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When Peter showed an anxiety to fight he was rebuked.

Britannia rules the wave—when Mr. Morgan waives his rule.

The Roosevelt trust busting is all done in the advance notices.

Of course the new thresher trust will make the farmers shell out.

The harvester men are forming a huge combine—but, hush, Knox might find it out!

Why not send General Bragg to Manila? His letters would then be properly censored.

Mr. Knox did not grow a bit angry when the beef trust gave him the equine cachinnation.

Mr. Babcock continues to give amazing exhibitions of ground and lofty tumbling on the tariff revision question.

Some one seems to have dropped a monkey-wrench into the wheels of the Yates-Hopkins senatorial machine.

The republican campaign book does not feature the terrible assault the administration made upon the beef trust.

Mr. Quay is laid up with a burned foot, but he still has a pair of good hands with which to shake the plum tree.

The Tennessee election returns prove beyond a doubt that the Tennessee democracy is not in need of reorganization.

The fishiest part of that restaurant story is that any trust magnate should sneer at Mr. Knox's attitude towards the trusts.

Mr. Hanna's Cleveland street railway interests seem to be experiencing difficulty in keeping their injunctions on straight.

The "Lots of Five" proposition, printed on another page of this issue, deserves the careful consideration of every democrat.

The man who said that "Language is given us to conceal our thoughts" may have had the republican campaign text book in mind.

By refusing to arbitrate and enjoining others from feeding the striking miners the anthracite mine owners expect to solve the problem.

The newspaper paragrapher that has failed to speak of the firmintation of Haytien politics has missed an unusually good opportunity.

Mr. Neeley now wants the money he had on his person when arrested and which was taken from him by the federal authorities. Even the arrogant trusts might be benefitted by securing the name of the nerve food Mr. Neeley uses.

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The new harvester trust comes at an opportune time. It will keep the farmers from saving enough money to make them plutocratic.

Mr. Babcock has changed his mind, and he wants it distinctly understood that it is nobody's business when, why, or how he changed it.

The trusts are perfectly willing to let the republican party do all that is done to curb the power of the trusts. The trusts know when they are well off.

If the republicans are determined to prosecute a campaign of alliteration they should not overlook the possibilities of "Fatfrying, Fol-de-rol and Fulmination."

The president says his tour is to be strictly non-partisan, and all the republican campaign committees, along his route are exerting every effort to make it so.

"Mr. Knox is accredited with a desire to leave the cabinet," says an exchange. Thus it appears that even Mr. Knox may harbor a desire entertained by the masses.

Many a trust magnate has said things "at the other table" that has caused American workmen to quit eating—but Attorney General Knox was not ready to interfere.

The only difference between the Kankakee, Ill., insane asylum republican band and other republican bands is that the Kankakee fellows can play band instruments.

It may be that the g. o. p. fat-fryers will chase the trusts around for campaign contributions until the trusts commit the Harry Tracey finish in sheer desperation.

The public may be able to realize the full meaning of the horrible announcement of an extra session of the senate after pondering for a time on the make-up of the senate.

Mr. Morgan is hustling to get his shipping trust all ready to receive the shipping subsidy bounty he expects to secure after he has elected the proper kind of a congress.

The republican campaign book declares that everything that has been done against the trusts has been done by the republican party. If this is true the trusts are glad of it.

When Mr. Roosevelt said that a good soldier should be anxious to fight he may have had in mind the feelings of the Ninth infantry (colored) on a certain memorable day in 1898.

People who disbelieve the report that Mr. Roosevelt made five bullseyes with the revolver should not be hasty in forming their opinion. It might have been a pneumatic revolver.

Does any wise man believe that a party whose existence and success depends upon the liberality and favor of the trusts will keep any promise it may make the people to destroy the trusts?

If Explorer Baldwin is sufficiently rested from his unavailing search for the North Pole perhaps he would condescend to try to locate the injury done the beef trust by that little injunction.

