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But Mr. Fairbanks is not so sure of the other office.

It will be cheerfully admitted that Bishop Potter is a good press agent.

It is barely possible that the Russians are trying to run the Japanese to death.

The czar is able just now to give evidence that there is no dark cloud without a silver lining.

Mr. Cortelyou is figuring like a man who has studied at the feet of that grand old "figgerer," General Grosvenor.

Bishop Potter seems bent on fighting the devil with fire, regardless of the fact that fire is the devil's favorite weapon.

The coal trust is also making faces at the "shackling of cunning" proposition. The coal trust is not so easily frightened.

The Joplin (Mo.) Globe is eight years old, and there is none better for its years. The Globe is democratic and knows why.

Uncle Joe Cannon has been making speeches in Vermont. Is it possible that the g. o. p. is afraid of losing Vermont, too?

From "shackling cunning" to "compromising with cunning" is a long and vociferous cry that seems to have been accomplished.

The gentleman who first referred to "the unspeakable Turk" evidently never heard the afore-said Turk making a lot of promises.

Ex-Attorney General Knox evidently knew what he was talking about when he said the administration would not run amuck.

Referring to President Roosevelt the Milwaukee Sentinel says: "His record speaks." More than that; it is absolutely boisterous.

When the judiciary is responsible to the people instead of to the corporations, the judiciary will be more careful of public interests.

There is a grave suspicion afloat that Mr. Carroll D. Wright obtained his figures from men who had a personal interest in giving out figures of that kind.

The republican national committee will not send out Mr. Roosevelt's "Life of Benton" and "Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail" as campaign literature.

It is all right for Carroll D. Wright to work for the republican party, but it is all wrong for Mr. Wright to draw pay from the public treasury for doing it.

Radium has dropped in price nearly a million dollars a pound since May 1. Statistician Wright should take notice and use the fact to prove that living expenses have not increased in proportion with the increase in wages.

The Igorrotes presumably took dinner at a restaurant while visiting in Washington. The press dispatches contained no reference to a white house luncheon.

The treasury conditions are becoming so bad that Secretary Shaw may yet have to call upon Carrol D. Wright to figure out an "average" that will look good.

The Sioux City Journal says: "Mr. Parker will find the water pretty chilly before the campaign is over." But Mr. Roosevelt will be in hot water all the time.

General Bell disapproves Governor Peabody's withdrawal of the troops. We live in daily expectation of seeing General Bell deport the governor as a "military necessity."

General Kuropatkin will have to hustle along without the help of the czar for a week or two. Nicholas has some important matters at home to look after just now.

Every careful housewife in America has hanging upon the grocery bill hook incontestable evidence that Carroll D. Wright's figures are worthless because of their falsity.

In the meanwhile Senator Fairbanks shows no signs of letting go of a sure thing in order to chase a phantom. The senator is no phantom chaser. He will "freeze to" his toga.

Diplomatic relations with Turkey may be severed, but the availability of such things for campaign purposes has been discounted by reason of too much strenuousness along other lines.

It is only natural that the men who control governmental affairs by reason of their railroad connections should strenuously object to having the government control railroad affairs.

It is reported that something just as good as beefsteak can be made from cottonseed. But in view of some beefsteaks we have met this statement is nothing of a compliment to the cottonseed.

The Colorado excursion train horror would have been prevented had a "pilot engine" been run ahead of the heavily loaded train. It is high time that the safety of the public receive more consideration.

By constantly decreasing the size of the dinner pail the trust magnates who invariably support the g. o. p. hope to make campaign profit by reason of being enabled to point to the continued fullness thereof.

The mine owners suspended operations for a week because they had too much coal on hand, and the day operations were suspended coal advanced 25 cents a ton. The coal mine owners are riding to a fall.

The president turned over to Mr. Morgan's firm the business of arranging the details of the Panama canal transfer. The commission was 1 per cent, or \$400,000. Mr. Morgan is not opposing the president.

