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The trusts feel amply able to make the rest of that \$500,000 fund look like 30 cents.

Mr. Hanna says he does not know where the phrase "stand pat" came from. Perhaps he was too excited to notice who said it.

John Mitchell has refused an increase of salary, which shows very clearly that Mr. Mitchell is not cut out for a "trustee of providence."

The president's injunction to Mr. Hanna to "fish or cut bait" is not of especial interest. If Mr. Hanna becomes hungry he will fry the fish.

Foraker says the fight in Ohio is to the finish, which is not news to those who are acquainted with the situation. They can see Foraker's finish.

The trouble with most of Mr. Depew's good stories is, that the newspapers generally wear them out before he finds an opportunity to repeat them.

The Kansas City Journal says the Dawes commission is a failure. This will be stoutly denied by the commissioners who have been enjoying the fat salaries.

While preparing for a full investigation of the charges against him, doubtless Senator Burton's attorneys have carefully selected their technicality.

The action of that St. Louis grand jury is enough to make Mr. William Allen White jump to his feet and again shriek, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

The New York World continues to harp on "50-cent dollars." The World might vary the monotony by giving us something about its 50 per cent democracy.

Is it possible that the Roosevelt boom has reached the stage where it is necessary for its owner to jump out and make another spectacular play against the trusts?

Governor Cummins says he and President Roosevelt agree on the tariff question. But did the governor notice the water bucket on the other shoulder of the president?

Mr. Hanna is greatly exercised over the "spread of socialism." But Mr. Hanna shows no disposition to correct the evils that are responsible for the growth of socialism.

George Francis Train left no money behind when he died, but he left something much more valuable. He left his memory indelibly stamped upon the hearts of little children.

It may transpire after all that Mr. Roosevelt's ambition to succeed himself may render it necessary once more to send the colored friend and brother to his rescue. In case it so happens the president should be amply prepared to suddenly wig-wag General Russell A. Alger.

In view of various disclosures in the post-office and land departments the wonder is that Attorney General Knox still has \$475,000 of that \$500,000 fund on hand.

Discriminating readers will note that the republican organs are exceedingly sorry that the reorganizers are not allowed to take full control of the democratic party without a struggle.

Of course the proposition that those Panamanians show their patriotism by turning the canal bonus over to Colombia will result in their "rising as one man" and reaching for the money.

Recent events in Nebraska and Kansas senatorial circles indicate that in future the republican "redeemers" should furnish suitable technicalities with every redemption.

The New York World seems unable to differentiate between "sanity" and "expediency." According to the World anything that promises a victory is "sane," whether honest or dishonest.

A number of eminent gentlemen who devote their time to speculating in government finances are very much outraged because a Cleveland bank cashier speculated with bank funds and lost \$170,000.

The spectacle of Mr. Hanna showing fright at the growth of socialism reminds one of the small boy who was frightened at the sight of the burning barn he fired while playing with matches in the haymow.

If the bill to give every citizen eight acres of land becomes a law there will doubtless be a pretty fight for possession of the eight acres immediately surrounding the corner of Wall and Broad streets.

The republican organs are boastfully pointing to the price of wheat. But they refrain from pointing to the fact that the high price did not come until the wheat was out of the hands of the producers.

In the new republic of Panama a jury will consist of three men. This is not by way of jury reform, but because of necessity. While three men are acting as jurors, another man will officiate as judge and the remaining portion of the male populace will officiate as bailiff.

The Commoner this week gives space to another correction of the Chicago Chronicle's many erroneous statements, not with the expectation of inducing the Chronicle to tell the truth, but merely for the purpose of forcing the Chronicle into another entertaining fit of prejudiced prevarication.

Government statistics show that our commerce with the Philippines last year gave us a profit equal to about 1 per cent of the cost of conquest, leaving the lives of 5,000 American soldiers out of the accounting. This is the sort of thing the republican party stands for in the name of "commerce."

