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It appears that Hemp Scandal Heistand will also "stay put."

It appears that Mr. Reid will have to re-upholster his underpinning.

The trusts greatly enjoy the experience of being shackled with cobwebs.

The president is devoting most of his public utterances to the defense of his official friends.

The republicans are split on the sugar question because it is a question of campaign "soap."

Up to date the jingle of the shackles upon trust wrists is not loud enough to disturb the slumbers of trust magnates.

It appears that Mr. Quay's plum tree is still a potent factor in republican circles in the Keystone state.

Mr. Hanna manages to issue a declination often enough to keep himself within the nomination limelight.

Mr. Rathbone insists upon an investigation. He should take warning by the case of Miss Jessie Morrison and subsides.

Did President Roosevelt ever consider the advisability of getting out an injunction against those who attack his official advisers?

In his speech at Harvard President Roosevelt spoke of "our colonies." Yet republicans deny that their party stands for imperialism.

If Mr. Hill insists on repeating his 1896 position at all he should repeat it in all things—especially the "very still" part of it.

The counsel of the Boer leaders shows that some men can be greater in defeat than other men can be in victory.

President Roosevelt should surround himself with a few officials who do not need so much defense.

"Hail Grover and David!" shouts the Nashville American. Yet the American claims to be a democratic paper.

There is no need of harmonizing true democrats on democratic principles, because true democrats are already in harmony.

The battle waged by the heroic Boers was not wholly lost. The Boers may never reap its benefits, but future republics will.

If the Declaration of Independence is read today in Manila the Filipinos will have reason to believe that we are a nation of jokers.

With one accord the republican organs urge democracy to accept the plans for "harmony" laid down by Messrs. Cleveland and Hill. This intense interest in the welfare of democracy is indeed touching.

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Ollie James says the only difference between Cleveland and Roosevelt is that one is too lazy to hunt and the other too restless to fish.

Since the theatrical "shackling" of the beef trust has any one noticed any appreciable relief from the exactions of that particular trust?

Mr. Cleveland says he has nothing to repent. Mr. Cleveland is harder upon himself than any of his opponents are. Even Judas Iscariot repented.

Referring to the trouble of the American naval officers in Venice the Salt Lake Tribune calls it an "unsavory mess." Why this attack on the navy?

Paterson is the rallying point of the anarchists in America, and by something more than a coincidence Paterson is in New Jersey, the home of trusts.

The "Lots of Five" subscription offer on another page deserves the attention of every democrat interested in the preservation of democratic principles.

Mr. Schwab is evidently playing for a few initials to tack on his name. He is giving some of the money he did not lose at Monte Carlo to American colleges.

The Kansas populists have fused with the democrats. Thus there will be union against the common enemy in spite of the efforts of the republicans to prevent.

The Minnesota democrats have indorsed the Kansas City platform and nominated a ticket headed by Mr. Rosing, late chairman of the democratic state committee.

Mr. Roosevelt also has a congress on his hands. But this is not the only likeness between Mr. Roosevelt and a former president who discovered himself in the same fix.

The organs of the reorganizers oppose fusion with the populists, but this is not the only similarity between the organs of the reorganizers and the organs of the republican party.

The speech made by Hon. Ollie James of Kentucky before the Nebraska state convention struck a responsive chord and assures him a welcome whenever he returns to the state.

The democrats of Nebraska and Minnesota declare by their platforms that they prefer battling for democratic principles to surrendering those principles for the spoils of office.

Having had his way in the matter of a route, will Mr. Hanna insist that he have his way and defer digging the canal until the trans-continental railroads give their consent?

The Des Moines Leader and Des Moines Register have been consolidated. The chief advantage of the consolidation is that it gives the republican party of Iowa one organ instead of two.

Ex-Attorney General C. J. Smyth is largely responsible for the excellent presentation of state issues made by the Nebraska platform. The party's position is set forth clearly and with emphasis.

