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The packing house trust has given the law of supply and demand a hard blow.

The meat trust seems to be playing tag with Mr. Knox's trust busting endeavors.

Speaking of date raisers, Russia seems to have embarked in the business in real earnest.

Those intermittent flashes from the east are caused by Mr. Hanna's frantic wig-wagging for help.

At any rate Mr. Dowd affords some Wall street gentlemen an opportunity to forget their other miseries.

If Mr. Hanna will stop calling for help for a moment perhaps we could again hear the call from Macedonia.

Organized labor should make note of the fact that men like David M. Parry always vote and talk the same way.

Quite a number of "captains of industry" are trying to explain the mysterious disappearance of their shoulder straps.

From stentoriously shouting "Let well enough alone" Mr. Hanna has changed to plaintively wailing "Let me alone."

If the money question is dead, as the republicans claim, why do they keep on trying to force tonics down its throat?

As long as Wall street has an elastic secretary of the treasury it will not worry so much about an elastic currency.

If the Dingley law was responsible for our "unexampled prosperity," pray what is responsible for the recent slumps?

As election day draws nearer Mr. Hanna has increased reasons for believing that Johnson and Clarke are "dangerous men."

If Mr. Shaw is going to make use of that surplus to aid Wall street he will have to hurry. Congress will meet in a few days.

Having talked at some length about what young men should be Mr. Schwab is now well fitted to pose as a "horrible example."

The reputation Mr. John Hay made by his Chinese diplomacy appears to be in need of some new hems around its several edges.

When other excuses fail Russia still has that one about "duty and destiny" to fall back on to offer in explanation of her continued occupation of Manchuria.

When the "grafter" is thrown out he busies himself trying to get back in again. When a reformer gets in he grows so careless and confident that the "grafter" soon displaces him. "Graft" is always busy. Reform too often takes too much for granted.

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The Houston Post says that John R. McLean of Ohio is again sulking in his tent. The Post is mistaken. Mr. McLean is busy trying to poison the democratic wells.

Recruits for The Commoner's subscription campaign are coming in at a gratifying rate. But there is plenty of room on the muster roll for several thousand more.

Perhaps Mr. Hanna would not feel so badly if the gong on Tom Johnson's automobile sounded more like the telephone bell did when Mr. Estes G. Rathbone called up.

Ohio republicans who hail Mr. Hanna's special railroad train with every manifestation of delight, are terribly wrought up over Tom Johnson's plutocratic automobile.

Mme. Patti will use for an encore on her forthcoming tour of America a song entitled "The Last Farewell." It is to be hoped that she sings it with proper sentiment.

If the president still yearns for big game he might venture up into the wilds of Wall street and gun for the bears that have been chasing some of his great and good friends.

Mr. Roosevelt has given Mr. Hanna an indorsement, probably in return for the indorsement Mr. Hanna gave the president in response to that Walla Walla telegram.

After they get through with the "head hunters" in the Philippines the Oriental contingent of our army might be utilized at home in the work of scattering the place hunters.

A scientist declares that a sunflower sucks up 145 pounds of water during its lifetime. Some philanthropic gentleman should sow a few pounds of sunflower seed in Wall street.

Those who have recently taken occasion to glance in the direction of the truly good Abdul Hamid of Turkey doubtless noticed a slight lowering of that potentate's left eyelid.

Perhaps the extra session has been called for the purpose of giving the financiers time to explain what they want. Then the regular session can be devoted to giving it to them.

If the continuance of "prosperity" is contingent upon the re-election of Mr. Hanna to the senate, then "prosperity" is balanced upon a foundation that is altogether too insecure.

Mr. Postmaster General Payne comes out of the woods long enough to say he will not take to the stump. The umbrageous forest untrod by man is plenty good enough for Mr. Payne right now.

Mr. Morgan has given about every reason but the right one for the terrific slump in Wall street. The real reason is that the people are becoming acquainted with Mr. Morgan and his associates.

