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The "Jokesmiths' Combine" is one of their very best.

In organization lies the promise of triumph of democratic principles.

It is doubtful if that college can stand it any better than Delaware could.

Doubtless Admiral Crowninshield would now like to loop that resignation.

As a matter of precaution Sir Thomas Lipton should begin figuring on a Shamrock IV.

Next time Mr. Addicks may profit by certain Ohio experiences and depend more upon the telephone.

The Bacilli Prodigiosi of extravagance to have taken complete possession of the nation. They now have another ponder over the evils of government by injunction.

It must be admitted that the Sublime Porte has instituted fully as many reforms in the last decade as the G. O. P.

The Ohio river is ten miles wide between Kentucky and Ohio, but Taylor still puts his trust in Indiana's republican governor.

Perhaps the senate takes the same view of its "plain duty" that the administration did of its plain duty to Cuba and Porto Rico.

Adbul Hamid might use some of those "notes" as guides to a few concerning certain reforms necessary in the Philippines.

Despite the resignation of Admiral Crowninshield the country should not give way to tremors of fear. Lieutenant Potts still waves.

The righteous indignation at the Butler method always manages to expend itself before it reaches a Hannafied or Quayatized case.

The Hanna ex-slave pensioning bill is to be commended for one thing—it omits providing special pensions for "Original Uncle Toms."

Before some organs and men undertake to read other organs and men out of the democratic party they should first read themselves in.

Wall street is so busy now trying to scrape up enough money to do business with that it has no time left to boom a tight money candidate.

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt of Cornell says that "the nations should get together." Just now the chief need seems to be some method of keeping them apart.

Those democratic legislators in Delaware have again learned the futility of negotiating with republicans who would rather be republicans than to be right.

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It is to be presumed that the portrait of Speaker Henderson which is to adorn the capitol building will represent him as "standing pat."

But did you ever hear of a federal judge restraining a lot of railway magnates from getting together to refuse a demand for better wages?

Dr. Lorenz asserts that American women cannot cook. The good doctor will learn that they can roast if ever he comes back to this country.

The man who is afraid to trust the people generally has some scheme that he is trying to foist upon the public for his own selfish interests.

Thorough organization of the democratic party will prevent its republicanization by the would-be disorganizers who work under the guise of re-organizers.

There are some men claiming to be democrats who seem to take more interest in "crushing" democrats than they do in supporting democratic principles.

The esteemed Atlanta Constitution may not have learned much from that letter, but it certainly did work the publicity feature of it in true newspaper style.

The Fifty-seventh congress appropriated \$1,554,108,514.48, not because there was any need of appropriating that much, but because it was a republican congress.

A New York man's neck was broken recently by reason of falling upon his collar button. Many a man has broken a commandment by dropping his collar button.

The difference between turning down a man and turning down a principle is great, as some eastern gentlemen will learn to their sorrow when the proper time comes.

Mr. Beveridge may deem the charge did not too small, but the fact remains that the gentlemen much larger than he are better index of his character than he declares that the empty pretension. Own Professor W. should be careful when the pro-monarchs about. He talks like a man who is likely to blow down the muzzle to see if it is loaded.

Candidate Graeme Stewart of Chicago certainly should have the support of the Maes, Kittyes, Maymes and Jessyes, as well as others who take liberties with good, old-fashioned names.

Dr. Crum says the failure to confirm him closes the door of hope to the colored man for a generation. It may be, however, that Dr. Crum merely takes himself too seriously.

Now that it has given us some election figures from Mr. Butler's district perhaps the Chicago Tribune will favor us with some figures from two or three Philadelphia congressional districts.

Scientists now declare that fish can both hear and smell. If it is true that they can hear it is well that they cannot talk. They might learn to repeat a lot of things they hear when they refuse to bite.

One of the things that thoughtful citizens should ponder over is the fact that several Philadelphia republican organs are horror-stricken at the idea of so much political corruption in St. Louis.

"Its work is finished," is the head-line over the Washington Post's account of the demise of the Fifty-seventh congress. The Post's humorous editor seems to have lopped over from the editorial page.

Labor is so contented and happy and prosperous that the general government for the first time in history has deemed it necessary to distribute "riot cartridges" to the governors of the different states.

"I did not know that anyone thought about silver nowadays," said Grover Cleveland in an interview at New York the other day. Mr. Cleveland really ought to stir about more and learn a few things. A great many people who have never had an opportunity to assume a public office poor and emerge from it rich, are thinking about silver, and other forms of money.

Before making any further remarks derogatory to March just consider the fact that March is the month wherein congress adjourns sine die. It is reprehensible to speak evil when it is possible to say something good.

When confronted with the duty of making a choice between getting a new stomach or giving up a million dollars, Mr. Rockefeller chose just as the people knew he would. A million dollars covers a multitude of gastric qualms.

"Senator Hanna and Senator Foraker approached the president's desk arm-in-arm," says the account of the opening of the special session. Is it possible that each was afraid to let the other go with arms unencumbered?

Ithaca people show a disposition to profit by their recent lesson in the private ownership of a public utility. Ithaca's typhoid fever epidemic was directly due to the filthy methods used by the private water company in repairing its plant.

If Mr. Baer's foresight had been as good as his hindsight certainly is, instead of posing as a trustee of divine providence he would have hastened to the nearest federal judge and secured an order restraining the miners from striking.

The Sioux City Journal wonders who will take the comedy part in the senate now that "Billy" Mason has retired. The Journal should not worry. With an overwhelming republican majority there will be no dearth of candidates for the place.

Mr. Cleveland says he is out of politics save as an advisor. The democratic party would land in the republican camp if it followed Mr. Cleveland, for example, and the example a man sets is a better index of his character than he declares that the empty pretension. Own Professor W. should be careful when the pro-monarchs about. He talks like a man who is likely to blow down the muzzle to see if it is loaded.

Subscribers will doubtless be glad to know that the second volume of *The Commoner* will be published in condensed form, as was done with the first volume. Our announcement concerning the book will be found on another page of this issue.

Press dispatches announce that a law school professor at Harvard has been selected as legal advisor by the king of Siam. Let us hope that the professor is a man who is sincerely attached to American principles and whose conduct and ideas will give the king and his people a proper conception of American civilization and American institutions.

Mr. McKinley charged in 1891 that Mr. Cleveland, during his first administration, tried to "make money scarcer and therefore dearer—money the master and all things else the servant." If that terrible indictment was true then, it is true now, for Mr. Cleveland has never announced a change of purpose.

To ask a Kansas City platform democrat what he will do if the reorganizers obtain control of the party is as absurd as it would be to ask a man what he would do if the moon turned to green cheese and fell to the earth. If by any possibility the moon ever undergoes that change we will have plenty of time to decide whether we will eat that kind of cheese.

Secretary Shaw is watching the financial situation with deep concern, but talks hopefully. This much is learned from the Washington news reports. When the money market gets tight Mr. Shaw can take a few millions wrung from the people, loan them to the banks and the people can borrow from the banks. This relieves the stringency and provides the people with the money to pay more taxes into the treasury in order that the government may loan more money to the banks to lend to the people to pay more taxes to the government in order that the government may have more money to lend to the banks to—but this sort of thing is calculated to make dizzy a man who has to borrow from a bank in order to pay taxes into the treasury that a surplus may be created for the purpose of lending to the banks in a time of financial stringency when the people have to borrow money to pay more taxes into the treasury for the purpose of creating a surplus that may be borrowed by the banks to lend to the people. Speaking of "endless chains," was there ever one to beat that?