

## "Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where They May"

No man who is financially connected with a corporation that is seeking privileges ought to act as a member of a political organization, because he can not represent his corporation and the people at the same time. He can not serve the party while he is seeking to promote the financial interests of the corporation with which he is connected.

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Now for 1908.

Oklahoma has vindicated her right to statehood.

Pennsylvania, like Ephraim, is joined to its idols.

Representative Pollard of Nebraska has "put it back."

It was a lively little skirmish and we had them badly scared.

It was a fairly lively skirmish, but the big battle is dated for 1908. Get ready for it.

Missouri democracy was watching this time, and made sure of no more sad accidents.

The Iowa "standpatters" received a couple of deep dents on their congressional front.

It is hardly likely, however, that Mr. Cortelyou will point to the returns as a vindication.

The Duke of Marlborough seems very anxious to live up to the marital traditions of the house.

Mr. Root made his bitter speech in republican Utica, and immediately Mr. Hearst carried Utica.

The bitterroot speech at Utica seems to have had a great effect in that city. Hearst carried it.

By dint of great self-restraint The Commoner manages to refrain from mentioning the "smoke of battle."

Oscar Straus, the politician, was opposed to Hearst. Nathan Straus, the philanthropist, supported Hearst.

The Standard Oil company has been fined for restraint of trade. The consumers of oil are paying the fine.

There is so much water in railroad stocks that the passenger who can not swim should carry a life preserver.

In the meanwhile Senator Warner of Missouri has about five years in which to express his official regrets.

John Weaver of Philadelphia left one spot in his spine unstarched, and Weaver is again back in the "gang" column.

The "canned editorial" industry will now take a vacation until the g. o. p. managers are ready to enter another campaign.

If the beef trust has any soft berths one of them should be made ready for occupancy by Representative Wadsworth.

If Mr. Hughes is proud of many of his supporters Mr. Hearst has a right to be proud of some of the enemies he made.

After all, William Randolph Hearst polled the largest vote ever polled by a democratic candidate for governor of New York.

The people seem inclined to "stand by" the president, but they have refused in several instances to "stand for" his friends.

Democrats will write the constitution of the new state of Oklahoma, which is a guarantee that it will be Jeffersonian, not Hamiltonian.

Query: Has the interstate commercial commission the power to enforce just and equitable rates for carrying the United States mails?

It seems to be an iron clad rule that a matrimonial blank goes with every venture an American girl makes in the foreign title market.

Sir Thomas Lipton has decided not to challenge for the America cup this year. Sir Thomas' judgment is quite equal to his jolly good fellowship.

Ten of the sixteen recently awarded Carnegie hero medals landed in Chicago. This is calculated to spread the impression that they are nerve medals.

That nine millions grafted from the taxpayers of Pennsylvania seems to have been judiciously distributed by the management of the g. o. p. campaign.

The republican ranks will have to close up a little to cover up the huge hole made by the sudden disappearance of the "Mysterious Stranger."

Now that the election is over the administration officials may quit campaigning and begin telling us when work on the Panama canal will really begin.

It will strike a great many red-blooded Americans that what Count Boni de Castellane most needs is the application of a large, athletic American brother's boot.

Sign the primary pledge and then get a few of your neighbors to sign it. The way to win the battle of 1908 is to begin the work of thorough organization right now.

The republican members of congress who voted to admit Oklahoma on the strength of that territory's having elected a republican delegate are now at leisure to examine the political gold brick.

If it takes seven days to find the Standard Oil company guilty and fine it \$5,000, how many decades will it be ere that outfit is compelled to give up all it has stolen?

In the meanwhile bear in mind that the kind of rate regulation that is satisfactory to the railroad magnates is not calculated to be of immediate benefit to the people.

"Wizard" Burbank offers a thousand dollars for an ounce of horseradish seed. Congressmen are not barred, but of course they would not think of accepting the money.

Many letters have been received from Oklahoma expressing gratification at the victory won there. No one appreciates the importance of that victory more than Mr. Bryan does. It was a great contest and a great triumph for the people.

Mr. Harriman has succeeded in ousting Mr. Fish from the presidency of the Illinois Central, but he has also increased the demand for a little less of "high finance" in railroad management. The Harrimans are riding for a fall.

Missouri is no longer the mysterious stranger. She has taken her place in the democratic ranks and she is welcomed back. No fatted calf is large enough to do justice on this occasion of the prodigal's return.

It is stated that the president bagged a fine turkey gobbler on his way home from Virginia. A lot of us have bagged our ducks, chickens and quails that way. And most of us have caught our fish at the same stage of the trip.

Postmaster General Cortelyou informs postal employes that they must not organize for their own protection. Having been denied the constitutional right to petition for redress of grievances the postal clerks who contemplate retiring from the department would do well to take steps toward securing naturalization papers.

The New York Tribune has recovered sufficiently from its recent scare to say "the democratic party has ceased to be a factor in national affairs." But the Tribune has said something like that before and its present day opinion is not sustained by the indications plainly to be observed in the returns from the recent elections.

In practical results no democratic victory surpasses the one in Oklahoma. The republicans had carved out the districts for the constitutional convention so as to give the republicans a great advantage, but the splendid campaign has resulted in such complete victory that the democrats are not only sure of Oklahoma in the next presidential campaign but are sure of a fair districting of the state, and a fair districting will give the democrats two United States senators and nearly all the congressmen. Good for Oklahoma!

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.