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As soon as the republican organs ceased pumping the Cleveland boom deflated.

Under the circumstances no one can blame Senator Morgan for saying "I told you so."

Cuban reciprocity should prepare to be satisfied with a position in the "also mentioned" class.

If Miss Costeau has any private railroad coaches she might offer the use of them for a short time.

If Brother Elijah Dowie really wants to try something strenuous let him go down into Pennsylvania and tackle Quayism.

Perhaps, however, Mr. Knox has been spending his vacation in the preparation of another fancy job lot of promises.

Republican promises of tariff reform may be the model that our great and good friend Abdul Hamid, of Turkey, patterns after.

The Commoner's educational offer is worth investigating by every young man and woman desirous of acquiring a college education.

Miss Costeau should have hoisted the flag over Oyster Bay while the president was not looking. "Where the flag, etc., etc., etc."

Mr. Shaw will find it difficult to convince the people that fiat injected by the banks is vastly superior to fiat injected by the government.

The administration will be slow in taking cognizance of affairs in Macedonia. The Kishineff proceeding is too recent to be forgotten.

Mr. Carnegie says he is quite sure that "steel has a soul." We do not believe it. Sometimes we even doubt whether some of steel's manipulators have souls.

Mr. Chamberlain says he took the step because he thought it best. There are quite a number who entertain the idea that the honorable Joseph was pushed.

The only difference between the General Buckner of 1903 and the General Buckner of 1896 is that the General Buckner of 1903 has laid aside his democratic mask.

It would seem that the republican majority in congress has fully decided that its mind has been properly made up by Mr. Oxnard concerning the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

Suppose every nation had a "big stick" navy, what would have been the result after the New Orleans riots, the Rock Spring incident and the repeated brutalities practiced upon the Huns and Finns in the Pennsylvania coal regions?

The St. Louis Evening Post carries at its masthead the words, "A democratic newspaper." But as no one is deceived thereby there is no danger that the Post will ever be sued for obtaining a subscriber's money under false pretenses.

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An exchange expresses wonder that Mr. Hanna has not tried to get an injunction restraining Tom Johnson from making it so hot for him. But perhaps he has tried.

Without knowing it the Philadelphia Public Ledger is the most humorous daily publication in America. The charm of its humor lies in the fact that it takes its ponderosity so seriously.

We are informed that Mr. Knox has been spending his vacation getting ready to prosecute the trusts. The trouble seems to be that Mr. Knox spends all of his time in vacations.

Those who imagined that congress would be called in special session before election overlooked the fact that something besides legislation for the country's good is under consideration.

Mr. Hanna will use the moving picture machine as an adjunct to his Ohio campaign, but it is safe to say that it will not show views of Rathbone at the telephone or the fryingpan in action.

It is claimed that President Roosevelt used the personal pronoun thirty-six times in twenty-eight consecutive sentences while making a speech the other day. That was certainly strenuous-I-ty.

When we read that prisoners in the Pennsylvania penitentiary have been making counterfeit coins we are inclined to wonder how Mr. Quay and the Philadelphia machine allowed them to get in there.

If the Standard Oil company has been pumping salt water into the independent wells of Texas it is merely a hint that the independent operators were becoming too fresh to suit Mr. Rockefeller.

A Kansas bank failed the other day, owing depositors \$60,000. It tried its best to hold on in the hope that the time would come when it could issue enough currency on the deposits to tide it over its troubles.

A lot of gold standard organs are compelled to learnedly discuss nothing to the extent of columns in order to avoid explaining why it was not the Philippine coinage that increased the price of the white metal.

Mr. Knox's long preparation for fighting the trusts reminds one of the man who backed off three miles to get a running start for a jump over a fence. When he reached the fence he was too exhausted to jump.

It is a criminal offense in Hungary to lend money at usurious rates. Perhaps Mr. Shaw is acting under the belief that the same thing obtains in this country. That might explain why he lets the banks off so easy.

"The Commoner Condensed," Second Volume, will be ready for delivery about October 15. In size and binding it will be a companion volume to the first issue, and will be a valuable addition to any political reference library.

