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Query: How can a man "stand by Roosevelt" and at the same time "stand pat?"

The Sioux City Journal's editorial page once more sparkles with genial wit and wisdom.

Strange none of the local ice trusts have retained Mr. Fairbanks to freeze up the prosecution.

Mr. Rockefeller says: "France is great because she saves money." One word for France and two for himself, eh?

Secretary Taft returns to Washington with an idea that he has something yet to learn about the question of race in the south.

The Illinois man who is trying to break into the penitentiary should endeavor to secure a large following in high financial circles.

Perhaps the ice trusts insist on keeping up the price because the people are making it so hot for them that it reduces the supply.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon returns to Danville to find a whole lot of political nephews at work kicking boards off of his political fence.

"Stand by" and "stand pat" are favorite republican phrases. But the republican leaders dare not "stand up" on their records.

A democratic congress elected next November would be a good basis upon which to build a national victory in 1908. Organize now.

Speaker Cannon instinctively thinks of General Grosvenor when he hears that John Mitchell will stomp the Danville district against him.

The Minneapolis Journal avers that the shortage in dimes and other small coins is an evidence of prosperity. How prosperous we are to be sure.

Senator Cullom is assured of re-election so far as republican endorsement is concerned, and he feels like looking like Lincoln more than ever.

The Russian people are beginning to realize that the only freedom worth having is the kind that the ruling powers do not want to give them.

If the Oklahoma constitution makers are wise they will make one that can not be set aside by some judge anxious to return corporate favors.

Maxim Gorke is making some severe criticisms of the American people. The American people, however, beat Gorke to the criticism business.

The plain people of Russia should disguise

themselves as Japanese soldiers and frighten those Cossacks and imperial guards into constipation fits.

Missouri is getting ready to make ample apology to the national democracy in particular and the country in general for that political mistake two years ago.

A New York balloonist dropped several bags of sand in Wall street. If he escaped by losing only sand he is lucky. Others have dropped everything they had.

Kansas republican leaders are so sure of defeating Mr. Harris for governor that they have dug down into the musty pass and resurrected the "bloody shirt" issue.

A careful reading of the Iowa republican platform leads to the conclusion that its framers demand a revision of the tariff without making any changes in the schedules.

There is a law against publishing the results of lottery drawings, but Uncle Sam will probably overlook violations of it until after he gets through with his land lottery schemes.

The Sioux City Journal's Sunday morning sermon on August 5 was on the text, "The Prodigal." This evidently means that Mr. Perkins has decided to go back to the reservation.

Winston Churchill is making a great struggle for the republican gubernatorial nomination in New Hampshire. It is thought that matters political in that state have reached the crisis.

Roy Kabenshue recently kept his air ship afloat for four consecutive hours. But that does not break the record. The beneficiaries of the tariff graft have kept revision in the air for years.

Vice President Fairbanks says that buttermilk is the best summer drink. He will, however, avoid the subject of beverages when he opens the republican congressional campaign in Milwaukee.

The United States geological survey is going to investigate the Blue Grass valley springs in Kentucky. In order to avoid overcrowding it is hereby stated that there are no vacancies on the surveying board.

The Iowa democratic platform differs from the Iowa republican platform in several particulars, but the chief difference is that only one reading of the democratic platform is required to learn the meaning of its tariff planks.

Pennsylvania papers are telling about a child that stopped growing at the age of eighteen months, and although nine years old now is still a baby in size and mentality. Nothing strange about that. We have "infant industries" in this country over thirty years old that are still nursing the bottle.

The Chicago Record-Herald says that Henry Phipps, the Pittsburg steel king, pays \$500,000 a year for the exclusive use of a deer park in Scotland. The Record-Herald puts things wrong. The American people pay \$500,000 a year for a deer park in Scotland and give Mr. Phipps the exclusive use thereof.

NEBRASCKA DEMOCRATS

The democratic state convention adopted a platform that rings true, and deals explicitly with the important issues upon which the battle is to be waged. The ticket nominated is composed of good and able men, everyone of whom is solemnly pledged to make faithful effort to redeem every promise given by his party.

