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This time Maine did not go in the old-time "bent" fashion.

The president's spelling reform was soon Bowened, not Mortoned.

Mr. Littlefield says it is a vindication. It is, however, more of an indication.

It would seem that Philadelphia had been jolted enough of late to thoroughly arouse it.

Those Russian revolutionists seem to be having a regular South American republic sort of a time.

The time has arrived when a political party is known by the men it selects to manage its affairs.

Secretary Shaw has been severely admonishing the banks, and at the same time tipping them a wink.

"We hustle too much," says Mr. Rockefeller. True. We simply have to pay for the oil or go without.

Banker Stensland can speak six languages. His victims find one ample for the purposes of condemnation.

Speaker Cannon may well feel satisfied that his return to congress does not depend upon the vote of Arizona.

Walter Wellman has postponed his dash for the pole. He prefers a seat near the baseburner during the winter.

Now that the coal man is about due a lot of tardy officials are making a great display of anger against the ice trust.

Representative Littlefield says Samuel Gompers helped him. Yes, helped him to lose about 4,000 of his majority.

Oklahoma's star will be placed in the lower right hand corner. But Oklahoma will continue to occupy "top of column" position.

Georgia is boasting of a "bumper crop" of peanuts this year. Similar conditions exist in politics in quite a number of other states.

Secretary Wilson's secret investigation of the packing houses was such a surprise to the packer that they had everything in readiness for his visit.

It naturally follows that as soon as the cashier elopes with the money the discovery is made

that the management of the bank has been "rotten."

We really ought to send over a few tariff beneficiaries to row against our British cousins. Our tariff beneficiaries seem to have the greatest pull on earth.

The attention of various republican journals is called to the fact that at no time has Mr. Gompers declared himself to be a "guardian of national honor."

According to Speaker Cannon, labor has a right to do anything it pleases save unite to further the industrial, civic and political interests of the workingmen.

Speaker Cannon has just purchased 600 acres more of Nebraska land. We cheerfully admit that Nebraska land is a very good thing to "stand pat" on.

Secretary Shaw is going south to sound a few administration keynotes. The disclaimers from Washington are doubtless all ready for the telegraph operators.

The result in the Littlefield district is calculated to make Speaker Cannon streak for the Danville district and set to work propping up some wobbly political fences.

People who are not familiar with the causes of the Cuban revolution should take note of the fact that the Cuban treasury has a surplus of something like \$25,000,000.

It appears that the National City Bank of New York is not going to take any more chances with men with postage stamps in the little matter of profit on bond deals.

The next time Secretary Taft makes a keynote speech in the south he will doubtless have some southern republican edit the paragraphs referring to the race question.

Addicks says he will be a candidate for the senate to succeed Allee. It seems that the only way to escape Addicks is to give the present senators from Delaware life terms.

The Kansas City Star says that President Roosevelt is fighting the Standard Dictionary as well as the Standard Oil company. Quite true, and with about the same effect, too.

If soap goes with the whole 6,428 immunity baths to be given the Standard Oil company, we may expect to see the soap market cornered in the immediate vicinity of Wall street.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker is now engaged in giving girls some good advice on the subject, "When to marry." We opine that the time is a few weeks after the right man proposes.

Maine elects republican congressmen by majorities decreased 80 per cent. If this is a "political straw" the standpatters are welcome to watch the direction it is wafted by the winds.

The Globe-Democrat says that Mr. Gompers has carried nothing so far. It seems that Mr. Gompers has carried a lot of consternation into the immediate vicinity of a lot of congressmen who are always subservient to the corporations.

Owing to the greatly reduced republican majorities in Maine the administration organs will insist that the campaign was fought on state issues, although spellbinders were imported to preach the "stand pat" and "stand by Roosevelt" doctrines.

It is quite evident that the railroad managers shrewdly refrained from declaring those large dividends until after they had succeeded in doctoring the freight rate bill to their satisfaction.

Courtesy demands that Mr. Littlefield now go into the Danville district, but discretion demands that Mr. Littlefield remain quietly at home and let the Danville district voters forget it if they can.

Up to date we haven't heard any particular demand for the people to "stand by Roosevelt" on the spelling reform. And his position on the tariff is about as well taken as his position on orthography.

A lot of tariff beneficiaries who always seek to punish a congressman who is not subservient to their wishes, are denouncing workingmen for opposing congressmen who refuse to accord fair treatment to labor.

"Within forty-four years we shall have to meet the wants of 200,000,000 people," says James J. Hill. Wrong. If Mr. Hill and other railroad magnates will give the people half a show they will meet their own wants.

A. Hedrick, Mt. Sterling, Ill., desires information concerning the whereabouts of Christopher Costello. Mr. Costello is entitled to a portion of a small estate left by his uncle. When last heard from he was employed in the car shops at St. Louis.

## COINCIDENCE

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "When a political party is on its last legs it is coincidences which confound and condemn it most." Is it possible the Globe-Democrat had in mind the coincidence of the Ohio republican state convention, endorsing, in one platform, the president, who stood for certain policies, and the senators who opposed these policies?

## FREE COINAGE OF ABUSE

The Kansas City Journal says that Mr. Bryan "is still for free riot without let or hindrance from the courts," because Mr. Bryan is opposed to government by injunction and the abuse of the injunction writ by subservient judges. The Kansas City Journal is opposed to the free coinage of silver, but it seems to be a very ardent advocate and practitioner of the free and unlimited coinage of abuse and falsehood.

## ULTIMATELY?

Referring to the proposed reduction of the tariff between the United States and the Philippine islands the Wall Street Journal says: "Ultimately the freest possible exchange relations must prevail with all portions of the world over which the American flag floats." Some old-fashioned people think that question was settled by the fathers when they provided that all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States, and prohibited the laying of an export tax.

## CLEAR AS MUD

The Ohio republican platform declares: "We favor just and liberal laws to promote labor's truest interests, and we favor the lessening of the hours of labor whenever reasonable and practicable."

"Labor's truest interests" are to be defined by labor's most bitter foes; and whether the "lessening of the hours of labor" is "reasonable and practicable" is to be determined by those who are striving to obtain the largest amount of labor for the smallest amount of cash.

## "SOME DAY"

Referring to tariff revision, Senator Foraker says: "Some day, my fellow citizens, we will want it, and we will have it, but that is a question for the republican party to determine."

But can the people trust the determination of this question to a party that derives its campaign funds from the tariff barons?

When the American people actually determine to have tariff revision, they will secure it in spite of the republican party, and after the republican party shall have been driven from power.

## STURDY DEMOCRATS

Nebraska recently lost three faithful old time democrats, all of whom had a wide acquaintance throughout the state. These were Patrick Gleeson of Oakland, Burt county; Dr. J. H. Peabody of Omaha, and Dr. Harvey Link of Millard, Neb.

Mr. Gleeson was 74 years of age, Dr. Link was 82 years and Dr. Peabody was 73 years. Everyone of these men had grown gray in the service of the democratic party. Each was loved and honored by all having the pleasure of his personal acquaintance; and for his patriotic efforts and his loving services to his fellows each of these sturdy democrats will be long remembered by the many who were the beneficiaries of their good efforts.