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Lake Superior copper had so much water in it that the stock was badly corroded.

The Boers finally quit, but Mr. Kipling still feels that he has a call to keep it up.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish declares that this country should have an aristocracy. Cod or shod?

Mr. Hanna's "let well enough alone" cry is rapidly degenerating into a "let me alone" wail.

President Roosevelt's outing is ended, but the trusts' inning is still on in full force and effect.

In view of all the circumstances Mr. Hanna appears to be wise in insisting that there is nothing to talk about.

John W. Gates shows gratifying signs of turning state's evidence in the case of the People vs. Wall Street.

Mr. Hanna may be physically ailing, but there is plenty of evidence that his ill temper is in perfect working order.

Every time Mr. Secretary Payne feels the need of a new laugh he presents Mr. Beavers with another indictment.

There is every indication that Mr. Beavers will soon come to look upon the indictment as a new kind of breakfast food.

The trouble with republican tariff revision is that the republicans will not do it after election and dare not do it before election.

The senior senator from Ohio is acting like a man who wants to make sure this time that he will not have to dodge the officers of the law.

The indications are that we will soon have a new cabinet officer, that of secretary of official explanations. Of course Mr. Loeb will be the first incumbent.

If the "concert of the powers" is like some "concerts" inflicted upon the people, the sultan has good grounds for pleading extenuating circumstances.

A few years ago a flurry in Wall street was called a "democratic panic." Today the republican organs refer to it as being merely a "period of liquidation."

The declaration that John Jacob Astor owns the most costly ring in the United States is calculated to make Messrs. Quay and Hanna wink simultaneously.

Some day it will dawn upon the American jockey that the only way he can participate in the racing game in England is to always let the English mount win.

A few years ago every tumble in Wall street stocks was attributed to democratic incompetency. And those who did it are now working overtime to explain that right now every Wall street tumble is due to "liquidation."

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If the money question is settled, a number of prominent republican managers are wasting a lot of valuable time.

Several cabinet officers are preparing to invade Ohio. The administration evidently fears a Langley airship finish to the boasted republican walk-over in that state.

The administration organs that declared Former Governor Hogg to be a plutocrat since he amassed a fortune should read his recent speech and guess again.

Captain Wringe, who commanded Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht in the recent races, has decided to remain in this country, probably in order that he may learn the game.

The market reports quote coffee as "strong." The man who is compelled to patronize the quick lunch counters is to be excused if he looks with distrust upon the report.

Mr. Hanna says he has nothing to say, but the corporations that are watching Uncle Marcus fingering the handle of the fryingpan realize that actions speak louder than words.

Among other pleasurable spectacles is that of New York republican papers lauding fusion to down democracy in New York city and denouncing fusion to down republicanism in Nebraska.

General Grosvenor announces that he will write no more books. If the general will now condescend to announce that he will do no more figuring a great deal will be forgiven him.

As long as they can keep up the indicting without doing anything else the administration will be able to postpone the convicting, and that is the thing the administration most fears.

Having lent so much literary aid to Mr. Chamberlain's Transvaal schemes Mr. Kipling should now doff his coat and reel off a few rhymes calculated to boost Mr. Chamberlain's tariff plans.

The Milwaukee Wisconsin says that Postmaster General Payne's work of investigation has been "well done." Are we to infer from this that Mr. Payne has laughed until he is thoroughly exhausted?

Naturally enough the newspapers that hail as the acme of judicial wisdom the decision that the "blacklist" is legal and perfectly proper, denounce the boycott as un-American and altogether reprehensible.

The furnace men who met recently in Pittsburgh and agreed to limit production one-third until January 1, doubtless looked toward Washington and saw the sly wink in Mr. Knox's left optic.

Unless their members are equipped with unusually good digestive machinery those Ancient and Honorable Artillery dinners in Boston are likely to create more death than the battle of Bunker Hill did.

Owing to the fact that there is a presidential campaign slated for next year Mr. Roosevelt is engaged in writing a message that will seek to placate selfish interests without arousing the antagonism of the victims.

