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#### Iowa's Fresh Plum.

Iowa still retains its good luck in the matter of official honors. The only member of the coal strike commission living west of the Mississippi is a citizen of Iowa.

#### Mighty Weak at Home.

In a recent speech Senator Beveridge referred to this country as a "world power," and the Indianapolis Sentinel commenting on this reference, says: "Just think of a world power that has not got the nerve to grapple and control a gang of law defying trust magnates at home."

#### The Shipping Trust.

A shipping trust has been organized with a capital of \$120,000,000 and \$75,000,000 in bonds. All that now remains to complete the happiness of the leaders in this enterprise will be the granting of a subsidy by the United States government. A republican victory means a ship subsidy.

#### Exclusively For Wall Street.

It is reported that many people have accepted the report that the secretary of the treasury is lending money to needy and deserving people and Mr. Shaw's mail is filled with appeals for help. These people have not yet learned the fact that while it is true that the public money is at the disposal of national bankers, no mere individual need apply.

#### What a Diagnosis.

In a speech delivered at Philadelphia Secretary of the Treasury Shaw when asked how he accounted for the stringency of the money market answered: "National prosperity, that alone will account for it, I think." To which the Public, Louis F. Post's paper, retorts: "What a diagnosis! 'Good health!' said the doctor, when asked why a patient was sick. 'Good health,' said he; 'that alone will account for it, I think.'"

#### And Hanna Declines.

Senator Hanna says he has not made up his mind to accept Tom Johnson's challenge for joint debate. The senator says: "I have an objection to attaching myself to his circus as an attraction, thus helping him to draw crowds." That is a characteristic re-

publican objection, but if Mr. Hanna has the right side of the question he ought to be glad of the opportunity of addressing a large crowd and winning converts to his cause.

#### Name the "Good" Trusts.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "There may be some good trusts, as President Roosevelt contends, but in the estimation of most people they are where the westerner says the good Indians are." Although many republican orators and organs have claimed that there are some good trusts not one of them has accepted the challenge to name these good trusts. The opportunity for designating the good trusts is yet open.

#### Where is Gov. Odell?

It will be remembered that at a conference held between Governor Odell of New York and the mine owners, the governor announced that he was "the chief executive of the state and would leave no stone unturned to enforce the law and bring even wealthy criminals to justice," but that was about the last we heard of Governor Odell on that subject. He seems to have forgotten his good resolutions altogether.

#### Of Course, of Course.

A dispatch sent out from New York several weeks ago said: "Members of the original United States Steel Underwriting syndicate will tomorrow receive another 25 per cent dividend of \$10,000,000, notice to that effect being sent out by J. P. Morgan & Co. today. This makes a fourth dividend of \$10,000,000, a total profit of \$40,000,000 on an actual outlay of \$25,000,000—a return of 160 per cent." No wonder the beneficiaries of these dividends are so anxious to "keep on letting well enough alone."

#### Why Not Indict Them?

Now that the coal strike has been temporarily settled Mr. Roosevelt could serve the public well by directing his attorney general to commence proceedings against the coal barons under the criminal clause of the Sherman act. In his speech on the trust question Attorney General Knox did not refer to the criminal proceeding as a trust remedy, but it is never too late to do good; and in the absence of

any formal statement on the stump relating to that matter Mr. Knox might bring about an indictment of some of the well fed millionaires who have been imposing upon the coal consumers of the country.

#### What of the Future?

The fact that even after the settlement of the coal strike something remains to be done to protect the public in the future is emphasized by the New York World when it says: "Eighty millions of people, most of them optimists bound to see the lightest and brightest side of whatever happens, are entirely happy because the great coal strike of 1902—the greatest strike that ever happened—is over. And yet—and yet—the fundamental conditions that made this strike possible and brought the country so perilously near to a disaster are not changed in the least. What is congress going to do to make another such crisis impossible? What will President Roosevelt recommend and urge it to do?"

#### A Lot of "Conversation."

The announcement from Washington that the republican leaders would not yield to the demand for tariff revision recalls the statement made by Senator Dolliver of Iowa at the republican conference recently held at Des Moines. On that occasion Senator Dolliver said: "For years we have been telling the people that we would do something toward broadening trade by means of reciprocity treaties. We have had the power in all branches of the government, but we have done nothing. The republican party has got to stop a lot of its conversation or take up these treaties and some of the tariff schedules and do something toward satisfying expectations. The republican party on this question is like a ship with all sail set and anchor fast. It is time to take in sail or pull in anchor."

#### Novel Defense For Water Cure.

A number of republican papers are reproducing extracts from an article written in the Manila American, in which the water cure is defended. This paper declares that the water cure is highly beneficial. It says that it happens to know of several instances where Filipinos were seriously ill and entirely recovered their health after the application of the water treatment. The American says: "An ex-insurgent

officer recently stated in an informal talk with a representative of the Manila American that some of the men of his command had a bad feeling and he gave them a ten days' furlough. As the sick squad sauntered away toward their homes, they were captured by the Americans who, seeing the condition of the sufferers, promptly administered the water cure. In three days all the men were back in the ranks in condition for fighting and their fever being only a memory." Now this is decidedly refreshing. It is interesting to observe the estimate which some republican newspaper put upon the intelligence of their readers.

#### Why Not Enforce the Law?

The Chicago Tribune refers to the fact that the constitution of Pennsylvania provides that "no incorporated company doing the business of a common carrier shall directly or indirectly prosecute or engage in mining or manufacturing articles for transportation over its roads." The Tribune points out that the coal carrying roads in Pennsylvania are engaged in an unlawful conspiracy and that they are the most flagrant and impudent law breakers in that part of Pennsylvania. The Tribune further says: "The roads are 'habitual criminals.' By their reiterated offenses they have put themselves out of court. They are entitled to no consideration or compassion. They have worn out the patience of the people. The severest treatment they are likely to receive will not be harsher than they deserve. However harsh it may be it will not make them suffer as they have often made the people suffer. They have been hard masters. They have shown no mercy for others. They would have no just cause for complaint if no mercy were to be shown them." The republican party is in complete control in Pennsylvania. Why does not the Tribune make an effort to persuade the republican authorities in Pennsylvania to enforce the law and bring these rich violators of the law to justice?

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