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The latest drink is called the "big stick." It is said to knock.

"The republican party has been faithful to its trust!" shrieks an administration organ. Use the plural, please.

Speaker Cannon fills several pages in a current magazine with an article on "How a bill becomes a law." He could have boiled it down to this: "O. K.—J. G. C."

Among other republican congressmen who are awfully outraged because of election frauds in the south are those who represent districts in the city of Philadelphia.

Senator Platt has announced that he will not attend the Chicago convention. The announcement is a sad blow to the Chicago men who deal in chloride of lime.

A lot of republican papers that exuded columns of shrieks because of a "democratic deficit" are now perspiring pages of panegyrics on the virtues of a republican deficit.

Congressmen increased their salaries about \$1,250,000 a year, and about all they can show in return is the fact that they passed a bill restoring the motto to the gold coins.

The New York Sun ought to pay some attention to its mechanical department. The "make-up" man is getting a lot of snake stories into the political editorial department.

The Birmingham Age-Herald says "Congress' only monument when it adjourns will be the bills left over and piled high." Not so; the monument will be the hole in the treasury.

Having postponed tariff revision the g. o. p. majority has every right to expect that the interests will respond promptly and liberally when the gentleman with the fryingpan heaves in sight.

Mr. Crumpacker, who represents the only party that ever stole the presidency—and afterwards admitted it—is very much outraged because of alleged discrimination in southern elections.

About thirty-five per cent of the delegates elected to the Chicago convention are federal officeholders. This recalls the make-up of the Minneapolis convention—and the result of the election.

JAMES K. JONES

Death has again invaded the circle of Mr. Bryan's intimate personal and political friends—this time claiming Ex-Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, the chairman of the democratic national committee of 1896 and 1900. He was the official head of the bimetallic committee that led the fight which resulted in the adoption of the Chicago platform. He was also chairman of the resolutions committee that year and selected Mr. Bryan to close the debate, thus affording him an opportunity to deliver the Chicago convention speech.

Senator Jones was at the head of the party organization when it polled its largest vote and his wide experience enabled him to make the best use of the party's scanty resources. He was a most lovable man and the multitude of democrats who became attached to him share the sorrow of the bereaved wife who was his helpmate and sympathetic companion during his long and conspicuous career. In the death of Senator Jones the party has lost one of its ablest generals and the country a high-minded, conscientious statesman.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., June 8.—It may be a little early to speculate upon the next congress. The Sixtieth congress has yet one session to fulfill. But before the short session of this Sixtieth congress, this extravagant, incompetent and do-nothing republican congress shall end the elections for the Sixty-first congress will have been held. Everybody in politics about the capitol at Washington knows well that the republicans themselves feel that the next congress will be democratic. Even Speaker Cannon has admitted that in personal conversation. There are more than thirty-five congressional seats which can be turned to the democrats by a change of from a thousand to eighteen hundred votes. And this time there is going to be a fight made for these seats. James T. Lloyd of Missouri, the chairman of the democratic congressional committee, opened his headquarters in Washington in the Union Trust company building three days before congress adjourned. Mr. Lloyd is making a real fight to control the next congress and deserves the support of every democrat in the struggle he is making.

Senator Crane is spoken of as chairman of the republican committee.

Well why not W. Murray Crane? For this campaign no better leader could be imagined. Mr. Crane, who is a modest, pleasant, retiring man, is a very keen politician, but what makes him more useful than that is the fact that he is enormously wealthy and that his money has been made out of a trust. He is eminently the man of all men to be put at the head of a republican national committee. The only abler or more representative man to be given that place would be Nelson A. Aldrich of Rhode Island, the representative in the senate of the Standard Oil company and of all trusts and monopolies. Senator Crane represents only his

own monopoly, that of paper. In his case it is not print paper which is involved, but writing paper, book paper, ledger and every kind of paper except the ordinary white print used in newspapers. Yet when the paper investigation was on Crane flocked with the other birds and saw that nothing was done for the benefit of the newspaper publishers of the United States. Will not the newspaper publishers who have made so hard and so futile a fight to secure the destruction of the paper trust or the reduction of the tariff on wood pulp and print paper look upon Mr. Crane, the paper trust man, as a somewhat sinister figure at the head of the coming republican campaign?

Setting aside his inclination to always stand for any trust, or for any monopoly, Senator Crane is a man of political acumen and of personal popularity. But when a national fight is involved the popularity of the person should not be considered. The story comes that Harry New is to be vice chairman. He, too, is a man liked among men. He is not affiliated as Crane is, directly with the trusts, but his newspaper has never failed to stand by the plutocracy. If, as seems apparent, Crane and New shall be the managers of the republican campaign, attacks will be made not merely upon the candidates, but upon the forces behind those candidates. If, as some are urging, Frank Hitchcock shall be made assistant chairman attack will be made upon the use of him while he was still upon the federal payroll to organize the federal officeholders of the south into a solid phalanx for Taft. The republican organization today stands in bad shape.

WILLIS J. ABBOT.

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