Doubtless those convicts who made counterfeit money in the Pennsylvania penitentiary argued that they were entitled to some "easy money" just the same as the adroit republican political manipulators of that state.

Has any one yet called at the White house to inform Mr. Roosevelt that the democratic candidate for mayor of Greater New York is a son of the general who was in command of the Union forces at the battle of Antietam?

Quite a number of newspapers that rushed to the defense of "Hell Roaring" Jake Smith find it extremely difficult to frame words with which to express their horror at Abdul Hamid's methods of permitting atrocious massacres in his dominions.

In transferring General Corbin it appeared to be all right to give him a fulsome notice, but when General Miles retired it was insisted that rules and regulations prevented anything more than a formal order of retirement. But thoughtful Americans will cheerfully admit that General Corbin needed it vastly more than General Miles did.

Superior copper stock is among the "also waterlogged."

It is generally admitted that postmaster General Payne is able and willing to found a discharge upon the most trivial charge, if it promises to have good political results.

The Chicago preacher who addressed a woman's club and denounced women's clubs may be the possessor of great courage, but his bump of discretion seems to be a dent.

The lines are forming for the political battle of 1904. Have you enlisted on the side of the people by making a personal effort to organize a democratic club in your voting precinct?

The indications are that a great many cattle raisers who voted to "let well enough alone" three years ago and last year, are busily engaged in thinking a little more about it just now.

It is not plagiarism to remind Wall street that it may be "lack of confidence" that is responsible. That was Wall street's explanation for strikingly similar conditions elsewhere in the country during 1896.

A St. Louis physician declares that the desire to steal is due to a toxin in the blood, and he is striving to discover an anti-toxin. If he succeeds he should be invited to inject a few barrels of it into the republican administration of the post-office and Indian departments.

The particular attention of Commoner subscribers is called to the subscription proposition and campaign formally inaugurated in this issue. If you are interested in the dissemination of democratic literature, the proposition submitted affords the opportunity to do it.

When Alice took her historic journey through Wonderland she learned that they always had jam yesterday and would have it tomorrow. Lewis Carroll evidently had republican revision of the tariff in mind when he wrote that well-remembered explanation of the absence of jam today.

Reports from Delaware are to the effect that that Mr. "Gas" Addicks is sprucing up and preparing to demand the delivery of certain senatorial goods promised in return for the delivery of plans and specifications for the delivery of the Delaware delegate vote at the next g. o. p. national convention.

Mr. Roosevelt is quoted as being in favor of a "currency commission." This plan has two merits, viewed from the g. o. p. standpoint. While the people are watching the commission the financiers may slyly push through their little scheme, and the commission affords fat places for a few party pensioners.

In last week's Saturday Evening Post ex-Senator Vest discloses the fact that John Sherman had nothing to do with the "Sherman anti-trust law" further than to vote for it. This is in the nature of a coincidence. The present republican administration has absolutely nothing to do with the Sherman anti-trust law.

The per capita circulation has been increased 33 per cent during the last seven years. The gentlemen who were loudest in declaring in 1896 that we did not need more money nearly so badly as we needed "confidence" are the same gentlemen who are now deploring the scarcity of money and figuring on rushing through an Aldrich and a Fowler bill.

The Commoner's first "Lots of Five" campaign was a magnificent success, thanks to the industry and loyalty of Commoner readers. The second campaign is now on, and democrats who are interested in keeping the party free from corporation domination and thoroughly democratic are invited to take hold and help make it even a greater success than the first one.

The Young Men's Christian association of Chicago has decided to keep the association room open all night. This is one of the wisest moves this splendid organization has made in recent years. The day workers have no difficulty in finding pleasant and respectable resorts after working hours and before time to retire. The night workers find only one place open when they quit work in the early morning hours. Already more than 300 young men of Chicago have joined the Y. M. C. A. since the decision to keep open house all night was reached, a majority of them being employed upon the morning papers.