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Anarchy, however, is not the only "organized in New Jersey" infamy that must be wiped out.

The trouble with some alleged Democratic newspapers is that they think less of Democratic principles than they do of self-interest.

When potatoes are plentiful the tariff does not benefit the producer. When potatoes are scarce the tariff is a burden to the consumer.

"I am an anarchist and I did my duty," said the assassin of President McKinley. The American people are not anarchists, and they must do their duty.

Miss Anthony says Mrs. Nation should have tried other and better ways of putting down whiskey. Miss Anthony, however, did not mean that as it sounds.

Taciturnity is not a portion of the navy's make-up. The navy will never be what the people want it to be until taciturnity is a large fraction of the navy's equipment.

The Columbus, Ohio, Citizen has seen a great light and is now a full-fledged organ of Democracy. The Citizen has always been a good newspaper; now it will be a great teacher.

If the law requiring all persons selling poison to label it as such is enforced against newspapers in Iowa, the Des Moines Leader will be compelled to call itself a republican organ.

While waiting for a subsidy to strengthen their tottering little industry the ship owners are organizing a trust with something like \$150,000,000 capital. It would seem to the unprejudiced observer that these infant industries had reached the knickerbocker stage, at least.

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William Waldorf Astor declares that the newspapers of America caused him to renounce his American citizenship. The value of American newspapers becomes more manifest every day.

Two new features appear in this issue—the Home Department, which it is hoped will prove interesting to the women, and the Weekly Press Forum to which the attention of editors of democratic weeklies is especially invited.

Chicago University sends out a circular signed by President Harper offering to furnish outline sermons for ministers of the gospel. Can it be possible that the Standard Oil Company is trying to corner the pulpits of the land?

Two men in jail on the charge of complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel engaged in a desperate fight over a small sum of money. These are the men pointed to by the defenders of that bloody crime as incapable of such a violation of law.

If any one is tempted to criticize Mr. Roosevelt for going off on a hunting expedition at a time when the President was critically ill, let it be remembered that he could have given no better proof of his faith in the executive's recovery.

A London minister, not of the established church, thanked God for what Great Britain is doing in South Africa. This recalls to mind another gentleman who once thanked God that he was not like other men.

J. Pierpont Morgan announces that he will let his employes hold steel trust stock if they have the money to pay for it. This is reassuring to those who had an idea they might have to suffocate when Mr. Morgan succeeds in promoting an atmospheric trust.

Chairman Dick of Ohio is the only prominent man in the United States who has tried to joke about the assassination of President McKinley. His suggestion that the Democratic party withdraw its objection to republican policies is a bit of levity hardly excusable at such a time.

The New York World is printing the specifications for the kind of man who must be nominated for Mayor of New York by the opposition to Tammany. Among other things the world says: "He must be a Democrat." The World should be more specific. Must he be a Democrat who votes for Democratic candidates who stand for Democratic principles, or a Democrat who always votes for republican candidates standing for anti-Democratic principles?

Many people who have been royally entertained by the writings of Jules Verne, the famous French romancer, have well nigh forgotten him, and yet many pleasant recollections will be revived by the present day references to this writer. It is reported that Jules Verne has become totally blind. He will have the sincere sympathy of thousands of men and women, who in days gone by, found no more delightful pastime than in the reading of Verne's works.

Staggering the British Taxpayers.

It is announced that Great Britain's last war loan will be exhausted by October 15, when it will be necessary for that Government to borrow more money in order to carry on the war in South Africa.

It is becoming more and more apparent that if Great Britain ever conquers the Boers it will be at a price that will stagger the British taxpayers, even though humanity maintains its equilibrium.

"Liberty" continues to be the Cry.

It is reported that two new political parties are being organized in the Philippine Islands and that both favor ultimate independence. Perhaps it has never occurred to republican politicians that even after the Philippine Islands shall have been brought completely under our jurisdiction "liberty" will continue to be the cry among the Filipinos, exactly as liberty has continued to be the cry wherever the seeds of liberty have been sown.

The bayonet and the gatling gun may destroy the man, but something greater than any weapon devised by human skill is necessary to destroy the spirit of liberty.

Every time the British censor of South African news undertakes to snatch a wink of sleep some bit of information slips through and gives the world at large a new light on the South African situation. For weary months we have been repeatedly told that the war was practically ended and that the Boers were dispersed and scattered to the ends of their once beloved republic. But the censor nodded the other day and the world learned that a party of Boers rode up to within twenty miles of Pretoria and blew up a British railway train, killing seventeen British soldiers and capturing a large supply of ammunition and food-stuffs. It is slowly dawning upon the mind of the British taxpayer that he is being roundly robbed for the benefit of a few mining speculators. The Boers are not yet conquered, and unless the history of the world is at fault they never will be. A people who love liberty well enough to die for it, though often overwhelmed are never conquered.

The growing regard for the comfort of others is one of the hopeful signs of the times.

Generally, the worst side of human nature is made manifest in public conveyances. Men and women who, under ordinary circumstances, exhibit

some regard for the comfort and convenience of others, seem to exhibit all of their innate selfishness the moment they board a street car or railway train. It is no uncommon sight to see men and women standing in a railway coach while some man occupies two seats, one for himself and another for his baggage. A leading western railroad announces that hereafter no passenger will be allowed to occupy more than one seat, no matter how few the number of passengers may be. "We are after the rail-