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While the anti-trust bills multiply the trusts keep right on with their robbery.

The Commoner closes its second year with upwards of 135,000 subscribers on its lists.

The John Maynard Harlan mayoralty boom seems to have arrived at the chronic stage.

Those Moros continue to show evidences of a desire to attach themselves to the peace-securing salary list.

Mascagni doubtless believes now that the American people love legal trouble more than they do intermezzos.

Mr. Knox might try enforcing the criminal clause in the Sherman law pending the availability of that appropriation.

The men who have the money to lay ocean cables do not seem to be greatly in fear of Marconigraph competition.

Having invested a quarter of a million in a senatorial ambition Mr. Addicks naturally gives it considerable attention.

The South American countries are grateful for the Monroe doctrine, but they do not want it to wear any imperialistic frills.

Being a skilled politician, Mr. James S. Clarkson is doubtless exacting a fidelity bond from each one of his southern delegates.

The Dick gubernatorial boom is in trouble now that Mr. Rathbone is unable to properly attend to the telephone terminal facilities.

Owing to the absence of elephants in the Philippines it may be necessary to use the water-buffalo in our oriental pageants.

Soldiers at Fort Sheridan have struck against a continued diet of hash. This may be another vindication of the embalmed beef.

William E. Curtis asserts that there is vast riches in beet sugar. But it may be that Mr. Curtis was looking at the tariff annex.

The Pennsylvania legislature has again re-elected Mr. Quay to the senate, although the certificate will bear the name of Boies Penrose.

The newspaper guessing contest is coming in for thorough denunciations all over the country. It should come in for an iron-clad prohibition.

Uncle Russell Sage has engaged a valet. This inclines us to the opinion that the "no tips allowed" sign will no longer appeal to Uncle Russell.

Is your subscription to **The Commoner** about to expire? Examine the wrapper in which your paper comes. If the date appearing there is "Jan. 03" your renewal should be sent in without delay. In last week's paper and on page 16 of this issue you will find some subscription bargains.

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The Fowler bill has donned a new disguise, but it does not require a Sherlock Holmes to penetrate it.

An Ohio minister compliments Pugilist Corbett on being a fluent talker. But, then, most pugilists are.

The Sultan of Morocco should hasten to look about for an opportunity to saddle himself upon some complaisant salary list.

By returning to Mississippi, President Roosevelt will be able to find fully as much g. o. p. harmony as he did bear meat.

The organization of the Nebraska legislature was a fight between rival railroads. Of course the taxpayers provided the gate money.

It is a mighty wise army officer on duty in the Philippines who knows whether his actions are to bring him a court-martial or a promotion.

Senator Hoar may believe that his anti-trust remedy will be effective, but it is scarcely probable that he believes it will be adopted by congress.

The republican promise to throttle the trusts meant about as much as the republican expression of sympathy for all peoples struggling for liberty.

Mr. Quay's interest in statehood for the territories somehow or other inclines one to the belief that Mr. Quay has secured an option on all the plum trees.

Mr. Knox's communication explains very clearly that if Mr. Knox is allowed to have his way the trusts will be properly taken care of by his department.

The Chicago papers declare that the city has need of a children's hospital. Are those Chicago philanthropists through with building homes for cats and dogs?

Ohio republicans are wondering whether Mr. Hanna intends Herricking them or Dickering them. They are satisfied, however, that Mr. Hanna will attend to it when he gets time.

The Michigan senatorial event was pulled off in a manner calculated to recall the smooth manipulation of certain southern delegates in a historic republican national convention.

Mrs. Hetty Green has been allowing an insurance company to pay the taxes on a piece of her real estate. Mrs. Green is not the only person who has accumulated wealth by this sort of thing.

Now comes the news that a trust is to be formed to control the monkey and parrot market. If it is calculated to restrict the Newport output the country will try to bear it without grumbling.

