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The congressional contractor is becoming a menace to public morals.

Race prejudice is not a matter of geography, but attempts to profit by it are.

The "Iowa idea" seems to have been very successfully grafted on a trust magnate stem.

Mr. Payne's troubles are not causing any sorrow in certain republican elements in his state.

Instead of "hot air" Postmaster General Payne is experiencing some nervous chills of apprehension.

Organize a democratic club in your precinct and make a good fight for the supremacy of democratic principles.

Is it possible that Governor Cummins is less interested in tariff reform than he is in holding on to a good job?

It was very kind of Miss Tarbell to give Mr. Rockefeller an opportunity to recuperate during the warm season.

Mobs and riots are not unexpected in a state whose chief executive persists in shielding fugitives from justice.

The postoffice department idea of making good the losses incurred through thieving officials is to reduce the pay of honest employes.

Among other "get-rich-quick" schemes is that of getting a "pull" in the g. o. p. and selling any old kind of junk to the P. O. D.

That Evansville affair came just in time to afford Mr. Postmaster General Payne an opportunity to take a long breath.

Perhaps the hot spell was caused by a meeting of telegrams going round the world between Senator Hanna and Senator Foraker.

Organize a democratic club in your voting precinct and promote the good work of spreading and preserving democratic principles.

In view of certain senate investigation committee reports it is not strange that Mr. Hanna should reiterate his cry of "hands off!"

Postmaster General Payne will rusticate in the Adirondack mountains, where he may be able to escape a goodly portion of the "hot air."

The g. o. p. might show its dislike for Kentucky disregard of law by nominating ex-Governor Taylor as President Roosevelt's running mate.

The Pittsburg Post punctures a huge pretense when it declares that Mr. Hanna's motto seems to be: "Let me settle the strikes of the country and I do not care who administers the laws that cause them."

Senator Beveridge went down to Oyster Bay the other day to have a "little talk" with the president. It must have been a strenuous session.

If the man who wrote "In the Good Old Summer Time" will call around in these parts he will receive an enthusiastic and perhaps fatal reception.

The "Iowa idea" seems to be to make the closest possible connections with the man who disburses the receipts of the frying pan expeditions.

As a "get-rich-quick" scheme, getting next to the P. O. D. and selling it some useless contrivance seems to have the turf and mining schemes "beaten to a frazzle."

The pressure brought to bear upon Mr. Hanna is an indication that Mr. Roosevelt's backers feel the need of proper and close connections with the "frying pan" department.

A rat in the Philadelphia postoffice was the means of exposing the crookedness of two officials in the office. Here is a hint that Postmaster General Payne should take.

Germany serves notice that she has several claims against the Cuban republic, but owing to circumstances there is not likely to be any effort to collect them with warships.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" should be used by all subscribers who have something meritorious to sell, or who may be desirous of obtaining something.

Iowa republicans may interpret their tariff plank as they will, but the real meaning of those who have the running of things is that there will be no revision unless it be "up."

People who have taken note of the old saying that "blood is thicker than water" have some grounds for believing, if they take note of current events, that it is also cheaper.

Iowa republicans have been served with notice that they must not again dare to think until Mr. Allison has had a chance to tell what the tariff protected industries want.

It remained for a national republican convention to cheer a fugitive from justice charged with murder and protected by the republican executive of another state in defiance of law.

Perhaps, if Uncle Mark Hanna would promise to give just as much to the campaign, anyhow, there would be no further effort to foist the vice presidential nomination upon him.

The Joplin Globe insists that those Iowa republican tariff straddlers have beaten the Colossus of Rhodes by a block, and the Globe seldom makes the mistake of wrong diagnosis.

"Say the postmaster general just laughed," said Mr. Payne when asked about the postoffice frauds. "The smile that did come off" seems to have played a very successful engagement.

The fence around the St. Louis exposition grounds will be six miles long, and there are surface indications that St. Louis landlords are preparing to elongate the legs of visitors to match.

Sir Thomas Lipton is about to make his third attempt to lift the cup with a Shamrock. The indications are that the cup will remain while Sir Thomas returned home with a three-leaved Shamrock.

The president is going to prosecute the official mice that have been nibbling at the postoffice appropriation, but that special train whistles so loudly that he cannot hear the large railroad rat that is gnawing away at the department with extortionate charges for carrying the mail.

Mr. "Bob" Cousins of Iowa did not let a little thing like meek subserviency to the tariff barons interfere with his fiery invective against the proponents of the "idea." The honorable "Bob" fired his regular "died-in-the-last-ditch" speech at 'em, and then subsided until the palladium of our liberties is once more threatened. By self-appointment the honorable "Bob" is sole custodian of the palladium.

Not the least interesting of political spectacles is the strenuous manner in which Editor Charles Emory Smith is defending the official record of ex-Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith.

It now appears that certain congressmen were interested in contracts to supply gloves and other articles to the war department. Secretary Root should be preparing to denounce a few "hot air" stories.

It is a natural presumption that the republican executive of Indiana, who is shielding ex-Governor Taylor from justice, is terribly outraged by the disregard for law shown in Breathitt county.

Several Nebraska republican organs are complaining that their state conventions are too large. Is it possible that the corporation agents are experiencing difficulty in handling so many delegates?

The Mad Mullah is reviving in John Bull's memory thoughts of other sad but glorious days. There is the usual "I regret to report" flavor from the Mad Mullah's balliwick, and Mr. Mullah is not making the reports.

Mr. Hanna denies that he will retire from business and devote his time to politics. The denial may be based on the fact that Mr. Hanna will have to do an unusual amount of business if he succeeds himself in the senate.

Senator A. Jeremiah Beveridge avows and avers that "the cosmic lessons of nature should be the decalogue of national living." Is it possible that the senator from Indiana is striving to present something equally as good as the "Iowa idea?"

Mr. Hay feels quite down-hearted because trade was not allowed to take precedence over sentiment in that little Russian protest affair. But Mr. Hay should not despair. Trade is overhauling sentiment and principle at a very rapid pace these days.

The charge that Secretary of State Hay is disgruntled about the protest to Russia and thinking seriously of resigning should not cause a great deal of worry. There is no danger that King Edward VII. will seriously consider the resignation if tendered.

When such papers as the Chicago Chronicle and Nashville American commend the position taken by the Iowa democrats it is high time for the democrats of the Hawkeye state to get over to a position where republican confederates will find only something to condemn.

Mr. Rockefeller says that whenever he wants anything he prays for it. This recalls the story of the darkey who prayed for a Thanksgiving turkey, but in vain. Then he prayed that he might be sent out to get a turkey, and there were feathers in his back yard before sun-up.

It is no comfort to know that "friends" have consented to the ignoring of the Kansas City platform. A friend who can be fooled by the enemy is more dangerous than an enemy, because such a friend may be placed on guard at a critical time while the enemy is always watched.

Secretary Moody favors a federal law providing for the punishment of lynchers. This sounds very well as a campaign appeal, but will Mr. Moody kindly explain why the republican executive of Indiana refuses to honor a requisition for a man charged with the crime of murder in Kentucky?

Secretary Moody's Fourth of July speech abounded in pleas that the public service be honestly conducted, and made especial reference to the postoffice department. The secretary might find plenty to occupy his time by investigating the transport purchase frauds in the navy department.

A Chicago minister has delivered a scathing arraignment of the ice trust. Well, that is all right as far as it goes, but the trusts will never be killed so long as the people content themselves with the denunciation of those trusts which happen to be hurting them at the time. The fight must be made against the trust principle wherever it manifests itself.