

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

It was a cruel thing for Judge Parker to send word for H. C. Davis, the vice presidential candidate, away out in West Virginia, to come to Esopus. The weather is very hot and poor old Davis is eighty-one years old. The dispatches say that a private car was obtained and the old man got into it. No doubt there is a full corps of trained nurses and doctors aboard.

The plutocrats will find, like the "heathen Chinese," that some tricks are vain. One of them is that the meat trust officials precipitated a strike to injure Roosevelt's chances. What can the meat trust possibly have against Roosevelt? It is true that Knox got an injunction issued against it at a time when there was so much feeling against it that something had to be done to quiet the mullet heads. The trust made no objection to the injunction and its lawyers went into court and said so. Then the next day after the injunction was issued it raised the price of meat again. There was a good case against every one of the managers of the meat trust under the criminal law, but Roosevelt refused to hurt their feelings by instituting any such proceedings.

In some of the countries of Europe they are attempting to make a profession out of cab driving. Hereafter to get a license to drive a cab, a man must pass an examination much like that required of a veterinary surgeon so that he may be able to take care of his horse. He must be posted in all the ancient history of his locality so as to give information to his patrons. He must speak three or four languages. He must study long enough to acquire the manners of a gentleman.

Military despotism in Colorado is proving a boomerang to the very interests that inaugurated it. Business and the mining exchange is at a standstill. One of the leading capitalists of Denver had closed a deal with New York parties in which he was to receive \$300,000. The money was to be deposited on Thursday last. Instead of the deposit the Denver capitalist received a telegram stating in substance that until insurrection was ended in Colorado and the civil authorities were able to preserve the peace the parties had decided that they would not invest money in the state. Many other instances of the sort have occurred. It is beginning to dawn on the citizens of the state that the military occupation of the state is to be continued until after the presidential election and that soldiers will invade the polling booths the same as they have the court rooms.

The Indian service is just about as rotten as it was in the palmiest days of the old Indian ring. Things seem to be coming to a head and the commissioner of Indian affairs, who has been trying to stem the tide of corruption, has at last sent in his resignation. The philanthropic Dawes commission down in the Indian territory, whom Mr. Boneparte recommended for dismissal, is still doing business after the old way.

Over 50,000 persons have registered for Rosebud Indian lands, where but 3,000 are to be located and not more than 500 of that number of value sufficient to pay for the trouble and expense of proving up. Uncle Sam's latest lottery offers not as many chances as the much denounced policy game.

Admiral Togo, in an official report, says that in a recent fight he arranged his ships in the form of the first letter of the Japanese alphabet. Any one who ever saw that alphabet will wonder how he ever got them straightened out again without breaking some of them in two, and if he did that, to what dry dock he sent them to get the crooks taken out.

Since Henry Watterson has come out for Parker and Wall street, many inquiries are made concerning where he imprisoned his "star-eyed goddess of reform," at whose feet he once worshipped.

The news from the Russo-Japanese war is after the same kind that it has been from the very beginning. There has been, however, some heavy fighting in which the Russians acknowledge a loss of 1,000 men and that they retreated. As far as any one can tell from the maps, the Japanese seem to be closing in on both wings of the Russian army, threatening the re-

treach of the Russians either way. The Russian general must believe that he has sufficient force to whip the three Japanese armies that confront him, forming a line nearly 100 miles long.

Henry Gassaway Davis is a fit running mate of Parker and the mention of his name gives delight to Wall street. He is the president of two railroads, a director in four national banks, and along with his son-in-law, Elkins, controls most of the coal fields of West Virginia. By all means let the Nebraska pops fuse with him.

It turns out that the Japanese tried to play a scurvy trick on the Russian commander and set afloat the story that they had lost 30,000 men in an attack on Port Arthur, when there was not a shot fired on either day that the battle was said to have been fought. The object was to get the Russian commander of the northern forces to advance on the supposition that the Japanese army surrounding Port Arthur was practically annihilated. The trick did not win out.

A thing has occurred that puts a new phase upon the whole war question. The Russians passed two steamers under commercial flags from the Black sea through the Bosphorus and as soon as they were in the Red sea armed themselves with guns hidden in their holds and began to search and capture German and English ships. They took mail bags from a German ship, and took as a prize an English ship, put a prize crew aboard of her and started her for the nearest Russian port. Germany has protested vigorously, and the British government has ordered a large fleet of warships to the Mediterranean. The last accounts were to the effect that two British cruisers were guarding the captured British ship at the mouth of the Suez canal.

All England is aflame with the war spirit and demanding that Russia must apologize, denounce the acts of its naval officers or fight. On top of that comes the news that France is mobilizing her whole naval forces and has ordered every man and officer on leave to return immediately to his ship. The probability is that Russia will apologize.

Several thousand men in the packing houses at Chicago and other packing centers are out on a strike. The latest news is to the effect that packing magnates have made new overtures to the labor organizations and the strike may be settled.

