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A patriot is a rebel who succeeds.

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Miss Civil Service has ample grounds for a breach of promise suit.

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Some men achieve failure by being most successful.

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The end of the Boer war is still in sight, but to Kitchener's sorrow it is the front end.

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Sam Jones will have at least two years more in which to apply the Golden Rule to the city government of Toledo.

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Mr. Carnegie has offered New York five millions and St. Louis one million for the establishment of libraries.

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Denmark imposes too many conditions in the negotiations for the Danish West Indies. There is no room left for speculation.

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The men behind the steel combine are negotiating for the control of the isthmian canal. Perhaps they need it for irrigating purposes.

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Does the delay of the supreme court in announcing its decision in the Porto Rican case portend another income tax change of opinion?

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The latest news concerning the management of military affairs in Manila indicates that apologies are due those deported editors.

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Our "code of morals" has received some severe wrenches in the postal and military departments of the "insular possessions."

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The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued bulletin No. 69. It contains reports on pasturage tests of a number of annual forage plants, and also a comparison of pasturing and

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feeding cut forage. The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by residents of Nebraska upon writing to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb.

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The employer who does best by his employes is the one who pays good wages all the time instead of providing a fund for possible contingencies.

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General Funston has been rewarded for capturing Aguinaldo and now it is reported that Aguinaldo is to be rewarded for allowing himself to be captured.

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The Sultan of Turkey has recently been badly frightened by an earthquake shock. This is a tip to Uncle Sam. Perhaps that \$100,000 can be shaken out of the sick man.

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Mayor Harrison won a great victory. To be elected the third time, mayor of the second city of the United States is a high compliment to him personally and officially.

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If the Trans-Continental railroad lines can get hold of the canal across the isthmus, that waterway will be of very little value to the public, so far as the lowering of freight rates is concerned.

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National lawmakers who have not pledged themselves to vote for the shipping subsidy bill need not remain away from Europe this summer on account of the expense incident to the ocean voyage.

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Missionaries in China, in making out their claims for damages against the Chinese, itemized their destroyed sermons at \$100 each. This is rather a steep price for property offered to the Chinese for nothing.

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When he looks at Governor Odell, Mr. Platt has occasion to recall the story of the man who, finding a frozen viper in the road, warmed it back to life in his bosom only to be rewarded by a fatal bite.

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Speculative army officers are now engaged in giving the Filipinos object lessons in good government. The Cubans had their lesson while Rathbone and Neeley were running the Cuban postal department.

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Of course, national pride would make one of our citizens prefer to be run over by a train in America rather than killed by a Chinaman, but it is possible that this pride may be given to much pecuniary consideration.

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The arrest of eight Americans at Manila, accused of fraud in the purchase of army supplies, will probably be charged up to "destiny." Stealing can hardly be considered a "plain duty," unless the sum stolen is considerable.

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It was stated in the beginning that **THE COMMONER** would be increased in size when it was ready to admit advertising to its columns. The time has now come for this enlargement. Sample copies will be sent on application, and

subscribers are invited to send in the names of persons who would like to see the paper.

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If MacArthur continues his deportation policy Guam will not be big enough to hold all those who "menace the military situation." The latest from Luzon is to the effect that some army officers are engaged in doing that very thing.

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As executive does not deserve much credit for having a mind and will of his own. That much ought to be expected of him, but Governor Odell is actually gaining considerable notoriety by showing himself independent of Senator Platt.

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Senator Hanna can now congratulate himself that he is soon to live under the administration of one of the best mayors in the country. Tom L. Johnson will disappoint a multitude of friends if he does not give Cleveland a model administration.

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The Kansas City Times owes Mayor-elect Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland an apology. It classes him with Wells and gives him some advice. The fact is that Johnson was an enthusiastic supporter of the democratic ticket in both 1896 and 1900.

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It is reported that J. Pierpont Morgan received over \$7,000,000 for his services in the organization of the steel trust. In view of this fact it is hardly probable that Mr. Morgan will look with favor on any effort to make the formation of trusts illegal.

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Civil Service Commissioner Rodenberg is such a stalwart advocate of the merit system that he used his utmost endeavor to destroy the civil service by refusing to appropriate money to carry on the work of the commission. Then, being repudiated by his constituents, he accepts a job as civil service commissioner and draws the money he tried to keep from being expended that way.

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The loyal democrats of Missouri are respectfully invited to read the Courier-Journal's report of the St. Louis election. It says:—"The old guard take hold again." "Old line democrats take charge and cause a 'clean sweep.'" "The election of Wells will ultimately mean the restoration to power of old line democratic leaders, who left the party during the existence of 'the free silver craze.'" And this is the little "local election" which was of on interest to "outiders."

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The sentiment in favor of municipal ownership seems to be growing very satisfactorily. Four mayors, Harrison in Chicago, Johnson in Cleveland, Jones in Toledo, and Hinkle of Columbus, have recently been elected on municipal ownership platforms, and Merriwether polled thirty thousand votes in St. Louis on a similar platform. Even Lincoln, Nebraska,—republican Lincoln—by a vote of three to one authorized the issuance of bonds for the erection of a city lighting plant.