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THEIR ONLY ISSUE.

Democrats Depend Upon Tariff Smashing as a Chance of Winning. That tariff smashing is the one issue that the Democrats have upon which to fight the next presidential campaign is becoming more apparent as time wears on.

Mr. Vest is pronounced in his opinions. He holds that combinations of capital with monopolistic tendencies menace the country, and to him it is clear that monopoly is possible only because competition is not thrown open to the world.

These articles may have seemed to be somewhat rambling but we have had in mind all the time three main conclusions and they are: First, centralization is the natural drift of the world's affairs, as well in nations, governments and peoples, as in industrial concerns.

Second, Governmental action may be the only way in which this immense force can be harnessed so as to bless the people rather than oppress and curse. If it is it will come to that even if it takes an explosion of volcanic magnitude to demonstrate the impossibility of shutting it up in any system of confinement like prohibition of Trusts.

Third, That the government can find a way to do, and do well, anything that is for the good of the people as a whole. To raise the question of making it "pay" is almost foolish and petty.

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It is hardly likely that our last article was in type when the developments in the Interstate Commerce Commission proved the correctness of our theory in reference to the intent to merge the controlling interests in the railroads south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi.

Not only so but the careful reader of the daily press has noticed that Wall Street is discussing the terms of some sort of absorption of the New York Central by the Penna. R. R. which is probably all street talk as yet but simply indicates the trend of such matters.

It has also come to pass that a resolution has been introduced in Congress to further an investigation of the legal powers of the government to take control of coal mines and coal-carrying railroads: So the item is not so wild in opening its columns as might at first have been supposed.

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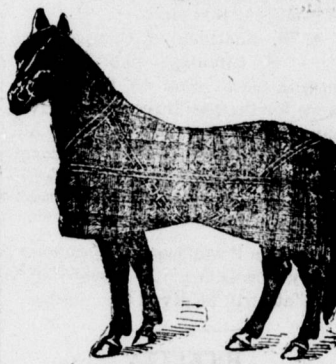
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