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Bomb throwing at bankers is another "Iowa idea."

Senator Dryden's hold on the senatorship does not seem to have the strength of Gibraltar.

Ordering the colored troops to the Philippines is merely putting off the question.

A little match applied to a certain tariff schedule might explode the powder trust.

But will pure food save life fast enough to make good the losses in railroad accidents.

With this issue The Commoner enters upon its seventh year, feeling quite chipper, thank you.

With railroad wrecks and thirty-seven legislatures in session, the new year started off rather violently.

Civilians should also stand at "attention" when they hear a band playing "Star Spangled Banner."

The Japs having cornered the potato market they will be able to keep more eyes on our movements.

The Foraker safety valve registers about forty pounds, but it is on the second or third time around.

A great deal will be forgiven the man who is thoughtful enough to sprinkle ashes on a sleety sidewalk.

During his odd moments Ambassador Bryce can busy himself with an appendix to his "American Commonwealth."

It seems quite evident that something will have to be done to protect the blocks that constitute the "block system."

Here's hoping for a Happy New Year to the man who remembered to warm his horses' bits on a cold and frosty morning.

The Chicago packing houses claim that 1906 was their most prosperous year. Let us hope so. It may induce them to clean up a little more.

The republic of Panama may be pardoned for complaining that the "big stick" used in its case was the possessor of more knobs and protuberances than the one brandished in the direction of Japan.

The eminent financiers who loaned Japan the money for the late war are the gentlemen to say whether Japan will be allowed to grow too chesty.

It seems that Mr. Harriman is forming a railroad merger in a somewhat new manner, but it is still the same old enemy of the rights of the people.

Does the pure food law take cognizance of the gentleman who approaches and grows confidential shortly after a lunch of onions and hamburger?

Human life must be considered cheap when thousands of human lives are daily entrusted to the care of seventeen-year-old boys employed at \$40 a month.

An American offered \$200,000 for a picture that has since been adjudged worth \$25. That particular American should look about him and invest in a senatorship.

The senate has appointed a committee on "ventilation," and Senator DuPont is chairman. There are several things about the senate that should be thoroughly aired.

Those acquainted with political conditions in Colorado will cheerfully admit that Mr. Guggenheim is not seeking a place in the senate because he needs the salary.

The Nebraska legislature has made a great parade of firing out the lobbyists, but up to date the hotel managers have not been heard to complain of decreased patronage.

Mexico is progressing. Troops have been ordered out to discipline workers who have had the temerity to refuse to work until they have been guaranteed a fair wage.

RENEWALS

The subscriptions of those who became subscribers with the first issue of The Commoner and have renewed at the close of each year, expire with the last issue in January. In order to facilitate the work of changing and re-entering the addresses upon our subscription books and mailing lists and obviate the expense of sending out personal statements announcing that renewals were due, subscribers are urgently requested to renew with as little delay as possible. The work of correcting the stencils entails an enormous amount of labor and the publisher asks subscribers to assist as much as possible by making their renewals promptly. The corrected expiration usually appears on the wrapper of the second issue after renewal is received.

Mrs. Wilcox says a wife should put love into every kiss she gives her husband. Quite so, quite so. And also into the bread, the steaks, the soups and the apple sauce.

The attention of Representative Williams is called to the very evident fact that the dampness of the White House has not rusted the bearings of Mr. Loeb's trenchant typewriting machine.

Dr. Judson of Chicago University informs us that Mr. Rockefeller represents the type of "the American of tomorrow." Which reminds us that "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

The ship subsidy promoters are now calling it "rounding out the policy of protection." That sounds good, but what the country needs is to have the protection policy trimmed off on the square.

The new president of the Pennsylvania railroad parts his hair and his beard in the middle. But the time has gone by when men are judged by the way they want to wear their hair and beard.

The Washington Herald is amazed that a couple of eggs should be worth as much as the hen that laid them. The Herald should ponder on the fact that it is possible to cut the eggs when it is often impossible to carve the fowl responsible for them.

The government is printing President Roosevelt's researches in Panama in book form and selling it at 50 cents per volume. Poultney Bigelow is of the opinion that the price is 40 per cent too high.

Of course the western representatives in congress should favor huge naval appropriations. We must not risk having our western cornfields all torn up by having some foreign battleship plowing through it.

In view of what has happened in the state house at Denver during the last two or three years we can not find it in our heart to criticize Governor Buchtel for wanting to take the oath of office in a church.

Mr. Harriman indignantly denies that he controls more miles of railroad than any other man. He merely controls the men who control more miles. It is only fair to Mr. Harriman that the press make this correction.

The people who applaud the wisdom of a railroad company that invests a million in a block system to protect its passengers, will hardly applaud the parsimony that employs a cheap boy to attend to the signals.

Really it would seem that if the railroads impose a fine on shippers who delay in unloading cars, the shippers should be allowed to impose a fine on a road that delays cars that the shippers are anxious to unload.

A cablegram to the New York World asserts that the Parisians are having lots of fun with Mr. Rockefeller. Must be that they burn only gas or electricity over there. It is difficult to see any fun by the light of his oil.

Judge K. M. Landis was just the man to interpose an obstacle between the Standard Oil company and the pockets of the people. His full name is Kenesaw Mountain Landis, and Mr. Rockefeller will find him hard to climb.

A mining expert says there will be more digging for gold in 1907 than ever before. Sure. Everybody will have to dig more for all that they have to buy. The price of everything but work is going up by leaps and bounds.

A woman journalist is now writing articles telling women how to write letters. What the women are most interested in is securing information concerning the matter of how to remind their husbands to post the letters already written.

Mr. Guggenheim of Colorado is the latest public man who takes refuge behind the claim that the "reporter misquoted" him. It always appears that way to some men when they see their boasts in cold type. It looks so different then.

Doubtless President Roosevelt has considered the important fact that every time he has done the right thing he has been compelled to rely on democratic representatives and senators to repel the attacks of antagonists within his own party ranks.

Commoner readers everywhere will be shocked to read this dispatch under date of Topeka, Kan., January 10: "David Overmeyer, probably the most prominent democratic politician in Kansas, died at his home here last night, age sixty years. Mr. Overmeyer was a candidate for attorney general on the democratic ticket at the recent state election, was once a candidate for governor, and was well known as a lawyer in Kansas and neighboring states. He was born in Ohio, and was an alumnus of DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind."

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 straightforward 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.