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The Brooklyn Eagle is exhibiting many of the traits of the cuckoo.

Thorough organization means the defeat of the effort at republicanism.

The beef trust continues to thrive on the early breakfast injunction diet.

Doubtless Dr. Crum prefers a closed door of hope to an office that has no salary attachment.

The injunction sauce for the labor goose is seemingly not relished by the employer gander.

The administration seems disinclined to use the publicity remedy in the postoffice department.

Russia, it seems, is determined upon something in the "stay put" line on her own account.

Organize democratic clubs and prepare for the coming battle of the people vs. plutocracy.

The Hill boom's displacement is quite a disappointment to the gentlemen who engineered the splash.

If Governor Pennypacker knows what people think of him we cannot blame him for a desire to prevent them from telling it.

The multiplicity of Missouri republicans being indicted for boodling indicate a healthy growth in the democratic majority of that state.

Surface indications are to the effect that the political pie prepared by the Wall street financiers is suffering from a soggy undercrust.

The trouble with the injunction remedy for monopoly is that the monopolies seem to think it is some new-fangled kind of breakfast food.

The reception of the Cleveland boom by the republican leaders will not be lost upon democrats who are loyal to principle and to party.

The bankers are still declaring for an "elastic currency," by which they mean a currency they can stretch when it pays to stretch, and contract when it pays to contract.

American sympathy for the persecuted Russian Jews would attract more attention were it not for so many reports of conflicts between our Philippine "constabulary" and "roving bands of ladrones."

Right now would be a good time for the absent-minded husband to explain to his wife that he mailed the letter and that doubtless it failed to reach its destination on account of the trouble in the postoffice department.

Professor Watts of Chicago university says that Shakespeare was a mere punster. Three or four years from now people who remember Shakespeare will vainly try to recall the name of a Chicago professor when they see a pun.

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Up to date no tariff advocate has explained how a tariff that makes manufactured products cheaper by stimulating competition also makes wheat dearer by preventing competition.

Our Philippine "constabulary" is now engaged in subduing the fanatics. Is this to be taken as an indication that the supply of "insurrectos," "bandits" and "ladrones" has been exhausted?

That scratching sound Des Moinesward is only Senator Allison trying to write a tariff plank that will say a whole lot and mean absolutely nothing, a task at which the senator is wonderfully adept.

There seems to be conclusive evidence at hand to show that Governor Cummins has traded his "Iowa idea" for something that looks wonderfully like a mess of vice presidential nomination pottage.

John Bull having benevolently assimilated 100,000 square miles of territory in northwest Nigeria it behooves Mr. Hay to get a hustle on himself to pick up another 2x4 island in the Philippine archipelago.

The new mayor of Philadelphia fainted just after declaring for civic reform. The strange thing about the story is that no mention is made of the audience having fainted when the mayor made the announcement.

Secretary Hitchcock is convinced that the territories are entitled to statehood. This is, however, merely another indication that Mr. Hitchcock is trying to grease the ways for another g. o. p. performance in the promising line.

The man who deserts to the enemy on the eve of battle and returns after assisting in administering defeat may know how the defeat was administered, but that does not entitle him to leadership in the army he made the victim of his treachery.

Mr. Rockefeller says it has always been the policy of the Standard Oil company to remain silent under attack and let our "acts speak for themselves." Probably every bank burglar in the country will agree as to the propriety of this course of action.

Russia might retort that her "constabulary" is only reducing the zeal of a lot of "fanatics," and thereby call renewed attention to the Philippine situation. The administration is fighting shy of anything calculated to call further attention to the Philippines.

Editor Heath of the Salt Lake Tribune, ex-assistant postmaster general, might now institute another guessing contest, offering prizes to those guessing nearest to the number of postoffice employes appointed by him who will be sent to jail or dismissed in disgrace from the service.

Having for some years vociferated lustily about the necessity of the flag "staying put" the administration is acting somewhat inconsistently when it demands that Russia's flag shall come down in Manchuria. But inconsistency is becoming the rule of the present administration.

