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"Preserve democratic principles."

Put none but tried and true democrats on guard.

Mr. Root seems to have overworked his forgetting equipment.

The policy of suppression has been followed by the state of depression.

If the reconcentration order was such a good thing, why was it revoked?

The phrase coiner of the administration seems to be working a double shift.

Senator McLaurin writes like a man who feels the earth slipping from beneath his feet.

They call him "Hell Roaring Jake" Smith. He's now getting a part of his cognomen.

A short time ago it was "benevolent assimilation." Now it is "magnificent dissimulation."

Mr. Neely now realizes the discomfort of not knowing how to throw down a few pillars.

The thumb mark proof of democratic loyalty seems to be slightly frazzled around the edges.

The man behind the watering can seems to have been doing double duty in the Philippines.

The republic is to have a stronger navy. The first step has been taken. Mr. Long has retired.

The Los Angeles Times is busy wondering how it will explain its premature defense of General Smith.

Men who call themselves democrats and act like republicans are not safe leaders for the democratic party.

What the country needs is a secretary of war who understands the difference between war and mere brutality.

Perhaps it was unfair to couple Herod's name with the name of General Smith. Herod is too dead to protest.

It appears that the only defense the administration can make for the Philippine situation is "you're another."

These are the days when the postmaster-editor finds it extremely difficult to keep his Philippine opinions on straight.

Not until Mr. Hanna exhausts every resource will Mr. Rathbone lay violent hands upon the pillars of the temple.

Perhaps, after all, Mr. Reid's appearance at the coronation will be of some benefit. While the British are laughing at him they will not be thinking about the trouble in South Africa.

The only "water cure" that the people of this country will commend is that which should be applied to the trusts.

What the overtaxed people of this country long to see is an "emerger." They have been swamped by "mergers."

Instead of boycotting the meat trust the voters should boycott the political party that is responsible for the meat trust.

It has been about three years since the "insurrection" in the Philippines was ended, yet we killed thirty-five the other day.

Funston says he lost his temper by talking about the Philippine situation. He calmed his temper in time to save his straps.

The National Cigar Leaf association has asked Mr. Knox to assist it in taking a fall out of the cigar trust. Smoke up, Mr. Knox.

Perhaps President Roosevelt is waiting for an opportunity to drop Mr. Root into the landing net of "something equally as good."

Mr. Burton of Kansas defends the president with all the zeal of a man who has a friend he wants landed in a soft government job.

It must have been through oversight that a gentleman named Maclay was not appointed to prepare a history of the coronation junket.

It appears that despite his protestations in favor of tariff reform Mr. Babcock prefers to elect a republican congress that will not reform it.

As Funston becomes better known the suspicion increases that the "decree of Providence" relied upon to justify imperialism was forged.

The republican organs insist that the ship subsidy bill is dead. They also persist in repeating that the "Philippine insurrection" is dead.

The icy Mr. Lodge seems to have been pretty thoroughly thawed out by the warm arraignment of the administration's course in the Philippines.

Democrats should go to the primaries and see to it that none but democrats are sent to conventions to nominate candidates and frame platforms.

While the people are taking a pledge not to eat meat for a specified length of time the beef trust is filling its cold storage warehouses and enjoying life.

American beef at 24 cents a pound in New York and 14 cents a pound in London rather tends to puncture a few republican theories about the high price of beef.

It has been discovered by republican senators that they can talk about the Philippine situation, and they are doing it. But it goes against the grain.

Up to date neither Ohio nor Iowa has laid claim to being the birthplace of General Smith. Even Ohio and Iowa may exhibit modesty at times.

Reconcentration in the Philippines appeared to be all right and proper in the opinion of the administration managers—until the people found it out.

Mr. Roosevelt talked to the Annapolis cadets about "the black shame of defeat." There is also "the black shame of victory," too, at times, Mr. President.

General Smith seems to have struck a what-are-you-going-to-do-about-it attitude. If he has he may receive considerable information next November.

The administration organs continue to give liberally of their space to the gentlemen who are so insistent that the democratic party should be reorganized.

The imperialists are on the defensive. They are now trying to prove that the Filipinos are as cruel as we are and it is hoped that they will not be driven to any lower position.

In view of the English attitude towards the Boer republics there appears to be nothing of a compliment to William Waldorf Astor in making him a peer of England.

The sugar trust will not worry until the senate shows a disposition to step on it. And up to date the sugar trust has had no difficulty in keeping from under the feet of the senate.

Mr. Heath's Salt Lake Tribune is defending the administration's course in the Philippines with great enthusiasm. Mr. Heath does not intend to have any obstacles in his way to the senate.

Loyal democrats are much more concerned about preserving democratic principles than they are in preserving the rich pickings alleged democrats find in serving combinations of capital.

Most people will restrain their joy over the announcement that President Roosevelt will review the General Smith court-martial by remembering that he also reviewed the Schley inquiry.

The Grosvenor bill to compel manufacturers of shoddy clothing to label their wares is a bluff. If the republican party was compelled to affix the proper labels to its policies it would die between sunset and sunrise.

Mr. Root has actually made public General Chaffee's report concerning the killing of thirty-five unarmed Filipino prisoners. This doubtless is due to the fact that the public knew it as soon as Mr. Root did.

Secretary Shaw seems to have admitted that the republican leaders consented to go to war with Spain only after they had found a way to make something out of it. The army office reprimand will doubtless be amended forthwith.

Mr. Roosevelt says the trusts must work under the law. This is calculated to make the trusts patch up and strengthen the protective tariff law, under which they not only live, but under which they were born, nurtured and strengthened.

After all, isn't it rather humorous for the republican administration to talk about prosecuting those who form combinations in restraint of trade when the cardinal principle of republicanism is the protective tariff, which is intended to restrain trade?

Mr. Roosevelt has declined to allow the French government to bestow the Cross of the Legion of Honor upon Admiral Dewey. The fact that the president has nothing to do with the matter cuts no figure. It afforded an opportunity to pose, which was enough.

Will Senator Lodge (who is just now acting as ex-officio agent of "destiny" and expounder-extraordinary of "duty") be able to show that Jehovah's signature was affixed to General Smith's order to kill all boys over ten and make the country a howling wilderness?

It is the duty of democrats everywhere to give general support to their local papers. The so-called "country weekly" fills an important place and the result that may be accomplished by the good efforts of these papers, if they are properly encouraged, cannot be over-estimated.

Mr. Root ordered Major Glenn home for court-martial, knowing that the statute of limitations would operate to relieve Glenn before he could reach the United States. The president interfered, and Glenn must stand trial in Manila. Mr. Root mistakes the temper of the American people.

Administration organs are defending cruelty in the Philippines on the ground that the Filipinos practice cruelty also. This is entirely in harmony with imperialistic logic. Instead of lifting warfare to an American level we are to descend to the Filipino level and thus convince them that our civilization is no better than theirs.

The death of Bret Harte will be mourned by lovers of distinct American literature. He was among the first to make a place for Americans in the field of literature, though not the first American to write stories that were universally read. "The Luck of Roaring Camp" and "M'liss" will be remembered long after more thoughtful and finely polished efforts have been forgotten, because they were of the west western.