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"A little more explanation, General Bragg."

The British cabinet seems to be undergoing a Rooseveltish era.

Up to date the list of trusts talked to death is surprisingly short.

But Mr. Littlefield was in congress during the last session, Mr. President.

General Eagan might be able to give General Smith a few valuable pointers.

The \$1,400,000,000 steel trust infant seems to be in need of a sedative rather than a tonic.

The Prodigal Son did not insist on sitting at the head of the table and doing the carving.

Senator Spooner seems to have experienced difficulty in getting his vindication on straight.

The farmers profited by the corn corner to the extent of being allowed to sleep on the shucks.

The republican organs continue to manifest a wonderful interest in the success of the reorganizers.

Admiral Crowninshield seems to be one of those brave old salts who make a mistake by ever going to sea.

The president said he would fight the trusts to a standstill. And the trusts stand, still. Is that what he meant?

If those two Venezuelan armies were up here some constable would arrest them and put them in the calaboose.

Instead of trying to jump the high tariff fence President Roosevelt persists in hunting for the invisible reciprocity breach.

Democratic harmony is not to be brought about by the keynote of any man not in harmony with democratic principles.

There is a plague of mosquitoes at Oyster Bay, but so long as Mr. Oxnard remains away the president will try to stand it.

The fact that republican organs are displeased with the Texas democratic platform will commend that platform to good democrats.

The reprimanding of General "Jake" Smith would seem to call for another literary spasm from Brigadier General Charles King.

Perhaps they are wining and dining J. Pierpont Morgan over in Europe in the hope that it will keep his mind off of other matters.

The Chronicle, of Chicago, gives the democrats of Du Page and Will counties a lecture because they dared to indorse the Kansas City platform. Well, the Chronicle's rebuke is evidence that Mr. Hopkins did not control that convention.

The Texas democratic platform is another democratic platform that does not need an expert interpreter in each section of the country.

If there was no inhumanity and nothing of torture in the Philippines, pray tell us why General Smith was reprimanded and retired?

The Washington Post intimates that Mr. Littlefield will bat a few hot ones to the trusts. But the trusts have engaged some expert fielders.

Of course a trust magnate would not feel like contributing to the g. o. p. campaign fund—if compelled to ask the jailer for pen and ink.

"Attorney General Knox is going for the trusts!" shouts an administration exchange. He's been going for them ever since they started him.

Why do the republican papers take such an interest in the reorganization of the democratic party? Certainly not because they fear reorganization.

The steel trust earned \$140,000,000 during its second year. This beggarly sum indicates that the dear little infant needs some more protective tariff coddling.

The weather is quite warm, but the indications are that the officers of the Anti-Trust League would find plenty of frigid temperature in case they visited Oyster Bay.

There would be a better chance for harmony if some would-be party managers would play on a democratic instrument instead of fooling with the republican boss-fiddle.

Secretary of the Navy Moody says he is going to keep the naval maneuvers secret. The naval maneuvers are not the only things the administration desires to keep secret.

Your attention is called to **The Commoner's** "Lots of Five" proposition on another page of this issue. Those interested in the preservation of democratic principles should read it.

The Kenton (O.) Press notes that the last democratic house and Grover Cleveland were elected ten years ago. And the last statement of fact accounts for the first statement of fact.

The press dispatches report that the amnesty proclamation was read in Manila, but no mention is made of the Declaration of Independence and government by the consent of the governed.

Twenty-eight thousand dollars are missing from some safety deposit vaults in Chicago, and as no Philadelphia aldermen have been in the Windy City for several weeks the police have no clue.

Republicans insist that the tariff be revised by its friends. How would Messrs. Morgan, Schwab, Carnegie, Swift, Morris, Cudahy, Gates, Rockefeller and Hanna do as a committee on revision?

The republican organs continue to rejoice every time a man claiming to be a democrat urges the dropping of democratic principles and the adoption of principles that republican organs can commend.

Of course the president's action in the General Smith case will not be considered a vindication of the gentlemen who charged that inhuman practices had been indulged in by our army—that is, not by the hide-bound organs that insisted in the face of proof that there had been no inhumanity.

Four Michigan republican congressmen who opposed the president's Cuban policy have been turned down for renomination, and the administration organs would crow loudly about it if it were not for the fact that four other Michigan republican congressmen who also opposed the president's Cuban policy have been renominated without opposition.

"Keep on letting well enough alone."—Mark Hanna.

Which sentiment is echoed by the
Beef trust,
Coal trust,
Shipping trust,
Banking trust,
Railroad trust,
And
Every other old trust.

The republicans are so anxious to have the Filipinos declared incapable of self-government that they are willing to applaud Admiral Dewey's assertion that the Cubans are still less capable of self-government.

Pension Commissioner Ware says he will conduct his office according to law. That sounds very well, but where would be the profits for the administration? The g. o. p. always figures on the law and the profits.

The Boston Traveler suggests that "If ex-President Cleveland finds he cannot get back into the democratic ranks as a leader he might do as he did in the civil war—send a substitute." If he does he will have to insure the party against a bounty jumper.

McLean has declared war on Tom Johnson, and Johnson replies that McLean's support of the democratic ticket would drive away more votes than it would attract. Well, Johnson has one great advantage over McLean—he has convictions as well as money.

The democrats and populists of the Sixth Nebraska congressional district have nominated General Patrick Barry, a gallant soldier who left an arm on a battlefield, and a man who has made a long and consistent fight for democratic principles and policies.

Bryan's Commoner has an article on "How to make stockings wear." Well, it's time to be thinking about that.—Sioux City Journal. Well, the article was clipped from and credited to the Sioux City Journal. How long have you been thinking about it?

That low scratching sound wafted westward from Washington is doubtless caused by the pen of Edgar Stanton Maclay as he writes the history of Admiral Crowninshield's (pronounced Crunchell) wonderful examples of skill as a navigator of a real battleship.

A San Francisco baker disinherited his daughter because she eloped with and married a young man whose income is only \$400 a month. We know of several families that would be able to live fairly well on \$400 a month if their bread was furnished gratis.

"Will the republican papers ever quit lying about Bryan?" asks a democratic exchange. Perhaps, but it is impossible to say what republican papers will be doing three or four hundred years from now, and there seems no likelihood of their quitting short of that time.

Administration logic is a queer sort of thing when you investigate it. The administration demands that the friars get out of the Philippines because the natives do not want them there. But the administration persists in remaining there in spite of the wishes of the natives.

A French riding master is going to ride his favorite horse from Dayton, O., to San Francisco within fifty-three days, if he can, for a prize. We would feel like contributing to the purse if it were to be given to the horse for riding such a cruel master that far in so short a time.

The Chicago Chronicle takes offense at Mr. Bryan's suggestion that Mr. Cleveland's "business interests" were such as to make his return to the democratic party improbable. No wonder the Chronicle objects, for it is owned by a republican, Mr. John R. Walsh, whose business interests will make that paper's return to the democratic party improbable.

Ex-Senator McLaurin of South Carolina has declined the court of claims judgeship. The fact that Mr. McLaurin encloses with his declination a newspaper clipping accusing him of selling himself for an office shows that he is more sensitive about bribery than the president is. Mr. Roosevelt seems to be using the patronage of his office much as Mr. Cleveland did to reward those who betray their constituents.

As an illustration of the fact that our lives often turn on unexpected circumstances, attention is called to the fact that Dr. Henry Jerome, "a young American physician, who four weeks ago saved a would-be suicide, Jeanette Des Voir, a beautiful Parisian, who was crazed by grief because her fiancé had been killed in a railroad accident, has married the girl." A month has wrought great changes in the lives of both.