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Well done steaks will be rare for a season.

The special wire strung into Buzzard's Bay carried the message that was never sent.

The president might try some of that publicity remedy on the packing trust right now.

Authorities on fishing generally agree that the old-fashioned angleworm is the best all-round bait.

The principles of democracy will never succumb until Truth is dead and Falsehood enthroned forever.

The long run of "republican luck" has been jarred at last. The Chicago Chronicle has become an avowed republican organ.

It is barely possible that the packing trust will hand in its campaign contribution in time to stave off annoying publicity at this time.

General Grosvenor is figuring it out. When the general begins figuring the man who first said that "figures do not lie" turns over in his coffin.

John P. Hopkins claims that it was a "vindication." But there are those who think that it was a case of "us kind o' fellers must stand together."

Mayor "Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo is dead. Men like Mayor Jones are so scarce that the world pauses to drop a tear when it hears of the death of one of them.

The "business men" who inaugurated the boycott against the Denver News and Times show symptoms of a desire to call for help in the work of letting go.

While the Rothschilds are distributing that \$3,000,000 among the poor they should not overlook the poor little trusts in this country that have to be "protected."

It will be generally admitted that specials concerning the Parker horse are a great relief from specials about cross-country rides, b'ar killing and vocal trust busting.

The czar assures the Finns that their "historic destiny is indissolubly bound up with those of Russia." That sounds like Judge Taft talking about the Filipinos at an administration banquet.

On the pension question the democratic party and the republican party agree that the veterans who deserve pensions should have them. They disagree, however, in this wise—the democrats would grant pensions from patriotic motives, while the republicans insist on granting them for political reasons.

The intellectual editorial advocates of the gold standard who made so much fuss because the delegate from Hawaii made possible the silver plank in the 1900 platform should be consistent and make a fuss because Judge Parker's nomination was made possible by the delegates from territories that have no vote in the electoral college.

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The Wall Street Journal asks: "Where has all the gold gone to that has been produced since the Lydians began to coin money?" The Journal should ask Mr. Rockefeller.

When the republican Chicago Chronicle begins supporting Mr. Deneen we may expect to see icicles hanging from the cornices of the Chicago National bank in mid-July.

Having fought labor unions virulently and relentlessly for several years, it is only natural that Mr. Walsh's personal organ, the Chicago Chronicle, should become a republican organ as well.

Paul Morton's political elevation so soon after his announced conversion recalls the scriptural saying that the last shall be first. But being scriptural does not make it the more palatable to the old-timers who yearn for the fieshpots.

The delegates from the miners' union who endeavored to have a personal interview with President Roosevelt would seem to be entitled to some attention from the gentlemen who have the awarding of the Carnegie hero medals.

If Mr. David B. Hill is not too busy he might explain wherein advocacy of government ownership of railroads is "sillier" than advocacy of government ownership of coal mines and coal carrying railroads. But it is quite probable that Mr. Hill is too busy.

Volume III., Commoner Condensed, is now ready for delivery. Orders on file for the book will be filled as rapidly as possible. If you have ordered the book and do not receive it by July 23, notify The Commoner.

Kentucky, South Carolina, Missouri, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Rhode Island and Oklahoma joined Nebraska in the minority report in the Illinois case, but in the haste the names of the minority members were not signed to the minority report. Members from other states may have been friendly, but these expressed their desire to join in the minority report.

Having ruled that the United States can have "colonies" the g. o. p. convention admitted the delegates from the Philippines. But having accepted the supreme court decision that the constitution does not apply in the Philippines it was inconsistent for the g. o. p. convention to admit delegates to a convention in a constitutional government. But anything inconsistent usually bears the g. o. p. brand.

A comparison of the platform as reported by the sub-committee with the platform as adopted by the convention will show how important was the work of the western members of the committee on resolutions. A straightforward tariff reform plank was substituted for a straddling plank; the anti-trust plank was greatly strengthened; the labor plank was materially enlarged and the demand for a larger navy was stricken out. The platform as adopted, but for its silence on the money question, the income tax and direct legislation, would be an exceedingly strong document.