The Washington Post says it cannot imagine the democratic party repeating its mistake of 1872 by "taking for its presidential candidate one of the most influential members of the republican party." However, the Post is merely talking. It will continue to insist that the democratic party nominate a man who has been giving active aid to the republican party for the past eight or twelve years.

Under date of Kansas City, Mo., January 21, the Associated press carried a dispatch to the effect that a number of the independent slaughter houses in Kansas City, Kas., will be forced to suspend operations unless they are able to secure government inspection of their meat. It is announced that these independent concerns have been notified that they will not be permitted to sell their products unless their meat bears the stamp of government approval. The owners of some of these slaughter houses have made application for government inspection, but there seems to be some delay in inducing the department of agriculture to act. These concerns have been able to undersell the big packers by doing their own killing since the recent advance in the price of packing house products. Is it not strange that with all of Mr. Roosevelt's boasted campaign

against the trusts, independent business men who undertake to enter into competition with the trust magnates are not able readily to obtain the very ordinary privilege of having their meats inspected under federal authority?

The Washington Star goes to considerable trouble to assure its readers that Mr. Cleveland would accept the nomination for president at the hands of the party he deserted during two presidential contests, and whose principles he repudiated during his second administration. The Star says that the New York World has given its promise that Mr. Cleveland would accept, and that it could not conceive of the refusal of such a nomination by Mr. Cleveland. The Star adds: "Nor can anybody else of sound mind and disposing memory." If there are any people in the democratic party who are anxious to nominate Grover Cleveland for the presidency, they need not be restrained by the fear that he will decline. Every one who is at all acquainted with the situation and the man knows that Mr. Cleveland would take the nomination—if he could get it.

The New York Commercial says: "Saith Boss W. J. Bryan: 'The Kansas City platform was sound in every plank, and the first act of the next democratic convention should be to reaffirm it in its entirety, and its next act should be the addition of new planks in harmony with it.' Certainly. One of the planks of the Kansas City platform, for example, was a declaration of sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with Great Britain." Well, the democratic party need not be ashamed that it expressed sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with Great Britain; and it will require considerable courage on the part of any one to rise in the democratic convention and propose that that plank be repudiated, even though there be no occasion for its express reiteration.

Referring to Mr. Bryan, the New York World says: "As he lacks the modesty to subside, and is plainly bent upon mischief, the democratic party will have to put him down with a firm hand if it wishes to retain the ghost of a chance to carry the election." The World and the men it represents might have little difficulty in putting down any individual; but they will find that they have entered upon a gigantic undertaking when they seek to put down democratic principles, delivering the party into the keeping of Wall street, and re-adopting those disgraceful and disheartening policies conspicuous during Cleveland's second administration, which policies were denounced no more bitterly than they were denounced by the New York World.

The New York World says: "Even Mr. Bryan's European tour has not cured him of his haunting fear of the gold bug. There is one thing to be said of our 'money-changers,' against whom Mr. Bryan inveighs: They do not give you 50 cents for a dollar as he tried to do." If we are to accept the statements made by the New York World's news columns, for instance, in the ship-building trust affair, there were many people who would be very glad to receive 50 cents for every dollar they had confided to the care of those "money-changers."

The Chicago Record-Herald says: "Senator Hanna's new phrase is 'We hold the ace,' and he used it in the course of an argument for ship subsidy." A gentleman who seems to understand what he is talking about suggests that if this phrase was used in connection with such a proposition as the ship subsidy, Mr. Hanna should have said: "We hold the five aces."

The New York Sun says that Mr. Bryan "may wait to be kicked down stairs by democrats who won't even take the trouble to dissemble their love." This statement by the Sun may not be important, but it is interesting by way of showing the character of arguments which those who deny the right of democrats to think for themselves habitually indulge in.

**Will Take
It If He
Can Get It.**

**Not
Ashamed
Of It.**

**Principles
May not
Budge.**

**Fifty
Cents on
the Dollar.**

**Why Not
Five
Aces?**

**Very
Strong
Argument.**

**Ordinary
Privilege
Denied.**