The only hope for relief from trust exactions the people may entertain under the present administration is that the trusts may laugh themselves to death watching the actions of Mr. Knox.

Let us hope that the new justice of the supreme court will be an "autocrat of the judicial table" in the same sense that his famous and kindly progenitor was an "autocrat of the breakfast table."

The republican congressional campaign text book shows many evidences of having been carefully edited by the interests that will be depended upon to put up the bulk of the campaign expense money.

The president waited until congress adjourned before making any parade of anti-trust sentiments, and he naturally will wait until after the election before calling the senate into extra session to consider reciprocity treaties.

The friends of Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene crowded around them, the dispatches say, and congratulated them heartily on their success in escaping extradition. Their "friends" ought to be photographed for the Rogues' Gallery.

Perhaps the harvester trust would be frightened to death if it knew of the terrible punishment inflicted upon the beef trust.

Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene must move in a depraved circle when their "friends" will openly congratulate them on escaping justice by defeating extradition.

The Kansas City Journal declares that "President Roosevelt is the most aggressive trust fighter now before the public." These little flashes of humor adorn the Journal's editorial page every now and then.

The Tennessee democracy reaffirmed the Kansas City platform without dodging or equivocation, and then turned in and won the election by 40,000 majority. It pays to stand squarely for principle and adopt platforms that can be interpreted but one way.

With one accord the administration organs continue to declare that the reorganization of the democratic party is essential to democratic success. The desire of the administration organs to achieve success for the democratic party is touching to see.

That soft, thumping sound from the northeast is easily explained. It is Mr. Littlefield practicing on a blow that will make good republican campaign material and yet be so easy that the trusts will not grow angry and refuse to yield up campaign grease.

A negro has just been tarred and feathered at Marion, Mass., within sight of Bunker Hill. Thus early is vindicated the judgment of the Arkansas negro who refused a pardon from the penitentiary on the condition that he make his home in Massachusetts.

A Missouri man disbelieves the report of finding a human skull 35,000 years old in Kansas, and bases his disbelief on the ground that there were no men that long ago. Our Missouri friend is clearly wrong. It has been fully that long since Mr. Knox busted a trust.

When Mr. Morgan returned home he was greatly insulted because a customs officer would not take the Morgan check for impost duties. The officer would have violated the law by accepting the check, but a little thing like violating law does not worry Mr. Morgan.

The Nebraska republican platform says: "We commend the bold stand he (Roosevelt) has taken against the formation or perpetuation of unlawful combinations in restraint of trade." Not until the name of the gentleman who wrote it is made public can the list of great American humorists be completed.

William E. Curtis of the Chicago Record-Herald says he has statistics to prove that the trusts control only "a meagre 8 per cent of the manufacturing done in this country." This recalls the saying of the gentleman who remarked that there were three kinds of liars, "ordinary liars, blankety blank liars, and statistics."

President Roosevelt in his Pittsburg speech took occasion to praise Mr. Knox for his active prosecution of trusts—and men behind the sugar trust, the salt trust, the steel trust, the oil trust, the cracker trust, the starch trust, the tobacco trust, the rubber trust, the match trust and the one hundred and one other trusts laughed until their sides ached.

The Elks are to be congratulated upon their determination not to stand sponsor for any more street fairs. Such fairs, when freed from the thimble-rig and catch penny games that are sometimes permitted, are a legitimate means of bringing a crowd to town and may be employed by the merchants as an aid to their business, but they are not likely to reflect credit upon a social and fraternal order like the Elks.

The golden jubilee number of the Cleveland (O.) *Wachter and Anzeiger* exemplifies the thrift and enterprise which have made that representative German newspaper one of the leading publications of its class in America. It contains 160 pages handsomely illustrated, with illuminated cover and carefully written reviews of Cleveland's great business industries. It is one of the largest newspapers ever issued. The *Commoner* wishes the *Wachter and Anzeiger* many more anniversaries.