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The plans of the reorganizers are gladly given publicity by the administration organs.

Of course the meat trust will add to the chorus of jibes at "poor old Missouri."

Those "get-rich-quick" concerns certainly had that result—but not among the investors.

That "harmony banquet" in Chicago recently seems to have been largely a case of "regrets."

The National Packing company seems to have been missed in the distribution of the shackles.

The people might be willing to compromise with Mr. J. P. Morgan by remitting the duty on steel.

A democratic club in every precinct will ward off all danger of a republicanized democracy in 1904.

Congressman DeArmond will probably be among the "and others" at future harmony banquets.

Over in Iowa republican harmony meetings are opened by searching the guests for "Iowa idea" arguments.

It will be a long time ere loyal democrats allow republicans to name the candidates and frame the platforms for the democratic party.

Recent developments in Rhode Island tend to show that the tariff-fed trusts have found Senator Aldrich an expensive necessity.

When General Funston goes to Alaska he can cross the rivers on the ice. But, perhaps the general can neither skate nor slide.

All the daily newspapers but one in Chicago are opposing Carter Harrison. Good luck seems to chase some men day and night.

The Elkins law against the trusts is very much like kissing by telephone—you hear a lot about it, but you never see anything.

If J. P. Morgan gets the contract to build the Panama canal there will be plenty of water in his company's stocks even if none ever gets into the canal.

If Mr. Cleveland makes that contemplated western tour he will discover quite a populous stretch of country on this side of the Allegheny mountains.

Mr. Littlefield will probably spend this summer in the Maine woods pondering on the time wasted last summer in framing a bill that displeased the administration.

The senate having adjourned the republican leaders of Ohio will soon have the pleasure of learning from Mr. Hanna just whom they shall nominate for governor.

What the people demand is something in the way of a shackle that will manacle instead of ornament.

Mr. Morgan is having difficulty in finding the "foreigner" who must pay the tariff on that art collection.

By locating the strawberry mark the president may be able to recognize his Cuban reciprocity treaty.

Those Buffalo detectives seem to have a regular Philanderknox time in running down the guilty parties.

The report of Mr. Cleveland's western tour is calculated to make the encyclopedias take to the tall timber.

The trusts seem to have sown a few germs of trachoma in the optics of the legal sleuths in and about Washington.

Since his offer to Ithica Mr. Carnegie might arbitrate the drainage canal differences between Chicago and St. Louis.

Mr. Rathbone's renewed activity may have the effect of making Mr. Hanna tremble every time he hears the telephone bell ring.

Those Wabash employes might try applying to that federal judge for a writ of mandamus compelling their employes to raise their wages.

There is something morally wrong about the man who would rather achieve victory in a bad cause than sustain defeat in a good cause.

Miss Tarbell was rather sarcastic when she wrote of Mr. Rockefeller that "nothing was too large for him to undertake—or too small."

My, how the president did scare the packers! They were so badly frightened that they just got together and went into a trust sure enough.

Perhaps all the rivers have been booming for the purpose of showing that all the water in the country has not been poured into the trust stocks.

Mr. Carnegie might save Uncle Sam a big bunch of money and at the same time satisfy his announced ambition by financing the Panama canal.

It is wonderful how skillfully the reorganizers manage to evade mentioning some democrat for president who is not more interested in republican methods than he is in democratic principles.

Of course organized labor will rush frantically to the support of a political party led by the man who used the federal army in violation of the constitution to aid the railroads as against organized labor.

Some of these days there will be an administration at Washington that will give the portraits of Lincoln and Jefferson preference over singlesticks and boxing gloves in adorning the walls of the White house.

There will be plenty of "new issues" in 1904, but giving the management of democracy's affairs over into the keeping of men who would republicanize democracy will not be one of them. That issue is settled.

In view of the fact that he admitted owning only \$400,000 worth of personal property while owning \$7,000,000 worth in Europe we are inclined to think that where Mr. Morgan's treasure is there his art is also.

Already the president's western tour is being made the occasion for humorous jibes from the paragraphs. It is now stated that Mr. Knox may not be able to accompany the president on account of press of public business.

Missouri is democratic because that is the only way to secure the enforcement of law, or the enforcement of law keeps Missouri democratic. People who have discussed the old "egg or hen" question might spend a little time on this one.

An Oshkosh woman yawned continuously for three days with fatal results. If Mr. Knox does not want the country to die the same way he would better do something to the trusts that will interest and attract the attention of the people.

The last congress was very extravagant, but as there is still some money in the treasury the republican leaders are looking forward to the next congress with pleasant anticipations.

If it was wrong for Addicks to try to buy a senatorship with his own money, what shall we say of a republican congress that conciliated the trusts by allowing them to continue their extortion from the American people.

It is now announced that Mr. Addicks will take up his abode with the Addicks senator and entertain the senators and congressmen. The anti-Addicks republicans of Delaware did not, after all, keep the gas man away from Washington.

The Chicago Chronicle is engaged in the effort to defeat Carter H. Harrison for re-election to the office of mayor of Chicago. Can it be possible that Mr. Harrison's position on the municipal ownership of public utilities has anything to do with the attitude of Mr. Walsh's newspaper?

The Missouri courts have just fined a lot of packers \$5,000 each for violation of the state's anti-trust laws. The same thing was done with the insurance companies a few months ago. Missouri officials and courts seem to labor under the antiquated notion that laws were made to be enforced.

The New York Times says that "it is a curious and not a creditable circumstance that the visit of the secretary of the treasury to Wall street should be the occasion of local excitement and newspaper speculation." True enough, but it must be so as long as the treasury department is run in the interest of Wall street.

Constant Reader.—Yes, you can obtain some idea of the sincerity of the republican attack on the trusts by reading the account of the new merger of the packing interests. The new corporation takes in seven packing companies and the other rivals, Armour and Swift, have three directors each in the new company.

A reader of *The Commoner* desires to know the address of the publishers or the author of a book entitled "Emancipation of the Workers," by R. Buck. If any reader having this information will send it on a postal card to *The Commoner* the courtesy will be appreciated by the inquirer to whom the information will be forwarded.

In a campaign speech the other day Mayor Harrison of Chicago asserted that the rich were dodging their taxes. Immediately a lot of wealthy citizens who are opposed to Harrison raised the cry that he was trying to "array the poor against the rich." This is a grave charge, coming as it does from a class of people always so ready and willing to mingle with and work among the poor.

The Ameer of Afghanistan put a stop to an effort to corner grain in his dominions by hanging the man who started the corner. The Ameer is a heathen, of course. Had he been fully civilized he would have secured an injunction for political effect and the men running the corner could have gone right ahead and made enough money to finance a campaign for the Ameer's re-election.

It seems that the republican leaders have not thought it worth while to pay attention to the petition addressed to the senate, signed by a large number of prominent men, including many college professors, and asking for such an investigation of Philippine affairs as would enable the people to learn from American and Filipino witnesses the actual condition of things. The petitioners ought to know that under colonialism it is customary to take the evidence only of carpet-bag officials who are interested in maintaining a colonial policy.

The value of Mr. Gorman's leadership to the party is well shown by the comments of the Cincinnati Enquirer and the New York World. The Enquirer says, "The democrats of the country will have much faith in Senator Gorman as the man to put the party on the right track and keep it there." The New York World says, "In selecting Mr. Gorman as their leader the democrats of the senate have at last got a leader who can lead and a politician who knows the game. If they will follow him they are not likely to flop around and scatter as they did in the last congress." Now if Mr. Hanna will add his congratulations, the eulogy will be complete.