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Mr. Quay, the Pennsylvania convention packer, nominated Mr. Pennypacker.

As a harmony ticket how would "Cleveland and Watterson" do?

Defending the honor of the army does not consist in protecting the men who disgrace it.

We presume that the steel trust will cheerfully furnish the shackles for the other trusts.

Great Britain's Boer war debt is so big that the British taxpayers will not forget for a long time.

General Lord Roberts should rejoice. The money he received for ending the Boer war will stay put.

Are you assisting in the distribution of democratic literature by taking advantage of the "Lots of Five" offer?

There are two republics less in the world, and this great republic must bear a share of the responsibility for the decrease.

With unparalleled kindness and generosity Mr. Quay will let the republicans of Pennsylvania vote for Judge Pennypacker.

The persecution of General Miles results only in showing the greatness of Miles and the petty smallness of his persecutors.

Let's see, what was the name of the "special representative of the United States" at the inauguration of President Palma?

The injunction shackles upon the limbs of the trusts do not seem to prevent the trusts from making ping-pong balls of the people.

The only thing lacking at the Tilden club banquet was a motto. "Remember 1894" would have given a finish to the occasion.

Miss Taylor did not receive a reprimand for talking too much. She received a discharge for writing a little.

Senator Mason is now suffering the penalty for voting as he thought right. He has learned that he has no right to think contrary to the bosses.

In view of what has leaked out of the war department no one can blame Secretary Root for growing angry when a war office secret leaks out.

A republican organ asserts that the president's special message is a "bit of pretty sentiment," but insists that sentiment has no place in republican councils now. Occasionally a republican organ stumbles into telling the truth.

Not an objection is raised to the recommendation that Captain Charles Clark be promoted to the grade of rear admiral on the active list. The only objection that has been heard concerning the Clark promotion was that it was not sooner accomplished.

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The Pennsylvania republicans who thought that Mr. Quay was an extinct volcano are nursing their blisters and rubbing the ashes out of their eyes.

Now that Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill have been harmonized again, why not get up a banquet and harmonize Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Watterson.

Mr. Cleveland says that the democratic party is indestructible. He is egotistical enough to believe that, as it survived his attacks upon it, nothing can kill it.

"Coin" Harvey has established an attractive pleasure resort at Monte Ne, near Rogers, Ark., but he still finds his greatest pleasure in the advocacy of economic reforms.

Judas went out and hanged himself and Arnold moved to England. In this connection it may be mentioned as a matter of news that Cleveland attended the Tilden club banquet.

J. J. Hill says that the chief objection to the trusts lies in the method of their formation. Mr. Hill is wrong again. The chief objection to them is the carrying out of their methods.

The Fowler bill and the ship subsidy bill are not dead. Neither are they asleep. They are both peeping through the committee room keyholes and waiting for the signal to come forth.

After proclaiming peace in South Africa the British proclaimed a mining tax of 10 per cent. The Outlanders stirred up the trouble because the Boers levied a mining tax of 5 per cent.

Of course Senor Buencamino is a great and good man. He accepted a salary from the administration and endeavors to earn it by saying what the administration would have him say.

Mr. Cleveland has opened the doors of his church and members will be received either on profession of faith in him or by letter from any other orthodox branch of the republican party.

The Joplin (Mo.) Daily Globe is a democratic newspaper whose editorial utterances do not receive the flattering indorsement of republican organs. This indicates the Globe's fidelity to democratic principles.

Having waited until congress appropriated about all the money in sight Mr. Cannon thought it time to call a halt. This subsequent economy is hard on the people. They want a little more economy of the previous brand.

Mr. Hill played second fiddle at the Tilden club banquet, and why not? If the democracy sinned in repudiating Cleveland it ought to atone by reinstating him, not by honoring such a personal enemy as David B. Hill.

Mr. Watterson's paper publishes a strong editorial in denunciation of Mr. Cleveland and his recent speech. This is too bad. Mr. Watterson was one of the chief supporters of Mr. Cleveland's Palmer and Buckner plan of campaign in 1896 and it is painful to see so small a party divided.

