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Is it not about time for Delaware to plug up some of the "Gas" leaks?

It appears that Senator Burton drew a "vindication" of the Senator Dietrich brand.

It appears that Mr. Neidringhaus drew a little too much froth on his campaign plans.

Another explanation may be that the "Mysterious Stranger" has not yet sobered up.

The "Mysterious Stranger" seems to have played an overtime engagement in Missouri.

By confining their flesh diet to dried fish the Japanese have also avoided acquiring a putrid beef scandal.

The campaign of 1906 and the campaign of 1908 will be won, if won at all, by beginning work right now.

Uncle Joe Cannon does not seem to figure among the "wild animals I have subdued" listed by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Neidringhaus' two St. Louis friends probably believe that they have received the worth of their money in advertising.

Speaker Cannon is talking very much like a man convinced that he can sit in the speaker's chair and do a lot of white house thinking.

Attorney General Moody has the advantage of having ex-Attorney General Knox's record before him, thus making it easy to avoid following it.

Perhaps the threat of an extra session was uttered before the corporations and trusts had made up their minds that they would not allow it.

Up to date Togo and Nogi have not been called down by some parlor warrior. The military affairs of Japan seem not to have been Corbinized as yet.

Congressman J. A. T. Hull will not be able, however, to make enough of a fight on General Miles to secure the Miles' reputation for military ability.

Governor Douglas seems to be one of those old-fashioned gentlemen who believes that arbitration laws were enacted for the purpose of bringing about arbitration.

With such an example before them as that set by the victorious republicans of Missouri the democrats of that commonwealth will probably make their majority about 150,000 next time.

Mr. Neidringhaus is having trouble getting his feet into Francis Marion Cockrell's shoes, but this is not due to either bigness of the Neidringhaus feet or the smallness of the Cockrell shoes.

Did your subscription begin with the first issue of **The Commoner**, four years ago? If so, this is the time for renewal. You can save us a great deal of work by sending it in without delay.

The gentleman nominated for senator by the republican legislators of Missouri is of the opinion that a senator in the senate is worth two in the Busch.

Thomas Carter has again been elected senator from Montana. Senator Carter seems able to continue the good work of making "Footprints of Time."

Doubtless the railroads would accept any kind of a law regulating rates provided they were permitted to select the judges who would be called upon to interpret the law

Governor Deneen has decided to dispense with the services of a military staff, and Governor Folk has laid down iron-clad rules that lobbyists must follow. Clearly the light is breaking

H. H. Farmer of Hillsville, Va., wants to know where he may obtain a copy of a book written by Dr. King and containing an account of his experiences as a practitioner of medicine.

The governor of Delaware says he is going to drive lobbyists and boodlers from the state house. "Gas" Addicks is ready for the governor to drive him from the state house to the senate.

Noting the fact that 7,000 Pennsylvanians were punished last year for wife beating, the Joplin Globe is moved to remark that this proves that Pennsylvanians do something besides voting the republican ticket.

In its issue of Dec. 23, 1904. **The Commoner** in referring to "Politics in New Zealand," inadvertently made a mistake in the address of the publishing house. The editor and publisher is C. F. Taylor, 1520 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

RENEWALS

A large proportion of **Commoner** subscriptions will expire with the current month. Subscribers are requested to send in renewals promptly, to avoid delay in re-entering. The new expiration date will usually appear on the wrapper of the second issue after renewal is received.

The Washington Post wants an extra session so Washington people may the sooner become acquainted with the new faces. The Post would better wait a bit; perhaps some unexpected faces may show up.

The Chicago college professor who died from overwork must have been trying to discover some method of making the college authorities believe that a mere professor of sciences is worth as much salary as a football coach.

The republican leaders are so thoroughly in sympathy with President Roosevelt's railroad policy that they are providing him with the support of such gay old anti-corporationists as Knox, Depew, Burkett and others.

People who do not understand why the government printing office turns out so much printed matter would learn something to their advantage by investigating conditions about the time the government mail weighers board the mail cars.

