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If Gomez was bribed somebody bribed him. Puzzle: Find the bribe-giver.

It appears that the republican party has also given a new definition to "reciprocity."

How do you like the sixteen-page Commoner? If you are pleased tell your neighbors about it.

Mr. Oxnard seems determined to do a little reconcentrado business in Cuba on his own account.

The members of the president's official family seem to need a tremendous lot of presidential defending.

Alfred Austin's coronation poem sounds just like Alfred Austin. No diagram is needed with this statement.

Friends of the present legal ratio will notice with pleasure that *The Commoner* now has 16 pages to 1 issue.

Is it good democratic policy to unite on principles that meet with the cordial indorsement of republican organs?

The g. o. p. seems to be suffering from a lot of unassimilated Cuban reciprocity in its appendix vermiformis.

It is stated that Mr. Rockefeller has lost all his hair. But nowhere is it stated that Mr. Rockefeller has lost his grip.

That low, musical sound from the east is only Attorney General Knox weaving a few more trust shackles out of cobwebs.

Mr. Grosvenor is waving the "bloody shirt." This is a sure sign that Mr. Grosvenor is badly frightened at the outlook.

The steel trust cleared a profit of \$67,000,000 in six months. Has the supply of presidential "shackles" been exhausted?

Mr. Roosevelt will doubtless admit that the kind of shackles he placed upon the meat trust would be of no effect upon Mr. Oxnard.

The republican organs that are so quick to accuse Gomez of receiving a bribe should pause and reflect on the identity of the bribe-givers.

The Ohio supreme court is so busy trying to down Tom Johnson that it is likely to overlook its duty towards Mr. Rockefeller's oil trust.

Interest four of your neighbors in *The Commoner* and get their subscription and your own, five in all, for the price of three subscriptions.

Mr. Morgan is having his nose treated with electricity. He might save money by connecting the wires with his nerve instead of a battery.

As for Mr. Whitelaw Reid, he who upholsters his underpinning without a chance for display should strive to re-upholster for another day.

The Philadelphia North American complains of a plague of burglars in that city. Perhaps the republican councilmen are working two grafts.

Tariff revision by the friends of the tariff simply means that the tariff protected "infants" will revise it in such a way as to get a new grip.

A democratic platform promulgated by democrats and adhered to by candidates known to be staunch democrats will bring about harmony.

The democracy of Minnesota is in the fight to win. The Minnesota platform breathes democratic principles, and upon that platform all democrats can unite.

There will always be considerable difficulty attached to harmonizing the democracy upon principles that meet with the approbation of the republican leaders and organs.

Mr. Hanna has given to the public his celebrated recipe for making cornbeef hash. Mr. Hanna should now come to the front with his recipe for getting the beef.

Senator Mason is wearing a new belt with great pride. But it is not the one he received from the administration for daring to vote for what he thought was right.

The next democratic platform will not meet with the approbation of the republican organs that are now so deeply interested in seeing the democratic party reorganized.

Ohio democrats should avoid the mistake made in their own state last year and in Indiana and Illinois this year. The Kansas City platform is not a thing to be run from.

The Des Moines Leader claimed to be democratic, but when it merged with the republican Des Moines Register the Register's republicanism was not diluted even a little bit.

The difference between Jeffersonian expansion and republican imperialism is the difference between right and wrong, justice and injustice, patriotism and commercialism.

The Sioux City Journal says: "Let well enough alone" will not answer as a party shibboleth." When the Journal hears from Mr. Hanna it will find itself guilty of lese majeste.

The president spent the Fourth in Pittsburg. Pittsburg is the home of the steel industry that the president threatens to shackle. The reports from Pittsburg indicate that the steel trust enjoyed it.

Mr. Roosevelt strenuously denounces those who have "attacked" his official family. He should now perform a few strenuous vociferations on those who have attacked Dewey, Schley and Miles.

Thousands have taken advantage of the "Lots of Five" subscription offer, and thousands of others interested in the preservation and growth of democratic principles should do the same thing.

