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The Kansas democrats have also indorsed the Kansas City platform.

The beef trust got an injunction; it also continues to get the money.

There is also a criminal clause in the Sherman anti-trust law, Mr. Knox.

There is Captain Freeman of the British ship *Roddam*. Another heroic figure on the bridge.

Would the same amount of evidence convince Mr. Knox that there is such a thing as a steel trust?

On Memorial Day the president devoted one word to dead soldiers and sixteen words to live democrats.

Doubtless Mr. Lodge will score Mr. Hoar's speech in the "too hot to handle" column and let it go at that.

Speaker Henderson might try the water cure on those republican insurgents in the congressional jungles.

Some people can never see "the hand of God in it" unless they also see a chance to make money out of it.

Mr. McLaurin's "commercial democracy" seems to have accomplished most of its thundering in the prospectus.

It will be many years ere Filipinos will gladly unveil a statue of an American in the chief city of their islands.

Senator Allison is against the popular election of senators, and yet the legislature of Iowa has declared for the reform.

Mr. Spooner, however, is not the only republican who has switched opinions during the past five or six years.

Doubtless Captain Oberlin M. Carter regrets that he did not lay off from building wharves long enough to locate a few temple pillars.

Senator Hoar made a speech and General Funston never even made a move to grab a rope. Is something ailing the redoubtable Kansan?

The eruption of Mount George Hoar covered a lot of republicans with molten rhetoric and destroyed a vast amount of republican pretense.

Hannibal stripped three bushels of rings from the fingers of enemies slain in one battle. But Hannibal never talked about "benevolent assimilation."

The Memphis Morning News is a newcomer in the newspaper field, but it has already taken rank among the leaders. The News is a democratic newspaper, preaches democratic doctrine and stands firmly by democratic principles. The Commoner wishes it abundant success.

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Of course Mr. Reid had no desire to officiate as a "special representative" at the inauguration of such a commonplace official as the president of a republic.

President Roosevelt's friends will not point with pride to his recent Memorial Day speech. It was a little more partisan (if possible) than his stump speeches.

The best evidence that Senator Carmack preached a great truth is found in the fact that the administration organs are frantic in their denunciations of him.

Tennessee leads off with an indorsement of the Kansas City platform and the nomination of a strong ticket, headed by Hon. J. B. Frazer, one of the best democrats in the state. Next!

Mr. Lodge says he will answer in his own time. Of course Mr. Lodge would protest against the administering of the water cure for the purpose of making him speak before he is ready.

Mr. Root's idea of "just and humane" treatment of the Filipinos recalls the lament of the lover: "It is all very well to dissemble your love, but why did you kick me down stairs?"

In view of the action against the beef trust of course the remaining trusts will slide over into the frying pan and submit without a protest. The fat-frying process is in the hands of a g. o. p. expert.

President Roosevelt says that it is all right to punish the men who have been guilty of cruelty in the Philippines, but he intimates that he would much rather punish the people who have criticised them.

The next issue of *The Commoner* will contain Mr. Bryan's article (reproduced from *Collier's Weekly*) describing the inauguration of President Palma and the hauling down of the American flag in Cuba.

The fifteen million dollar combination of sheet lead pipe and shot concerns is the latest thing in the trust line. The attention of Attorney General Knox is called to the item merely as a matter of form.

Republican organs now boast of the increase in the per capita circulation. When a democrat talked about such an increase in the circulating medium every administration organ called him an "inflationist."

Senator Clarke of Montana assures his constituents that he is in favor of the popular election of United States senators. The senator is rich, but the corporations do not control his action on public questions.

Yes, we assisted in the organization of a republic, but let it not be forgotten that we have also connived at the destruction of two republics and prevented the establishment of another. The books do not yet balance.

Even a cursory reading of the Red Wing (Minn.) *Argus* will demonstrate that the democracy of Minnesota is alive and ready for the fray. And the *Argus* is so interesting that no one stops with a cursory reading of it.

