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It is well to make note of the fact that the navy bureaucrats are doing most of the fluttering.

Senator McLaurin is entitled to some sympathy. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has rushed to his defense.

The soaring price of beans may be the foundation for Boston's belief that the drouth in the west was the limit.

The czar of Russia could learn much about autocratic rule by making a study of the federal judiciary in this country.

If Mr. Roosevelt fails to find proper outlet for his strenuousness in killing coyotes he might try gunning for trust wolves in the east.

Considering the fact that "Historian" Maclay's wage is \$2.48 per day the public is inclined to wonder what the extra \$2.18 is for.

The Iowa republican convention "resolved" against trusts. Up to date the trusts have not shown any symptoms of heart failure.

Naturally the republican organs and orators fly to the aid of Senator McLaurin. The old adage about birds of a feather still holds good.

The democrats of Maryland did not have to worry about the negro vote in that state until the gold democrats began to support the republican ticket.

Those San Francisco smelter robbers failed to make their steal plant profitable. They should have engineered things so as to secure protection for their industry.

Adjutant-General Corbin will represent the United States army at the coronation of King Edward. The wise Englishman will not, however, form his opinions of our army by the sample sent over.

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To the warring South American Republics: Beware, lest Uncle Sam intervene. If he ever does "manifest destiny" will prepare your finish if Uncle Sam's present managers retain their hold.

General Kitchener has issued another proclamation, this time to the effect that hereafter all Boers captured with arms will be transported for life. Kitchener will now proceed to capture before he can transport.

The steel trust is capitalized for \$1,000,000,000 and arbitrarily fixes prices and wages so as to pay dividends on that enormous sum. But what is the assessed value for taxation purposes of the steel trust's property?

The federal judge who sent a striker to jail for asking a fellow laborer to stand by him would shudder violently at the idea of sending to jail a trust magnate who asked another trust magnate to stand by him under similar conditions.

A great many newspapers condemn John R. Wood for "hogging" in his selection of a claim in the Lawton land district. But is Wood's action any more reprehensible than the grab spirit manifested by the trust managers?

Laboring men who were deceived by the "full dinnerpail" and "protection to American industry" slogans in 1900 are earnestly requested to look into the dinnerpails of the striking steel workers, and to note the actions of the gigantic steel trust "infant."

A boat four thousand years old has been brought to New York from Egypt. The motive of those who brought it over is not known, but perhaps they expect to hold it until Uncle Sam gets into another war and then sell it to him for use as an army transport.

The Chicago man who exists without a stomach doubtless gives the trusts reason to hope that in time it will be able to employ labor cheaper than ever, because labor can afford to work for little or nothing if stomachs do not need to be filled.

"We assert the sovereignty of the people over all corporations and aggregations of capital," says the Iowa republican platform. What humorous things those Iowa republican platform makers can say.

During the "dark democratic days" of 1895 the republican organs sheld barrels of bitter ink over the woes of the woolgrowers, who had been "ruined" by free wool. But in August, 1895, medium grade wool was quoted at from 16 to 24 cents on the Boston market. Wool is now "protected" to the limit, yet strange to say medium grade wool in August of 1901 is quoted on the Boston market at from 11 to 17 cents. Has the Dingley law slipped another cog?

Sir Thomas Lipton is welcome to the best there is in this country, with the single exception of the cup. And were it not for some historic associations connected with the cup he would be welcome to that.

The drouth is responsible for the scarcity of corn, but the administration claims credit for the high price of the cereal. The immutable law of supply and demand operates on every known product with the sole exception of silver—according to the republican logicians.

Owing to the fact that the Congressional elections are more than a year in the future the g. o. p. managers are not worrying themselves gray over the steel strike situation. The wise wageworker will postpone his strikes until such time as the g. o. p. managers realize the necessity for action.

Mr. Alger declared with vehemence that he would not resign, and then retired to private life to write a history of embalmed beef. Secretary Long denies with emphasis that he is to retire from the cabinet, which gives rise to the suspicion that we are soon to have another naval history of the war with Spain.

The Maryland democrats met in state convention and adopted a platform which dealt entirely with state issues. Aside from a general endorsement of "Jeffersonian principles" the platform makes no reference to national questions. As the legislature elected this fall will choose a United States Senator some reference should have been made to the questions upon which the Senator will have to act. If Mr. Gorman is elected he may feel free to continue Jeffersonian principles to suit himself. An endorsement of the Kansas City platform would have given the public some idea as to what to expect in the way of national legislation in case of democratic success.

General Miles has been made the subject of considerable good-natured ridicule because he objected to the West Point Cadets visiting the exposition until some of the shows on the "midway" had been rid of some of their immoral features. The Buffalo midway is no worse than that of former expositions but General Miles' order may serve to direct attention to the evils that are permitted to thrive in exposition side shows. Immorality will grow all too fast in this country without importing so-called "oriental" features to add to the list. The Chicago "midway" was a distinct novelty, but it can not be disputed that it pandered in many ways to the lowest appetites and gave an impetus to immorality that has not yet been checked. Since the Chicago exposition the country has had a surfeit of "oriental" features that pander to the baser instincts, and the evils resulting therefrom are measured by the lowering of the moral standard. Today men and women crowd to see exhibitions that would not have been tolerated by the police fifteen years ago.