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Irrigation beats irritation.

Something should be done to the bank director who fails to direct.

Principles, not men, are the issues at stake in the political arena.

Post mortem bank investigations usually shift the losses upon the shoulders of the depositors.

Those visiting congressmen should have waited until the Filipinos were accustomed to "civil government."

While the British ministers are doing a deal of shouting the British taxpayers are doing a deal of thinking.

It will be several years, however, before a man's right to affiliate with democracy is left to the republican managers.

The man who waits for trouble to come before he engages in prayer generally finds himself lost in a crowd made up of people like himself.

The proposition to establish a cabinet office to be known as the department of commerce may be a smooth scheme to get Mr. Morgan into the cabinet.

The protracted silence of Dr. Depew is, we fear, an indication that the royal houses of England are not dining the good doctor up to the talking point.

The men who own the anthracite coal mines will not allow themselves to be deprived of profit simply because laboring men refuse to mine more coal for pauper wages. The mine owners have a better scheme. They keep a goodly supply of coal on hand and the consumer pays the cost of the strike.

A large majority of the democrats who voted for Mr. Cleveland in 1892 believed in

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free silver but he selected a cabinet of gold men. The reorganizers show a similar disposition to ignore the voters in order to please the financiers.

In the inquiry into the Schley-Sampson controversy the indications are that Schley will be just where he was on July 3, 1898—right on the spot.

Perhaps the Hague peace commission will take cognizance of the Transvaal war when Great Britain runs out of men, mules and money and seeks to establish peace.

The New Haven Union seems to prefer an honest platform which says what it means and means what it says to the reorganizers' method of using ambiguous phrases to deceive the voters.

The rich Americans who purchased bottles from King Edward's cellars say they did so because Edward is a good judge of wines. Others declare that Edward sold it for the same reason.

Another week has passed, yet not a republican organ has seized the opportunity to declare that the drouth is a direct result of "Bryanism." The g. o. p. organs are growing extremely careless.

The news that a number of Philippine provinces have been deprived of "civil" government is not unexpected. The natives should have been introduced to the visiting congressmen by slow degrees.

The Chicago Tribune suggests that the sunflower be made the national flower. Judging by the reports coming from all sections of the country today this suggestion appears to be a very appropriate one.

Whenever John Bull sees a weak nation that owns some valuable property John needs in his business, he at once is seized with missionary zeal. John never sends his missionaries into unproductive countries.

Strange, is it not, that although we are so powerful that we can, and in duty bound must, provide for the material welfare of an alien people, we are not strong enough to combat the influence of a partial crop failure.

The rush for lands in Oklahoma brings to mind again the fact that the money spent in subjugating the Filipinos for the purpose of developing the islands would have irrigated millions of acres of land in the semi-arid west and provided hundreds of thousands of homes for American laborers.

The Ohio convention has served at least one useful purpose. It has shown the arrogance and intolerance of the gold element. The loyal democrats have been willing to have bolters return but as soon as the bolters get any authority they want to read out of the party all who were loyal in 1896 and 1900. Let the faithful beware!

As Mr. Watterson was seizing the reins and warning "the fools" to get out of the way the St. Paul Globe, itself a bolter in 1896, quietly pulled his coat tail and suggested to him that the passengers might feel a little nervous if he tried to drive so soon after his attempt to hold up the coach.

The Italian government will be satisfied with a cash indemnity for the murder of two Italians in Mississippi, and will not demand a port on the Atlantic seacoast and the ownership of some rich country. When China views this situation over it will understand the reason. This country is too big to be bulldozed.

Paul Kruger, bereft of wife and country, is still a heroic figure who must be reckoned with. Paul Kruger may not live to see justice worked out but he was raised in a faith that will carry him to the grave in the full knowledge that the justice he longed to see will be given to those who come after him.

A reader of **THE COMMONER** reports that at a Fourth of July celebration at Newcastle, Colorado, a republican read the Declaration of Independence and omitted a part of it. This is not surprising. If we continue to follow the course pursued by King George III it will be necessary to omit a large part of the Declaration of Independence or exhibit inconsistency.

Sam Jones suggests Mr. W. C. Whitney as the democratic candidate for president. He says that "the money and the brains of the country will run it a while longer, at least." Mr. Jones seems to emphasize the money, and his suggestion of a candidate would indicate that he is about as far away from democracy as a man can get and remain in the United States.

Republicans who yearn to represent agricultural districts in congress should at once proceed to extend guarantees of good behavior to the protected barons. The men who profit by a protective tariff are becoming suspicious of the loyalty of men from the agricultural west. There are signs that western people are growing weary of putting up money for the protection of "infant industries" that are strong enough to demand any price they please for their wares and at the same time compel agriculturalists to sell their produce at whatever price the barons see fit to pay.

There is too much voting by proxy. A republican once explained his vote by saying that being a sheep raiser he of course voted the republican ticket. He allowed his sheep to do his voting. And yet, in what respect does he differ from the man whose vote is governed by the price of hogs, cattle, horses, or Wall Street stocks? If, as Hanna thinks, money talks, it is not strange that some allow their property to do their voting. But if we are to have a government (administered according to high ideals) and (founded upon the Declaration of Independence) men must do their own voting, and they must cast their votes according to judgment and conscience.