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Thorough organization is the best safeguard against demoralization.

To Sir Thomas Lipton: Be sure that your mast is all right, then trial again.

However, it was Governor Van Sant who carried the big stick until the big stick was prodded into action.

The reports of Mayor Johnson's political death were, as Mark Twain would say, very much exaggerated.

The chief difference between Mr. Parry and Mr. Hanna seems to be that Mr. Parry has no political ambitions.

The Chicago Tribune is demanding oil tank reform. But wouldn't reform in the oil tank contents be acceptable?

Radium is the scarcest and costliest metal known to man. May we not expect a single radium standard party?

Brazil is having more trouble over the Acre territory. It may be that The Hague tribunal could furnish a suitable dentist.

President Roosevelt's "stand pat" policy as regards the tariff may be construed as a vindication by David Bremer Henderson.

In the meantime Mr. Hill and Mr. Morgan will go right ahead doing without the merger just what they purposed doing through the merger.

Perhaps Messrs. Hill and Morgan could induce the attorney general to compromise the case on the lines followed in the Porto Rico smuggling cases.

It would seem that it is about time to call out the militia to suppress the corporation rioters who happen to be members of the Illinois legislature.

Subscribers desiring to make use of the "Subscribers' Advertising Department" are requested to send in their copy one week before date of publication.

It is beginning to dawn upon the financial world that Mr. Harriman used the Northern Securities company scheme to take a fall out of Mr. James J. Hill.

Somehow or other it is always difficult to arouse a great deal of sympathy for the American heiress who trades off her wealth for a title and then comes home without either.

Countess Russell, who paid a big price for a coachman under the impression that she was getting a prince, may live to learn that a coachman husband is an improvement over many princely husbands.

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Democracy will hardly agree to management by men whose principles are acceptable to the interests that are opposed to democratic principles.

While Mr. Lorimer's attention is fixed on that ballot recount the self-respecting republicans of Illinois should seize the occasion to slip his shackles.

The London Artist says that it is "easy" to palm off false works of art. If these critics will try to make Morgan pay his taxes they will not find him so "easy."

President Roosevelt's speeches en tour concerning trusts, great business interests, etc., sound very much like the harmony talk put up by the reorganizers.

The parents of Lisle A. Ramsden, aged 18, desire reliable information as to his whereabouts. Address Mrs. T. Ramsden, Lake Elmo, Washington county, Minnesota.

The announcement is made that San Miguel, the last of the Filipino insurgents, is dead. The "last Filipino" continues as long as the republican revision of the tariff.

Those people who declare that "the money question is settled" should explain why it is that every other republican member of congress has a currency bill up his sleeve.

After expending \$850,000,000 in perpetrating an injustice upon the Boers, Great Britain is figuring on appropriating less than half that amount to do justice to the people of Ireland.

The money question will never be settled until the financiers secure absolute control of the money supply or the people secure to the government the exclusive function of issuing money.

The Cramps, shipbuilders, are suffering from them. This certainly shows that it is again up to Dr. Leslie M. Shaw to inject a little more public money into the channels of private business.

In view of what they are in the habit of doing when they have an opportunity it is not to be wondered at that a lot of Pennsylvania legislators are seeking to muzzle the press of the state.

Great Britain has figured up the cost of the Boer war in money and finds it to be \$825,000,000. At least that portion of humanity embraced in the list of British taxpayers will do considerable staggering.

Loyal democrats will refuse to accept the leadership of men who vote the republican ticket when democracy is at stake and the democratic ticket only when the republican party seems destined to win.

People are now beginning to understand why the republican machine in Rhode Island made such a strenuous fight against Governor Garvin. The governor is locating the machine tenders who have the goods on their persons.

A democratic club in every voting precinct for the preservation and triumph of democratic principles will prevent a repetition of the party's betrayal in 1894-95, and will insure the success of democratic principles at no distant date.

A German scientist insists that a man may be cured of the habit of lying by the use of hypnosis. If this is true, perhaps it would be well to apply the remedy to those protected manufacturers who still insist that the foreigner pays the tax.

The balloonist who fell 150 feet at Houston, Tex., recently is well prepared to give some valuable bits of experience to those gentlemen who imagine that they will be able to convince loyal democrats that the party needs reorganizing at their hands.

A contemporary declares that "Senator Allison may be depended upon to place Iowa republicans in the proper light on the tariff question." What this contemporary really means is that Senator Allison will tell Iowa republicans how they should vote and that the aforesaid Iowa republicans will do it without taking the trouble to think the question out for themselves.

The Philadelphia woman who has remarked that President Roosevelt was never the mother of a large family has passed the work of saying something more up to the president.

When the delegates to the next national republican convention come to vote on the reciprocity and statehood planks they will have difficulty in refraining from laughter long enough to shout "aye."

It will be noted that in all the "fierce fighting" connected with those South American revolutions the list of killed and injured in any one battle is never quite so large as the list of killed in any one of the numerous brushes between the "constabulary" and the ladrones in the peaceful Philippine islands.

A reader of *The Commoner* recently inquired where he could purchase a book entitled "The Emancipation of the Workers." Another reader replies that it is published by the Appeal to Reason, at Girard, Kas. *The Commoner* is obliged to its informant for the information and hereby conveys it to the inquirer.

The Philadelphia Press asserts that the president holds to the view that a general revision of the tariff before the presidential election is inadvisable, and that "he would not let the tariff become the football of a political contest." The humor of all this lies in the gravity with which the Philadelphia Press said it.

A lot of republican organs that cannot understand why loyal democrats object to the leadership of men who betrayed the democracy in 1896 and 1900 would throw conniption fits if the men who left the republican party in those same years should return now and demand control of the republican organization.

Harry L. Merrick, the witty and talented paragraph writer of the Washington Post, died suddenly on Sunday, April 19. Mr. Merrick was recognized as the leading paragraph writer in the newspaper field and his death is a personal loss to every one who was permitted to read his keen comments and his witty jests.

The Dramatists' club of New York city is urging the establishment of a national theatre at Washington where only the best dramas shall be produced. There is something in the idea, for the people are growing weary of the comedy presented by a trust-controlled congress pretending to legislate in the interests of the people.

Mr. Rockefeller has offered to give two-thirds of \$100,000 to the University of Nebraska if the people of the state will give the other one-third, the sum to be used in the erection of a large hall. A perusal of the newspapers of the state leads to the opinion that the people of Nebraska think they are able to remember Mr. Rockefeller by the odor of his kerosene.

The New York World says: "The cry against government by injunction raised by the unthinking hosts in the train of those who think they think, seems foolish enough in the light of the Northern Securities decision." So the World would eliminate the plank against government by injunction, as well as the money plank, would it? If the World were required to write a platform satisfactory to it, it would not differ essentially from the republican platform.

The next time President Roosevelt quotes from the last letter of Rizal, the Filipino patriot, he should be fair enough to state the circumstances under which that letter was written. Rizal wrote the letter while a prisoner in the hands of the Spaniards and it was written for the purpose of deceiving the jailors and saving his own life if possible. Gallileo and John Milton, the poet, did the same thing under circumstances of a similar nature.

Mr. Taggart, Indiana's member of the national committee, suggests that Hill will receive the support of some, if not all, of the Indiana delegates. It is fortunate for the believers in the Kansas City platform that some of the reorganizers are as outspoken as Mr. Taggart, for it is much easier to oppose an open enemy than a secret one, and when Mr. Taggart announces that he is at work for Hill, he notifies the rank and file that it is time for them to perfect an organization that will prevent any Hill man going as a delegate to the national convention.