The Washington Post insinuates that there is no use of having a canal commission "Inasmuch as there are no useful duties for the body to perform." Does the Post mean this as a surreptitious attack on our present "republican" form of government?

The St. Paul Globe calls attention to the fact that the Filipino, the Porto Rican and the resident of Panama, has no status. He is not a citizen of this country and he is not a citizen of any other country. In fact, he has no citizenship. He is simply a subject. The Porto Rican ought to be made a full fledged citizen. His island ought to be made a territory and put into the process of preparation for statehood. The Filipino ought to be promised his independence now and given his independence as soon as a stable government can be put into operation. Until we know what is going to be done at Panama it may be impossible to decide

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what ought to be done in regard to those who reside upon the strip, but if land is to be held permanently American principles ought to be applied to it. We can not afford to have a lot of people with a status hovering in mid-air and beyond the protection of our constitution.

Mr. Archibald Loomis, late of the National City bank of New York, has resigned. He is the gentleman who loaned the bank's money to a Wall street firm to manipulate some "wash sales" in order to boom a certain stock. He said he would not resign, and intimated that it was nobody's business how the bank loaned money as long as the depositors lost nothing. In fact Mr. Loomis struck a regular "the public be Vanderbilt" attitude. But he has resigned, and now he assures his friends that the resignation was voluntary and that he never put his foot outside of the law. While Mr. Loomis is insisting that he stepped out of the bank there are quite a number of people who will continue to believe that he was pushed

Mr. Loomis Steps Down and Out

Thomas K. Neidringhaus' experiences in getting a senatorial toga recall "Private" John Allen's story. After Mr. Cleveland's inauguration "Private" John asked for the appointment of a friend to the postmastership at Tupelo. Mr. Cleveland put him off time and again, and finally "Private" John said: "Mr. President, down in my district an old fellow died and left his estate to his son, making the proviso that the boy should demonstrate his fitness to care for the property before it was turned over to him. I was made trustee. The boy was a wild blade, and I hesitated about giving him control of the property. After he had called on me several times and I had put him off, he called one day, and after talking the matter over he looked at me sadly and said: 'John, when I think of the trouble I am having in gettin' hold of this estate, blamed if I ain't sometimes sorry that pa died.' "

Neidringhaus Can See This Point

According to government statistics the close of the year 1902 saw the completion of 33,415 irrigation systems irrigating 9,500,000 acres of land. The Boston Herald has made some interesting comparisons. It finds that the irrigation enterprises cost \$93,320,452 and made 134,000 farms profitable. The money spent by Uncle Sam on his navy in 1904 would have paid the entire cost of all these irrigation systems, and left on hand a balance of \$9,500,000. According to the government statistics the amount spent on the navy would have irrigated and made profitable an area greater than the combined states of Maryland and Connecticut, or more than half the area of Indiana. Every dollar spent on irrigation has added to the material wealth of the nation. The money spent on the navy did not increase the general wealth of the country a penny. The farmer who is an advocate of the "big stick" policy, or is blinded by the "world power" glitter, should do a little more earnest thinking.

Irrigation and the "Big Stick"

Ex-Governor Bulkeley, caucus nominee of the republicans in the Connecticut legislature for United States senator, is not wholly unknown to fame, and his views on certain matters, now of serious and thoughtful interest to all good citizens are a matter of record. The Boston Herald says "his notions of what is right and proper in business have been illustrated in ways that brand him as one with loose ideas of justice and honor." Some years ago a Connecticut legislative committee had under consideration a corrupt practices act designed to prevent bribery and corruption at elections. Mr. Bulkeley was before the committee and something that he had said led the chairman of the committee to ask him: "Do I infer that it is lawful and right for you, as a candidate for office, to buy a vote which is for sale?" Mr. Bulkeley's answer was: "I think it is right for a candidate to secure that man's vote, if he is without principle and ignorant, by any means you can use." The Herald asserts that "there is no doubt in Connecticut that he (Bulkeley) has put this theory of carrying elections in practice whenever he has believed it would serve him." The election of Bulkeley to the senate will be a very poor way for the republican party to "hold up the hands" of President Roosevelt in his fight against the encroachments of the corporations.