

The Associated Press now announces that its report of Hill's speech in which Hill called Roosevelt a fraud, was all a fake, and that the reporter who sent the account of the speech was not present at the meeting and made up one to suit himself. The Associated Press has been doing exactly that sort of work for the populist party for the last ten years, but it never made a correction. Perhaps the Associated Press has reformed, but it will not do to trust much to that supposition. Perhaps its announcement of Hill's withdrawal from politics was also a fake.

The Wageworker, a paper published in the interest of organized labor at Lincoln, got out a very fine Labor day edition printed in colors. Labor papers published in the interest of organized labor have a legitimate field, and are as much entitled to the support of wageworkers as the Bank Magazine is to that of bankers.

All arrangements for speeches during the coming campaign by Mr. T. H. Tibbles, candidate for vice president, in the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota must be made with J. H. Edmisten, Lincoln, Neb. For dates in states west of these, arrangements must be made through J. H. Calderhead, Butte, Mont.

Harpers' Weekly in discussing Bryan's probable appearance in appearance in New York as an advocate of Parker, to offset the effect of the Cooper Union meeting, says that Bryan's advocacy of Parker is not genuine and asks its readers to take what Bryan may say with an abundance of grains of salt. The old Bryan men in New York who are now supporting Watson and Tibbles will likely take a hint from that and become more determined than ever to vote as Bryan believes and not as he talks in this campaign.

The plutocrats have at last concluded that their claim to omnipotence is a little too broad. They now say as long as the Parker democrats or the republican party is in power "the gold standard is irrevocable." The assertion of Roosevelt or Parker that it is irrevocable for all the ages to come, thus assuming the power to utter a decree like that when God said, "let there be light and there was light," is pushing the "God and destiny" theory a little too far for even the acceptance of a mullet head.

The people's party state convention of Montana has been called to meet at Butte City, Montana, on September 19. The call is for 210 delegates, and for the nomination of a full state ticket, including Watson and Tibbles electors. Hon. J. H. Calderhead, state auditor, in a private letter to the editor of The Independent, says: "Watson will poll a large vote in Montana this year, and it now looks as if we would have to put up a ticket representing the people of the state as against both the democratic and republican parties. We have arranged for a good list of campaign subscribers."

I believe in giving liberty to the Filipinos as soon as they are reasonably prepared for it. I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established. I believe in giving the people some measure of relief from the high tariff rates, but with a republican senate on my hands it is doubtful whether I can accomplish anything in this direction.—Alton B. Parker.

He might have added one more statement for the comfort of democrats; for instance: "I regard the republican party as firmly and irrevocably established."

A New York Associated Press dispatch says: "The unusual activity of populists in this state is also causing alarm at national headquarters. In the early plans for the campaign the Bryan or radical element of the party was ignored, and the managers now find that thousands of voters of that faction are ready to support Watson."

In answer to an old reader of The Independent it may be said that one reason for the sympathy in this country with Japan grows out of the fact that Russia absolutely violated the terms of the agreement entered into by the powers at the close of the war in China with the Boxers. Russia signed a treaty agreeing to withdraw her troops from Manchuria in three installments. Each step of the evacuation was to take place on a fixed date, and although the ambassador at St. Petersburg and the Russian ambassador at Washington repeatedly renewed the assurance that Russia would fulfill her engagement, she notoriously violated the treaty. When the 1st of October, 1903, arrived, which was the

date fixed for the evacuation, instead of withdrawing her troops, the Russian minister at Peking demanded new concessions which amounted to the transfer of the entire territory of Manchuria from China to Russia. The United States made a vigorous protest, and Japan decided upon war.

Every man knows that if there were tariff walls between the states, they would be a great hindrance to trade and that they would tend to reduce the increase of wealth. If that is so, why does it not follow that tariff walls between Canada and the United States have the same effect? The great mass of the people of both nations would be benefited if there was absolute free trade between the countries. A special privileged few on both sides of the line, make fortunes by these tariff walls and the fortunes come from the men who toil. Yet there are tens of thousands of these toilers who will vote to tax themselves for the benefit of the few and all on account of their ignorance of the ordinary natural laws of political economy.

The high protectionists and free traders united their votes in the Australian parliament the other day and labor Premier Watson had to resign for want of a majority in parliament. There will be hot times in Australia at the next election. The trade unionists there are determined to have a majority over all other parties combined and they will get it next time. In every country there must be built up a party that can overwhelm the tariff grafters, the banks and accumulated capital. We are laying a foundation for such a party in these United States in this present campaign. Stand by Tom Watson.