"Who will haul down the American flag?" shouted the republicans in 1900. Well, since that time a republican administration has hauled down the flag in Cuba and in China. The sooner it is hauled down in the Philippines the better.

A twenty million dollar pie bill passed the senate in forty minutes. A measure of simple justice to a people struggling for liberty cannot secure an introduction to the senate. Pie, not justice, is what the majority party is after now.

The delay in filling our orders for "Commoner Condensed" is caused by the publishers requiring more time than they at first thought would be necessary. The books are expected any day and delivery will be made immediately upon their receipt.

Ollie James, a big-bodied, big-brained and big-hearted Chicago platform democrat, has been nominated for congress in the Paducah, Ky., district. He will be heard from in Washington, and, like Wheeler, he will be on the people's side of every public question.

Alphonso XIII., Spain's young king, is said to have expressed himself as opposed to bull fighting. This is encouraging. If he will show his disapproval by refusing to attend the bull fights the aristocracy at least will follow his example, and there will soon be a public sentiment strong enough to enable him to secure the prohibition of this brutal sport.

Senator Bard writes to a constituent that he is opposed to the election of senators by direct vote of the people, but that he has not yet decided how he shall vote upon the resolution submitting such an amendment. The people of California one time voted on this proposition, and they were overwhelmingly in favor of the popular election of senators. If Senator Bard does not care to give expression to their wishes, whom, pray, does he desire to represent?

The state department informs an inquirer that "while some complaints have been brought before the department regarding the shipment of horses and mules from the United States to South Africa, no evidence of the violation of the neutrality laws of the United States has been presented by the complainants, nor has the department been able to discover any." This is the first intimation we have had that the investigation made in Louisiana resulted in nothing. If nothing was discovered, why has the report been held back?

For years it has been customary for the general commanding the army to officiate as secretary of war in the absence of the secretary. When Secretary Root prepared to leave Washington the old custom was abrogated and a bureau official designated to act in his place. Why? Because General Miles is the general commanding the army and would have performed the duties of the secretary during Mr. Root's absence. Such action, however, does not lower General Miles in the estimation of just men, a statement of fact that does not apply to some others whose names might be mentioned.

President Palma's first message to the Cuban congress breathes a spirit of deep gratitude to the United States and expresses profound appreciation of the services rendered by the American people. He calls attention to the necessity for sanitary regulations that will continue the excellent system established by the Americans; he also points out the needs of agriculture, and urges the liberal provision for the education of the children. In these three measures he shows a broad comprehension of the needs of the island. He has started in well.

The Commoner takes pleasure in calling attention to a splendid bust of Washington recently put on sale by Wilson MacDonald, sculptor, 6 West 102d street, New York city. It is intended for use in school rooms and is an excellent reproduction of the life cast bust modelled by Houdon at Mt. Vernon in 1785. Mr. MacDonald furnishes this colossal bust with bracket for \$25.00; smaller sizes in proportion. Arrangements are being made for the production of similar busts of Jefferson, Lincoln and McKinley. Frank Tilford of New York has presented one hundred and fifty of these busts of Washington to the various schools on Manhattan island.

Hon. A. E. Randel of Mississippi, who is temporarily residing in Washington, D. C., made a visit to Europe not long ago, and while there had an interview with Baron Rothschild. In the *Clarion-Ledger* of Jackson, Miss., he quotes Rothschild as saying that but for the recent discoveries of gold in South Africa, Mexico and Alaska, bimetalism would have been necessary to carry on the commerce of the world. The advocates of the gold standard are now willing to admit that but for conditions which they did not foresee in 1896 their financial system would have broken down—and yet they are as arrogant as if their theories had been vindicated.

The press dispatches report that a member of the Cuban congress left the hall and declared that he would not return because congress would not adopt a resolution which he favored. It is to be hoped that the report is not true, but even if it is, Americans should be slow to criticise. A member of the United States senate resigned once because he was disregarded in the appointments of his state, and another senator resigned because his colleague did. And yet no one will say that Senator Conkling was unfit for self-government, and some republicans think that the other senator, Mr. Platt, is capable of governing others as well as himself.