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The Hearst papers are fighting Belmont terrifically and support Belmont's candidate enthusiastically.

Populist papers are waking up all over Kansas and the State Record at Topeka is about the widest awake of any of them.

The editor of The Independent told Bryan in Washington in 1893 that he might as well try to reform a rotten egg as the democratic party.

Roosevelt and Parker are carrying on the sweetest campaign ever known in American history. They are another pair of heavenly twins.

Watson and Tibbles clubs have been formed in eighteen states and the executive committee of the people's party has not yet held a meeting. The people don't propose to wait and are going right at it themselves.

The pressure upon the columns of The Independent by correspondents is, as a woman would say, "perfectly awful." Give us 100,000 circulation, then we will double the size of the paper and more can have a chance. Seven for a dollar. Send in the clubs.

Whenever two or more meet together to help their fellow man—single taxers, socialists, silver republicans, Bryan democrats, co-operative storekeepers, labor reformers, anti-monopolists, or farmers' associations they straightway adopt a populist platform. —Joliet Daily News.

The Denver News has got to the point where it declares the reason for the references to the great age of the democratic vice-presidential candidate is because "that is the only damaging evidence the opposition papers can find against him." Compare that with some of the fine editorial writing that appeared in its columns before it went over to Parker and Wall street. What a blight Wall street puts upon the finest intellects!

A man who signs himself "Democrat," sends the following "for publication." "The national platform of the people's party adopted at Springfield is an exposition of Jeffersonian democracy and Lincoln republicanism. Watson represents the Jeffersonian democracy and Tibbles the Lincoln republicanism."

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

In the correspondence printed in The Independent last week signed "J," the following sentence occurs: "Bryan is the idol of the common people and the man to whom they are looking to free them from the domination of the money power." But Bryan says he will vote for and support Parker. If his followers follow his example there will be recorded as in favor of the the money power all the votes cast for both the republican and democratic candidates. There will be no protest filed against it save what votes the populists cast. Would it not be wisdom to cast as many votes as possible for the populist ticket? No man will get a federal office except those who support the money power. All the prestige of power and wealth will be in its favor. Bryan's vote and that of every other democrat, who supports the Parker ticket will be counted for the money power. They propose to stand up and be counted on that side. What a man says between elections don't count. It is his vote that counts. Shall it be published to all the world that an overwhelming majority of the people of the United States voted for plutocracy and the money power? You will be counted among them if you vote for any man who supports Parker or Roosevelt. Will you do it?

WATSON'S SPEECH.

Watson's speech at the people's party state convention at Lincoln will be officially reported in The Independent's edition of August 11. Extra copies of that edition can be had at two cents per copy. This speech will mark the opening of the people's party campaign of 1904, and will be a campaign document of great importance. No reliance can be put upon Associated Press reports or condensations or summaries that may appear in old party papers. Every one of the million and a half of populists in the United States should have an official copy, and there will be tens of thousands of members of other parties who will want to read it. Send in your orders in advance.

The Lincoln Star comes out unequivocally for the retirement of the greenbacks. Let the Wall street gang curtail the currency \$346,000,000 at a turn if they want to. The Independent would like to see them do it. When the panic was over, the people's party would take charge of the government.

The Denver News has got far enough along to print a big cartoon in which Uncle Sam is inviting Parker to take charge of the government. The most noticeable thing about Parker in this cartoon is that he bears a big card labelled: "Telegram on gold." When Tom Patterson deserted the people's party he started on his downward course. The people of his state deserted him and voted the republican ticket as a rebuke. Now he has reached an abiding place in the Belmont end of Wall street.

"IRREVOCABLE."

Judge Parker wound all the strands of fate together and then declared the gold standard "irrevocable." Even God himself must not meddle with it. The sage of Esopus has said it and even Omnipotence can't chance it. The greatest statesmen of the past never tried to decide things for all future ages in that dogmatic way. While the men who wrote the constitution believed that they were stating some fundamental and eternal truths, they provided a way in which that instrument could be changed or amended. All eternity is but an hour with Judge Parker. The gold standard is "irrevocable!" All the gold mines may become exhausted, or gold may be discovered in inexhaustible quantities and become of less value than pewter, but the gold standard will remain. Nations may rise and fall, all our notions of government, industrial and commercial affairs, may be altered as the endless years roll by, but the gold standard is "irrevocable." Judge Parker has said it and to that dictum every true democrat must bow. Amen. Let us fuse.

STARVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The republican dailies have given a great deal of space to a description of the cruelties inflicted upon Finns and other residents of the Russian empire by the recently assassinated minister, Von Plehve. The starvation in Finland brought about by military despotism was cruel, but was it any more cruel than the starving of women and children in Colorado by the military despotism established there? Yet the dailies have not a word to say about the suffering of the wives and children of the deported miners. Things have come to such a pass out

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there that the miners sent to Mrs. John A. Logan, president of the Red Cross society the following communication:

"Knowing it to be the mission of the Red Cross society, of which you are the official head, to take charge of and as much as possible eliminate suffering caused by the cruelties of war, we earnestly appeal to you to arrange to have your noble organization take charge of the distribution of food and clothing to the families of deported citizens of Teller county. We will furnish all necessary supplies and only ask your organization to take charge of the distribution of the same."

Will these miners continue to vote for the men who so oppress them. The Independent commends to their attention the plank on labor in the people's party platform.

WATSON AT OSCEOLA

Eight years ago Watson delivered as great an oration in Lincoln as was ever heard in this city of universities. Men who heard it are today talking about it and many of them, although eight years have passed, can repeat portions of it. Can that be truthfully said of any other address ever delivered in this city? The prominent republicans of the state who heard it were astonished. When questioned about it they replied: "It was a great speech, but it was not a political speech. It was simply a patriotic oration which we all endorse." That was all they could say, for the speech was so overwhelming in its logic, so perfect in its delivery, so beautiful in its rhetoric, that it captured every hearer. So admirable was its art, it swayed alike the university professor, the learned judge, the lawyer and the humblest among our citizens. Only yesterday, a member of the hod carriers' union of Lincoln came into the editorial room of The Independent to say that he was glad that Watson was coming again for he had heard him when he was here before and wanted to hear him again. This hard working man had cherished in his heart all these years Watson's words. The Independent can not reprint that speech as it would be glad to do, for its files were burned, when the office went up in flames. The following are the closing words of Watson's speech at Osceola the same year which we clip from the Polk County Democrat:

"We are not fighting for silver only. That is good as far as it goes but it don't go far enough. We have got to reform the tax system and the transportation system and we have got to wipe out the national banks, and we have got to create more money for the people to take the place of that that was burned up. Until populism restores the government of our fathers, populism is not going to die. Men

of the west, the men of the south are not false to you and I hope you will not be false to us; our cause is the same, let our purpose be the same. Let us stand by the faith that we have pledged to one another. Let us stand by the ticket that we have put in the field. Let us do all that we can do to right the wrongs of the people. Let it be our purpose never to swerve, never to surrender, never to lose heart until we recapture the fortress of the people and restore justice and enact laws that will make prosperity possible in this republic. I believe that it is coming. Brave men, there is no time to talk about submission. In every household goes up a prayer for our success by good women and little children. We will win, but nothing on earth will do it but fighting. If we are right we should be proud to fight on. The time will come when our banners will float in every breeze signaling the success of our people and we will be once more a prosperous, united and happy people."

PLUTOCRATIC ROTTENNESS.

New York is plutocracy's sink hole of rottenness. From there comes the two candidates of oppression, whom insane partisans all over the country shout for and proclaim to the world as the friends of the people. How are the people in New York treated where there is no opposition to the gold standard? A recent report on the condition of the common people there is as follows:

"Tenement conditions in many instances have been found to be so bad as to be indescribable in print; vile privies and privy sinks; foul cellars full of rubbish, in many cases of garbage and decomposing fecal matter; dilapidated and dangerous stairs; plumbing pipes containing large holes emitting sewer gas throughout the houses; rooms so dark that one can not see the people in them; cellars occupied as sleeping places; dangerous bakeries without proper protection in case of fire; pigs, goats, horses and other animals kept in cellars; old fire-traps without fire-escapes; disease-breeding rags and junk stored in tenement-houses; halls kept dark at night, endangering the lives of the occupants; buildings without adequate water supply—the list might be added to almost indefinitely."

Come now and let us fuse so that in the great summing up, our votes shall be counted among those who support plutocracy.

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