

# The Commoner.

ISSUED WEEKLY.

Entered at the postoffice at Lincoln, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter.

One Year .....	\$1.00	Three Months .....	.25c
Six Months .....	.50c	Single Copy .....	.5c
In Clubs of 5 or more, per year .....	.75c	Sample Copies Free.	
		Foreign Postage 52c Extra.	

SUBSCRIPTIONS can be sent direct to **The Commoner**. They can also be sent through newspapers which have advertised a clubbing rate, or through local agents, where such agents have been appointed. All remittances should be sent by postoffice money order, express order, or by bank draft on New York or Chicago. Do not send individual checks, stamps, or money.

RENEWALS.—The date on your wrapper shows when your subscription will expire. Thus, Jan. 31, '05, means that payment has been received to and including the last issue of January, 1905. Two weeks are required after money has been received before the date on wrapper can be changed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Subscribers requesting a change of address must give OLD as well as the NEW address.

ADVERTISING rates furnished upon application. Address all communications to

THE COMMONER, Lincoln, Neb.

The Russo-Japanese war may now slide up to the spot light once more.

It is to be hoped that the fishing will continue good at Buzzard's Bay.

Of course Mr. Oxnard of California feels amply able to sugar his way into the senate.

Justice Steele of Colorado talks like a judge who really believes that the bench should deal out justice.

The Chicago convention merely emphasized the fact that the trusts have the republican party thoroughly Raisulized.

Mr. Fairbanks says his chief joy is in looking over his farm. The chief joy of his party is in overlooking the farmers.

The delegates to the republican national convention manifested all the enthusiasm of a man approaching the gallows.

Just as soon as Kansas can swim out she will again take up her complaint against Colorado for stealing her water supply.

Mr. Dooley's comments upon the Carnegie hero fund are calculated to make wearers of the Carnegie medals turn them around.

Why talk about limiting southern representation? Up north the trusts are represented out of all proportion to their numbers.

The republican platform's silence on the question of polygamy was merely the payment of the last installment of the Smoot bargain.

The republican managers always make just enough of a play to secure the negro vote without giving the negro anything in return.

Miscreants having slashed Santos-Dumont's gas bags it is incumbent upon the g. o. p. managers to guard their spell-binders with great care.

When Aguinaldo and Funston meet at the exposition we trust that Aguinaldo will not ask the natatorial hero if he secured admission on a forged pass.

Having undertaken to handle a boycott against the Denver News and Times, the 'citizens' alliance' is wondering where it can find a good salve for its blisters.

The twelfth national irrigation congress meets at El Paso, Tex., November 15 to 18. The executive committee, of which Mr. A. W. Gifford is secretary, hopes to make this the most successful of the congresses yet held. Any person interested in the matter can secure information by further correspondence with him.

## The Commoner.

VOLUME 4, NUMBER 24.

Now that Prophet Dowie has declared for Roosevelt the voodoo and conjure vote seems solid for the Oyster Bay man.

Apostle Smoot and Prophet Dowie have declared for Roosevelt. Now let the country breathlessly await the declaration of Bill the Bank and others of like ilk.

Apostle Smoot wired his congratulations to Roosevelt. This would indicate that a certain political bargain has been sealed. Roosevelt will get the Mormon vote and Smoot will continue to wear his toga.

Just read the republican platform's fulminations about injustice to the black man in the south, and then recall that there was not a negro delegate in the convention from a state north of the old Mason and Dixon line.

The attention of a large number of northern administration organs is called to the fact that it has been quite a while since anything happened in the democratic south quite like recent happenings in republican Colorado.

Secretary Shaw says that wages have kept pace with prices. The man who has to work to keep the dinner pail full can prove by his own experience that Secretary Shaw is talking for votes, not telling the truth.

Governor La Follette's friends say that he is not wealthy enough to be a United States senator. Doubtless what they mean to say is that Governor La Follette is not wealthy enough to secure a senatorship in the modern way.

The Denver "union wreckers" have shown by their actions how much they fear a free and untrammelled newspaper. They have also disclosed the reason why corporate interests have been quietly obtaining control of the metropolitan press.

Men who toil ten hours a day in the hot sun are asked to have some sympathy for the overworked government clerks who are compelled to toil seven hours a day in the breezes of an electric fan and refused more than sixty days' vacation on full pay each year.

If we had not forgotten the name of the bandit chief who held Miss Stone for ransom we could suggest a good man for chairman of the republican national committee. He exhibited wonderful ability as a fryer of fat. But there's Raisuli.

The Chicago convention met merely to repudiate a great deal that it formerly advocated, advocate a great deal that it formerly denounced, and indorse a platform and ticket previously made out by the official representatives of the trusts and corporations.