A large number of **Commoner** subscriptions expire during the next two or three weeks. The publisher hopes that subscribers will renew without delay, thus avoiding unnecessary delay in crediting the subscriptions.

President Roosevelt and King Edward have exchanged congratulations and compliments by means of the Marconigraph, but the matter will not be properly featured until it has been Joe-coated.

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This issue completes Volume 2 of **The Commoner**. Subscribers who began with the first number of the volume should renew at once. See "Clubbing and Combination Offers" in last week's paper and on page 16 of this issue.

It appears that Mr. Knox is keeping his department busy trying to evade the duty of enforcing the criminal clause of the anti-trust law. Five hundred thousand dollars' worth of this sort of thing should be amply sufficient.

When President Roosevelt pointed to the fact that he had appointed several northern negroes to public office he forgot to mention that their official duties usually called them away from their home states. Mr. T. Thomas Fortune of New York is in Hawaii.

The Cook county grand jury is investigating the coal situation. Of course Mr. Baer will look upon this as an altogether sacrilegious attack upon his divine rights.

The newspapers convey the pleasing information that "peace has been established in baseball circles." This may be true, but the wise umpire will take the usual precautions.

After assisting in the work of electing a legislature that would permit itself to be Lorimered the republican papers of Illinois should take their medicine without so many evidences of chagrin.

As usual the latest republican scheme to "reform the currency" contemplates giving more financial power to the bankers and money manipulators. It would not be a republican scheme were it otherwise.

Five hundred thousand dollars ought to enable Mr. Knox to secure a whole lot of useless injunctions like the one he secured against the packers' combine. Injunctions of that kind are worth very little.

It has come to pass that the man who purloins a bucket of coal can insist upon being tried under the charge of grand larceny. If the present state of affairs continues much longer the coal thief can pose as a "captain of industry."

The Washington Post complains that the Chicago Tribune has retired one humorous feature of the Tribune editorial page. The Post should be of good cheer. The Tribune still contains six columns of humorous matter on its editorial page.

If southern papers will refrain from commenting on the latest Kansas lynching for about six weeks longer the republican papers in the north will feel more like throwing spasms of indignation over similar affairs in the south.

According to the testimony of the anthracite mine owners the condition of the miners is so pleasant and profitable that we wonder why the owners do not give away their holdings and get jobs in the mines as welders of pick and shovel.

Citizens of the territories are indignant because the republican majority in congress will not keep the platform pledge to admit the territories to statehood. Would the territorial citizens have the g. o. p. violate an ancient precedent by keeping a platform pledge?

Knowing that China is a silver using nation the powers exacted an indemnity of colossal proportions. Then silver was hammered down 20 cents an ounce and China's debt thereby increased one-third. This is what gold standard financiers call honesty.

The Nebraska Democratic Editorial association will meet at Grand Island on February 3, and an interesting program has been arranged for the occasion. The democratic editors of every state should follow the example of their Nebraska brethren and organize associations for mutual help and for the advancement of democratic principles.

Those people who complain because the miners refused to work on New Year's day are the people who insisted that the mine owners had a perfect right to do as they pleased with their own. In other words, a man's property is sacred, a man's labor is merely a public convenience, according to their logic.

Governor Durbin is going to cease his anti-lynching crusade, having failed to arouse sufficient public support to make it worth while. It appears that his party supporters were so busy denouncing southern outrages upon the negro that they had no time to spare for denouncing similar outrages in their own state. Indiana republicans are not the only ones so concerned about the frost on their neighbors' tiles that they fail to observe the litter upon their own doorsteps.

One of the republican candidates for congress in Kentucky sent a letter to the voters in which he made the following appeal: "Of course you don't again want low prices for wheat, corn, oats, pigs, horses and other things as in 1892-7, yet the only way to prevent it is to vote to prevent it." It is a little hard to have the hard times of Mr. Cleveland's administration used as a republican argument against a democracy that repudiated Mr. Cleveland's policy, and yet the republicans would if they could carry us back to the Cleveland regime.