These nominees need no introduction to the people of Nebraska. Mr. Shallenberger, for governor, served one term in congress, and acquitted himself creditably. He is now the honored mayor of the town of Alma. Mr. Thompson, for United States senator, was chosen as Nebraska's member of the national committee at the Chicago convention in 1896. He was a Nebraska delegate to the national convention in 1892, 1896, 1900 and 1904. He has an extensive acquaintance among the democrats of the nation. As mayor of the city of Grand Island, Mr. Thompson served the people faithfully, and in 1902 he made a gallant fight as democratic nominee for governor. Mr.

Greene, for lieutenant governor, is editor of the Creighton (Neb.) Liberal. Mr. Greene was a member of the delegation to the St. Louis convention in 1904. Mr. Babcock, for treasurer, has made an excellent record as county treasurer of Adams county. Jacob V. Wolfe, for land commissioner, served in that capacity many years ago, and made a proud record. Carl R. Goucher, for secretary of state; Lysie I. Abbott, for attorney general; J. S. Canaday for auditor; R. H. Watson for superintendent of education, and Messrs. Horst, Fitzsimmons and Davis for railroad commissioners, are all men who have the confidence of those who know them best.

CUMMINS CONGRATULATED?

When Dupont, the head of the powder trust, was elected to the United States senate recently, Mr. Roosevelt, so the dispatches said, sent a telegram of congratulation. Have we overlooked something, or has Mr. Roosevelt neglected to send his congratulation to Albert B. Cummins of Iowa because of his renomination to be governor of the Hawkeye state?

THE "DOLLAR PUT IT BACK FUND"

Newspaper dispatches say that the republican committee is not making great progress in its "dollar campaign fund for 1906." Perhaps the committee would have better luck with the 1906 fund if it acted on The Commoner's suggestion and created first a "Dollar Put It Back Fund" the same to be used in returning to the policyholders of the country, moneys stolen from them and traced to the republican treasury.

CHANCE FOR THE MUCK RAKE

A Springfield (Mass.) republican, says: "John G. Bestgen of Quincy, at whose initiative Robert G. Proctor, Senator Lodge's private secretary, was convicted of appropriating \$225, declares that he lost \$1,100 in his efforts to secure the appointment of United States consul at Solingen, Germany, and that while he does not care at present to tell about the remaining \$875, he has surprises in store for certain people later on." What will the department of justice do about it?

HE CAN AFFORD IT

London dispatches say that J. Pierpont Morgan has paid more than \$300,000 for "paintings and antiques" during the last three months and some London articles declare that in most instances, Mr. Morgan has paid double price. In one instance, it is said, Mr. Morgan paid \$200,000 for a picture which in 1897 was sold for \$11,250. As a result the artists are laughing at Mr. Morgan.

Well the artists can laugh at him because his money goes easily; but Mr. Morgan is laughing at the whole American people because his money comes easily.

A SHREWD COMPARISON

Chairman Hendry of the Michigan democratic convention gave expression in his speech to many happy thoughts, but the one that will linger longest in the mind is the short, pithy and striking one when he said: "The difference between the democratic party and the republican party is the difference between a calloused hand and a calloused heart."

The more you ponder over that epigrammatic declaration the more you realize the truth of it. "The difference between a calloused hand and a calloused heart." Mr. Hendry deserves the thanks of democrats for the striking figure.

CRIMINAL CLAUSE

A reader of The Commoner writes: "Has the Sherman law in relation to trusts, or any part of it been repealed, especially has the criminal clause been repealed? Is not silver money still an unlimited legal tender?"

The Sherman anti-trust law has not been repealed or amended. The criminal clause of that law is intact as it was originally passed. Because of the repeal of the imprisonment provision in the anti-rebate law, many persons thought it was the criminal clause of the Sherman anti-trust law that had been repealed. Such, however, was not the case.

The silver dollar is still unlimited legal tender for all debts public and private, except where specifically stipulated in the contract.