President Roosevelt informs us that Mr. Knox never took a vacation while attorney general. If he had some underling might have taken the president seriously and undertaken a real fight upon some of the trusts. Mr. Knox knew why he didn't take a vacation.

An administration organ declares that President Roosevelt will handle the trusts without gloves. This is calculated to hurt the feelings of "my closest friend" Littauer. Mr. Littauer, it will be remembered, has something to do with the manufacture of gloves.

The San Francisco Argonaut merely reflects what numerous other newspapers have charged when it says, speaking of the dynamite horror at Independence station, near Victor, Colo.: "One thing is certain, however, though miners' unions of Colorado do not, we firmly believe, sympathize with the murderers, the murders were beyond shadow of doubt union sympathizers." The Argonaut dogmatically reiterates what corporation controlled newspapers are charging, but thoughtful people will reflect a long while before accepting the statement as true. In such cases the motive should be sought. Who would profit by such a dastardly crime? Certainly not the labor unions, because it would naturally enlist sympathy upon the side of the non-unionists. Why should union sympathizers kill non-union workingmen in preference to members of the "citizens' alliance" or

### Look For The Motive!

While Mr. Carmack was speaking, Mr. Bryan was making his way to the platform. When Carmack ceased Mr. Bryan brushed past him and attempted to speak. Carmack interrupted him rudely and said: "Mr. Bryan is going to read you a telegram purporting to have been received by me from Judge Parker. I never received a telegram from Judge Parker in my life." At this the Parker people applauded enthusiastically. Mr. Bryan began with great earnestness: "I want you gentlemen to know that if there is discord at this convention it is not my fault. We have not forced any issue, but this issue has been forced upon us."

militiamen? Public sympathy is a powerful weapon, and even the most ignorant union man would hesitate to give such a weapon into the hands of his enemy. Who gained by that crime? Obviously the parties to whom public sympathy turned. Who was that? The answer to that question may be a clue to the solution of the crime. Certainly no one who knows that certain interests do not hesitate to sacrifice human life in order to save a few dollars will hesitate to believe that those same interests would sacrifice a few lives in order to secure the greatest weapon known in labor troubles—the sympathy of the public.

Mr. Walters, editor and owner of the London Times, has refused a peerage, giving as his reason that he prefers to retain his independence. This independence is traditional in the Walters family, his father and grandfather, who were in their time editors and owners of the Times, having refused the peerage. Mr. Walters says: "No outside influence of any kind or of any origin will be allowed to affect the character of the great institution my great-grandfather founded 120 years ago." Mr. Walters' declaration is commended to a large number of American gentlemen who own great daily newspapers.

Champ Clark's convention speech was bristling with sharp points, and none were sharper than those he thrust into the pretensions of the republican platform. He defied republicans to define what their platform calls "the president's Philippine policy," and showed that neither the president nor his party had ever dared to make a definite statement of what its "Philippine policy" really is. On the other hand, Mr. Clark pointed out that the democracy had defined its policy, and that policy is, in brief, that "American liberty, American law and the American constitution should follow the flag wherever it goes."

It is estimated that 20 per cent of the young men recently applying for admission to the naval academy at Annapolis failed in the physical examination because of what physicians call "tobacco heart." This disease is brought about by excessive indulgence in smoking and is of very gradual, though not less dangerous, growth. Its symptoms are not apparent to the victim, and it is only when he applies for life insurance or admission to the naval or military school that he becomes aware of his disease. "Tobacco heart" means a weakened organ. A well known Englishman who recently visited in America declares he has never seen smoking carried to such excess as in America.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago is deserving of the thanks of all good people for his earnest and successful fight against the pool rooms in Chicago. Betting on the races became vastly more of a mania than policy playing, and its evils permeated all branches of society. Mayor Harrison began by annulling the licenses of saloons that permitted pool selling. Then he secured the co-operation of the Western Union Telegraph company and the Chicago Telephone company. These corporations, after much solicitation, agreed not to carry information beneficial to the pool sellers. As a result of the mayor's crusade pool selling has fallen off wonderfully, and with the further co-operation of the people it is believed that it will soon be completely abolished.

### The Convention's Dramatic Close

(Continued from Page 3.)  
real issue of which the democrats would march proudly to victory was imperialism.

While Mr. Carmack was speaking, Mr. Bryan was making his way to the platform. When Carmack ceased Mr. Bryan brushed past him and attempted to speak. Carmack interrupted him rudely and said: "Mr. Bryan is going to read you a telegram purporting to have been received by me from Judge Parker. I never received a telegram from Judge Parker in my life." At this the Parker people applauded enthusiastically.

Mr. Bryan began with great earnestness: "I want you gentlemen to know that if there is discord at this convention it is not my fault. We have not forced any issue, but this issue has been forced upon us."