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Evansville and Kishineff seem to have trotted "a dead heat."

"Reorganization" is the shibboleth of the disintegrators.

Of course the Iowa idea about revising the tariff is to revise it up.

The "Iowa idea" might try rustivating with the "Babcock idea" for company.

Mr. Heath evidently believes that his health will be benefited by "absent treatment."

Organize a democratic club in your precinct and get ready for the battle of 1904.

Postmaster General Payne's explanatory department is running "hot in its journals."

Governor Pennypacker's silence indicates that he has sent a white flag to the cartoonists.

Governor Cummins has used the "Iowa idea" as a ground wire for his vice presidential boom.

Young Mr. Rockefeller says he prays for light and gets it. But he charges us 20 cents a gallon.

The Berlin professor who declares that alcohol is the source of life should throw his reverse lever.

Attorney General Knox might end the postal scandal by getting out an injunction against the "grafters."

The shipbuilding trust made the mistake of putting the water into its stock instead of under its product.

Temporary defeat in a fight for the right is preferable to a hollow victory on a meaningless platform.

The pump used by the Brooklyn Eagle in inflating the Cleveland boom seems to be working with a reversed valve.

Mr. Hanna's campaign slogan of "Hands off" is vociferously echoed by certain gentlemen in the postoffice department.

"Turn the rascals out" is a pretty good campaign slogan, but it must not degenerate into "Turn the rascals loose."

It seems that the "negro question" has slopped over to the northward side of the once famous Mason and Dixon line.

Of course ex-Governor Taylor from Kentucky is filled with sorrow because of that Evansville mob's disregard of law.

Mr. Cleveland still poses in the attitude of a man who is quite willing if the people insist, but is fearful lest they will not.

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The democratic platform that meets with the approval of republican leaders and organs is in need of some extensive repairs.

Perhaps those postoffice officials made efforts to secure an increase in salary merely as a means of distracting attention.

It is not surprising that most of the republican organs criticize Mr. Bryan for his remarks upon the Iowa democratic platform.

Of course Russia is in Manchuria for the purpose of doing for the Manchurians all consistent with their welfare and Russia's duty.

Every time Governor Durbin expresses a high regard for law and justice ex-Governor Taylor winks his eye and snuggles up closer.

It develops that most of the negroes involved in the Evansville riots were imported for voting purposes by the republican managers.

The genuine "Iowa idea" seems to be to keep in close connection with the gentleman who distributes the fat secured by the fryingpan.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" offers exceptional opportunities to Commoner readers who want to offer or secure bargains.

Those Sulu slaves who have the blessed privilege of purchasing their freedom at "the usual market price," might try forwarding a protest.

Concerted attacks upon Mr. Bristow will not draw public attention from the administration's failure to act promptly upon Mr. Tulloch's charges.

The organs that pretend not to know Judge Walter Clark are not belittling Judge Clark—they are merely exposing their own fatuous ignorance.

Governor Durbin of Indiana has his hands full these days protecting Taylor and Finley from justice and Evansville criminals from mob law.

President Roosevelt's cablegram to Manila was sent in four minutes, but the time was ample for all he had to say concerning the Philippine problem.

Doubtless Perry Heath will recover his health simultaneously with the successful smothering of the charges of corruption in the postal department.

Postmaster General Payne tries to make the postal scandal appear as third-class matter, but it is proving a first-class bunch of trouble for the administration.

Of course the republican managers believe in reciprocity—they favor giving the trusts anything they want providing the trusts will put up the sinews of war.

Joseph Chamberlain is slowly coming to a realization of the fact that he has an up-hill job of it trying to convince the British consumer that the foreigner pays the tax.

There should be enough difference between democratic and republican platforms to render unnecessary plans and specifications for the proper designation of each.

Of course Emperor William could not restrain his cheers when he discovered that the American navy was not just what Lieutenant Potts appeared to represent it.

A prominent army physician declares that the American officers who remain on duty in the Philippines for a year are subject to mental and physical deterioration. And this republic suffers from moral deterioration while it keeps them over there.

If the Nashville American has had the courage to give the names of its principal stockholders and the party affiliations of its editors, the copy of the American containing the same failed to arrive at The Commoner office. Is the Nashville American afraid to speak out?

If Secretary Moody is so awfully insistent upon investigations he might investigate that little matter of the tons of smokeless powder dumped into the ocean from an American warsaip. If this will not keep him busy he might put in the rest of his time investigating the army transport purchases during the late scrimmage with Spain.

Governor Durbin of Indiana is rustivating in Yellowstone park. In the meantime ex-Governor Taylor is sticking pretty close to Indiana sod.

Every time the Chicago Chronicle prints an editorial telling what it conceives to be "true democracy," the editorial is printed with approval by the leading republican organs.

Is it possible that President Roosevelt's slowness to act in the postoffice corruption cases is due to his fear of the pillar pulling ability of the men who occupy the g. o. p. temple?

Does anybody expect prosecution of the postoffice rascals at the hands of an administration that owes its existence to the scheming ability of the men responsible for those rascals?

Charles Eliot Norton says the literary center of the country has shifted from Boston to Philadelphia. The statement is calculated to cause a feeling of disgust in the shadow of Princeton.

There is a big "guessing contest" on in Washington. Those engaged are guessing whether they will be jailed or permitted to go after making a few feints at the pillars of the republican temple.

If there is not a working democratic club in your precinct, go to work and organize one. A little work on the part of each loyal democrat will result in frustrating the plans the reorganizers have for 1904.

The Wall Street Journal complains because Speaker-to-be Cannon declares that no financial legislation is needed. Is it possible that the Wall Street Journal has not heard that the money question is a dead issue?

Andrew D. White wants the colleges to train young men for officeholding. This would be all right if the colleges could devise some method of keeping the office-seekers out of the way of their trained young men.

The rumor that Mr. Hanna was to retire from business in order to devote his entire time to politics is unfounded. Mr. Hanna finds it difficult business to handle his politics since Tom Johnson camped on his trail.

Editor Charles Emory Smith has succeeded in giving ex-Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith a clean bill of health. This may be satisfactory to the editor and ex-postmaster general, but the people want something more.

The San Francisco Star has just celebrated its twentieth anniversary. The Star lives because it has a mission to perform, and it is performing it valiantly. As a champion of democracy the Star stands well up at the head of the list.

President Roosevelt is reported as believing that it is not now necessary to send that protest to Russia, its agitation having been sufficient. Let's see; what states have selected their delegates to the 1904 republican national convention?

The address delivered by Hon. Howard S. Taylor at the Fourth of July celebration under the auspices of the Fairview Jefferson club is printed in full in this issue. It is worthy the careful consideration of every thoughtful and patriotic citizen.

"Suppose we allow the national convention to nominate a vice president," suggests the urbane Mr. Platt of New York. To be sure, but in the meantime the proper g. o. p. authorities will see to it that the proper selection is made for the convention.

It is reported from the east that woodpeckers are deceived by the humming wires and are attacking the telephone poles. They mistake the buzzing of the wires for the buzzing of insects. Those woodpeckers remind one of those republicans who believe in tariff revision and cling to the notion that the men who control the republican party will allow the tariff to be revised.

The "whisky ring," the "star route" scandals and the postoffice rascality recently uncovered all occurred under republican administrations. The first two were not exposed and the perpetrators punished until a democratic congress took hold. There is a lesson in this for those who would have the present postoffice scandal probed to the bottom and all the guilty participants punished.