

Many witnesses testified that they paid Thomas an annual salary to take care of their freight, and that in return they received rebates, one shipper being given as much as \$7,500.

The democratic county central committee of Portland, Oregon, adopted a platform at their meeting last week which contains the following plank:

"We declare that no true democrat can advocate the great fundamental principles of equality before the law, human freedom and the rights of the common man, and at the same time support the practice of the government of inferior races of men as dependent colonies."

Mrs. Aggie Meyers and Frank Hottman have been sentenced to be hanged for the killing of Mrs. Meyers' husband. Many people, because of their objection to the death penalty being

inflicted on a woman, are urging Governor Folk to save Mrs. Meyers from the gallows.

The Washington correspondent for the New York World says that New York state is a mere cipher in the United States senate. "Depew being in a sanitarium and likely never to return, and Platt a tottering nonentity seldom seen."

John D. Rockefeller may take a European trip.

Fire destroyed the \$1,000,000 plant on Barren Island where was disposed of the garbage of greater New York.

Henry L. Dougherty, president of the Denver Gas and Electric Light company, was committed to jail by Judge Frank J. Johnson because Dougherty refused to tell what he knew regarding election frauds.

St. Petersburg dispatches say that it is reported that Lieutenant General Stoessel, who commanded the Russian forces at Port Arthur, and Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, who commanded one of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadrons and who surrendered in the naval battle to the Japanese, have been condemned to death.

Six hundred marines are on the Isthmus of Panama prepared to put down any trouble that may occur at the time of the elections in Panama, June 20.

Alan McDowell, for forty years a Masonic lecturer, died in Kansas City, aged seventy-three.

C. N. Bliss, treasurer of the republican national committee, was summoned as a witness before the New York grand jury investigating insurance companies.

Washington dispatches say that the president will soon send to congress "a hot message" referring to an investigation he has caused to be made in the conditions at the packing houses.

Senator Beveridge has introduced a bill to provide for inspection of all meat products designed for home consumption, as well as the inspection of meat products designed for foreign markets. Under the present law the meat for home consumption is not inspected.

Russian assassins killed W. H. Stuart, vice consul at Batum, on the Black Sea. Stuart was a British subject, but was acting temporarily as American vice consul.

Louis Henry Ayme has been appointed consul general at Lisbon, Portugal.

The body of John Mulvany, who painted "Custer's Last Rally," was found in the river at New York.

Representative Jenkins of Wisconsin, chairman of the house judiciary committee, says that the senate's amendments to the railway rate bill make the measure practically valueless.

Senator Burton of Kansas says that he will not resign from the senate.

Horace A. Taylor, assistant secretary of the treasury, has resigned.

Henrik Ibsen, Norway's greatest poet and dramatist, died at his home in Christiania. He was seventy-eight years of age.

The disclosures concerning stockholders in soft coal mining companies by officials of the Pennsylvania railroad continue to be made before the

interstate commerce commission. Wm. A. Patten, assistant to President Cassatt, admitted that he had acquired stock the par value of which is \$307,000. The stock cost him nothing.

Representative John F. Lacey, republican, was re-nominated at Oska-loosa, Iowa. The convention endorsed Secretary Shaw for the presidency in 1908.

Cleveland, Ohio, had a slight earthquake shock.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is recovering from her recent illness.

Representative Robert G. Cousins, republican, of Iowa, was re-nominated.

Attorney General Wade Ellis of Ohio, has commenced a campaign to oust the Standard Oil company from that state.

Governor Deneen has signed the primary bill recently passed by the Illinois legislature. He says that the bill is a compromise, but "the best compromise that could be effected."

The marriage ceremony of King Alphonso of Spain and Princess Ena of Battenberg took place at Madrid, May 31.

EDITORIALS BY COMMONER READERS

J. J. Batterton, Sisseton, S. D.—I hand you herein a portion of a copy of the Minneapolis Journal of April 1, with a dispatch from Washington stating that President Roosevelt contemplates seizing the coal mines and operating them for the benefit of the public in case the contemplated strike is carried out.

It seems to me that I recollect of having heard something in 1896 and 1900 from republican papers about the democratic assault on wealth and the sacredness of property, etc. So far I haven't heard anything from any republican newspaper calling Roosevelt down for his attitude in this matter. Is it possible that an act performed by the democrats is criminal, and the same act, if performed by the republicans is not only legal and valid but is to be commended by the people? As a "grand stand" player, the Terrible Teddy is the limit.

John G. Smith, Odessa, Okla.—It is my desire first to make a suggestion in regard to the extension of The Commoner's circulation, and second to mention a fact coming to my notice. In my efforts to extend The Commoner's circulation it has always way to gain control of the party organization would be to secure the co-operation of my aim to get leading democrats to subscribe, and to do this in each campaign I approach all candidates for the nomination for the county offices, and now several of the county officers are taking the paper through my efforts and other probable candi-

dates are regular subscribers as well. It has occurred to me that the best operation of all of the national committees who are friendly to the movement and get them to secure the co-operation of the county committees and thus perfect the organization. The other matter is that the organizers of the socialist party who denounce the democratic party as being the same as the republican party are doing their work in democratic cities and localities, and as their recruits are about all from the democratic ranks, it seems to me to be their intention to make a republican state of Oklahoma. That will be the result,

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