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The pie famine threatens an early destruction of the Hereford republican movement in the south.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kas., has started an insurance company for Christians. Fire, we presume.

Is there not grave danger that the president will protest too much concerning that Addicks deal in Delaware?

Of course the trusts were thankful that it was Mr. Knox after them, and not an attorney general who really means it.

Abram S. Hewitt says he is not a democrat, which statement, however, was clearly a waste of effort on Mr. Hewitt's part.

The administration's Delaware explanation department is going at a speed that threatens a lot of trouble with hot boxes.

The republicans of Colorado will be pleased to know that silver bullion has made another drop and a new low price record.

Having raised wages slightly the railroads are now beginning to raise freight rates more than enough to cover the wage rise.

Mr. Roosevelt is acting like a man who is carefully inoculating the southern colored delegate from any attack of Algeritis.

The Santos-Dumont dirigible airship and "tariff revision by friends of the tariff" are running a neck-and-neck race for lanceolation.

The Commoner is under obligations to thousands of its loyal friends who assisted in making the "Lots of Five" plan a great success.

This protracted silence on the part of A. Jeremiah Beveridge may portend deep and dark designs against the Fairbanks presidential boom.

After declaring that there are no trusts it is only natural that Mr. Hanna should deem the Sherman anti-trust law amply sufficient to restrain them.

The attention of subscribers is called to the article describing *The Commoner's* "Subscribers' Advertising Department" on another page of this issue.

It is hard to reconcile the claim of republican leaders that their party is the party of progress with their campaign shibboleth of "Let well enough alone."

Mr. Addicks admits that he has spent \$250,000 in trying to secure a senatorial toga. Mr. Addicks seems to delight in being classed as an "easy mark."

We gather from some administration organ defenses of Mr. Babcock that he believes the republican party is always right, even when convinced that it is wrong.

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It is announced that the president is going after the trusts again. But the trusts will try to endure it. They recall that the president went after bears a few weeks ago.

Having drawn from John Mitchell all the facts about the miners' union, let Mr. Baer be put upon the stand and all the facts about the anthracite coal trust drawn from him.

Perhaps Baer will explain that his sudden change of front on the strike settlement was due to a revelation informing him that no concession should be made to his wards.

The coal operators declare that they will never recognize the union. But let us hope. The operators are already bowing to several facts they refused to recognize a few months ago.

President Baer will not be fully satisfied with the findings of the board of arbitration unless the board clearly affirms his claim that he is a divinely appointed guardian of the laboring man.

That harsh, metallic sound from the west is caused by Mr. Perry S. Heath endeavoring to patch up the running gear of a senatorial boom that collided with the ambition of Mr. Reed Smoot.

Scientists are interested in a newly made hole in the ground in southern Iowa, thinking it is where a huge meteorite struck. But it may be nothing more than the place where the "Iowa idea" lit.

As the president has sent a silver watch, chain and medal to his loyal subjects, the chiefs of Tutuila, we may assume that he considers 16 to 1 about the ratio existing between a citizen and a subject.

It will be noted that the learned and scientific gentlemen who figure out that an average family may be provided for on a salary of \$300 a year make no effort to provide for their families on that wage.

The Message.

The President's Message comes too late for this issue. The important parts of it will be reproduced next week with editorial analysis and comment.

President Eliot's latest remarks about union labor do not indicate that he has learned more about union labor. It merely indicates that he has learned more about the good sense of the American people.

An ex-postmaster general has explained why the rate of postage on books and merchandise has not been reduced—the Adams Express company, the Wells-Fargo Express company and the American Express company.

Myron G. Herrick, the well-known banker, will attempt to defeat Tom Johnson for mayor of Cleveland next spring. Mr. Herrick has a lot of money, and the indications are that he is selecting a mighty good run for it.

President Baer, who believes himself divinely appointed to look after the coal interests, says that the wages of the miner are reasonable and his condition entirely satisfactory. President Baer has much reason to be grateful for the fact that he was divinely appointed to be president of a coal mine company at a large salary rather than a coal miner at the present wage.

The Rocky Mountain News suggests that the growth of the trusts can be checked by adding a few words to our copyright, trade mark and patent laws, providing that the privilege granted under such laws are in the form of a lease and not transferrable except by the consent of the government. It is a good suggestion and worth adopting. Anything and everything should be tried that looks toward the destruction of private monopolies.

Those business firms that imagined they had such a sure thing on the Cuban business are engaged in howling loudly about the woeful ingratitude of the Cubans. Cuba is showing many indications of being able to go it alone.

The gentlemen who urged the Panama canal route in order to delay canal construction are disconcerted because the Colombian revolution is ended. But they live in hopes that another one will be started in time to postpone canal construction.

Miss Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr college, asserts that mothers spend too much time caring for their babies. The frequency with which those who have no children pose as authority on the rearing of children is not less amusing than wonderful.

Having secured the Wall street recommendation of being a "safe man" Uncle Joe Cannon may rest easy and fondle his speakership boom. Wall street may not cast the votes, but Wall street will vote the voters when the time comes to elect Mr. Henderson's successor.

Mr. James Hobart Moore of Chicago has won the New York horse show prize for driving a four-in-hand. He should now seek employment as a driver for a coal wagon and secure the trade of those who do not want the corners knocked off their coal sheds by the heavy wagon hubs.

A reader of *The Commoner* calls attention to the decision of the supreme court to the effect that the silver dollar is an unlimited legal tender except where contracted against. This law has been in effect since 1878, although many advocates of the gold standard seem ignorant of the fact.

The Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat would like to see the conscience of the American people aroused in behalf of "real order," and the Democrat explains that "no real order is to be hoped for until the coal barons as well as the coal diggers are compelled to respect the moral and statute law."

One reason why the daily newspapers print ten columns about a college football game and ten lines about a college debating contest is that many people think more of feats with the feet than they do of contests between cerebrums. Newspapers are made for the same purpose as the Frenchman's razors.

It is now proposed to appropriate \$10,000 of public money to entertain the king of Siam when he visits this country. It will be remembered that the entertainment of the Boer delegates took place on the back steps of the White house and cost nothing save a lot of mental anxiety on the part of the administration.

"Lots of Five" subscription cards outstanding will be received at the campaign rate. Each card is good for one year's subscription to *The Commoner*, dating from its receipt at this office. Those having cards in their possession are urged to extra effort to induce their neighbors and friends to take advantage of the low rate and return the cards to this office as soon as possible.

Postmaster General Payne is scolding the "Lily White" republicans in the south. In order to understand the whys and wherefores it must be borne in mind that Mr. Payne is the political generalissimo of the cabinet. Southern delegations to republican national conventions usually are made up largely of negroes. Now recall what John Sherman said was done to his presidential boom by Russell A. Alger and you have some idea of Mr. Payne's sudden interest in the political welfare of the southern negro.

The demand for the gold standard in the Philippine islands comes from the officeholding class. It is claimed that the public revenue is collected in silver and that where the payment of salaries is made in silver there is a loss "to the recipients who are mostly Americans." Governor Taft himself is said to be a sufferer. Therefore, without considering the interests of the people of the Philippines the gold standard is to be fastened upon the people for the benefit of the carpet-baggers who draw salaries fixed by our government and paid by the Filipinos, and then because they draw these salaries they want to make the financial system of the islands conform to the interests of the foreigners rather than the natives.