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The beef trust appears to enjoy paying dividends on its injunctions.

Improved public highways mean improved social and business conditions.

While pointing to Manchuria do not forget that Russia already has nine points.

A live democratic club in every voting precinct means a victory for the principles of true democracy.

They may boost Mr. Cleveland as much as they will, but the scent of that bond deal will cling to him still.

The price of beef is back to the old high water mark, and the injunction is exhibiting a choice assortment of dents.

It seems that Attorney Tyner beat the postmaster general to the proof. The trouble is that Tyner's grab means its suppression.

While William and Edward were indulging in osculatory salutations neither one called a halt on the building of bigger warships.

Perhaps Mr. Morgan believes that a little more high tariff pepsin would assist in the assimilation of those undigested securities.

Among other exhibits at the St. Louis exposition should be the chrome-colored canine that put the magnificent General Corbin to flight.

Are the people to understand that Tyner was not pried loose until after he had been given ample opportunity to get away with the proof?

Mr. Cleveland is the only living ex-president, but in less than two years from now he will not be so lonesome if loyal democrats will do their duty.

This desire for four years more of Grover, expressed by eastern financial interests, may be due to a desire for another chance at financing a bond issue.

Somehow or other the spectacle of Philadelphia mourning because of corruption in other municipalities reminds us very much of Satan weeping over sin.

The Subscribers' Advertising Department offers exceptional opportunities for publicity to subscribers who may have meritorious articles for sale or exchange.

The Brooklyn Eagle proceeds upon the theory that the rank and file of the democratic party do not think. The Eagle is due for a pair of badly clipped wings.

It seems that those Illinois corporations made a grave mistake by not doing as the Nebraska corporations did and making sure of their legislature before electing it.

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Somehow or other the old adage about it being "the hurt pig that squeals" is recalled to mind by all this fierce denunciation of General Miles by the administration press.

Did President Roosevelt while in Arizona and New Mexico take occasion to explain the plank in the republican national platform pledging statehood to the territories?

President Baer predicts further labor trouble in the anthracite coal regions. Having both the desire and ability to bring it about President Baer is not necessarily a prophet.

Governor Odell's pro-trust speech did not arouse even a semblance of interest. It is too generally understood that that is just what Governor Odell was elected for.

Every club organized for the preservation and promulgation of democratic principles is an added assurance that democracy is not to be delivered bound into the hands of selfish interests.

It is not believed that General Miles had any idea that his report on the Philippine situation would please those who are interested in keeping the people in ignorance of the real situation in those islands.

The gold organs are straining themselves to convince their readers that the enhanced price of silver is in no wise due to the government's demand for the metal on account of the new Philippine coinage.

The difference between expansion under Thomas Jefferson and expansion under a republican administration is the difference between self-government and government without the consent of the governed.

It is said that the robin is the president's favorite bird. Something with a similar sound is also quite a favorite with certain interests that always look to the president's party for help, and are never disappointed.

Policy gamblers of Chicago dynamited the church wherein a colored pastor preached against the gambling evil. Perhaps the pastor was too strenuous. He might have tried securing an injunction against the gamblers.

The Nashville American proposes St. Clair McKelway for president. St. Clair McKelway is editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, the organ of the Cleveland rejuvenators. Thus may be located three of the tailors of Tooley street.

The administration seems inclined to say the same thing about conditions in the postoffice department that it says concerning conditions in the Philippines, and to denounce as traitors all who are not content with the explanation.

The president spent so much time talking about irrigation while in Arizona and New Mexico that his train was always pulled out of the station just as he was about to say a few words concerning the pledge to confer statehood.

Now, since the Mueller bill has passed, the Chicago Chronicle may feel that it has a cause of action against the state as well as against the city of Chicago, but it can't feel any worse toward the city and the state than its readers feel toward it.

A reader of *The Commoner* asks where he can obtain a copy of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations." Any person having a copy for sale, or who knows of any recent edition, will confer a favor upon the enquirer by dropping a postal card with the information to Lock Box 221, Crawford, Neb.

A Colorado reader of *The Commoner* calls attention to the editorial page of the Los Angeles Daily Times of May 2. It contains an editorial saying nice things of Cleveland and unkind things of the real democrats and then, to show the standpoint from which it views the subject, presents on the same page a cartoon which exhibits its hostility to organized labor. No wonder that Mr. Cleveland gets kind mention from the leading republican papers. The same financial influences control the great dailies on both sides of the party line—in fact, the party line is always obscured wherever financial interests are concerned.

Mr. Cleveland's position reminds the Houston Post of the bereaved widow. "I shall never marry again." "I do not believe the man lives whom I would marry." "O, this is so sudden!"

If the Boston Herald knows as little of the political history of the country as it does of the political history of Nebraska it should take a kindergarten course in politics before undertaking to discuss questions of political import.

The professional benefit for Miss Clara Morris was a deserved tribute to an American actress who has done much to make the stage better, and whose domestic life has been an inspiration to her fellow workers in the theatrical profession.

The management of the St. Louis exposition purposes reproducing the United States in miniature on a plat of ground embracing about ten acres. It would be cheaper to secure the presence of Mr. Morgan and let the people examine his pockets.

Senator Allison declares that the policy of reciprocity is not to be abandoned by the republican party. Certainly not. The g. o. p. always finds use for such things when the time comes to deceive a people who seem to delight in being deceived.

A subscriber asks: "Of what state was Professor Henry Dudley Teeter a native; where did he most distinguish himself, and, if still living, what is his present address?" *The Commoner* would be glad to receive answers to these queries.

The federal authorities raided a printing plant in Chicago the other day on suspicion that it was a gambling concern because it printed stock certificates in a mining concern. The newspaper guessing lottery still goes marching on, however.

President David M. Parry of the Manufacturers' association is suffering from bad dreams. He thinks it is very wrong for workingmen to organize to protect themselves against the aggressions of such organizations as that over which he presides.

A reader of *The Commoner* asks whether the nation has reached the zenith in matters of education. There ought to be no zenith, as that term is used, in matters of education. It ought to be a continual growth and development toward better things and better methods.

Omaha affords the latest example of government by injunction. After enjoining the teamsters' union from continuing its organization, however, the judge saw a glimmer of light and modified the order. This is reassuring as it shows that even federal judges can see some things that are beneficial to laboring men.

Referring to the 600 boxes of specie shipped by this government to the Philippines the Kansas City World remarks that "this is hardly an even exchange for the 6,000 or more boxes of a different kind shipped home from the Philippines during the last four years." The World should be prepared to be denounced by the "commercial interests" that object to any and all references to coin and corpses in the same paragraph.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says that General Miles betrayed General Custer and that "the story of Miles' treachery is still fresh in the minds of many." The Commercial Appeal still further asserts that Miles deserted Custer and that the subsequent massacre of Custer and his command was due to Miles' desertion. The Memphis Commercial Appeal is getting its history mixed up with its imagination and telescopes its veracity with its prejudices.

The Chicago Chronicle is already shedding some tears over what it calls the danger of a bolt in case the reorganizers capture the democratic national convention. Once more we are reminded of the little girl who came into the house crying bitterly, and when asked for the cause of her tears, replied: "I was just thinking that when I grow up I may get married, and then I may have a little baby, and that some day the baby would crawl out doors and fall into the well and get drowned, boo-hoo!" The Chronicle is drawing on the future for present sorrows.