Nebraska democrats will be interested to know that the resolutions committee adopted the Nebraska plank on the pension question: "Democracy would secure to the surviving soldiers and sailors and their dependents generous pensions, not by arbitrary executive order, but by legislation which a grateful people stand ready to enact." The plank was adopted while Mr. Bryan was absent from the sub-committee, the committee explaining that it stated the position of the party better than any other platform had. Mr. Bryan made his acknowledgements and expressed his appreciation of the compliment thus paid to the Nebraska platform.

When President Roosevelt appointed Byrne, Addicks' henchman in Delaware, to be United States district attorney for Delaware, the senate refused to confirm the nomination on the ground that he was unfit and incompetent. Even Senator Hoar refused to vote to confirm. All attempts to force the nomination through the senate failed. And now President Roosevelt has again taken up this man so severely denounced by Delaware citizens and so thoroughly turned down by the senate, and made him assistant district attorney in New York. Addicks, however, seems to have enough "pull" with the president to secure recognition for his understudies, and what Delaware refused has been

foisted off upon New York. It remains to be seen whether New York will submit to the imposition.

The list of Fourth of July casualties for the present year, up to and including July 12, is 54 dead and 3,454 wounded. Of the latter several will doubtless die as a result of their injuries.

The Fourth's Long Death Roll. This enormous and useless damage to humanity calls renewed attention to the need of more earnest work in the securing of more humane methods in the observance of the great holiday. The efforts put forth this year for a "sane and sensible Fourth" bore good results, and the efforts should be continued. Municipalities can aid greatly in the work of restricting the deadly cannon cracker and the equally deadly blank cartridge. The need of reform in our methods of celebrating the Fourth was never more apparent.

The old adage that "politics makes strange bed-fellows" is again verified by the queer, not to say humorous, political situation in West Virginia. Mr. Davis, the democratic nominee for vice president, is the father-in-law of Senator Stephen B. Elkins of that state. Senator Elkins is credited with having placed West Virginia in the republican column, and Mr. Davis is relied upon by his party to swing his own state into line for the democratic ticket. It is not often that such a condition exists in a national campaign, and it will be watched with great interest by the voters of the country.

The New York World complains that the substitute trust plank was "voted into the democratic national platform by the territorial members of the committee on resolutions." The World calls this "the blight of territorial dictation." The World continues: "It is bad enough to admit territorial delegates to the convention, but to admit them to the committees on an equal footing with the great states of the Union is a political crime." And yet we have not noticed that the World objects to the nomination of Judge Parker, notwithstanding the fact that had it not been for the territories his vote on the first and only ballot would have been much shorter of the two-thirds majority than it was. Judge Parker's managers counted largely on the delegates from the territories to make his vote large enough to start the "band wagon" enthusiasm. It seems very difficult for the World to be consistent.

The New York World of July 11 says: "Mr. Bryan could control only 191 votes against the Parker telegram. That is the number he would have been able to control against a gold standard plank if David B. Hill had had the backbone of a boiled carrot." Without taking note of the World's remarks concerning "control," and admitting that the World probably knows more about the condition of Mr. Hill's spine than any other newspaper, The Commoner points to the World's claim that only 191 votes could have been mustered against the gold standard plank in open convention as proof positive that the World knows absolutely nothing about the sentiment of the masses of democracy. The World is a provincial of the provincials. Its horizon is bounded by the state lines of New York on a clear day, and by the municipal boundaries of Manhattan on a foggy day. And the World spends most of its time in a fog.

The Minneapolis Journal, published in the city once presided over by Mayor Ames, says: "It might have been an oversight, but the democratic convention never indorsed the supreme court of Missouri." Perhaps the esteemed Journal can assure us that it was an oversight that the republican platform did not indorse the supreme court of Minnesota in its position on the Ames case. And perhaps the Journal can assure us that it was an oversight that the republican platform never indorsed the republican governor of Indiana in his refusal to honor a requisition for a fugitive from Kentucky justice because that fugitive happens to be a republican prominent enough to be cheered to the echo by a republican national convention, which said fugitive attended only after being assured that no Kentucky sheriff would be allowed to drag him back to answer to the charge of assassination. While speaking of oversights the esteemed Minneapolis Journal should take in the whole field.