Secretary Morton has buckled down to work and is now cruising around in the Dolphin and earning his salary by sweating away in the cool breezes of the sea. The secretary of the navy is a vastly overworked man.

Judges who would not accept a suit of clothes from a tailor having a case before the court have no hesitancy in accepting a more valuable annual pass from railway corporations having cases in court.

Speaking of a recent phenomena at sea a ship captain said: "The sailors fell on the deck and prayed." This is somewhat different than the case of the trust phenomena. In the latter case the trusts fell upon our necks and preyed.

The republican organs pretend that they are having great fun with Uncle Henry on account of his age. Perhaps they are, but Uncle Henry is old enough to know better than to do a great many things that have been done under sanction of the present administration.

The republicans are consistent in one thing, at least. They say that the tariff must be reformed by its friends; that the trusts must be regulated by the friends of the trusts, and that the corruption in the departments must be discovered and punished by the friends of the official to be prosecuted.

Judge McKoon, the aged New York lawyer, whose mysterious disappearance a few weeks ago has caused his friends no little anxiety, has written a letter to his son saying that he is in El-Paso, Texas. The letter was poorly composed and rambling, showing that the man's mind must be affected.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Cleveland will be kept off the stump in the doubtful states. His friends are sure to vote for Parker and Davis. The telegram settled that, but a few speeches from Mr. Cleveland might alienate some of the rank and file who, to get rid of militarism, imperialism and the race issue, expect to vote the ticket in spite of the telegram.

There were a number of notable things connected with the recent athletic contests in which Harvard and Yale universities and Oxford and Cambridge universities participated, the contests being held on English soil.

Skill Against Endurance. Yale and Harvard won six out of nine events. The Americans showed superior skill, the Englishmen superior endurance. Americans won the hurdle, 100-yards and quarter-mile races, the high jump, broad jump and hammer throwing contest. The Englishmen showed superiority in the long distance races. This was the third contest of the kind, and the honors are with the Americans by a total score of 17 to 10 points.

The disaster to the steamship General Slocum is still fresh in the minds of the public. In that disaster more than a thousand people perished, most of them belonging to one church in New York city. The pastor of the church was among the drowned.

A Worthy Shepherd Of Souls. Among many other evidences of sympathy shown by the world at large is the act of Rev. E. P. Pfatfeicher of Norristown, Pa. Rev. Mr. Pfatfeicher was granted a vacation of one month by his congregation. Instead of seeking some cool retreat in the mountains, or inhaling the fresh salt breezes of the ocean, he went to New York and is spending his vacation in ministering to the spiritual wants of the stricken parish. The Philadelphia Press well says that "the man who elects to spend the weeks given to him for rest in the hot and toilsome labor of visiting among the people in a crowded New York district is worthy to be a shepherd of souls."

Among the many communications received since the St. Louis convention, all of which have been encouraging, none has been more appreciated than the following signed by one hundred and twenty-five citizens of York and York county, Nebraska:

Support That is Appreciated
 "York, Neb.—Honored Sir: We, the undersigned residents of York and York county offer to you our warmest congratulations upon the noble fight made by you at the St. Louis convention in support of the principles of true democracy. We recognize in you, as we always have done, an ideal leader of the great masses of the common people of our beloved country. In the future, as in the immediate past, upon you above all other men the honest democracy of the country must depend to continue the fight for popular government and the perpetuation of democratic institutions. We take this occasion to pledge to you anew our undivided sympathy and unflinching support for the future battles which the exigencies of the times must soon force upon you and upon the country. In these coming battles you must take the lead, and when the fight is thickest and hottest, remember that away back in the column you have a few humble but valiant supporters in York county. Wishing you godspeed and a long and useful life, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves." While one ought to perform his duty as he sees it regardless of censure or praise, still it is gratifying and helpful to know that so many are actuated by the same purpose and laboring for the same end. While the editor of *The Commoner* is not vain enough to regard the kindly words as entirely deserving, still as Franklin said: "It is necessary that one in public life shall be sometimes overpraised in order to compensate for the undeserved criticism which he receives."