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In thorough organization there is strength; also victory.

If trusts were bronchos they might be broken with less delay.

Dr. Crum seems unable to find that small particle of comfort.

However, the beef trust has not found it hard to overlook its federal injunctions.

The "executive sessions" of the senate have always been subject to "publicity."

Victory may be won by compromising wrong, but success is won only by fighting for principles.

A glance at the pay roll of the Kansas legislature will be sufficient proof of its republicanism.

Speaking of get-rich-quick concerns, the ship subsidy champions anticipate something in that line.

Millions of bacilli are said to fatten on bank notes. Quite a number of bankers have done the same thing.

The indications are that the trusts will wear the Elkins shackles as ornaments and do it pridefully.

Another victory like that of 1892 would set back the work of true democracy a quarter of a century.

Mr. Addicks was careful to keep safely in his hand one end of the string attached to his withdrawal.

If there is anything that can cure it Poultney Bigelow should take something for that case of Kaiseritis.

Speaking of "get-rich-quick" concerns, what is the matter with a nice little bond deal like we had a few years ago?

It may be that Mr. J. P. Morgan based his objection on the ground that it was unconstitutional to assess water.

Mr. Littlefield seems to have gotten his promises on the left and his performances on the right side of the decimal point.

It appears that the Addicks era of prosperity has made it unnecessary to have the Delaware peach crop winter killed.

Mr. Hay should have been made secretary of labor. He seems to be the most easily worked diplomat now in public life.

The fact that over 400 passengers were killed last year in accidents on American railroads, while not one passenger was killed during that time on British railroads, demands that American railroad managers adopt safer methods.

Those patrons of the bankrupt get-rich-quick concerns who are now complaining so loudly are referred to in Proverbs 27:22.

Among the get-rich-quick concerns might be mentioned the coal trust. And the oil trust. And "The Book of the Presidents."

It should be borne in mind that trust magnates do not use wires to send messages to the senate. They merely pull them.

The president has just opened a canning exposition. Practicing up on the work of preserving the negro vote for future use?

"And if 'anywhere,' why not 'anywhich?'" queries the Chicago Tribune. To be sure. And why not "everyhow" and "aftersoon?"

It is barely possible that Mr. Addicks is practicing on Delaware with an idea of trying to work his game in some other and larger state.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" is meeting with favor, and those who have tried it testify to its efficacy as a means of publicity.

The gentleman who said that the average life of a bank note or greenback is two years must be one of those theoretical statisticians.

It will be some time ere Mr. Baer is tendered a reception like the one tendered President Mitchell and Mr. Darrow in Chicago the other day.

His negro pension bill was a good bid, but Mr. Hanna stands ready to raise it if the fine work of Mr. J. S. Clarkson makes it necessary.

It would be well for Americans to quit discovering gold in Alaska until after Mr. Hay gets through dickering with Great Britain over that boundary.

Chicago is about to lose the Thomas orchestra. With neither the Thomas orchestra nor John Alexander Dowie Chicago will be a tame and uninteresting place.

Those St. Louis fake investment companies once more give emphasis to the fact that work is the surest method of getting rich, although not always the quickest.

General Booth prayed for the national senate the other day. The general has accomplished many great works, which gives basis for the hope that he accomplished something there.

Patti is coming over for another farewell tour. The Patti farewell is a reminder of the lusty industrial infants that have to be petted and pampered—always with us.

Professor Buck says forty languages are spoken in Chicago. This does not include the language used by Chicago people when they find the bridges turned or the cable broken.

A subscriber who asked for the information is informed that "Footprints of Time" was written by Charles Bancroft and published by R. T. Root of Burlington, Ia., in 1880.

Mr. Rockefeller, junior, says the giving of money is not the greatest kindness we can bestow on our fellows. Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller is thinking most about the cheapest kindness.

The telegraph reports a few days ago contained the pleasing information that Senator Morgan had sat upon Senator Beveridge. There are several ways of earning a senatorial salary.

Mr. Hanna is urging the passage of the ship subsidy bill through the house. It is safe to state that Mr. Hanna is more interested in the ship subsidy bill than he is in his negro pension bill.

A change in the expiration date appearing on the wrapper will be evidence to renewing subscribers that their remittance has been received. The change, however, should not be expected until the second week after renewing.

Senator-elect Ankeny declares that he did not make a pledge or a promise to secure election. Somehow or other this reminds us of Bossie Brander's explanation of the election of her father, Maverick Brander, to congress: "We have the satisfaction of knowing that pa was honestly elected; he paid \$2 cash for every vote he got and made no promises."

Mr. Addicks is not the worst example of republican political methods. He is merely the most conspicuous at this time.

The horrors of famine are on the increase in Sweden and thousands of honest and hard-working people are on the verge of starvation. The response to their call for aid should be prompt and liberal.

Judge Grosscup's injunction against the beef trust was too late for a comic valentine and too early for an April fool joke. This being the case the beef trust probably will pay no attention to it.

Senator Depew vigorously attacked Mormonism the other day. There are no Mormons, we believe, connected with the great corporations so ably represented by Senator Depew in the upper house of congress.

The Milwaukee News is authority for the statement that New Jersey has a "publicity" law after which the new "publicity" law passed by congress is fashioned. Think of it—a New Jersey model for curbing the trusts!

The H. C. Frick Coke company has ordered the vaccination of all of its employes and their families, numbering in all about 300,000 people. The company does not intend that its employes shall take anything they do not earn.

We are now hearing of the men who will "make" the university baseball teams this spring. When the commencement programs are out we will be able to ascertain the names of the young men who will "make" their diplomas.

The paragraphers are making much of the fact that a Connecticut firm has just shipped a consignment of idols to the orient. There are a great many people in this country who worship an idol. It is not Buddah, it is Dollah.

When gentlemen who paid \$1,000 per copy for General Grosvenor's book desire to have a little thing like the ship subsidy bill shoved through the committee, of course General Grosvenor cannot decline to assist them, being himself a great shouter for reciprocity.

The battle for the preservation of the party's integrity cannot be won in a week before the national convention of 1904. It must be won by long and arduous labor. The thing for loyal democrats to do is to organize now and perform systematic work until the victory is won.

Many inquiries have been received from subscribers in regard to Volume 2 of "The Commoner Condensed." We are now able to announce that the book will be issued in similar form to Volume 1; details as to date of issue, price, etc., will be given soon in our advertising columns.

The editor of a republican exchange admits that one of his ideas was strengthened by the intelligent compositor making a mistake in one of the words. With a full knowledge of the facts it is impossible to consider this in the light of a compliment to the intelligent compositor.

Thomas Kinney of Greenspring, O., is anxious to hear from his son, T. H. Kinney. The son is 22 years old, and when last heard from by his father was at Hartland, Minn., in the employ of a portrait company. Any information concerning the son will be thankfully received by the father.

The Philadelphia Press says: "Mr. Bryan announces through his organ, The Commoner, that he is in favor of the nomination in 1904 of Governor Garvin of Rhode Island." The chief fault of the Philadelphia Press' paragraph is its falsity. Mr. Bryan is not naming "favorites" for the nomination in 1904.

The Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin cannot see the reason for admitting the territories, knowing that its party has no need of more senators and harboring grave objections to any course likely to increase the democratic representation. The Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin always manages to keep its partisanship on straight.

The Glenn court-martial finds the major not guilty, but warns him not to do it again. In other words, General Davis reports that Major Glenn was not guilty of unlawfully killing prisoners, but issues orders that Major Glenn must not again kill prisoners unlawfully. The Philippine situation presents some strange combinations.