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"Steel preferred" has a slightly sarcastic sound.

The "head hunters" are being chased in Luzon, probably by the "place hunters."

Speaking of "calamity howls," have you been reading the Wall street reports lately?

Postmaster General Payne's laugh is emerging from the other side of his face just at present.

In thorough organization there is complete victory. Organize, and do it without further delay.

Russian evacuation of Manchuria has a decidedly republican-revision-of-the-tariff appearance.

What President Roosevelt needs most is some copious doses of the old P. Davis remedy in his cabinet.

In any event Mr. Balfour will have to admit that he is being saved from his friends at a very alarming rate.

Have you enlisted in The Commoner's "Lots of Five" subscription campaign? If not, now is the time to enlist.

Secretary Shaw shouts "stand pat," but it is noticeable that a very small shove from Wall street will move him.

The wise "night editor" will keep the rumored assassination of King Peter of Serbia on the "standing galley."

If the coal barons are not careful their continued extortions will make the people so warm that coal will not be needed.

On second consideration Mr. Hanna may decide to admit that what he means is that he will do "well enough if let alone."

Senator Allison has given his views on financial legislation, but he has unfortunately forgotten to submit the key to his views.

Now that the Ohio republicans have secured a tent for campaign meetings they are strangely quiet about "Tom Johnson's circus."

Of course Russia will have to remain in Manchuria in order to see to it that Russia properly and promptly evacuates Manchuria.

The "Subscribers' Advertising Department" is profitable to those who use it. This is the unanimous verdict of all who have tried it.

It seems that Governor Cummins is once more able to meet the "Iowa idea" on a public thoroughfare without growing red in the face.

The administration seems to have two "classified lists." Miss Todd belongs to the one classified as "unable to render proper political service."

This "let well enough alone" policy is calculated to drive western cattle raisers to the extremity of demanding a cattle raising subsidy.

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Secretary Shaw should snatch a few moments between campaign speeches and write a book on "Offensive Partisanship."

Miss Hulda B. Todd has discovered that any kind of a reason is sufficient when a renowned party worker wants a job for a trusted lieutenant.

It appears now that while we were worrying about Charles Schwab's health, Charles was engaged in looking after something besides his health.

Sooner or later it will dawn upon Mr. Rockefeller's mind that he can get at Uncle Russ Sage only by forming a trust in the cheap clothing market.

Speaking of "guessing contests," have you guessed yet what Secretary Shaw is figuring on doing next for the poor and friendless barons of Wall street?

The pie wagon drivers of Chicago threaten to strike. The pie-biting brigade in Washington is too well satisfied with the present plan of indicting only.

Now that Secretary Shaw has assured the voters of Ohio that we have prosperity, Messrs. Morgan and Schwab ought to make a few speeches showing how to keep it.

The inventors of airships and the inventors of submarine boats should get together and dicker a bit. The airships won't stay up and the submarines cannot stay down.

The automobile can overcome almost anything but a sea of mud. And reports from Ohio indicate that Mr. Hanna is trying to throw enough of it to stall Tom Johnson's "red devil."

We may expect the Russian government to haul down its flag just about the time a republican administration announces some definite policy on the financial or Philippine questions.

Doubtless those thirty indicted postoffice officials are busily engaged in selecting the republican temple pillars they expect to pull down in case this sort of thing goes much further.

The telegraph informs us that six inches of water fell in New York city within twenty-four hours last week, but we are left in ignorance whether it was a stock burst or a cloud burst.

Mr. Shaw will be satisfied with the present currency laws if he is permitted to violate their spirit whenever his financial friends in Wall street feel the need of more help from Uncle Sam.

The supply of "ladrones" having been exhausted the Philippine authorities are now drawing on "head hunters" for an explanation of the continued need of troops in the pacified provinces.

It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller has lost an overcoat valued at \$100. The theft means that while the overcoat cost Mr. Rockefeller \$100 it will probably cost oil consumers \$3,435,872, or thereabouts.

It is customary to accuse the average Englishman with being slow to see the point of a joke, but the average Englishman is quick to see the point of the joke about "the foreigner paying the tax."

