

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

All the Washington correspondents are announcing that evidence of such astonishing character has been accumulated by the department of commerce that Roosevelt has decided to institute criminal proceedings against the meat trust and several railroads. It is also said that he will demand a reduction in the tariff, beginning first with the Philippines. If any such a program as that is entered upon by the president, there will be a speedy attempt made to bring the democratic party to life by the very plutocratic and tariff grafting interests that supported Roosevelt.

An old populist remarked to the editor of The Independent: "Mr. Bryan saved his little bunch of less than fifty thousand democratic votes in Nebraska. Now what is he going to do with them?"

The vote for Tom Watson in Nebraska runs just a few hundred ahead of the circulation of The Independent in the state. But then many of its subscribers are in the habit of passing around the paper among their neighbors.

The little portion of the map of the United States that is blackened to show that it is still in control of the democratic party, has the greatest illiteracy, the least enterprise and is under the control of the most infernal political machine that ever ground out votes. Do you want to cast your fortunes in with it?

As soon as General Bell found that the people of Colorado had voted to stop deportations and allow the miners to return, he announced that he was going to Mexico. Is he certain that that is far enough away to be safe?

At the late election the referendum was had in Chicago on seven questions—one a constitutional amendment, two for the adoption of laws, one for a local issue and three for an expression of opinion on matters of public policy.

From Russia we hear of the ever more frequent rioting of the reservists who are being called to arms. The half-starved peasants and artisans, discouraged by the stories of suffering and disaster that come from the front, and knowing that their wives and children must be left dependent on already pauperized communes, are summoned to fight in a cause which has no interest for them, nor any rational purpose. They find themselves gathered together by the thousand often without food or shelter, and they begin to loot and riot. Of course, they are shot down, but the regular soldiers who shoot them are probably as rebellious at heart themselves, if one may judge by the startling general orders for the suppression of the revolutionary propaganda in the army which accidentally came to light a month or so ago.

One of Stoessel's favorite devices to nerve up his troops has been to warn them that if they fell into Japanese hands they would get no quarter. Of late Nogi has been trying to disprove Stoessel's statement by feeding his prisoners well, giving them food, tobacco and clean clothing, and then sending them back by night into Port Arthur to spread among their comrades the story of their treatment. In consequence, there have been a number of desertions and the purpose of the rank and file of the Russian army to hold out to death has been weakened.

Parker got the straight Tammany vote and nothing else in New York city. That was fitting and proper. J. Pierpont Morgan stole \$290,000,000 with his steel common stock and now the king of Italy is going to knight him. That is also fitting and proper.

The republicans will have a majority of 100 or more in the next house, against a majority of twenty-eight in the present house. Two United States senatorships are lost to the democrats, and the later returns increase the republican majorities.

Wall street expects heavy withdrawals of government deposits before January 1. None of the bankers will say what they are going to do about it. The probability is that the western bankers

who were foolish enough to seek government deposits will have to furnish the money. The Wall street banks being favorites of the government, will be the last to be called upon. Remember that with every dollar that the government withdraws, there goes with it ten dollars of credit, hocus pocus money.

The New York World says: "Throughout the country the significant fact is that the conservative democratic vote has returned to the party standards, which have meanwhile been deserted by far more than an equal number of Bryan men, who did not as a rule take the trouble to vote for Watson, but supported Roosevelt straight."

Some strange results of the election have appeared in Chicago. In three districts where former democratic majorities ranged from 3,000 to 13,000, three young fellows were given the republican nominations without a thought that they would be elected. They were all elected by overwhelming majorities. One of them was a Jew from the Ghetto working for \$15 a week. The other two were young lawyers just trying to get a case. The people went after the democratic party with the intention of wiping it off the face of the earth.

Trade reciprocity between the United States and Canada got a big impetus in the triumph of the liberal party in the Dominion last week, and it got another in the election of William L. Douglas as governor of Massachusetts.

The democratic leaders in New York say that "the failure to carry the state was not because of lack of campaign funds. The democratic state committee of New York had nearly as much money at its disposal this year as the committee which carried the state for Mr. Cleveland in 1892. The state committee in that year is said to have had more than \$900,000."

The Fall River mills, employing about 20,000 hands, will reopen with a reduction of wages of 12 1-2 per cent. That is the first significant event since the republican landslide. These mills have been closed four months, the employes were on the verge of starvation at the beginning of winter, and it was either accept what the employers offered or starve. The whip of starvation is as effective as the whip of the overseer under the slave system.

