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That motorman must be made to understand that rough riding is not allowed on electric lines.

Democratic platforms that reaffirm the Kansas City platform interpret themselves in every part of the country.

The Babcock explanation of the Henderson episode will add to the gaiety of nations if ever it is made public.

Perhaps, after all, the president may decide to say something on the tariff question during his swing around the circle.

Governor Cummins wants it distinctly understood that no one republican has a monopoly on the strenuous business.

General Corbin says the German army is as near perfect as it can be without having a Corbin, or a man equally good, to boss it.

The republican managers want it understood that Mr. Henderson's loss was because of the method, not because of himself.

John W. Gates has recently purchased about ten thousand acres' worth of Mr. Baer's kind of divine right to administer things.

The withdrawal of Speaker Henderson, together with the early frosts, indicate that election day may be a cold day for republicans.

The silence of Mr. Baer indicates that his vocal organs have not yet recovered from their recent collision with his pedal extremities.

The indications are that the people will have footed the bills long before the umpires decide the recent army and navy maneuvers.

When Generals Corbin and Wood return to the United States they will be surprised to note that the republic has been running right along without them.

Something like two hundred republican congressmen cannot understand why a man like Henderson should allow himself to be guided by his convictions.

As the president is devoting some time to the discussion of the trust question, would it not be well for him to define the difference between a good trust and a bad one.

Chairman Babcock says, "The republican party has a record on the trust question that was made in congress." Quite true, and that's just what the people are complaining about and just what the republican party is trying hard to hide.

The United States senate already has so many railroad magnates that it has been impossible to secure the passage of a law giving the interstate commerce commission power to protect the public from extortionate rates and gross discriminations. We do not need any senators of that kind.

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Uncle Joe Cannon should pause and consider the promising possibility that there is going to be no republican speakership to hand out in the next congress.

The attention of democrats interested in the preservation of democratic principles is called to an article entitled "Forewarned is Forearmed" on another page.

Mr. Rockefeller's \$40,000 house on the Hudson burned down the other day. The fire was almost as expensive as would have been the combustion of a ton of anthracite.

The negro is receiving plenty of testimony from republican sources to the effect that republican love for the negro was measured by the ability of the negro to vote.

The fright of Ohio republicans would, if properly enclosed, make an attractive side show for Tom Johnson's "circus." As it is it is a very entertaining free exhibition.

The society young gentleman with a \$50 Panama hat and no overcoat now finds himself very much in the position of the republican party on the tariff revision question.

It seems that the republican press has been so busy chronicling the formation of new trusts that it has had neither time nor space to print a list of those that have been shackled.

Mr. Beveridge returns from Utah quite well convinced that while he knows Manchuria and the Russian question he is unacquainted with Utah's peculiar brand of republicanism.

Even a casual reader of the Cincinnati Enquirer will notice that it is not giving the democratic ticket the enthusiastic support that it did the McLean ticket three years ago.

Now, all will be forgiven if Congressman Hull will only withdraw and give as a reason that many republicans object to his official position to advance his financial interests in the Philippines.

After all, what good would it have done Lieutenant Peary to bring the pole home with him? Mr. Morgan would have assimilated it before the lieutenant could have wiped the frost off.

When Chairman Babcock undertakes now to square himself with the men who put up the republican campaign funds he realizes that when he made that famous break in congress he "foozled his put."

The potato-raisers are justly indignant. A few months ago potatoes were worth a dollar a bushel, but they fell to 40 cents as soon as the new crop came in—and all under a republican administration.

Senator Mason says he going to make a full expose of the rottenness in the Illinois state administration. Has the senator at last discovered the fountain that Ponce de Leon searched for in vain?

They call it "Tom Johnson's circus," and from the fright it is causing in republican circles it is evident that Johnson will have a menagerie annex in November with all the g. o. p. animals safely caged.

Congressman Cousins called the tariff plank of the Iowa republican platform a "dirty, lousy lie," but up to date Mr. Cousins has not decided to prove his suspicions by doing as Mr. Henderson has done.

Henry Watterson has been saying some harsh things about the New York four hundred and the circumstances attending the killing of Nicholas Fish in a saloon fight will furnish him with a new text.

The republican leaders say that taking the tariff off of trust-made articles would not kill the trusts, but they are quite sure such a policy would cripple the republican party and lessen the campaign funds.

It is reported that the president and his senatorial advisors have agreed that there shall be no tariff revision at present. They are afraid to begin revision for fear they cannot find a stopping place, but they must remember that a failure to amputate a diseased limb has often resulted in death to the whole body.

The fact that Mr. Baer does not have to buy coal is no sign he has nothing to arbitrate.

Let us hope that Attorney General Knox will return from Europe in time to listen to a few Washburn sermons and learn how bad the trusts really are.

Since the pyrotechnic withdrawal of David B. Henderson from the congressional race, Uncle Joe Cannon has manifested a "Barkis" attitude towards the speakership.

The spectacle of Mr. Morgan being urged to settle the coal strike is proof that Mr. Morgan wields more power than can with safety be trusted to any one man.

The frequency of the Dubuque, Ia., date line is evidence that the republican managers will be too busy cementing the cracks in their own party to give much attention to the little squabbles in democratic ranks.

A large number of republican organs that encouraged a parade in a rough rider suit as an effective and legitimate form of campaigning are quite sure that Tom Johnson's circus tent campaign is undignified.

Mr. Beveridge went all the way to Ogden, Utah, to tell the people that Mr. Roosevelt is the only president who ever tried to enforce the laws to regulate the trusts. Some men always carry a joke a long ways.

The democrats of the nation will take notice that the Massachusetts reorganizers were anxious for "harmony" until they got control of the convention and then they ran rough-shod over those who were loyal in 1896.

David B. Henderson is not the only man who does not believe that the tariff shelters monopoly. Among others holding similar views may be mentioned the managers of every tariff sheltered monopoly in the country.

Let's see: Mr. Roosevelt is quite positive that we cannot handle the trusts without a constitutional amendment, and equally positive that we can handle the Philippines without any constitutional authority whatever.

Perhaps Mr. Henderson was convinced that the Iowa republican platform meant what it said and the surprise was too much. The idea that a republican platform means what it says is calculated to surprise most folk.

The fact that certain administration organs favor annexing Haiti because that island's troubles threaten the trade of the United States may explain why the South American republics are viewing the United States with suspicion.

Speaker Henderson withdraws from the congressional race because he finds himself out of harmony with his constituents. If all the republican candidates were as sensitive to public sentiment the democrats would have an easy victory.

The attention of Rev. Washburn is called to the fact that three more trusts are preparing to organize in spite of the "provisionally" selected trust exterminator who talks about trusts, but refuses to enforce the criminal law against them.

Chicago republicans rejoice at the success of their recent picnic and premium distributing scheme, but are horrified because "Big Bill" Devery of New York worked exactly the same kind of a political scheme. Republican leaders are always trying to untie the knots in their logic.

Since Admiral Higginson stopped the naval maneuvers long enough to receive and entertain the Duchess of Marlborough on board his flagship we begin to understand why pink-tea-pouring, german-leading, cotillion-dancing officers take precedence over expert gunners, trained sailors and capable seamen.

The Lincoln (Neb.) Journal, a leading republican organ of Nebraska, declares that the Fowler bill is not an issue because it expired with the congress in which it was introduced. The Fowler bill was not introduced in the last congress, but in the first session of the present congress. It is on the house calendar with the recommendation that it be passed. The amount of misinformation that the average republican organ can accumulate is wonderful to behold.