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The desire to graft never is affected by the statute of limitations.

That call for help is not coming from the Macedonians this time.

The administration's trust busting policy seems to have been chucked in among the moth balls.

In the meantime General Miles is making more friends by reason of the snubs he has received.

Airship builders who experiment near the water should equip their machines with life belts and row-boats.

The Root resignation has permitted several G. O. P. statesmen to appear in the "also mentioned" class.

Matthew Stanley Quay is writing an autobiography. It will be interesting because of what he does not tell.

Does President Roosevelt imagine that his French duel with the trusts—wax bullets—is deceiving anybody?

*Kill the asset currency measure. It is unsafe. What will become of the currency when the cashier absconds with the assets?*

The letter dismissing General Miles was very brief, but the letter to Governor Durbin was long enough to make up for it.

Organize a democratic club in your voting precinct and turn the lantern on the reorganizers who are working in the dark.

Jett and White have been found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for life. This is an interesting study in color.

Burglars in Germany have formed a trust. Over here they merely elect their tools to congress and get a protective tariff.

Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt means that the "door of hope" for the colored man shall lead only into a republican national convention.

Doubtless Governor Pennypacker is accumulating a job lot of jealousy of Tsi An's power to make the editors walk straight.

Had the republican leaders shown as much interest in the negro's welfare during the past thirty years as they have shown in his vote there would be less race prejudice today.

When the trusts and financiers want something they keep after it until they get it. When the people want something they ask for it and then sit around and wonder why they do not get it.

The "booms" started by the reorganizers seem to be "of few days and full of trouble." Hill, Parker, Cleveland—all these gone and the Gorman boom already showing signs of fatigue. Next!

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The naval maneuvers are doubtless very fine, but most of the people who pay for the game never get to see it.

*Kill the Aldrich bill. It arrays the financiers against a reduction of taxation and lays the foundation for an enormous corruption fund.*

If the asset currency bill is enacted into law, why not go it one better and issue currency on the bond put up by the bank cashiers?

Salt Lake is said to be slowly drying up. But it may be that the lake is merely crawling away from the vicinity of Perry Heath.

The administration is making fierce war on the mosquitoes. The mosquito is much nearer this administration's size than the trusts are.

It is rumored that Elihu Root is Mr. Roosevelt's preferred candidate for 1908. But is he rich enough to make it worth while to tap Root?

Watterson, the one time tariff reformer, is now booming Gorman, the all-the-time tariff trimmer. "No compromise with dishonor," Bro. Watterson.

The next democratic national platform will not be written by men who support republican principles and vote for republican candidates.

Senator Gorman is in favor of moderate action on the tariff. The trusts are in favor of the same thing and are willing to do the moderating.

If Governor Durbin wants to make his practice conform to his preaching he will amputate the Taylor appendix to his gubernatorial equipage.

It seems that Mr. Cannon's remarks about "rubber currency" were merely in the nature of a premature explosion. Mr. Cannon has since been properly loaded.

James R. Keene says he was only "annoyed" by the loss of a million and a half. We know several men who would have been awfully provoked.

Those eminent Ohio republicans who are preparing to deal Tom Johnson a body blow would do well to first prepare ambulance facilities for themselves.

Mr. James J. Hill is demanding an increased standing army. Can it be possible that Mr. Hill contemplates another federal injunction against his employees?

Governor Durbin may yet deem it necessary to let Taylor go in order to get some more correspondence from the president—but, again, he probably will not.

Mr. Roosevelt is making a plea for pure men, but under certain contingencies Mr. Hanna will be asked to again use the methods so successful in 1896 and 1900.

The indications are that there are in the neighborhood of eight or ten millions of people who know the difference between broncho busting and trust busting.

The trusts are satisfied with their tariff graft and are willing to stand pat. The financiers, however, have a few more things they would like to saddle upon the people.

When Mr. Gallinger proudly asserted that the senate is under the control of no man, one Henry T. Oxnard doubtless winked slyly in the direction of John D. Rockefeller.

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If the republican papers that are extolling Mr. Cleveland today will look back over their files of 1892-1896 they will find adjectives that make The Commoner's criticism seem mild by comparison.

There is nothing surprising about the fact that as soon as Governor La Follette began demanding fair play for the people he was denounced as a "pop" by the republican leaders so vastly interested in preventing the people from securing fair play.

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The sultan of Turkey is so accustomed to receiving ultimatums that he is badly frightened at the receipt of a Russian demand. The Russian demand must have attention.

People who wonder why Secretary Shaw has been so silent lately should remember that Wall street has been demanding considerable attention from the treasury department recently.

Securing enough colored delegates to insure a majority in the convention is altogether a different proposition from that of securing enough white votes at the polls to win an election.

Mr. Knox has spent \$20,000 of that \$500,000 anti-trust fund, with the result that the beef trust is more arrogant than ever. The Knox anti-trust fight works only in its imagination department.

It is safe to remark that Colombia's rejection of the canal treaty is not a huge surprise to certain influential gentlemen who favored the Panama route with the knowledge that Colombia could be influenced.

Mr. Gorman urges democrats not to worry about the next nominee. They are not worrying. They are leaving that to the eminent gentlemen who pose as democrats when not voting the republican ticket.

King Menelik is reported to have 110,000 pounds of gold in his safety vaults. It would seem that Menelik has a few trusts which he is assessing for the purpose of raising a fund for his next campaign.

Senator Aldrich says the new currency bill will not be reported until "all interests have been consulted." But the people should not be so foolish as to imagine that they are included among the "interests."

Now comes the disclosure that public officials have been "grafting" in the Indian department. Will the people be content with letting those who profit from the graft attend to the prosecution of the grafters?

People who are thinking about taking land in the vicinity of the new national irrigation canals should open correspondence with the eminent gentlemen who have already perfected their title to the land.

The time has gone by when loyal democrats are satisfied with platforms that may mean anything or nothing or with candidates who are persona grata with the interests that profit by disregard of democratic principles.

Those Parisians who have been congratulating themselves upon their shrewdness in using wax bullets in duels need not be so puffed up. Over in this country the trusts have been shot with paraffine bullets for several years.

Unless the people intervene the result of dismissing a lot of high-salaried officers from the postoffice department on the charge of boodling will be followed by the appointment of others who will feel themselves licensed to indulge in the same sort of thing.

A Nebraska republican organ shrieks in double-leaded type that "the silver dollar is now the equivalent of the gold dollar." Quite true. And it is equally true that the only time the silver dollar was not the equivalent of the gold dollar was when the silver dollar was worth the most.

Graft in the postoffice department; graft in the army contract department; graft in the public land department; graft in the Indian department—graft, graft, graft. And the grafts will continue until an aroused people overthrow the grafters.

A military maxim is to the effect that it is well to find out what the enemy wants you to do, and then not do it. This is respectfully submitted to democrats who may have noticed that the republican organs are snuggling up very close to Grover Cleveland these days.

The point is now made that General Wood cannot be made governor of the Philippines, that being a civil office. But doubtless it could be arranged so that he could hold it as a physician, and not as a soldier. It is generally understood that he is considerably more of a doctor than he is a soldier.