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The shipping subsidy is again able to sit up and take notice.

That Chicago humorist stands convicted of lese ponderosite.

Ohio has voted overwhelmingly in indorsement of the statute of limitations.

Of course Mr. Hanna will not fail to point to the vindication of the shipping subsidy.

Panama seems determined to sell that brick to Uncle Sam before the gilding wears off.

Mr. Bristow will hardly point to Ohio as a vindication of his efforts to dethrone "graft."

Pennsylvania did not indorse the Kansas City platform, but somehow the republicans swept the state.

Canada is a little slow in talking independence. Things have changed somewhat in 125 years.

Doubtless Mr. Perry Heath will soon bob up serenely with a vindication marked "Ohio returns."

Reports from Manila indicate that the grafter managed to get in between the flag and the constitution.

The old "don't come back if the republicans lose" notice seems to be the chief weapon in the E. O. P. armory.

The need of party organization is more urgent now than ever before. Organize a democratic club in your precinct.

Doubtless the name of McClellan has been recalled to the president's mind since the anniversary of Antietam.

It was real mean in those banks to fail the very next day after Mr. Hanna's victory had restored confidence.

Recruits in *The Commoner's* subscription campaign are coming in at a gratifying rate. Have you enlisted?

The investigation of the shipbuilding trust seems to have furnished a complete vindication for the late Jim Fiske.

Naturally enough it pains Philadelphia's republican managers to see New York once more in the grip of the tiger.

Secretary Loeb is so busy designing court costumes that he has turned the job of offically explaining over to another.

Our business with the Philippines, imports and exports, amounts to less than \$15,000 per soldier who meets death in our "island possessions." But human life is always cheap in an age of commercialism.

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Governor Cummins has eaten his mess of pottage, but the "Iowa idea's" birthright is in a sadly dilapidated condition.

Kentucky seems determined to rid herself of political murders and feuds. Kentucky is safely back in the democratic fold.

Warfield was a loyal supporter of the democratic ticket in both 1896 and 1900, and yet the people of Maryland elected him governor.

After carefully digesting the Kentucky returns Former Governor Taylor will doubtless snuggle up a bit closer to the governor of Indiana.

The Washington correspondent of the *Chicago Chronicle* says: "It is possible for democracy to win next year with Cleveland." Win what?

"Is Wall street hedging?" queries the *New York World*. If it is, it is making a grave mistake. Wall street should be busy caulking.

Those who believe that Tom Johnson is politically dead because he has suffered one defeat should secure an introduction to Tom Johnson.

Mr. Knox, however, did not need the warning that the trusts must not be disturbed. Mr. Knox has never shown any disposition to disturb them.

It seems that Mr. Hanna will not again find it necessary to remain away from Ohio for a year or more while the danger of prosecution blows over.

The postal deficit for the year is \$8,000,000. What it would have been if the grafters had not been exposed is something horrible to contemplate.

The corporation magnate who secures his ends by means of unjust restraining orders is always the first to deprecate violence on the part of strikers.

Now the republican organs would have us believe that Herrick was elected because the people prefer paying 3 cents a mile to ride on the railroad trains.

The gentlemen who are waiting to divide the \$40,000,000 of Uncle Sam's Panama canal money seem to have scored first blood, with the aid of Uncle Sam.

So Cleveland and Hanna are to head the tickets, are they? Why not put them on the same ticket? They could draw straws to determine which should lead.

Speaking of "endless chains," have you noted the flaring bills Uncle Sam puts up to attract army recruits and the notices of death ships returning from the Philippines.

Governor Cummins points to the fact that he had the right "Iowa idea" for re-election, even if he did make a mistake in the "Iowa idea" insofar as the tariff is concerned.

The revelations concerning the shipbuilding trust would seem to indicate that the statute of limitation should prepare to endure another severe wrench in the future.

Notice has been received at *The Commoner* office of the death of Mr. J. J. Cleland, of Taylors-town, Pa. Mr. Cleland was a loyal supporter of this paper and its policies.

