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Naturally enough the republican cure offered for the deficit is more taxation and not less expense.

Togo's salary is \$3,000 and Rojestvensky's is \$50,000. But just think how easily Togo earned his.

Department of agriculture experts seem to have mistaken the soil culture microbe for a graft microbe.

The number of senators who are losing interest in the subject of an extra session of congress is still growing.

Doubtless Havana citizens appreciated the humor of it when they ordered a quarantine against New Orleans.

It seems that the Delmar race track officials could not run fast enough to get away from a determined governor.

Lieutenant Peary says he expects to find the north pole next February. But who wants the north pole in February?

Now that Equitable salaries have been pruned the policyholders are waiting for some similar action as to premiums.

Senator Mitchell may extract some comfort from the fact that it is an awfully long while between sending senators to jail.

The government deficit for July was \$13,680,000—quite large enough for Secretary Shaw to see without the aid of spectacles.

When we have settled a few weighty problems in this country it will be time to throw frenzied hysterics over the Chinese boycott.

Japan says she would not accept the Philippines as a gift. We wouldn't either if they had not been "thrown into our laps by providence."

It must seem to Mr. Morton that he has more dirt to dig in cleaning out the Equitable than the government has in digging the Panama canal.

By this time Secretary Bonaparte has been given to understand that all references to whitewash are unpopular at both ends of Pennsylvania avenue.

The Kentucky Gazette, published at Lexington, Ky., and edited by E. S. Kinkead, reproduces the primary pledge form and urges its readers to participate in the work.

If Mr. Taft expects to take charge of the Panama canal when he returns we can not blame him for trying to make the most of the good time he is now enjoying.

Mr. Watterson says that "it is with systems and not with individuals that we must deal." Well, why not deal radically with the "system" by sending a few of its promoters to jail?

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It is stated that Mr. Rockefeller has become morbidly sensitive to criticism. And the people have become morbidly sensitive to being gouged, and that makes us even on the sensitive business.

Secretary Bonaparte says there will be no whitewash in his department. Is it possible that he can not secure the handling of the brush because it is in constant use a little further up the line.

The agricultural department seems to furnish more than its share of the leaks. There is the cotton leak, the nitro-culture leak, the label printing leak, and the "official paper" leak—are there any more?

The protracted silence of Mr. James Garfield should not be taken as a sign that he has discovered something wrong with the Standard Oil company. It may be that Mr. Garfield is busy pondering on the fable of the unlucky parrot.

"Will there be a Russian constitution?" queries the Outlook. The Russian constitution gives evidence of possessing remarkable vitality, having survived a lot of everything that is bad in government.

The czar intimates that he will sacrifice every subject he has before he will submit to a disgraceful peace. By sacrificing a few grand dukes he will be able to conclude other satisfactory things than a graceful peace.

Perhaps you have made note of the fact that every man connected with all the insurance graft you have been reading about lately were men who stood in the front ranks of those who talked about "repudiationists" and "dishonest money" a few years ago.

The Commoner had an editorial recently suggesting that every dollar contribution would help a college. The first response comes from England to Illinois college. The donor is opposed to corporate domination of colleges and contributes his mite. Thanks.

The people believe that "Tama Jim" Wilson is as honest as they are made, but occasionally an honest man buys a gold brick. Secretary Wilson has been mistaken in his friends, but he has not made the mistake of trying to cover up his mistakes with a coat of whitewash.

The czar declares that he will not consent to a disgraceful peace. This would be given more consideration were it not for the fact that the czar has been permitting the continuance in his realms of conditions much more disgraceful than any peace terms that could be enforced against him.

Those indicted beef trust managers can not understand why the grand jury indicted them instead of returning true bills against a few sausage factories and an abattoir or two. The magnates should send an exploring expedition along the Morton route and ascertain how it was done.

It develops that somebody is stealing 30,000,000 gallons daily of Washington's water supply, and the Kansas City Journal points to this as an evidence that there is something doing in Washington, even when congress is not in session. But no one ever entertained the idea that congress could possibly have anything to do with the stealing of water.

The Rockville (Indiana) Tribune, edited by Isaac R. Strouse, says: The Tribune would urge upon democrats the necessity of organizing for the campaign of 1908. We can win if we do our duty by the people, which is merely doing the duty we owe to ourselves. Mr. Bryan has constantly kept the primary pledge in view since that plan of organization was adopted. Do not hold back by thinking you are "all right" and don't need to be enrolled in the army of democrats that it is hoped will turn out on all occasions. It is your right to have as much voice in the direction of the party as any other man. If you fail to exercise this right and candidates are nominated and platforms framed that are repulsive to the great body of democrats, you have contributed to that event. We have at this office several hundred blank pledges which when signed will be sent to The Commoner office, where they will be enrolled and classified. Every democrat should sign one.

The Cedar Rapids, Ia., Gazette observes that once in a while the government makes a spectacle of itself, and adds that the crusade against the illustrated post card is one of the occasions. While making no criticism against the anti-post card crusade, the Gazette does call attention to the government's failure to organize a crusade against newspapers that day after day publish indecent advertisements, pictures and reading matter, all of which goes into the family and is seen by every member thereof. Doubtless the publishers of the illustrated post card have exceeded the limits of propriety, but has anybody yet seen one of these cards that is as indecent as advertisements that are to be found in a majority of the daily newspapers of the country? "Straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" may be edifying to a few, but Uncle Sam need not expect that the feat will be hailed with loud applause by thoughtful and pure-minded people.

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