

record of incompetence, corruption, bribery.

"And not only is the Republican party to be held to strict accountability, but Coolidge himself cannot escape responsibility. He did nothing to help disclose the truth regarding the oil scandals and the prohibition-enforcement scandals. On the contrary, he did much to discourage and impede their investigation."

4—To Avoid a Deadlock Government

"Some independents are apparently thinking of voting for Coolidge because of the rosy pictures of the legendary government, but, at the same time, voting against his colleagues in the Senate and House because they overrode his vetoes. There is, therefore, a very real danger that after election day we may wake up to find a Republican President and a Democratic Congress elected! If Coolidge cannot lead a Republican Congress he certainly cannot lead a Democratic one. We have a partial deadlock already. Let us not make it worse. Rather let us, by electing Davis and a Democratic Congress, return to a responsible political party as a four years' vacation. The Republican party needs this chastening."

5—The Democratic Record Cleaner

"It is quite true, of course, that the Democratic party is no more immune from corruption than the Republican party, given the same temptations. If they should ever become likewise drunk with power they must be turned out in the same ruthless way. But today the Democratic party is far freer of corruption than the Republican. In that respect its last record was good. In 1917 and 1918 it conducted a great war with vast opportunities for graft but with scarcely a whisper of scandal, despite the systematic effort of opponents to prove corruption."

"Moreover, Mr. Wilson, instead of trying to prevent and hamper investigation as Mr. Coolidge has done, or complaining that the investigations were being conducted by those of the opposite party voluntarily placed the investigation of the airplane contracts in the hands of a distinguished political opponent, Mr. Hughes. His published report failed to show corruption, as did the eighty other investigations vainly started with that object in view."

"Mr. Davis, in answer to the question 'What is the difference between the Republican and Democratic parties?' recently said: 'The Republican party is the one which wants its record forgotten. The Democratic party is the one which wants its record remembered.'"

6—The Republican Tariff Scandals

"The oil scandals are by no means the only scandals which the Republican party would like to have forgotten or overlooked. There are the tariff scandals. The Fordney-McCumber tariff is the highest and worst tariff America ever had, worse even than the Payne-Aldrich tariff. No political scandal can be more serious than this taxing all consumers in return for campaign contributions from the special interests 'protected' thereby. Such 'protection' is morally like the 'protection' of vice and bootlegging by a corrupt city government."

"It is furthermore a scandal that these 'protected' interests sell at high monopoly prices in America and at low competitive prices abroad."

"It is still more scandalous for these interests and their minions in congress to bamboozle the voter into believing that the 'protection' they bought and paid for is really in his interest, despite the obvious fact that the tariff raises the cost of living."

"The only hope of checking such scandals today is thru the Democratic party. Mr. Taft tried to reform from within—to get at least the front paws of the tariff hogs out of the trough—but failed."

7—The Republican Scandals in Foreign Policy

"Scandalous also was the misrepresentation of the League of Nations and the World-Court Leaders of the Republican party, in order to help defame and discredit them, misstated the facts. Accredited speakers of that party made millions of trusting people believe such falsehoods as that the League is a 'superstate,' impairs sovereignty, would contravene our Constitution, could 'order our soldier boys abroad,' interferes with the Monroe Doctrine, gives Great Britain six votes to our one, recognized white slavery, is an instrumentality for holding down Germany, Austria and Ireland. The Republican party promised a better 'Association of Nations' and then failed to keep the promise. They likewise succeeded in side-tracking the court proposal of their own Presidents, Harding and Coolidge, a proposal made nearly two years ago and still promised in the 1924 platform."

"Promises but not performance! There have been nearly four years' opportunity to give us the Association of Nations and nearly two years have gone by since January, 1923,

when Mr. Hughes and Mr. Harding proposed that we enter the court. Mr. Coolidge also has asked for it, but Mr. Lodge and the other irreconcilables have thus far blocked it."

"Coolidge in his acceptance speech also boasts that 'we have co-operated with it (the League of Nations) to suppress the narcotic trade and promote public health.' So far so good. But such unofficial and back-door membership in the League of Nations is a very small part of what might have been done."

"With party personal jealousy and bitter partisanship Lodge in order especially to crucify Woodrow Wilson. One of their chief leaders said, 'I believe the League of Nations is the greatest step forward in history, but I hate Woodrow Wilson so I can't strongly support it.'"