Judge Dunne in a public speech in Chicago charged Carter Harrison with the foulest treachery to the people of that city in regard to granting street car franchises. Judge Dunne was the one man, more than any other, that secured Harrison's election. He now publicly asks this traitor: "What was the persuasion that makes him now recalcitrant to his past, faithless to the trust imposed in him by a confiding people, and reckless of his reputation in the community?" Where ever and when ever the people have trusted either the democrats or republicans they have been betrayed. Is it not time that we were done with both of them?

Dr. Taylor of the Medical World suggests a plan that a good many republicans and democrats will act upon at the coming election. The democrats will say that "I don't want to help elect Roosevelt. He don't represent anything that I believe in. But I can't support Parker. That would give the lie to everything that I have said during the last eight years." The republican says: "I don't want to help elect Parker. But the republican party will not give me postal savings banks, the parcels post, the public ownership of the telegraphs, telephones and city utilities." Then they agree that neither will do anything to help elect the other's candidate, but both of them will vote the people's party ticket, thus voting for what they want and "pair off" on the candidates of each.

Mr. Watson said while here that he was surprised that so many persons in different states were writing for help to him or the national committee. That is turning things the other end to. The people in the different states must help the committee. In populist campaigning funds must come from the people and not from the national committee. The way to do in every state is to go right ahead, put tickets in the field and do the work of the campaign. Then for the encouragement of the others, report to the committee what has been done and let them send it out. That is all that can be expected of the present national committee.

The whole south just at present is chasing negroes, not for the purpose of mobbing them, but to hire them to work in the cotton fields. The south may howl about negro domination, but when it comes down to the basic facts, the south would go into permanent poverty and lose all political and commercial standing if it were not for the "nigger."

The Associated Press, in a signed dispatch to all papers using its reports, corrected a false account of D. B. Hill's speech. That was a commendable action and it is to be hoped that the Association will continue the reform. For years the agents of the Associated Press in Lincoln have been in the habit, not only of coloring their reports and sending biased accounts, but indulging in complete fakes for which there was not even a foundation

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of truth. When the Associated Press disciplines some of these chaps here in Lincoln, the populists of the state will believe that it really intends to reform. The editor of The Independent had a little experience with fake Associated Press dispatches just before the state convention.

After doing everything that was possible to be done to prevent the announcement of another deficit right in the starting of the campaign, Secretary Shaw was nevertheless forced to do it. The July deficit was \$17,400,000 and the August deficit \$6,300,000. The Independent has been telling its readers for two years about these coming deficits. By the time congress meets there will be another demand for bonds to 'preserve the credit of the government.' These fellows' notions about "preserving the credit of the government" are somewhat peculiar. Their idea of the way to do it is to issue more bonds and go further into debt.

It is not strictly a correct principle that taxes should be levied "according to ability to pay." This is a tax upon enterprise and thrift. Nor should taxes be levied upon the people according to the "protection" that government affords the people in the possession of their property. Some people are entirely unencumbered with any property at all. If such reasoning be true, that is, that government is established to protect property, and it should therefore charge property owners for that "protection," then it would follow that the person with no property at all would not be entitled to governmental protection. The correct principle is this: That government is a compact for the protection of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In order to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, government must secure to all their natural right to the use of the earth. In performing this service to the individual, government confers upon him certain favors. It, therefore, has a right to charge the individual for this particular favor, just in proportion to the value of the favor conferred. This and no more. It can not do less and be just to all. It can not do more without being tyrannical. Any other form of taxation is a robbery.

The republican editors of this state had better get together, and like the democratic spellbinders used to do in Indiana, all agree upon telling the same lie. They have all been telling different lies about what Tibbles did at the state convention. The worst lie of all, however, was printed in the Nuckolls County Herald, when it said that the business management of this paper compelled Tibbles to change his position. Tibbles did not change his position and the business management has nothing to do with the editorial policy of the Nebraska Independent and never will have while Tibbles is the editor. The business manager never knows what is in The Independent until it is published. His own department requires all of his time.

The Washington (D. C.) Star says: "Jerry Simpson apostasized and went over to the democrats at the wrong time. Populism, which was his early love, is getting to be chipper again under Tom Watson's leadership, and there may be something in it for its votaries."

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