

There is no denying the fact that the democratic leaders have thrown up the sponge and are willing to call the fight off. Every leading democratic paper in New York practically concedes that Parker is defeated. They are giving various reasons for the bad state of affairs, but all avoid the one great and overpowering cause of the slump in democratic stock. The truth is that the populists knocked Parker out with their Cooper Union meeting. The populists just rose up and "swatted" him on account of his gold standard telegram, and his spongers and trainers have never been able to revive him enough so that he can stand, unassisted, on his feet. The New York editors all know that, but they won't even mention it. A visit to Wall street and an interview given out by one long-haired, wild-eyed and cranky pop, went a long way toward overthrowing the schemes of that end of Wall street that claimed to have the only "safe and sane" politicians in the whole United States.

In 1896 and 1900 the democratic party bound itself by the most solemn oaths to "unalterably" oppose the gold standard, and in 1904, without blinking an eye, declared the gold standard was "irrevocably" established, and their "unalterable" opposition was altered in a hurry.

The czar has appointed Senator Platonoff to the place made vacant by the assassination of his minister of the interior. How long he holds his place may be determined by the way he administers his office, or it may depend upon what the nihilists think of him. If they don't like him, he may vacate the office as suddenly as his predecessor.

The Japs have driven the Russians away from the biggest coal mines in all Asia and taken possession of them. Now if they will only capture Baer and put him in charge of them, they can get a revenue large enough to run a war for a hundred years.

Fairbanks is the great republican spellbinder of this campaign, but so far the national committee has not been able to induce any newspaper to publish one of the great spellbinder's speeches. Watson's speeches have been printed in hundreds of little weeklies and there is a demand at the populist national headquarters for nearly a million more which can not be furnished because the committee has no money for postage or to pay for printing. You stingy old pop that howled so about ten cent corn and high freight rates, you had better go down into your breeches for a few dollars, or you will get it in the neck again in the near future, and if you do, you will get no pity from anyone.

The republicans are very much disgusted at the barbecues that the populists are holding. They say it is an appeal to the stomach. Well it is an honest appeal. When the republicans marched some hundreds through the streets of Lincoln carrying dinner pails under a banner inscribed: "Four more years of the full dinner pail," the whole thing was a fraud. The dinner pails the populists carried were all as empty then, as they are likely to be next winter. Some of them had a little piece of wienerwurst jammed under the lid so as to show outside and the remainder of the pail was as empty as the stomachs of those 9,000 men that the Harvester trust discharged the other day will be next winter. Whenever the populists announce a roast ox, the roasted ox will be there and not empty dinner pails.

Senor Atillio Brunialto, the Italian councilor of state, at the meeting of the science congress at St. Louis, said: "The problems of constitutional law are justice and the welfare of human beings." All of which sounds very much like the "paramount issue" described in the letter of acceptance printed last week.

At the meeting of the National Bankers' association in New York the other day, Banker A. C. Tuttle of Connecticut said: "Government savings banks are hardly more than a dream, though an unpleasant one. It seems impossible that any sane legislator would introduce a bill authorizing them." These bankers have now in their possession \$3,000,000,000 of the people's savings with which to "finance" promotion schemes, and the thought that that money should be put in the safe keeping of the government drives them wild. So they declare that no "sane" man will ever introduce such a bill. In another part of his speech this banker lunatic made the following confession: "It is an open question if the late investments always have given to depositors that security which they

should have." Several papers were read on postal savings banks and every one of them were against any such thing.

The dearest spot in all the field of politics this year in Ohio. Since McLean and the republicans have got under the one banner of the gold standard, there is peace from the lakes to the Ohio river. Unless Tom Watson concludes to make a speech or two in the state the silence will not be broken. When Tom Johnson announced his adherence to Parker, the reformers folded their banners and silently disappeared to rally again only when another leader comes upon the scene who they believe will never surrender to Wall street. Tom Johnson's glory has forever passed away.

