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Mr. Tyner might get some recognition for his appeal by sending a huge block of votes along as an inducement.

Can it be possible that in the distribution of Carnegie hero medals Senator Fairbanks is going to be overlooked?

The odor of the frying fat is smelled in the land. The g. o. p. campaign fund collector is out with his trying kettle.

The Wisconsin republicans are still very much concerned about the roosting place of those returning anti-fusion chickens.

Perhaps Uncle Russell Sage finds plenty of amusement in giving other men unsought and prolonged vacations from their business.

The ship subsidy provision is in the republican platform, but it is rather cleverly disguised by the literary gentleman who framed the plank.

Secretary Shaw says that high prices are a sign of prosperity. The signs of prosperity are numerous in the vicinity of trust headquarters.

It may be that Paul Morton was made secretary of the navy because he has had a large experience with water in his various corporation deals.

The Raisulization of the protected trusts will begin promptly just as soon as Chairman-to-be Cortelyou gets the assessment lists properly figured out.

The Pittsburg Dispatch claims credit for having predicted the appointment of Mr. Knox to the senate. But what about Mr. Frick, who knew it all the time?

Perdicaris may be thankful, but he would be wise to remain abroad and take chances with the bandits. If he ever goes to Colorado he will be without protection.

If the czar of Russia has not been reading the reports from Colorado he has missed an elegant chance to return a Cripple Creek Roland for our Kishineff Oliver.

The republican leaders promised tariff revision, and the trusts will put enough into the republican campaign fund to insure the proper revision from the trust standpoint.

There were several references to Abraham Lincoln in the republican national convention, but none of the speeches contained any quotations from the Lincoln speeches and papers.

Editor Patterson is giving the "citizens' alliance" a sample of what they go against when they strike an editor who thinks more of his duty to the public than he does of the cash drawer.

The republican organ that declared the party would have a "comparatively small barrel this year" may have meant that the bunghole would be vastly enlarged in order to facilitate matters.

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Were James G. Blaine alive he would have to use a magnifying glass to see in the republican platform any trace of the reciprocity that his party once declared for with a great flourish of trumpets.

Up to date we have not noted that any trust organs put up the defense that Mr. Knox was so active in anti-trust work while in the cabinet that the trusts strove to sidetrack him by giving him the Quay toga.

General Bell of Colorado complains that there have been "more than 10,000 lies told" about him. General Bell should not complain. There will be time enough for him to complain when the whole truth is being made known.

The czar of Russia sent a vase to a certain clique of Wall street promoters. The czar is certainly not well acquainted with Wall street. He should have sent a sponge. A vase merely holds water, but a sponge sucks it up.

The Perdicaris incident shows that if you are an American and abroad you will be protected. The Colorado situation shows that if you are an American and at home you have no rights that corporate interests are bound to respect.

The petrified body of a man was found near Leroy, Ill., one day last week. President Roosevelt should not have been in such a hurry in the appointment of a successor to Attorney General Knox. Just think what a good one has turned up at Leroy.

The republican platform, according to the Minneapolis Journal, "bears evidence of having been prepared by some of 'those literary fellows'." Modern literature is given over mostly to fiction, which fact may have influenced the esteemed Journal in its observation.

Those 5,000 discharged employees of the Pennsylvania railroad should gather around Secretary Shaw's door and "stand pat" on the full dinner pail proposition until election day. Then they should vote for a dinner pail that is not dependent upon the caprice of speculators.

Theodore Roosevelt is now compelled to defend a principle that he once declared to be "vicious." But this is due to changed conditions. When he denounced protection as vicious he was not a candidate for office and was therefore at liberty to express his convictions.

Death has claimed Mr. O. B. Farrelly, a member of the Cincinnati Merchants' Exchange. Mr. Farrelly was one of the staunchest of democrats and illustrated the fact that an honest man can engage in business in a great city and still adhere to the political principles which underlie the democratic party.

The convention speech which Uncle Joe Cannon did not deliver forcibly reminds the reader of the sudden tinkling of the jester's bell's. A little odor of the sawdust ring and a copy of the speech is the next thing to seeing the clowns make their entry while the bareback riders are giving way to the trapeze artists.

