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Mr. Perry S. Heath can now revive the Hanna presidential boom.

By having one justice who is continually on the move it is possible at all times to secure a majority.

A reading of the supreme court's decision will demonstrate that irresolution follows the flag.

Will Gen. Grosvenor say that McKinley—as he said Washington did—declined a third nomination for fear of defeat?

Those republican organs that have grown into the habit of making flippant allusions to the constitution have been amply vindicated.

As the country understands it, taxation without representation is wrong when we are the taxed, but quite proper when we are the taxers.

It is barely possible that Attorney General Knox's plan of abolishing the trusts is to allow them to die of indigestion brought on by over-indulgence.

According to the Supreme Court decision congress has a constitutional right to pass unconstitutional laws whenever manifest destiny demands it.

Now that Dowie claims to be Elijah the republicans should consult him in regard to "destiny." They have felt the need of some more recent authority than the Bible.

As "times are good" the failures (188 last week as against 163 for the same week last year) must be only excuses given by the business men to secure a chance to rest.

The contributions sent to the people of Jacksonville, Florida, have been strangely small considering the great damage done by the fire. The readers of **THE COMMONER** are

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urged to share with their unfortunate brethren of Florida. Donations can be sent to, or information secured from, the mayor of Jacksonville.

A reader of **THE COMMONER** writes that the minister by the name of Pullman reported as making a caustic criticism of the trusts was not related to the Pullmans of palace car fame.

Now that the President is out of the race **THE COMMONER** is at liberty to renew its suggestion that Mr. Hanna is the proper person to receive the republican presidential nomination.

By comparing the crookedness at Manila with the embezzlements at Havana we are able to formulate a rule for carpet bag governments—the stealing increases as the square of the distance increases.

It must be mortifying to ex-Postmaster-General Wanamaker to learn that even \$2,500,000 is not enough to induce the mayor and council of Philadelphia to protect the interests of the people of that city.

Butte, Montana, is threatened with a landslide and great surprise is manifested, because no administration organ has announced that the danger is due wholly to the fact that Montana cast its electoral vote for Mr. Bryan a couple of times.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean points out to **THE COMMONER** that "Emperor McKinley has not yet been crowned." The Inter-Ocean's pretended argument is not good. Edward VII has not yet been crowned, either, but he is none the less a king.

There was but one Dred Scott, but the famous decision in his case brought about a revolution. The Supreme court of the United States has decided that all Porto Ricans are Dred Scotts, and the nation will not long suffer the injustice to remain.

The Cuban Convention has accepted the Platt amendment, but as the Cubans had to accept it or fight, the action of our nation has not increased their love for our people. But the republicans think love is unnecessary as long as we have a large army.

When a minister begins to receive the applause of the worldly-minded his usefulness as a minister is over. And when a man who calls himself a democrat finds himself supported by men who thrive on anti-democratic policies his democracy may well be called into question.

The Freie Presse of Chicago takes exceptions to a paragraph in a recent number of **THE COMMONER** wherein Kaiser Wilhelm was represented as punishing editors for indulging in hostile criticism of the government. The Freie Presse is authority on anything that interests Germans or German-Americans and **THE COMMONER** accepts the correction.

There is no excuse for a New York or Pennsylvania mechanic remaining idle. All he has to do is to invest about \$90 in a round trip ticket to Kansas and get two weeks' work in the wheat fields at about \$2 a day.

Dr. Sen Vet Sen must not expect any sympathy from the republican party when he starts to establish a republic in China. It would endanger the military situation in the Philippines to have a republic so near Manila.

Mr. Bryan will visit the Pan-American Exposition the last of this week, and before his return to Lincoln will speak at a number of places—among others at Watertown, N. Y., Philadelphia, Norfolk, Va., Montegale and Union City, Tenn., Bowling Green, Ky., and Madison, Indiana. He will be glad to have readers of **THE COMMONER** make themselves known at any time or place.

The trustification, republicanization and subsidization of the democratic party is making progress only among those who have been democrats when there was neither campaign nor election on hand. Men who have been democrats in season and out of season because the principles of democracy were their principles are not demanding any retreat from advanced positions taken by the party.

On another page will be found an account of some more stealing which has been discovered in Manila. It will probably be necessary to visit some punishment upon the offenders, but it looks a little inconsistent for the administration to send officers over there to assist carpet bag officials in stealing civil liberty from the natives and then punish the officers for stealing a few dollars for themselves on the side.

Some queer things are happening these days. It seems that the constitution does not follow the flag to Porto Rico, but that the Chinese exclusion act does. But it seems quite probable that if the interests having control should decide that Chinese cheap labor is what they want in Porto Rico they will find that the Chinese exclusion act is fit company for the constitution several thousand miles in the rear of the flag.

Ex-Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has just forwarded to Senator Lodge, a check for one hundred dollars as a reward for having inserted in the republican platform of 1896 the pledge of the party to promote international bimetalism. Among the items of interest will be found a more extended reference to it. There is a suspicion of sarcasm in the conclusion of Mr. Chandler's letter where he refers to the efforts made to fulfill the promise. Mr. Chandler ought to offer another hundred dollars reward to the man who invented the scheme whereby the republican party could deny imperialistic intentions during the campaign and then claim a victory for imperialism after the election was over. Senator Hanna deserves a reward also for his withdrawable campaign promise to exterminate the trusts.