The democrats engaged in the reorganizing as soon as the polls were closed after the election of 1900. They finished up the first job at the close of the St. Louis convention. But they were just getting their hands in at that sort of work. The other day they went at it again with Parker as chief director in New York city. This last reorganization put Gorman on the bridge of the old hulk, Belmont at the wheel and Bryan in the stock hole. But that is not to be the last of it. When the election is over, Bryan says that he is going into the business himself and attempt another reorganization.

The republican spellbinders are going through the land all declaring that the republican party has kept every pledge that it ever made. It never made any pledges except to Wall street and no one denies that it has sacredly kept every one of those pledges. What is the use of expending so much hot air on that subject.

The Denver Forum, in describing Bryan's speech in that city, says: "His blows lacked steam, the old grand rush of oratory was not there," and it adds: "Many of Bryan's friends were not at the meeting, and he was so hedged about by Cleveland democrats while in the city that many respectable people did not care to see him."

Van Alen, the noodle-headed dude who inherited millions, wanted to go as ambassador to some foreign country and he contributed \$50,000 to Grover Cleveland's campaign fund. Cleveland appointed him, but the disgrace was so great that the uproar penetrated to every part of the country and the appointment had to be revoked. The other day Van Alen became a British subject, declaring that America was too vulgar a country for a gentleman to live in. He will go to England and along with William Waidorf Astor, draw millions of dollars from this country to maintain his magnificence there, every dollar of which will be earned by the toil of the poor creatures who will continue to vote for the Cleveland democracy and Roosevelt republicans.

At a largely attended meeting of labor men in New York it was decided to tender a labor banquet to Hon. Thomas E. Watson. A committee of twelve was appointed to attend to the details. Mr. Watson has fixed Wednesday, October 5, 1904, as the date. The committee has secured the Palm Garden, Fifty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, New York city. Mr. Wm. A. Coakley, 45 Centre street, New York city, international president of the lithographer apprentices, is chairman and H. C. Simpson, 25 Broad street, is secretary. It is confidently expected that at least 1,000 people will attend. Tickets one dollar each, can be procured of either of the above gentlemen. This dinner marks the opening of the campaign in New York.

That old frost bitten pumpkin, Jones of Arkansas, is now on the pay roll of the Parker committee. The result is that he is denouncing the democrats who are supporting the same principles that he advocated when chairman of the national democratic committee as "assistant republicans." He is making about as big a success in heading off a bolt of the old Bryan democrats of New York to Tom Watson, as he met with when he tried to get re-elected to the United States senate. His effort to bribe some of the leading Tom Watson men in New York and what came of it, is related in another part of this paper.

Lincoln, according to the report from the jail, is not behind New York and the cities of the east in the increase of crime. There are twenty-seven prisoners in the jail awaiting trial in the district court. The charges against them range from theft up to murder, several being for rape.

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In the merger trust suit, every democrat on the supreme bench stood by the trusts. At the time the decision was handed down some of the democrats excused the action because all these democratic judges belonged to the reorganizer faction. Now that faction is the democratic party. Those are the men who will rule its destinies for the next four years. The principles and policies of the democratic party are irrevocably fixed for that length of time. Gorman is on the bridge of the old democratic ship, Belmont at the wheel and Parker in the chart room, and Bryan in the stoke hole. If the ship changes its course even one point during the next four years the orders must come from the man on the bridge, not from the fellow in the stoke hole.

The magazine writers in dilettante articles condemning the trusts and the political reign of the dollar, talk about such a condition as "benevolent feudalism." Where does the "benevolence" appear? They should correct their phraseology unless they expect to be denounced by every thinking man as hirelings who are paid to write takes. Let them call it "malevolent feudalism" if they want to give it the right name. Under the old feudal system, the lord cared for all his retainers and serfs. When they got too old to work, he did not turn them out to starve.

There are sixty Japanese employed in the repair shops at the navy yard at Cavite, Philippines islands. They get \$1.50 a day. Every one of them sends fifty cents each day to the Japanese treasurer at home to help pay the expenses of the war. That is a kind of patriotism not known in any other nation in the world.

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