The papers report that Mr. Bryan was invited to the Tilden club banquet, but did not reply. The fact is that he was not invited; had he been he would have responded explaining why he would not attend a political banquet given in honor of one who twice opposed the democratic ticket and has never since announced his intention to return to the party.

Hon. Thomas Taggart, who was recently indorsed by his state convention for chairman of the democratic national committee, was at the Tilden club banquet swinging incense before the unrepentant apostate from New Jersey. It is well that the democrats of the nation learn thus early of the kind of politics to be expected when Indiana's favorite son takes the helm.

Lieutenant Preston Brown was tried by court-martial on the charge of killing a Filipino, convicted and sentenced to dismissal and a term of imprisonment. The sentence was commuted and General Miles recommended that the sentence be carried out. Lieutenant Brown's name was sent to the senate with a recommendation that he be promoted to a captaincy. Why these disloyal attacks on the head of the army?

The Chicago man who stole a \$2 pair of shoes and received a sentence of one year in the penitentiary will know better next time. He will steal several hundred thousand dollars and escape by threatening to pull down the pillars of the republican temple.

Congressman Cannon, republican, declares that the revenue for the coming fiscal year will be about \$629,000,000, while the appropriations thus far made by the republican congress reach \$700,000,000. A "surplus problem" has no terrors for a republican congress in these days.

On another page will be found a dispatch from London stating that, as first arranged, Whitelaw Reid was to ride backwards in the coronation procession. Ollie James insists that the arrangement is entirely appropriate since our nation is going backward when it sends envoys to a coronation.

The republican platform makers of Pennsylvania "deprecate any suggestion under existing circumstances of a general revision of the tariff." Of course they do. "By this craft we have our wealth!" exclaimed Demetrius, the silversmith, when Paul attacked the worship of Diana. Demetrius founded a large family, many of whom live in Pennsylvania.

The Associated Press, speaking of the New York Tilden club banquet, said: "A collation was served in the banquet hall to the distinguished guests of the evening and a buffet supper was served in the basement for the rank and file." That was entirely appropriate. The rank and file always eat in the basement when Cleveland occupies the chief place at the banquet table.

The editor of *The Commoner* recently published an editorial calling President Roosevelt's attention to the criminal clause of the Sherman anti-trust law. The New York Tribune prints an extract from the editorial and heads it, "Bryan Attacks Roosevelt." In the opinion of a republican editor it is attacking a republican officeholder to call his attention to the law.

The Minneapolis Journal says everybody in Wall street is wondering what would happen if J. Pierpont Morgan should die. Does the Journal have reference to Wall street or to Morgan. If to the latter it may learn something by reading the 24th verse of the 19th chapter of Mathew. Incidentally it may be remarked that the Journal could learn a great deal by reading other verses and chapters.

The dispatches from Manila announce that the Americans are planning to have "a rousing Fourth of July celebration and the Filipinos are co-operating with them." The dispatches do not say whether the reading of the Declaration of Independence will be barred on this occasion, but it is dollars to doughnuts that this "rousing" celebration will proceed without the aid of the inspiring sentences of the charter of American liberty. A celebration of the Fourth of July with the Declaration of Independence barred may be very "rousing," but there are many American citizens who will not be able to understand how such a thing could be possible.

The laboring man is interested in every question which concerns the industrial, social and political life of the nation, but there are some questions which touch him first and to which he feels that he is immediately related. Among the general questions are those which effect the education of his children, the taxation of his property and the protection of his rights. He needs arbitration for the adjustment of his difficulties with corporate employers because he cannot afford to enter into a protracted struggle with capital. He is interested in the abolition of the new tyranny known as government by injunction which denies him a trial by jury if any one sees fit to charge him with the violation of a law or with resistance to an order which makes criminal some act which was before innocent. He also finds it necessary to protest against a black-list law, which is intended to take from him the opportunity of employment if he asserts his right to differ from his employers about matters which concern himself and family. No one is more interested in good government than the laboring man, and no one has more reason than he to be an advocate of the doctrine that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.