The Philippine peace proclamation was doubtless issued on July Fourth for the purpose of further convincing the Filipinos that they have no part nor parcel in the Declaration of Independence.

Senator Beveridge is said to believe that it is his destiny to become president of this republic. Destiny has been blamed for some queer capers during the last few years, and we are prepared for the worst.

When democratic principles triumph in Pennsylvania—as triumph they will some day—the Johnstown Democrat will be entitled to a great share of the honor given those who brought about the result.

The Philippine bill as passed provides for government without consent and taxation without representation. George III. has been a long time dead, but a belated claim for vindication should be filed.

The Commoner began with eight pages, it now contains sixteen; it began with about seventeen thousand subscribers, it now prints a little more than one hundred thousand copies each week, and this growth is due to the paper's friends who sing its praises and extend its influence because it stands up for democratic principles and defends the rights and interests of the common people.

Joe Manley of Maine went to Washington the other day to offer Mr. Roosevelt the Maine delegation in 1904. Before accepting the offer the president should have a little heart-to-heart talk with Thomas Brackett Reed.

The Maine democratic convention indorsed the Kansas City platform and then applauded Champ Clark's interpretation of it. With Maine and Missouri united there ought to have been no trouble in Illinois and Indiana.

According to the press dispatches the amnesty proclamation was read at Manila, but no mention was made of the Declaration of Independence. Why? What has become of inalienable rights and government by the consent of the governed?

Captain Wild of the Thirteenth infantry was reprimanded for burning a Filipino cockpit. The captain made a mistake. He should have killed all Filipinos over ten years old and made the territory about him a howling wilderness.

Congress adjourned without any republican senator endeavoring to meet the arguments advanced by Senator Hoar in his great speech. Discretion is becoming a marked characteristic of g. o. p. senators who advocate imperialism.

In the Columbus Press the democrats of Ohio have a newspaper of which they may well be proud. The democracy of the Columbus Press is the kind of democracy that stands for something more than a mere desire to grasp the loaves and fishes.

The Filipinos enjoy all the rights and privileges of American citizens with the exception of relief by habeas corpus, trial by jury, representation, right to keep arms, right of petition, franchise, citizenship, and other minor things too numerous to mention.

The administration organs that with one accord declared Admiral Dewey's decision in the Schley case to be unworthy of consideration demand that Dewey's estimate of Aguinaldo be accepted without question. The logic of administration organs always appears cut bias.

We have spent \$200,000,000 and sacrificed the lives of upwards of 5,000 Americans in order to advance commercialism in the Philippines. Since the beginning of the trouble in the Philippines our trade with those islands have amounted to less than \$20,000,000. Do the books balance?

Whenever a democratic senator fails to note the insults of a republican senator the republican organs accuse him of cowardice, and when he does resent the insult he is accused of brutality. It is unwise for a democratic senator to waste time trying to please the republican organs.

The Pennsylvania railroad has issued an order forbidding kissing in its depots. The Pennsylvania railroad may issue orders to congress and legislatures and have them obeyed, but when it collides with Dan Cupid the Pennsylvania railroad is going to come out of the trouble second best.

Democrats who stand firmly by democratic principles never fail to note that republican organs always commend democratic platforms that meet with the favor of the reorganizers. And democratic platforms that are commended by republican organs are lacking in the essentials of democracy.

The St. Cloud (Minn.) Times criticises the Minnesota democrats for indorsing the Kansas City platform and the Minneapolis Journal (republican) flatters the Times by declaring that it "talks very sensibly to its party." Strange that the republican papers should give such unselfish advice; and how pleased the Times must be to know that it and the republican papers are in perfect agreement as to what is best for the democratic party.

Mr. Bryan takes pleasure in making a correction. It was stated in a recent issue of this paper that he had not received an invitation to the Tilden dinner. When an officer of that society stated that one had been sent Mr. Bryan caused a search to be made and found that during his absence an invitation and ticket of admission had been received at the office, but by an oversight of the clerk had not been brought to his attention. A letter explaining delay has been addressed to the club. If the club sees fit to give the letter to the public it will be reproduced in *The Commoner*.