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The "full coal bin" is not, you will observe, a republican campaign slogan.

The army and navy might settle it by engaging in a tea-drinking match for points.

Southern newspapers are after the pistol toter, and it is to be hoped that they will get him.

It will be cheerfully admitted that "Trustee" Baer and his associates are getting a fat rake-off from the estate.

"Texas republicans divided" is a head-line in a republican exchange. Which one of them is out of a federal job?

The nomination of Senator Teller by the fusion forces of Colorado ought to seal the political fate of Mr. Wolcott.

President Baer may awaken some morning to find that the people have secured a new administrator of their affairs.

One trouble with the self-elected "trustees of God" is that they spend so little of their time attending to the business.

Tariff reform will not be secured through the efforts of men who strenuously insist that there is no need of tariff reform.

President Roosevelt is in the south, visiting famous battlefields. On his return north he should stop at Hazleton and Homestead.

After having screwed up the price to the highest notch the beef trust professes to have some regard for Mr. Knox's injunction.

If labor is able "to go on its own feet," as stated by an Iowa republican organ, what is the matter with making capital walk?

Now that Mr. Roosevelt has been made a member of the firemen's brotherhood will he refuse longer to countenance non-union coal?

The founder of the "Don't Worry" club is dead. May a man be filled with regrets without being open to the charge of worrying?

"Labor is able to go on its own feet," exclaims a republican organ. True, but labor objects to having capital walking on its corns.

It seems that the navy destroyed the forts and the forts destroyed the navy just like the administration is regulating the trusts—theoretically.

"Labor is able to go on its own feet!" declares the republican Sioux City Journal. Yes, and has to carry capital on its back—sometimes on its neck.

The republican papers which are cartooning and abusing Senator Teller will not be able to lessen the esteem in which he is held. The party organ that blows hot or cold according to the exigencies of the times cannot injure a man who has shown the character and conviction exhibited by Senator Teller.

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Welca anthracite coal laid down in New York at \$6.50 per ton will strike "Trustee" Baer as rank sacrilege, colossal impiety and worse than idol worship.

"Roosevelt understands the trusts," says the Salt Lake Herald. This is interesting information. Perhaps the Herald can tell us whether the trusts understand Roosevelt.

The Adirondack season opened as usual. A man was killed, being mistaken for a deer. But the trusts need not worry as long as the president is looking for venison.

The Milwaukee Sentinel declares that "most monopolies are dreams and illusions." The Sentinel has no difficulty in keeping its subservience to republican bosses on straight.

When people realize what a narrow escape they had from having a president named John Hay, they will insist upon some regulation of the speed of cross country trolley cars.

The army and navy authorities are disagreed as to which won out in the recent maneuvers. They may yet have to resort to the arbitrament of the ping pong bat or the golf stick.

In order to make sure that his tour will be thoroughly non-partisan the republican committees of western states have been given charge of affairs during the president's western tour.

Reports of municipal rottenness in St. Louis have created great anguish in the breasts of Philadelphians, who are always deeply interested and anguished by the rottenness of other cities.

Some people are always calling up unpleasant thoughts. A lot of newspaper writers are calling the attention of the people to the fact that John Hay is first in line in the presidential succession.

The republican organs are a unit in commending the Iowa democratic platform. The democratic platform that secures the approbation of republican organs needs careful revision by democrats.

Mr. Boardman defends the water cure on the ground that the Filipinos lied. What, then, should be done with war department officials who also denied the torture when official reports proved its existence?

"The country needs expert foresters," exclaims an exchange with decided administration leanings. We presume the aforesaid exchange wants 'em in order to guide the president out of the trust woods.

G. O. P. logic usually jams its pilot into its caboose before it gets within whistling distance of its terminal. The republican organ that denounces the south for political unity never fails to congratulate New England upon the same thing.

While Iowa's republican organs are quarreling over the real meaning of the "shelter plank" in the platform, the trusts go right ahead. The trusts know that republican platforms are harmless as long as the trusts can select the candidates.