General Buckner declares that he has surrendered his democratic principles. There is a very general impression among loyal democrats that Buckner's "surrender" happened several years ago.

Former Secretary of the Navy Long is said to be recovering his health. He would have no difficulty in getting a White house testimonial to the effect that he never did suffer from writer's cramp.

Secretary Shaw went over into Kentucky to give a little aid and encouragement to his party. Mr. Taylor, however, contents himself with writing interviews under an Indianapolis, Ind., date line.

Mr. Hanna says that if re-elected he will do his utmost to secure a shipping subsidy. This ought to wake up the gentlemen who have been a little slow in answering Mr. Hanna's appeal for help.

The San Francisco Examiner devotes a column of editorial space to telling "why the American girl marries the duke." In the language of Uncle Mose, "it is mos' ingenurally 'ca'se he is a duke."

The president says that Mr. Hanna is "a wise and patriotic statesman." This is the first intimation the public has had that Mr. Hanna can bust a broncho and whip his weight in mountain lions.

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The Minden (Neb.) Courier says that there is no excuse for the rise in the price of coal. The Courier evidently forgets that the coal mine owners want the money.

The gold-bespangled colonels of Colorado who went down to Victor in full panoply arrayed, were unfortunate in meeting with Mrs. Langdon. Mrs. Langdon made the colonels look like "steel common."

Professor Langley still believes in his airship with a faith that is second only to the average republican's belief that his party will some time or other revise the tariff in the interests of the consumers.

The Chicago university has put over one of the gates some hideous figures, such as were employed in the middle ages to scare the devils away, but Rockefeller knows that they were not intended for him.

Mr. Secretary Shaw is proceeding like a man who believes that congressional action on the financial situation could be obviated by merely hitching an enacting clause to the present secretary of the treasury.

If anybody asks Russia why she does not evacuate Manchuria doubtless she will reply that "the largest amount of evacuation consistent with Manchuria's welfare and our duty shall be secured to that territory."

The Commoner Condensed, Vol. 2, is now being mailed to purchasers as fast as received from the publishing house. Those who have ordered the book and have not already received it should advise us at once.

Ponderous platitudinizing on the subject of "good citizenship" will not suffice to destroy the memory of certain trafficking in office in order to crowd through a measure at the behest of men who thought only of their selfish interests.

Because President Roosevelt invited John Mitchell to lunch the Globe-Democrat shouts: "Guess the labor vote won't be lost, after all." The average republican organ always did proceed on the theory that labor had no higher ideal than a full stomach.

President Roosevelt is quoted as objecting to Perry Heath as secretary of the republican national committee. But it will be noted that the objection was not entered until the people became acquainted with facts that the president must have known all the time.

A federal judge has recently issued an order restraining a body of men from visiting, addressing, writing to, making signs to or otherwise communicating with another body of men. Is the time at hand when every citizen must have a federal judge's "O. K." on the visiting card?

The Cleveland boom has received another boost. Senator Hanna said in a meeting at Cleveland: "Grover Cleveland is another great democrat, greater than his time or his party." Now who will be so rash as to question Cleveland's democracy or greatness after this generous indorsement?

The transportation interests arrayed against the canal proposition may now be expected to base their opposition on the fact that the canal will of necessity be a watered proposition. The mere mention of water is calculated to make the former "captains of industry" shy like a hydrophobic dog.

Mr. Clarke is entitled to the thanks of the whole people for making public the fact that Mr. Hanna's legislative prosperity-making has been confined to introducing two measures—one to pension ex-slaves and the other providing for a shipping subsidy. Mr. Hanna should be in his seat on the opening day of congress and make prosperity perpetual by introducing a couple of more bills.

Syren and Shipping, a marine journal, has been investigating and declares that it costs as much to keep soldiers and sailors on a receiving ship as it would to board them at the Waldorf-Astoria. It might have added, too, that some of the ships purchased during the Spanish-American war cost almost as much as the Waldorf-Astoria without being any nearer that hostelry's worth than the receiving ship grub is like the Waldorf-Astoria cuisine.