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### ECONOMIST WILSON.

Economist Wilson of the agricultural department, is still struggling for industrial independence. He now announces that experts of his department "will hunt all over the United States and its possessions for conditions favorable to the cultivation of filler tobacco, such as is now raised in Cuba, so that, if possible, all the filler tobacco now used in this country eventually may be raised within the boundaries of the United States."

What cuts him to the heart is to learn from the treasury record that this country is now paying \$8,000,000 a year for filler tobacco. He feels that we must not be permitted to impoverish ourselves by sending all of this money out of the country to Cuba. He feels that we will surely go to gehenna if we don't keep this money at home—in Porto Rico and the Philippines, for instance.

Of course, if Cuba were "annexed" it would be "home," just as the Philippines are, and it would be all right to send the money there, just as it is all right to send a good deal more to Hawaii for sugar and other things.

When Mr. Wilson leaves a great void in the agricultural department, as in the course of events he may be expected to do some day, he should be given the chair of political economy in the coming republican protectionist university.

From that seat of learning he may be expected to explain for the benefit of students and the public why it is more profitable for 100,000 men, say,

to spend eighty days in producing filler tobacco "at home" than it is for the same number of men to spend sixty days in producing flour at home which will exchange for the same quantity of Cuban filler tobacco of better quality.

Professor Wilson should explain why he thinks the people will not, if left to themselves, produce those things which they can produce with the least expenditure of labor and capital and exchange them for other things which they cannot produce directly without a greater expenditure of labor and capital.

He should explain why he thinks the people will not follow the lines of least resistance, if left free to choose, and supply their wants either by direct production or by exchange according as they find that by one mode or the other they can supply those wants most abundantly and with the least expenditure of means and effort.

There is one thing which he should, by all means, keep out of the hands of his students. That is Mr. McKinley's last speech. The minds of the protectionist youth of the land must not be poisoned by such heterodox literature. All such heretical economic discourses must be put under the ban. —Chicago Chronicle, Oct. 30th.

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### NATIONAL ARBOR DAY.

The New York Independent, commenting editorially on the proposition of O. M. Sanford, of Pittsburg, to make next Arbor Day a memorial of President McKinley, says that "it would probably give an impetus to the plan for reforestizing the country if the sentiment of the people were thus touched, in honor of one loved by all classes, sections and parties. \* \* \* Notwithstanding all that has been said and done, the destruction of trees goes on very much more rapidly than the planting. Where we should have been but for Arbor Day, and protective legislation is hard to see. \* \* \* The end is easy to foresee. In spite of planting as it now goes on, our woodlands will be practically annihilated within the next quarter of a century. If President Roosevelt shall make special issue, during his administration, of some of these far-reaching problems, we believe the country will be heartily with him. A correlative phase of the forestry problem is fathered by Ex-Governor Morton, of Nebraska. He holds that the government of the states should assume a more definite control of the highways. He proposes to make all roadways heavily shaded avenues, under state control. The end sought is to secure a large amount of forest, and at the same time an object lesson in right forestry. This model lesson would extend all over the state, and could not fail to be of great value to land holders. Much of our present forest decrease is owing to ignorance."