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The Tom Snell case should be deodorized.

The hole in the doughnut is growing larger.

Japan wants to borrow 300,000,000 yen. Japan is a young nation that built a big navy and equipped a big navy in order to insure peace.

"Money is in circulation," exclaims Mr. Taft. The trouble is that it circulates either so rapidly or so stealthily that the innocent bystander cannot get sight of it.

The Milwaukee Wisconsin calls attention to "the length of time during which the people have entrusted the republican party with power." The Wisconsin, however, does not point to the results.

The interesting discovery has been made that the panic of 1907-08 began almost on the date that President Roosevelt ordered the motto taken from the gold coins. That ought to relieve the g. o. p. of responsibility.

The humble Indianapolis machinist who was fined \$1,500 for violation of the anti-trust laws has been dispossessed of his home in order that the fine might be collected. The Standard Oil Company has not yet paid its fine.

The War Department has issued an order president and vice president be chosen who is less than 5 feet 10 inches in height. What the country published in 1868 are men in charge of the war department who wear better than six and three-eighth hats.

The Buffalo claims he can raise the dead should be sent to Washington and allowed to try his hand on "tariff revision by its friends." Also on "representative government" as illustrated by the republican majority under Speaker Cannon.

"No reduction in the price of steel" is the announcement following the meeting of the directors of the steel trust. "No restriction of the opportunities to steal" is the announcement from the republican majority in congress, anent the matter of tariff revision.

The lumber trust has been administered a severe blow by the killing of the Appalachian and White Mountain reserve bills and the refusal to put wood pulp on the free list. That is, the blow was almost as fatal to the lumber trust as that famous injunction was to the beef trust.

## The Commoner.

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President Roosevelt has congratulated Czar Nicholas upon the advent of another birthday. The czar who can acquire another birthday is entitled to congratulations.

A New York scientist continues to worry over the possible exhaustion of the world's supply of coal. But it is the next winter's family supply that will cause the most worry.

More school houses would not make as much fuss and feather as more battleships, but schools turn out citizens, while battleships are meant to have an opposite effect when in action.

Just as we received the joyful news that the fruit crop would be bountiful, along comes the announcement that sugar goes up in price. How shall we be preserved from this continual financial pickle?

The report from New Jersey to the effect that a hen recently hatched sixteen chicks from thirteen eggs is calculated to arouse John Burroughs to a point that will call for another magazine message from the White House.

"Thou shalt not steal" is a motto displayed before the passengers on the New York street cars, the purpose being to remind them that they should call the conductor's attention when he misses them. But the signs ought to be distributed through the office rooms at headquarters.

The Albany Herald says Eve must have given Adam a green apple, judging from the trouble it caused. The Montgomery Advertiser opines that it was a wormy apple, and the Washington Herald decides that it was a crab-apple. The Commoner's pomological expert decides that it was a Ben Davis apple.

President Roosevelt declares that "the malefactors of great wealth have been pilloried." Hardly, Mr. President. We will admit, however, that many of them have been in stocks up to their necks—watered stocks, bogus stocks, blue sky stocks—any old kind of stocks that would enable them to get the money. There is a difference between the pillories and the stocks.

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### PARAGRAPHIC PUNCHES

Wisconsin claims the credit for having launched the republican party. Otherwise it is a good state.—Atlanta Georgian.

"In God We Trust" goes back on our coins, but the grocer who waits for them will be just as sceptical regarding his creditors.—Madison Journal.

"Why delay tariff revision?" asks The Commoner. Because the guardian angels of the republican party need the money.—Washington Herald.

That was an enterprising member of the Ananias club who killed a Georgia rattlesnake wearing ten rattles and two campaign buttons.—Atlanta Constitution.

The republicans say if Bryan is elected an extra session of congress will be called and the tariff revised. That is the first argument we have heard that inclines us to vote for Bryan.—Louisville Post.

"The New York World is worrying over whether the American mother is a failure," says the Baltimore Sun. Some of them, are, or there would be nobody to ask such foolish questions.—Washington Herald.

While this enlightened and powerful nation is building a great navy to overawe the rest of the world, Brazil has passed an organic law that forbids its congress from declaring war without first proposing arbitration.—Columbia State.

The senate has saved from removal two women postmasters in Georgia who are wholly satisfactory to their people. What the senate can not seem to understand is that the men nominated to replace them could serve the administration better at political conventions.—New York World.

With a special committee of a republican congress investigating the currency problem and the ways and means committee, of a republican house studying the tariff schedules during the presidential campaign, it seems unlikely that the republican campaign fund will be small or hard to gather.—Washington Herald.

Banker Forgan says that Bryan does not understand the first principles of banking. This in itself indicates one of the most glaring faults of the average banker—he is never willing to allow that any one else really understands the business or should be allowed to suggest how it should be conducted.—Oshkosh Northwestern.

Mr. Dalzell's figures on suffrage in Mississippi and Pennsylvania are impressive until he attempts to prove by them that voting in Pennsylvania has any relation to population. In Mississippi, the will of the white voters controls; in Pennsylvania the will of the boss. In Mississippi, the black voter is disfranchised because of ignorance; in Pennsylvania, the white voter is disfranchised to keep Quays, Dalzells and Penroses in office.—Louisville Times.

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