There is a newspaper in Wheeling, W. Va., called "Intelligencer." The exchange editor never picks it up without being reminded of the fact that short men are often named Long, long men often named Short and large men often named Small.

Republican logic continues to exhibit its crimps. According to republican logic it is undignified for a democratic candidate for president to make political speeches, and intensely patriotic for a republican president to deliver stump speeches.

The reorganizers are anxious to appear as special champions of tariff reform, but the Kansas City platform democrats are really the best friends of tariff reform as they are the best friends of bimetalism and the most consistent opponents of imperialism.

The Houston Post is asking that Texas rivers be stocked with German carp. Before Texans take up with the carp they should visit in western sections and listen for a while to remarks made about that fish. If the man who discovered the German carp will make himself known he will be assured of undying disgrace in the eyes of western fishermen.

In one of his speeches Mr. Roosevelt said: "It is a great deal better that some people should prosper too much than that no one should prosper enough." But is it well that a handful of men should prosper too much while the great masses of the people are required to economize on the necessities of life?

The Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post says that "beef went up on account of the scarcity of beef." The Post has its wires crossed. Beef went up on account of the multiplicity of men who believe that they can tax themselves rich and adhere to the mistaken notion that the republican party is opposed to trusts.

The republicans have not yet announced their willingness to discuss the Fowler bill, which was reported favorably in the house and which received the support of every republican member of the committee. Every democratic speaker and every democratic editor should study that bill and bring its iniquities to public attention.

Warren McCabe, who was recently returned to an Iowa insane asylum, is said to be rational on all subjects except that he thinks he is governor of the sun and can make it shine at his command. A great many republicans think that their party controls the weather and brings good crops, and yet they are permitted to run at large.

The Indianapolis Journal expresses its idea on the trust question in a cartoon which makes the shadow of a laboring man represent the trusts, and it quotes the laboring man as saying that the shadow must get bigger as he approaches the sun of prosperity. But, of course, The Journal is sure the president will kill the trusts. What inconsistency!

An anxious public has been relieved by a denial of the report that the South Dakota farmers refused to permit the president's son to hunt on their premises. The rumor probably arose from the fact that the boy was with a party of railroad magnates, and the farmers supposed that the party was there to raise railroad rates rather than to hunt game.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says that we have no national platform and argues that "the platform of 1896 was not binding after the election of that year till it was readopted in 1900." When the proprietor of The Enquirer ran for governor in 1899, three years after the election of 1896, he was very willing to have the national platform of the party recognized and re-armed.

Some of the anti-imperialists have been pleading for harmony with the reorganizers. Their attention is respectfully called to the fact that the Wisconsin reorganizers were willing to ignore imperialism entirely in order to conciliate republican imperialists who are mad at La Follette. The Kansas City platform democrats are the only ones who can be relied upon to stand by democratic principles all the time.

Frederick Door, proprietor, and Edward O'Brien, editor of Freedom, a daily newspaper published in Manila, have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for libeling Benito Legarda, a native member of the civil commission. Door and O'Brien charged Legarda with boodling and offered to prove it, but were refused the opportunity. Is it possible that the proof might have implicated some who are not natives of Luzon?

The Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal, one of the thick and thin corporation organs, in defending Mr. Mickey, the republican candidate for governor, finds it necessary to declare that "maximum rate bills are a delusion and a farce." The average republican paper finds no difficulty in characterizing as a delusion and a farce any attempt that the people may make to protect themselves against corporate aggrandizement. The republican plan is to trust implicitly in the benevolence and generosity of the corporations, no matter how much they water the stocks or squeeze the public.

The indorsement of Senator Teller by the democrats and populists of Colorado is a deserved indorsement of a splendid record of public service in the interests of the people. The democrats and populists of Colorado have honored themselves by thus publicly recognizing the services to the state and nation of a man who has stood staunchly for principle, unmindful of adverse criticism from those much more interested in the triumph of partisanship than in the triumph of right. Senator Teller has performed valiant duty, and has many years of usefulness before him. More men like him are needed in public life.