Hurrah for the two Toms--Tom Watson and Tom Tibbles--by sending in a club of campaign subscriptions--Seven for a dollar.

Political Notes

The New York dailies are claiming that the Jews will save Maryland to the democratic party. Isador Raynor was recently elected senator in that state and he will immediately take the field for Parker. He is a very effective speaker. The New York papers have not learned that there will be a fully organized populist party to meet in Maryland.

For twelve years the populists of Nebraska have loyally supported Mr. Bryan, while a large number of democrats have fought him with the bitterness of death. To repay them for that loyalty, Bryan democrats have been in the Independent office during the last few days to denounce Parker and swear that they will not support him. But they have declared that they will cast their votes for Roosevelt and Fairbanks in preference to Watson and Tibbles. Then they want us to fuse with them!

When Parker was nominated he sent his gold standard ultimatum to the convention. When Cleveland was nominated he waited until after the convention had gone home and then wrote a letter taking the same position that Parker has taken. The plank on the money question in the Cleveland platform was a straddle. The Parker platform is silent on the question. All that Wall street wants is the candidate. It don't care anything

more about platforms than the supreme court does about the constitution.

The cuts of Henry G. Davis, 81 years old, democratic candidate for vice president, which are being printed in all of the republican dailies, represent him as a young man of about thirty-five. That is about as truthful a representation of facts as is ever found in the dailies.

Carter Harrison is getting up a great meeting in Chicago to which he has invited Judge Parker, Bryan, Towne and Champ Clark, and those distinguished gentlemen are all to appear on the same platform.

The great republican papers are still crowded with complimentary notices of Judge Parker. Every complimentary incident about the judge that can be found or invented is given great space, while poor Teddy does not get even ten lines. The great republican dailies are owned by Wall street capitalists and Wall street is for Parker. Did ever any democratic candidate receive such treatment from republican dailies before? In 1896 those same papers declared that Bryan was a pauper, could not make money enough to support his family and was seeking an engagement as an actor. This bold and open advocacy of Parker by the whole republican press is somewhat of an astonishment to the old political staggers of the democratic party.

In the years gone by, the republican papers in campaign times were wont to publish much matter about the democrats swallowing the pops or the pops swallowing the democrats, but since the great act was performed and Wall street swallowed the democrats, not a republican paper has had a remark to make on the subject.

SOMETHING DOING.

Hon. James H. Ferriss, who was chosen chairman of the people's party national committee at Springfield, has gone actively at work, as everybody knew he would do, and is "doing things." In a letter he says that he has put J. H. Calderhead in charge of Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming, to see to it that the party is thoroughly organized in those states and electoral tickets put in the field immediately. Mr. Calderhead is auditor of the state of Montana, a populist from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, a successful business man, and an untiring worker. It will not be long before he has things humming in those states.

Mr. Ferriss has assigned the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, North and South Dakota, to Mr. J. H. Edmisten. Edmisten as a campaign worker has few equals, having managed several successful state campaigns in Nebraska. He is fuller of fight than a bull pup and as active as a wildcat. The states assigned to him will soon be in fighting trim.

Mr. Ferriss concludes his letter with these words: "From all points that I can hear, the democrats are deserting the ticket. I think that there will be as great a slump as it was in the last Lincoln campaign, when the democrats put out their peace platform."

Paul Kruger, whose name will be cherished by lovers of liberty the world over for uncounted generations yet to come, and when the names of Joseph Chamberlain and Cecil Rhodes will be accorded in history a place among the oppressors of men, is dead. His last days were peaceful. While his bodily powers were constantly decreasing from old age, he would sit for hours with his Bible on his knees repeating passages from memory which he could not read because of his failing eyesight. When Christ was crucified, His enemies thought they were conquerors. Perhaps Chamberlain, when he heard of Kruger's death, entertained the same opinion of himself.

George B. Bolt of St. Louis writes: "A statement of populist principles cannot be made too often, and I will see that every paper coming into my hands containing such a statement of principles shall get into the hands of an intelligent voter, in the hope that a few at least will be convinced of the righteousness of our cause." That is the right way to talk. If a few thousand of The Independent's readers would talk like that, and then do as they talk, there would soon be a country on fire with reform enthusiasm.

The republican dailies are now full to overflowing with interviews on the subject of fusion. "Leading democratic advocates" rush nameless into print in the News and other papers outlining what the populists will do, and, under cover of anonymity, in-

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Indulge in sneers at the "idealistic outbursts" of those populists who have always defended fusion with the Bryan democracy, but who will not agree to the absurdity of fusing with Parker democrats. Such cowardly practice is not at all strange among men who one year will split their throats shouting for Bryan and 16 to 1 and the next rend their nether garments for Parker and the gold standard.

Speaking of fusion, why not fuse on State Treasurer Mortensen? He has made a good record, and if Bryan democrats can help put up Parker electors for the sake of "regularity" -