The Nebraska judge who sentenced a saloonkeeper to a fine of \$50 for sending him a quart of whisky while a case was on trial in which the saloonkeeper was interested, has not yet fined any railroad managers for sending him annual passes. And yet railroad managers are often interested in cases coming before the district judges.

The Fourth of July has come and gone, and the dead and wounded lie on every side. Last Monday's celebration cost in

The Deadly "Fourth" life, limb and property more than 90 per cent of the battles of the civil war. Its list of dead and wounded will be longer than that of any battle of the revolution. The appeal for a "sane celebration" seems to have had but little effect, for the American small boy has three generations of cracker-shooting and noise-making tendencies. If the deadly cannon cracker and blank cartridge are to be robbed of their terrors it will have to be done by vigorous enactment and enforcement of law. The death list of last Monday is appalling in its length, and the useless sacrifice of life and property should cause thoughtful people to pause and consider the necessity of taking some action against a repetition thereof.

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James J. Hill asserts that Philander C. Knox presented a bill for \$600,000 to the steel trust for

One Way Of "Busting" Trusts. services and collected the money. This is a tidy fee, and we shall not undertake to say that Mr. Knox did not earn it. On the contrary, we will admit that the presentation and collection of this bill is the only known act on the part of Philander Knox showing that he really did try to "bust" a trust. Making the steel trust pay a lawyer's fee of \$600,000 came a great deal nearer to "busting" that particular trust than any other act of Mr. Knox towards the trusts.

The protection-run-mad republican platform and the nomination of Senator Fairbanks recalls

He Was Completely Satisfied. a humorous incident of the campaign in Nebraska two years ago. Senator Fairbanks was one of the spell-binders imported into the state by the republican committee, and he spoke at Central City, among other places. During his Central City speech he painted a glowing picture of "prosperity," and attributed it all to republican wisdom and foresight. "Now, my friends; in view of this wonderful prosperity, the fruit of republicanism, shall we vote to change our present happy conditions?" He paused for a moment and then repeated: "Shall we vote to change our happy condition?" "Not much, shir; never!" hiccupped an inebriated individual, arising in the rear of the audience and glaring about with a look of supreme satisfaction in his "present happy condition."

The more one studies the character of Bandit Raisuli the more one is reminded of the similarity between Raisuli and some

Bandits And Bandits. of the trust bandits of our own country. Raisuli says he held Perdicaris for ransom for the purpose of securing money with which to rid his country of bandits and traitors. It was Mr. Baer who held this whole country for ransom and defended his action on the ground that as divine administrator of the footstool he was entitled to expenses, or something like that. But while Raisuli held one American for ransom and was called down by the state department, Baer holds 80,000,000 Americans and makes them pay tribute, and the power of the administration is not exerted to capture and punish Baer and release his victims. It may be that Raisuli was beyond the reach of that important g. o. p. official who is in charge of the campaign fryingpan department.

"Smoothness," says the New York Independent, "is the leading characteristic of the new republican platform." The Independent, which has been a staunch defender of every radical departure from American

Speaking Of "Smoothness". ideals and traditions taken by the republican party, and most suppliant in its genuflections at the feet of the golden calf, makes an unexpected acknowledgement when it says "smoothness is the leading characteristic of the new republican platform." According to accepted definition, "smooth" means sleek, cute, plausible, deceptive, as "a smooth scheme," "a smooth confidence game," "a smooth trick." We often hear of the "smooth prevaricator," or the "smooth confidence man." But we hardly expected the New York Independent to admit editorially that the republican platform was to be classed in that category. Has a new light dawned in the Independent sanctum?

The Philadelphia North American undertakes to prove that The Commoner is wrong in saying

Conveniently Forgets Its Dates. that the republican platform is untruthful when it says: "A democratic tariff has always been followed by business adversity; a republican tariff by business prosperity." But the North American frames its contradictions of The Commoner in general terms. With the usual republican fear of history and statistics, it refrains from giving any dates. It utterly ignores the disastrous panic of 1873, when neither before nor after that panic did the democrats have power that could in any wise be blamed for it. It conveniently dodges the panic of 1893, which began under a republican tariff law and reached its maximum under that same law. In fact, the North American conveniently ignores history, truth and statistics in its efforts to bolster up a republican platform claim.