One hundred and sixty-five dead American soldiers are coming home on a transport that recently cleared from the port of Manila. Our Philippine imports are growing.

The Ohio republicans who insisted that a vote for Hanna was a vote for Roosevelt appear very much inclined to cut Mr. Roosevelt out of the case since the votes were counted.

Gaston, the democratic nominee for governor in Massachusetts, was not only a gold man in 1896, but is a corporation man now, and yet he was badly beaten last Tuesday.

The political undertakers, men like the owners of the *Chicago Chronicle*, have been burying democrats for about seven years, but somehow the corpses won't stay under ground.

The *Chicago Chronicle* says in its financial column: "Election results failed to invigorate the market." Strange that Mr. Hanna's success did not give everything a boom, isn't it?

The government pays the railroads nearly \$70,000,000 a year for carrying the mails. If the postmaster general does not know where the deficit is he should dissect this railroad item.

If Governor Garvin was a tool of the corporations every gold democratic paper would be shouting for him and pointing out his availability, but as he is a friend of the people the reorganizers do not put him in the presidential class.

Pennsylvania's republican majority could have been made much larger if it had been necessary. The number of names on Pennsylvania tombstones has not yet been exhausted by the field workers who have charge of the republican registry lists.

The "Lots of Five" subscription campaign is progressing at a gratifying rate. If you are interested in the triumph of democratic principles take an active part in the work. Those interested are invited to read the announcement on another page.

People who cannot understand why railroads take a hand in politics should take a look at the money paid by the government to railroads for carrying the mails. Political influence goes a long way towards keeping up the outrageous cost of mail carrying.

Mr. Schwab seems to have made a mistake in letting the true inwardness of that shipbuilding trust come to light before the statute of limitations took effect. Mr. Schwab should take a few lessons in statesmanship from Congressman Littauer and Perry Heath.

Governor Garvin, the democratic reformer, has been re-elected in Rhode Island. Why don't the reorganizers take him up and boom him for the presidency? Simply because he is a sure-enough democrat and can't be controlled by the corporations or by the bosses.

A number of statesmen who saw a terrible wrong in European recognition of the seceding southern states are convinced of the righteousness of Panama's secession. This is due to the fact that Panama's secession promises to hurry up the division of a certain fund of \$40,000,000.

Loyal democrats have made note of the fact that it is the republican papers that talk loudest about the necessity of democracy getting together on "old time democratic principles"—meaning alleged democratic principles—principles that have nothing democratic about them except the label.

The corporation papers sagely inform us that the elections point to the nomination of Hanna on the republican ticket and the nomination of Cleveland on the democratic ticket. With Hanna and Cleveland as candidates the campaign would be lifeless. Wall street would say, "Both are good men."

The New York man who organized a company and capitalized it at \$900,000,000, and then suffered the humiliation of being arrested for not paying his board bill, seems to have overlooked the fact that the people no longer have confidence in the bicycle pump and syphon methods of industrial development.

Admiral O'Neil reported that if the Midvale Steel company "would build a plant for armor making" it would "probably have facilities for turning out armor plate" at prices below the steel trust's figures. This is encouraging. It leads the people to believe that if some inventor would devise a practical flying machine they would have facilities for navigating the air.

Mr. Elliott Flower of Chicago will never, never again, attempt to be humorous in a correspondence with a real sage. A real sage, you must understand, is one who deals in ponderous platitudes with brobdignagian ponderosity. Whenever Mr. Flower feels real funny again he should hunt through his letter files for a communication with a Princeton date line.

Alleged democratic papers of the Nashville American-Nashville Banner-Chicago Chronicle brand are rejoicing at the defeat of Tom Johnson because they declare him to be a "socialist." Tom Johnson's sin, in the eyes of these gold and corporation organs is that he actually believes and preaches that the people have some rights which the great trusts and corporations are bound to respect.