Governor Pennypacker says that in Pennsylvania "public office is administered on a broader and better basis, leading to higher thoughts and better results." But somehow or other it sounds very much like the small boy at school who declares between sobs that he "ain't been a-doin' of nuthin'."

On another page will be found a cartoon representing Mr. Watterson in his pathetic attempt to dissuade Mr. Cleveland from seeking a third term. The cartoon is simply a resetting of a cartoon which appeared in 1900 in the Minneapolis Journal which represented Mr. Bryan at the bar and Mr. Hill as begging him to leave "16 to 1" and "come home."

The editor of *The Commoner* has received so many letters calling attention to a circular sent out by the National City Bank of New York that he is convinced that the government has either mailed the bank's circular letters to the government's list of bondholders, or has furnished the list to the National City Bank. Has this favor been shown to all the banks, or has the National City Bank been made an exception? Can anybody answer the question?

The men who know about the thefts in the postal department and are willing to tell what they know, are receiving the cold shoulder from the gentlemen engaged in making the inquiry.

Veterans have perhaps noted that fact that none of the men who are berating General Miles and belittling his services as a soldier ever served with or under Miles in any campaign. Those who have served under Miles know that he is a soldier.

The Washington Post, although a republican paper, has taken charge of Mr. Gorman's presidential boom, and has reached a point where it is almost willing to guarantee that if he is nominated the vote of the District of Columbia will not be cast against him.

Those eminent surgeons who are so severely criticising Dr. Lorenz's methods should interview the boys and girls who were cripples before Dr. Lorenz treated them, but who are now walking as other children walk. The world will stand by the verdict of those who have been benefitted by the Lorenz treatment.

The fact that Great Britain has never single-handed and alone tackled a nation of her own size will explain why she is so anxious to form an alliance with the United States against Russia. It remains to be seen whether this republic will actively assist Great Britain in pulling her chestnuts out of the Russian fire.

The esteemed Chicago Tribune is just now engaged in trying to convince the bankers that national banks were made for the benefit of the government, and not the government for the benefit of the national banks. As another election is drawing near the esteemed Tribune will shortly reverse its proposition.

Governor Mickey of Nebraska charges that attempts have been made to bribe him by men seeking appointment to state office at his hands. When asked for the names of the would-be bribers the governor replied, "I do not think it necessary to say." Governor Mickey should take time to do some second thinking.

Governor Yates has signed the Mueller bill providing for municipal ownership of street car lines, and the Chicago Chronicle is suffering from a severe attack of the grouch. The Chicago Chronicle, which claims to be democratic, is always much more interested in the preservation of private monopoly than it is in the promulgation of democratic principles.

Those who are trying to justify a third term for Mr. Cleveland have strangely overlooked the strongest argument on their side, namely, that J. Pierpont Morgan was really the president from March 4, 1893, to March 4, 1897, and that therefore Mr. Cleveland cannot truthfully be said to have had two terms. But however plausible this argument may seem, it must be remembered that as J. Pierpont Morgan is still alive he might control future administrations in case Mr. Cleveland held the nominal title of the office.

The New Orleans Picayune says that the silver plank of the democratic platform was not democratic, "because the democracy from Jackson's time was absolutely committed to hard money, sound money; but Mr. Bryan's special doctrines are all radical and revolutionary, and are far away from genuine democracy." And yet the silver plank of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms demanded simply the reinstatement of the very law of 1834, which Andrew Jackson signed. Is it ignorance or disregard for the truth that makes the corporation papers misrepresent the facts of history?

An Alabama reader of *The Commoner* makes the following proposition: "If there exists any reason why democrats should abandon their announced basic principles and adopt republican or quasi-republican doctrines, it must be because those principles have been vindicated, and if republican doctrines have been vindicated, then there is no question that the republican party should be continued in power." If the reorganizers say that it is only the gold standard and not the high tariff that has been vindicated, they must remember that the money standard is the same now that it was under Mr. Cleveland's administration, and that the republicans use the same arguments to show a vindication of a high tariff that they do to show a vindication of the republican financial policy.