Attention is called to the coupon subscription offer on another page in this issue. Democrats interested in the distribution of democratic literature and the preservation of democratic principles should read it.

Every time a democratic convention refuses to reaffirm the Kansas City platform the republican organs howl with delight. Democratic performances that please republican organs are in need of alteration.

Colonel Heistand has been appointed adjutant general for the northern district of the Philippines. For the benefit of those who may not recall who Colonel Heistand is it is here stated that he is the same Heistand so prominently and closely connected with the famous hemp scandal. And in this way the "honor" of the army is preserved.

Every trust, every monopoly, every financier who hopes to secure control of the government's finances, is heartily in favor of the democratic party adopting the plan of "harmony" proposed by the Hill-Cleveland partnership, which is, in effect, that the democratic party become so nearly like the republican party that the trusts, monopolies and financiers need not worry about it.

The democrats of Minnesota are to be congratulated upon the fact that they adopted a platform that meets with the disapproval of the republican organs. The disapproval is a proof of the platform's genuine democracy.

Mayor Johnson of Cleveland and Editor McLean of the Cincinnati Enquirer are engaged in a controversy in regard to democratic duty. Those who know both parties will take Mr. Johnson's side without stopping to read the arguments.

The Sioux City Journal says: "Senators Dietrich and Millard made a very poor guess as to the sentiment of Nebraska republicans on the Cuban issue." What of it? When did republican senators ever make a good guess on public sentiment?

The report that Mr. Bryan predicted civil war in Cuba continues to go the rounds of the republican press. It is being repeated by republican organs that have had their attention called to Mr. Bryan's specific denial. But the repetition is characteristic.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." So says the Declaration of Independence. Is that declaration a lie?

A careful reading of the roll of United States senators will reveal the reason why some senators object to popular election of members of that branch of congress. The roll contains the names of men who know better than to trust their political fortunes to the tender mercies of the people.

The democrats of Pennsylvania have adopted a platform dealing exclusively with state issues and have made Pattison their candidate for governor. Having been elected twice when the republicans had been guilty of less cussedness there ought to be a chance for him now that they have committed about all the crimes in the catalogue.

The Chicago Chronicle is calling upon Pennsylvania democrats to secure the support of republicans who oppose democratic principles, basing its plea on the ground that it is necessary in order to wrest the state from republican despoilers. But the Chronicle denounces Nebraska and Kansas democrats for fusing with populists who believe in democratic principles in order to accomplish the same result. Consistency is a scarce piece of jewelry in the reorganization box.

Secretary Root reports that the total cost of the Philippine war up to date is \$170,326,586. Can any one discover any benefits obtained from this enormous expenditure? We are thus spending about \$45,000,000 per year in an effort to make the flag "stay put," and to force our government upon an unwilling people. Are we not paying too much for our whistle?

In his New York speech, Mr. Cleveland said: "I have a comforting and abiding faith in the indestructibility of the party." Perhaps Mr. Cleveland's faith has increased materially since he discovered that the party was strong enough to survive his desertion of it, and to live even while being required to bear the responsibility for Mr. Cleveland's second administration.

An important amendment has been made to the extradition treaty between Mexico and the United States. Heretofore the crime of bribery has not been an extraditable offense, but on June 25 this amendment was provided for in an agreement between the American ambassador and the minister of foreign relations for Mexico. The immediate cause of this amendment was that a citizen of St. Louis charged with bribery had taken refuge in Mexico and under existing treaties could not be delivered to the Missouri authorities. It is hardly probable that this amendment will be retroactive. If it is held to be retroactive, then the citizens of St. Louis will be gratified by being able to prosecute a man who seems to deserve prosecution and punishment. Even though in this case the amendment is not operative, it will serve well for the future; for certainly if any crime is to be extraditable, the crime of bribery, an offense which strikes a blow at the very integrity of our government, should be provided for.