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The Neeley incident demonstrates that belated justice follows the flag when political exigencies demand it.

It might be wise to amend the Constitution so as to prohibit the selection of Supreme Court judges who have sons of appointable age.

The Chicago Record says that Cuba's debt is a puzzle. There is nothing strange about this, however, the world is full of such puzzles.

Those who have a mercenary purpose usually resort to violence when necessary but benevolence and philanthropy do not require fleets and regiments.

It is said that the new senator from Minnesota is an anti-imperialist and a Boer sympathizer. It remains to be seen whether the pie counter will impair his mental digestion.

The latest official report from Luzon conveyed the information that the "insurrection" is ended. It also conveyed the information that reinforcements were needed without delay.

Senator Depew recently made a speech in support of the shipping subsidy, and the fact that he declared it to be a necessity is conclusive proof that the Senator from New York means to maintain his reputation as a humorist as long as possible.

The delays and mistakes incident to the starting of a new paper are as annoying to the proprietor as to the subscribers but it is hoped that they will be less frequent, hereafter. With a number of persons addressing wrappers by hand errors are unavoidable, but in a short time THE

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COMMONER will have its mailing machine in place and then the names will be printed from stencils and each wrapper will show the date when the subscription expires.

The Chicago lawyers are now claiming that the sewerage of the Lake City purifies the waters of the Mississippi. They will soon be demanding pay from St. Louis for improving its drinking water.

It is becoming painfully evident that a short session of Congress is not long enough to permit all the favored interests to make application for what they want. An extra session seems to be imperative.

The Delaware legislature is struggling with the whipping post, the wine rooms in the capitol building, and a senatorial contest, all at once. Delaware is small, but she seems to keep near the center of the stage.

Oil has been discovered in Illinois. The new wells in Texas and Illinois would suggest that nature is endeavoring to give the people some relief from the Standard Oil monopoly in spite of the republican party.

The banishment of the Manila editor who dared to criticize an army officer is calculated to make the Filipinos fall over each other in their haste to accept the liberal government proffered by the Taft commission.

When one reads the eulogies delivered over Senators and members of the House of Representatives he understands why it is that those who are elected to either branch of Congress want to stay there until they die.

After a married life of five hours a Wisconsin man killed himself because he was not worthy of his wife. The only difference between the Wisconsin man and the average man is that he found out the truth early and acted on it.

Governor Stanley of Kansas appears to have been much more wrought up by his interview with Mrs. Nation than by the Leavenworth incident. Mrs. Nation destroyed property, while the Leavenworth mob only killed a man.

The telegraph conveys to the readers of the daily newspapers the information that the warring steel interests have come to a mutual understanding. The public will now have to change its orthography by inserting an "a" in the place of the second "e."

A Mattoon, Ill., man asks for a divorce on the grounds that he was under hypnotic influence when he was married. There will be a grave danger to the marriage laws if this contention is upheld by the courts. It will not be difficult for any man to prove that he was hypnotized when he was married. A pair of bright eyes exerts a powerful influence on the average man.

The Denver News publishes a dispatch to the effect that the republicans offered one hundred thousand dollars for enough votes in the Idaho legislature to prevent the election of Senator Dubois. The fact that such an attempt was made to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the

polls is a strong argument against the present method of electing senators, while the failure of the attempt speaks well for the integrity of the fusion members of the legislature.

The death of Baron Rothschilds is another reminder that money, however powerful in life, is of little value at the grave. There is one debt—the debt of nature—for which gold is not a legal tender.

At Stanford university the students recently, in the interests of free speech, conferred the shower bath degree on one of their number who criticised the policy of the institution in demanding the resignations of Professors Ross and Howard.

All this talk about the doings of Mrs. Nation is, of course, fiction, for, since they have prohibition in Kansas, there can be no saloons, if the laws are enforced; and, since they have a republican administration in that state, the laws must necessarily be enforced.

Press dispatches announce that a boy has been discovered who has X-ray eyes. He ought to be employed to look through the democratic senators and representatives who voted for the republican army bill and discover the reasons which led them to repudiate the democratic platform.

Senator Turner of Washington describes the ship subsidy bill as "a lawless, piratical raid upon the public treasury in the interest of a few private beneficiaries and committing the government to expenditures aggregating \$270,000,000." That is a complete description of the measure.

The New York Journal has been describing Mr. Roosevelt's hunt as a continued story, Davenport illustrating the most exciting scenes with his cartoons. Each day's chapter ends in the middle of a sentence, leaving the hero's fate in doubt. If the narrative is published complete in book form, it will make the average yellow-back novel seem tame.

One of the administration organs in Chicago criticises Chancellor Andrews of the Nebraska State university because he predicted the ultimate disintegration of the British empire. To secure bouquets from republican papers, one must advocate the establishment of an empire here, rather than suggest the disintegration of empires elsewhere.

A Kansas paper expresses a violent dislike for the name "Commoner," and says that it is "a vile word and totally un-American." The uncommon people seem to be more worried about the name than the common people. The agitation of those who consider themselves outside of the appellation reminds one of the definition of the onion which describes it as the vegetable which makes the person sick who does not eat it.

The Chicago Times-Herald says that the Standard Oil company is the only monopoly in the United States and that it is an unqualified blessing. This sounds natural enough, coming from a republican, but what about the President's mes-