Major Glenn, whose name appeared some time ago in connection with certain atrocities in Luzon, declares that the race wants war. Major Glenn is evidently bent on taking advantage of the verdict in his court-martial.

According to Senator Allison the republican tariff song will read:  
"Go, tariff reform, go thy way,  
Some more convenient day  
On thee we'll call."

A reader of The Commoner asks where "Coin's Financial School" and "The Tale of Two Nations," by the author of "Coin," can be obtained. Mr. W. H. Harvey of Monte Ne, Benton county, Ark., can give the information desired.

The Sioux City Journal says that in 1896 Mr. Bryan insisted that "the gold dollar was worth more in exchangeable value than the silver dollar." The trouble with the Sioux City Journal is that when it tries to discuss the money question it draws upon its imagination for its facts.

President Roosevelt talked to workingmen on Labor Day. But words are good only when backed up by deeds, and up to date the number of trusts that have been shackled corresponds with the number of times Sir Thomas Lipton has won the cup.

What Senator Allison really means is that there will be no financial legislation that will compel him to take a definite stand for or against. Senator Allison does not intend to endanger his exquisite balance on the top rail of the fence at this late day.

Schwab and his companions made \$20,000,000 on their investment of \$10,000,000 in the ship-building trust, and on top of that they wanted Uncle Sam to give them a subsidy. Uncle Sam has earned the reputation of being an easy mark among the financial "grafters."

Our exports to and imports from the Philippines during the last ten months amount to about \$16,000,000. Even if the profit amounts to 25 per cent this is only \$13,070 apiece for each of the 306 dead soldiers brought over by the Kilpatrick. But human life is cheap when measured by the imperialistic standard.

Perhaps it would be easier to denounce the sultan of Turkey for permitting so much bloodshed in his domains if we could temporarily forget the fact that the transport Kilpatrick recently arrived from Manila with 306 dead American soldiers on board—victims of a policy contrary to the spirit of our free institutions.

The administration organs that strenuously criticised Tom Johnson's "circus methods" in utilizing a tent for his meetings are just now boasting that Mr. Hanna has to use a similar tent in order to accommodate the crowds. A Virginia "snake fence" is a straight line compared with the tortuous course of the average republican organ's logic.

One of our South American consuls has discovered a plant which he claims will supersede cane and beets as a source of sugar supply. This may be true as to the saccharine matter with which we sweeten our morning coffee, but the managers of the g. o. p. have a source of "sugar" supply that is not likely to be equalled in this day and generation.

There is one faint hope that all the rascality in the governmental departments will out. There are faint indications of interest in the postal department. The thought that the grafters in the interior department made better hauls, will send their aid to exposing the land deals, and that the land grafters will retaliate by aiding in the exposure of the postal grafters.

Secretary Shaw made his first speech in the Ohio campaign at Akron on October 10, and according to the Sioux City Journal he "spoke lucidly on the tariff." How did he speak on the money question? Or was he so busy thinking about how he could help the money changers without arousing the enmity of the people that he just killed time talking tariff? The average republican spell-binder can always talk tariff while thinking about something else.

The Commoner has received a notice of the death of one of its most loyal readers, Mr. Eleazer Blackman Baldwin, of Sharon, Vt. He was born in 1818 and leaves seven children surviving him. He was always a staunch supporter of democratic principles and was honored with official position by his fellows. He was once a candidate for lieutenant governor on the democratic ticket. He was a man of high ideals and his death is a distinct loss to the party in his section of the country.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wakeman, secretary of the American protective tariff league, is gathering the names of the members of the senior class in the various colleges for the purpose of sending out literature in favor of a protective tariff. When the people understand that the money used to carry on a protective tariff propaganda is supplied by the people who secure an advantage from high import duties, such literature will be valueless. The protective tariff league ought to add a postscript to each document saying: "This document was paid for by Mr. ...., who makes enough money out of the tariff laws to enable him to contribute to the treasury of the protective tariff league, which in turn is trying to secure legislation that will turn the people's money back into the pockets of the contributor."