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 aght the next presidential campaign is becoming more apparent as time wears on. Senator Vest, who has been indulging in a Christmas retrospect and a glance into the future, has come to the conclusion that nothing else will do, and he but shares in the opinions of many other Democratic leaders. He thinks that Mr. Bryan cannot hope to control the next convention, although he may have a considerable following, and, furthermore, that Bryan holds views on some questions with which the party does not sympathize. The money question he believes should not be made prominent and that the atten-tion of the party should be given to the trusts and to waging battle against them through a reduction in tariff schedules.

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. He finds difficulties in to the world. He finds difficulties in the way of the control of trusts through remedial legislation and argues that the wise course to take is to "cut off the nourishment that has enabled them to grow to such ungovernable size." Mr. Vest is entitled to consideration,

for he has long been prominent in na-tional affairs. He is just rounding out four full terms in the senate, and a quarter of a century of experience at Washington is a long one. But when he holds that trusts are the result of protection, that they do not exist except in a limited degree in free trade England and that the one way to reach them is through tariff revision he is reading on ground that is bound to treading on ground that is bound to crumble beneath his feet.

Trusts (usually the title is a mis-nomer) are but combinations of cap-ital, and these combinations are tak-ing place in every branch of business and trade. It may be true that certain combinations in America have been aided to some extent by the protective policy; but, even admitting this, it is the protective policy that has built up the manufactures of the nation and that has given it its commanding lead. To aim at trusts and bring down all manner of business enterprises would

be ruinous. As a matter of plain fact, combina-As a matter or plain fact, combina-tions will and do go on everywhere re-gardless of the tariff. It was only the other day that the story was told of an American enterprise with a billion of dollars at its back to control the distribution of gas in the principal cities of Europe. What has such a scheme to do with protection? There are electric light and gas trusts in the United States, and there are railroad trusts and street car trusts, but the Dingley schedules do not include protection for

them.

This idea that certain combinations can be controlled by revising the tariff is absurd, for radical revision would not disturb combinations nearly as much as it would independent businesses. Indeed, the tendency would be to strengthen the position of the great corporations, for they would be much better able to stand free trade or decreased duties than would the weaker concerns.

When such men as Senator Vest arrive at the opinion that the one issue that the Democratic party should make is tariff smashing, the paucity of Democratic campaign material becomes apparent. Even since Cleveland the party has been floundering hopelessly. It has run after Bryanism and has flirted with free silver and so calltheories of Grover Cleveland, policies which, when tried, brought the country

to the verge of disaster.

And all that Senator Vest can recommend in the way of a Democratic issue is a return to disaster.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Prosperity and Republicanism. We have more than doubled our population since 1865, we have established the greatest workshops in the world, we have endowed the old universities we have endowed the old universities with millions of dollars, and we have built new colleges and schools and universities by the score; we have laid railroad tracks across the country to the Pacific ocean, we have performed what would have been considered miracles forty years ago, and today the United States is acknowledged as one of the great would powers a nation. of the great world powers, a nation that stands for peace and progress. All these things have come to pass under the administration of the nation's affairs by the Republican party. Prosperity goes hand in hand with Republican policies, and small is the mind which seeks to deny or belittle the grand fact that success has come and that the continued welfare of the peo that the continued welfare of the peo-ple depends entirely upon a jealous guard against assaults upon these prin-ciples that make for success. The Re-publican party is a party of creation, but the Democratic party is a party of negations and destruction.—Wilmington (Del.) News.

Our tarmers have two great problems in their business—one to produce their goods at less cost and the other to find wider markets -Aaron Jones.

By BENJ.G.WELCH. KUAUS.

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 controling interests in the railroads south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi. It is only a question of avoiding violations of constitutional aw and no law has ever been made that cannot be evaded.

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 gov ernmen to take control of coal mines and coal-carrying railroads: So the Item ls not so wild in opening its columns as might at first have been supposed. Mr. Wharton Barker of Philadelpaia who is an acknowledged authority on economic questions addresses a long open letter to the President on the same subject. It is evidently in the air. We people in Sullivan County cannot settle it but we can begin to think about it and feel sure that we are not following an ignisfatuus either.

These articles may have seemed to to be somewhat rambling but we have had in mind all the time three main conclusion 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. It cannot be materially stayed or prevented any more than the law of gravitation or centripetal and centrifugal forces. No legislation will stop it for any length of time any more than it would stop an eclipse of the moon. Its power can be recognized and we can adapt ourselves to it and perhaps so far control its application as to make it minister to the good of the nation rather than to its injury, just as we do any other inherent natural force.

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 exp'osion 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. Everything pays that the government does wisely and justly and nothing else does. The money return must be measured by the value of results, rather than measure the value of the results by the money return. Dreadful as was the civil war, immense as was its oss of life, treasure and property it has paid and will pay as long as we are a nation. It was a part of the scourging that will come to us every time that we legalize and protect a wrong. Any method that uproots ed "imperialism" and has even dab-bled in anarchy. The amusing spec-tacle is now presented of the party getting back to the old doctrines and gree with our own ideas.

Perhaps these positions may seem somewhat dogmatical but at least they will set your readers to think ing and we take it that such was your object in inaugurating these articles.

Perhaps we may start the thought in unexpected channels if your paexhausted.

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we may feel that we have not lived in

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