8—The Republican Standpat Party

"The Democratic party stands out today as the party of achievement. The Federal Reserve act, and the League of Nations, in particular, will be enduring monuments to the Wilson Democracy."

"As to the future, what constructive proposals has the Republican party to offer? Davis on the other hand, in his masterly speech at Omaha, proposes real remedies because he has made a real diagnosis. The things really responsible for the farmer's plight are three: (1) The loss of his foreign markets thru the failure of this administration to help restore peace and economic credit in Europe. (2) The further fall of prices from credit deflation following the Republican platform of 1920 and largely induced by Senator McCormick's resolution demanding it and (3) the rise in the prices of what the farmer buys, brot about by the Fordney-McCumber tariff!"

"As to labor, the world knows that labor was helped more in the Wilson administration than in all previous administrations put together. In this work especially the Clavin act. John W. Davis rendered conspicuous service. Davis has been one of the strongest opponents of the growing abuse of the judicial injunction as a weapon of capital against labor. It is significant that Coolidge in his speeches has ignored the injunction question doubtless because in his administration it has been abused under Daugherty."

9—La Follette

"Other reasons for voting for Davis might be given in connection with the questions of prohibition enforcement, taxation, etc., and in relation to the efforts of Senator LaFollette to throw the election into congress."

"Most supporters of LaFollette would rather have Davis President than Coolidge, for Davis is a progressive and Coolidge is a standpat."

In the same breath they say that LaFollette movement will injure Davis more than Coolidge, and this may be true in some states. In such cases they are supporting a movement which, in effect, helps the candidate they most want to defeat. Why waste a vote?

"LaFollette's proposal to nullify the power of the Supreme Court to interpret our constitution is revolutionary. It imperils every safeguard of American individual liberty, brings us back to the English idea of giving the legislature supreme power and might land us in Russian bolshevism."

10—Back to Idealism

"Finally, I favor Davis because his election will mean a return to idealism. The conscience of America is pricked by the cynical materialism which has possessed the present administration. We have allowed Germany and all Europe to suffer when we might have helped without sacrifice, but with profit. We have played the Priest and the Levite and passed by on the other side. The real way to restore Germany and Europe generally is the way the League of Nations has already restored Austria. But four years ago a Republican campaign manager proclaimed that the American people were more interested in their own stomachs than in the heart of the world."

"Now we are ashamed of such cynical materialism; it has cost us not only cold dollars and cents in a depression in trade. It has cost us national self-respect. Let us get away from the lowlands and miasmas of Newberry, Fall, Daugherty and Lodge with all the graft, corruption, hate, jealousy and petty politics, back to the noble statesmanship and idealism of a Lincoln, a Wilson and a Davis."

SEC'Y. HAMILTON "FILLS THE BILL"

Rise Due to Own Efforts—
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There is no more splendid example of a selfmade man on any political ticket offered to the voters this fall than James A. Hamilton, the present Secretary of State, and a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket. Largely thru perseverance, Secretary Hamilton has worked his way up the ladder of success, rung by rung, starting as a

newsboy on the streets of the metropolis.

Born in 1876, Secretary Hamilton, first working as a newsboy and later, on as office boy, proofreader and typesetter in one of the New York newspaper offices, has had a varied and interesting career. While working as an office boy, he managed to save sufficient money to pay his expenses at a college, preparatory school and later on at the university of Rochester. Altho obliged to work his way thru, he graduated

with high honors in both the classroom and on the athletic field.

During the sixteen years that followed, Secretary Hamilton is found as a schoolteacher in New York city. Today schoolteachers thruout the state are rallying to the support of one of their number, assuring Secretary Hamilton of their every effort in his behalf.

In 1914, Secretary Hamilton, entering the political arena, was elected to the State Senate. In 1918, he was named as Commissioner of

Correction in New York City and for five years was in charge of a dozen or more penal institutions of the metropolis.

As Secretary of State, Mr. Hamilton has administered the affairs of his department in a careful and painstaking way, installing several new systems, modernizing bureaus with a resultant increase in efficiency. Secretary Hamilton's qualifications are probably best expressed in a recent editorial in which he was termed as a man who "filled the bill."

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