When Mr. Hanna finds time to go down to Washington he will take especial pains to call on Secretary Shaw. During his recent western tour Mr. Shaw committed the treasonable blunder of crediting the good crops to the Almighty.

Strange that there should be those who view with alarm President Roosevelt's action in the case of Mrs. Todd. The Clarkson and Payne appointments should have prepared them for almost any kind of a wrench of the merit system.

The democratic club of Greenville, Hunt county, Tex., has adopted resolutions reaffirming their faith in the Kansas City platform, denouncing the attempts of the reorganizers, and taking the people's side of the various state questions which are at issue.

A few weeks ago the Ohio republican organs declared that they would be happy if the democrats nominated Tom Johnson for governor. A glance at those same organs now impels us to congratulate them on having their laugh before the nomination.

The Inter-Ocean seems to think that "forcible assimilation" is not after all "criminal aggression." It is strange that political exigencies should, with so many people, actually suspend, if they do not entirely destroy, convictions upon moral questions.

The gentlemen who have closed down the anthracite mines venture the prediction that there will be a shortage. It does not take much to be a good guesser under those circumstances.

If the financiers are permitted to borrow money from the government at a low rate of interest to loan to the people at a high rate of interest, they will see to it that the people are always taxed enough to keep a big surplus in the treasury. Kill the Aldrich bill.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" is recommended by some of the largest and shrewdest advertisers in the country. It affords an excellent opportunity for publicity to those who may have some meritorious article to which they wish to direct the attention of the people.

Senator Beveridge says that "caution" will be the watchword of congress in legislating on the money question. The senator is unusually correct in his surmise. Just enough will be done by the administration forces to hold the money kings in line without unduly arousing the enmity of the people. Cautious? Well, rather.

Imperialists cannot understand why some people should criticize the people on board the death ship Kilpatrick who danced and made merry on the journey from Manila to San Francisco. The imperialists point to the fact that 302 dead soldiers in the hold made no objection to the merry-making.

Mr. McKee, the journal clerk of the house, is quoted as saying that we need three or four hundred millions more of currency. No doubt about it. The only question is whether we shall have more real money like gold, silver and greenbacks, or more bank currency resting upon bonds as formerly, or merely upon "assets," as is now proposed.

Let every democrat in Ohio rally to the support of Tom Johnson and the entire state legislative tickets. When the state convention indorsed the Kansas City platform it earned the active and enthusiastic support of every believer in that platform. Every Ohioan who was loyal to Bryan and Stevenson in 1900 ought to be loyal this year and the party ought to make large accessions from republicans who are in favor of home rule and more equitable taxation.

The New York Herald quotes its Washington correspondent as saying that Secretary Shaw may attempt to punish the banks that are trying to reduce their circulation just at the moment when the secretary is trying to increase the circulation of the country. For a man who thinks that the banks can be trusted to run the finances of the country in the interest of the people, Secretary Shaw seems very dictatorial. If he is going to make the banks contract or expand the currency according to his ideas, why is he so opposed to a greenback currency, which the government could much more easily handle?

The Standard of Albert Lea, Minn., is hammering away at the evils of corporation rule in a manner that ought to please its readers and give encouragement to other weekly editors. It recently took the Minneapolis Journal to task, and convicted it of inconsistency in criticising the Standard for expressing some doubts as to the fairness of Judge Lochren, while the Journal at the same time was declaring that the people "no longer have any confidence in their public servants," and "no confidence in the certainty of justice." The Journal will have to bestir itself if it is going to debate with the Standard.

The reorganizers who attempt to repudiate the Kansas City platform do not act in politics as they do as parents. When a child is born the older children are not put out of the house, but all are cared for. If for any reason one child needs more care than the others, it receives the additional care, but that does not mean that the other children are to be disowned. So in politics: the fight is made upon the issue which is paramount, but the democratic position must be maintained on all questions, for the surrender of a righteous position would naturally and necessarily alienate more voters than it would conciliate. The democratic party did not abandon its belief in tariff reform when the money question became the main issue. Neither did it abandon its belief in tariff reform and the money question when imperialism became paramount. In the future, as in the past, the party must be sound on all questions and make its fight upon the issue that is for the time being paramount.