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Every vote counts, either for good or evil.

The way to insure victory is to organize before the battle begins.

Banker Silveria is doubtless feeling quite sorry for the poor depositors.

Mr. Rockefeller's canned advice has very much the flavor of cold storage eggs.

Men usually pray with their eyes shut, but they should vote with their eyes open.

The fact that a man "takes no interest in politics" is no sign that he is an "independent."

When Magoon succeeded Taft in Cuba there was no appreciable difference in the weight on the lid.

Maxim Gorky says he has "shaken American dust from his feet." But the American people shook Gorky first.

A lot of grafters are trying to shout "stand by Roosevelt" loud enough to distract attention from their stealing.

The trouble with the canned meat label is that the label is put on after the meat has been soldered in the can.

Those Pennsylvania grafters are splitting their throats with their vociferous cries of "Stand by Roosevelt!"

Banker Stensland says, "My heart goes out to the depositors." Yes, and his hands went into their deposits-and went first.

Senator Beveridge seems to be running President Baer a close race for first place among the "trustees of providence."

Having received later information President Roosevelt should return to Harrisburg and make a re-dedication speech.

Doubtless the people of New York are thoroughly resigned to the task of waiting for a couple of senatorial resignations.

Railroad managers insist that it is difficult to maintain uniform tariffs. The inclination to increase them is rather hard to resist.

A Pittsburg city employe tried to solicit church subscriptions in the city hall and was immediately discharged. Perhaps he was adjudged guilty of poaching on machine preserves.

COMMONER READERS IN IOWA REMEMBER

Commoner readers in lowa should remember that it is important that every democrat in the Hawkeye state vote on election day, November 6. Many well informed men say that lowa is debatable ground, that if a full democratic vote is cast for Claude R. Porter, the democratic nominee for governor, he may be elected.

Mr. Porter is a good man and may be depended upon to faithfully defend democratic doctrines. Let Commoner readers in lowa pass the word along the line and there may be a "mysterious stranger" in the election returns for 1906.

The Cuban rebels who refused to ask Governor Taft for office unintentionally performed a distinct favor to Governor Taft.

James J. Hill was not so frightened about the prospective exhaustion of our iron mines that he felt impelled to hold on to his iron mines.

Banker Stensland will sort brooms at Joliet. This should be a straw to bankers who may contemplate following the Stensland precedent.

General Funston made the round trip between the United States and Cuba so rapidly that it is a cinch he did not swim either way.

If coal oil and gasoline were as cheap as Mr. Rockefeller's advice we might entertain a different opinion of the Standard Oil magnate.

Seneator Beveridge's Cuban predictions seem to be rapidly approaching the Russianization of Manchuria finish that the senator was wont to talk about.

In the battle for the base ball championship Chicago couldn't lose. But the Chicago packers thought the same thing of themselves a few short years ago.

The government crop statistician tells us we raised fifty million bushels more wheat this year than last. Ah, what a glorious thing the Dingley tariff is!

The "world's richest girl" has just married the man of her choice, and the best that can be wished for her is that she will be as happy as the wife of the young mechanic who took his bride to the neat little cottage paid for by the labor of his own hands.

"The best way to secure peace is to learn to shoot straight," President Rooseveit is quoted as saying to the Englishmen who came over to present to the president the medal of the interparliamentary union. There are those who believe the better way to secure and preserve peace is to learn to act straight.

As this copy of The Commoner may be read by some one not familiar with the details of the primary pledge plan, it is necessary to say that according to the terms of this plan every democrat is asked to pledge himself to attend all of the primaries of his party to be held between now and the next democratic national convention, unless unavoidably prevented, and to secure a clear, honest and straight-forward declaration of the party's position on every question upon which the voters of the party desire to speak. Those desiring to be enrolled can either write to The Commoner approving the object of the organization and asking to have their names entered on the roll, or they can fill out and mail the blank pledge, which is printed on page 15.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS

The death of Mrs. Davis, the widow of the president of the confederacy, has cast a gloom over the southland and the north joins in sympathy. Her husband was one of the most conspicuous men on the political stage during the civil war and his widow has borne herself so graciously that she has not only grown in the affections of those who followed the fortunes of her husband, but in the esteem of those who opposed his views on the subjects of slavery and secession. In war woman has to endure more sacrifices than man and she has no stirring music to inspire her while she in her loneliness guards the home. The death of Mrs. Davis recalls the sad days of 1861-65. How fortunate that she has lived to see the passions of war subside and to know by personal experience that the once estranged sections are now reunited by bonds of love each year strengthened.

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