that may lead to inquiry into taxation. Of course they favor relieving playing cards, patent medicines, beer and other necessities. The truth is that the stamp tax is the most equitable of all the forms used by our government. No matter how great the tax the business need not be done unless profitable. But direct taxes are always unpopular with politicians. Men always reluctantly pay a known amount. A great uproar is made if a bank charges one dollar for the use of one hundred for a month. But the same man will buy the same amount in goods and pay a profit twenty times that size without a murmur simply because he does not know. Were the merchant to state his profit he could not make a sale. So with taxation. State, county and school taxes are closely watched. Every appropriation of twenty-five dollars extra for a teacher or a bridge is discussed for months in every corner of the township. Twenty millions for a new boat, building or commission is not given the second glance when seen in the paper. Colbert once said "the true theory of taxation is to pluck the goose for the most feathers with the least squawk." And as long as the people prefer insidious robbery to an honest, open payment of taxes, the tariff will be the favorite method of extorting from the people the millions necessary for the extravagance and corruption rampant in congress. S.