The expected has happened. George Fred Williams rises to read conservative democrats out of the party, and to announce that he is on deck again ready for business.

The democrats in congress will be too few in numbers to make a respectable opposition, but if Roosevelt goes to meddling with reciprocity and prosecuting the meat trust as the Washington papers announce, he will soon have opposition enough in his own party to employ all his fighting qualities.

Ellis county, Kansas, was the only county in that state that gave a majority for Parker. It is settled mostly with Russians and every Russian voted for Parker. When they found out that they had carried the county, they telegraphed to Judge Parker asking him to send them a cask of whisky to help celebrate the event, calling attention to the fact that when Dudley township, Haskell county, was found to be the only township in the United States carried by Palmer and Buckner, that General Buckner sent that township a whole gallon of whisky. The Associated Press dispatches do not say whether Judge Parker sent the cask of whisky or not. It however thought that this incident about the Russians and the whisky was of more importance than the Watson vote in that state.

There is a big row on hands in the prohibition party in which Stewart, Dickey, Woolley, the New Voice and a paper called the Citizen are mixed up. It is about the use of campaign funds. The New Voice didn't get even the smallest bit of pie.

Two sisters in New York, Louisa and Valeria Abel, after having been dispossessed of their flat because they

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The following are a few properties we offer this week; we have many more choice bargains to offer. Will show any of our lands at any time. Correspondence solicited.

1. Ideal farm; 4 1/2 miles from Alma, the county seat of Harlan county, 190 acres of rich, blacksoil, well improved and fine home. .30 acres under plow, balance pasture and meadow land. 15 ACRES IN A SPLENDID STAND OF ALFALFA. 120 acres under three wire fence; 15 acre hog lot fenced with woven wire. Water piped to the hog lot and horse barn; good cistern, gas, well and windmill—running water never known to freeze in winter or run dry—creek fed by springs that run through the pasture. One acre of timber; frame stable for 10 horses, cattle sheds, 60 foot hog house; story and half frame house with 6 rooms nearly new. 12x16 foot smoke house, wood shed, cream separator house; lawn well seeded to blue grass; fine young orchard; telephone; rural mail delivery; school house just across the road. Farm faces the main traveled road. This farm has every convenience necessary to make it a model home. The owner is sick and must leave the farm. Price \$6,000; must have at least \$2,500 cash. Reasonable terms on the balance. No. 31W.

320 acre farm 9 miles from Orleans Harlan county; 100 acres under plow; 60 acres in alfalfa; all fenced and cross fenced; 15 acres in hog lot; frame barn; 5-room frame house; small orchard. Farm lies only five miles from the beautiful little railroad town of Woodruff, Phillips county, Kansas. School house just across the road. This is a choice upland farm and a good investment for speculation or a home. Price \$7,000; farm now mortgaged for \$2,000 to run for 4 years from next March at 7 per cent interest. Purchaser must have \$3,000 cash; balance can be arranged to suit. No. 27W.

160 acre farm, 3 1/2 miles from Huntley, Harlan county; 90 acres under plow, balance pasture; fenced on three sides; half mile from school. Price \$3,500. No. 28W.

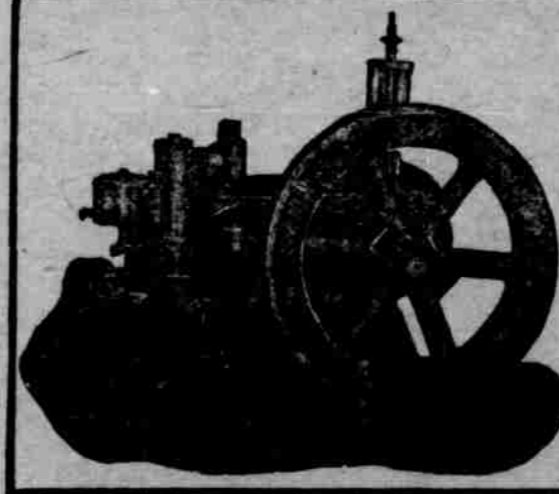
Farm of 240 acres; 1 mile from Huntley, Harlan county; 60 acres under plow, balance prairie. Price \$3,500, half cash, balance on terms to suit. No. 5A.

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