

Corruption was just as great or even greater in England when the public franchises were in private hands as it is now in the United States. Since the public ownership of municipal utilities has become general in that country, a public officer would no more think of stealing from the public funds than he would of any business house and if he did, the same condign punishment would be visited upon him. Just as long as there are public utilities in private hands that require the exercise of governmental functions for their operation, the grafting in this country will never grow less.

Prof. Parsons says in The Arena that the capture of the government of New Zealand was the work of the union at the polls of the small farmers, merchants, manufacturers and workingmen, and the men in small business of all sorts. That sort of a combination must be affected in this country before any reform can be attained, and to accomplish it the people's party was organized.

The republican papers are talking again about the financial blight and industrial depression that followed the election of the last democratic president. They tell the people that just such distress will occur again if the republicans are ever beaten. There was a blight and much distress, but it was caused by the democratic president continuing the republican policies. Grover's financial policy was supported by all the republican leaders and Gorman's tariff bill increased protection. What else could have followed than financial blight and distress?

About the most disgusting writing in the republican papers these days are the horror they assume when speaking of the amount of money that Hearst is expending in controlling conventions. The men who write these things are the ones who debauched the whole nation, not only buying conventions, but hundreds of thousands of votes, the press and the pulpit and everything else that was for sale. Where Hearst has spent a thousand, they have spent a million for the same purposes.

The French are so delighted to get rid of the Panama canal by shoving it onto the hands of the people of the United States that it has made Buneau-Varilla a member of the Legion of Honor. Buneau was the sprightly Frenchman that got up a rebellion, appointed a government, came to Washington as its minister, got his government recognized by Roosevelt, sold a strip of Panama to the United States, for \$10,000,000, got \$40,000,000 for a worthless ditch and then skipped out. For these performances the French place him among the immortals.


Rosewater says: "The Philippine regulations have proved to be entirely satisfactory and most beneficial in results." Who has been benefited? Those regulations have cost the taxpayers of the United States something over \$400,000,000 and what have we ever got in return? The other day two officers and seventeen men were killed in an ambush by the Moros and such things are constantly happening, although no display heads are put over the cablegrams announcing the facts. If such a thing had happened in Manchuria it would have been announced in all the papers in big, black-faced type. Instead of being a benefit the Philippine business is a constant loss.

The Omaha Credit Bureau is publishing the names of 1,000 delinquents who have failed to pay their bills. If the dinner pails down that way are full, then the contents have never been paid for. The same sort of thing seems to be true in the higher circles, for Dun and Bradstreet do not fail to remark each week that "collections are bad."

It is said that four of the five Japanese admirals are members of the Christian church. Three of them are Presbyterian elders and are firm believers in "the perseverance of the saints" and denounce the Methodist idea of "falling from grace." If they apply that idea to their naval operations it is no wonder that they have been making trouble for the Russians.

Colorado is in such a state of anarchy that dogs refuse to live there. Horace Scudder of Beatrice, Neb., went to Colorado some time ago, taking his bird dog, Duke, with him. As soon as Duke got onto the republican orders establishing a military despotism in Telluride and the democratic way of stuffing ballot boxes in Den-

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ver, he struck out for the land of liberty in Nebraska where he had been raised. Last week he came into the Paddock hotel in Beatrice barely able to walk. His condition showed that he, being unable to get a pass, had walked the whole way.

The Denver News, which was "dead sure" that if the Cuban treaty was "red" that the beet sugar industry would be ruined" now states that "there has been an increase in the number of beet sugar factories in the

United States from 23 at the close of 1902 to 65 at the beginning of 1904."

Every dollar of the debt of the state of Nebraska was created by republicans. Not a dollar of it is the result of "the scourge of populism." The fact is that during the short time that the populists held the government they paid off \$677,023.10 of the republican-made debt.

The man who built the Tombs is now a prisoner within its walls and the detective who instituted the Ber-

tilion measurements in this country is a prisoner charged with embezzlement and his measurement is part of the police records of the country.

If organized labor would unite at the ballot box, it could secure more at one election than in a hundred years of strikes.

The latest information is to the effect that there will be no more Hearst booming. Peace has been made and the supplies cut off.