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Give us the truth about the Philippines!

Herod deserves some credit. He did not couple the torch with the sword.

It appears that Mr. Rathbone has a strenuous friend or two in Washington.

May, 1902, will go down in history as a month of almost unparalleled horrors.

It required a Mount Peelee to cope with General Smith in general destruction.

General Funston's silence right now is his only marked similarity to General Grant.

If justice to Cuba demanded independence, what does justice demand for the Philippines?

If Mr. Hanna can prevent there will be no eruption of the Cuban postal thievery volcano.

If Mr. Eugene Ware wants a real nice and juicy foreign consulate he knows how to get it.

By helping to extend the influence of **The Commoner** you are also helping to spread democratic principles.

Mr. Neeley is quite sorry that he is not in a position to lay violent hands upon the pillars of the temple.

The Philippine debate in the senate discloses that Mr. Lodge has something besides ice water in his veins.

About 99 times a day the average republican editor wishes he had never mentioned General Orders No. 100.

The "lots of five" plan opens a way for the distribution of democratic literature. See explanation on page 6.

The Mount Peelee disaster was horrible enough, but there has also been some loss of life in the Philippines.

Before President Palma takes hold the Cuban laws must be Rathbonetized in order to preserve the roof of the temple.

Come to think of it, General Miles was mistaken in calling it "marked severity." His definition was entirely too mild.

It is for a few paltry millions in trade that we are undergoing the humiliation brought upon us by events in the Philippines.

Herod is fortunate in one respect. He is so dead that he will not have to submit to an investigation for political effect.

John Bull is greatly frightened and virtuously indignant because the Boers have applied the torch in Cape Colony. John thinks it is crime to use the torch anywhere but in the Transvaal, and even there he insists upon doing it himself.

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Governor General Wood is the president's close personal friend, but even personal friendship cannot stand in the way of ambition.

Since Captain Clark's resignation Mr. Roosevelt has been examining his mail every morning for an envelope postmarked New York.

Mr. Morgan says he is in Europe for the purpose of securing recreation. Goodness alive! Is Mr. Morgan going to capture that, too?

It is to be hoped that it will not be necessary to postpone the coronation in order to give Mr. Reid further time to upholster his legs.

The activity of Mount Peelee is easily explained. Mount Peelee did not propose to be outdone in slaughter by General Jacob Smith.

The next time Mr. Lodge undertakes to field the democratic charges he will insist upon being equipped with a big mitt and a catcher's mask.

The Cubans thank the United States for favors received. This fact should enlighten the administration concerning our duty to the Filipinos.

President Schwab has just given a banquet costing \$100 a plate. Each plate must have been greased with the suet from a porterhouse steak.

Actions speak louder than words, therefore "I am a democrat" is not as good proof of democracy as actual battling for democratic principles.

Mr. Rathbone's hand has been stayed in its course toward the pillars of the temple. Mr. Hanna is not yet out from under the threatened roof.

Loyal democrats cannot afford to trust men who pose as democrats, but who are willing to sacrifice democratic principles for the spoils of office.

A democrat is not one who votes the democratic ticket when he feels like it and supports republican policies at all times through selfish interest.

The greatest danger to the beef trust just now is that it will laugh itself to death at the spectacle of Mr. Knox trying to pose as a trust-smasher.

Just as man comes to the conclusion that he is master of nature something breaks loose and makes him look like the remnants of a church donation party.

Mr. Charles G. Dawes did not land a senatorial indorsement, but he has organized a four-million-dollar trust company, which puts him in line for the next senatorial race.

The small bankers are opposing the proposed branch bank system. Is it possible that the small bankers no longer are concerned about the "preservation of the national honor?"

We helped the Cubans and then gave them their freedom. The Filipinos helped us and we make return by subjugating them. Something seems to be out of joint somewhere.

The republican organs denounce Tillman for giving a blow and Carmack for making an apology. The democrat who seeks to please a republican editor is guilty of a criminal waste of time.

The New York Tribune is greatly interested in the efforts of Russians to secure liberty. The czar doubtless shrinks at administering the "water cure," even to enforce his views of "liberty."

Perhaps Mr. Root will claim a vindication on the ground that later information proves that instead of "marked severity" the war in the Philippines has been conducted with horrible atrocities.

It seems that Mr. Bryan's remarks concerning Moses has led a considerable number of g. o. p. editors to read the Bible. If the aforesaid g. o. p. editors will profit thereby much good will have been done.

On April 30, 1902, American beef sold in London at 14 cents a pound, which was 10 cents a pound less than the price in New York on the same date. The beef trust benefits by "protection to American industry" and the people at large foot the bills.

Over 100,000 miners are on a strike for better wages. They deserve the increased wages, but a strike at the ballot box might help.

President Simon Sam, of Hayti, has resigned. Mr. Reid, of New York, still hangs on and holds out his underpinning for the coronation upholsterer.

The captains of the steel trust industry held a \$100-a-plate banquet a week or two ago. The steel trust is one of the weak and helpless infant industries that must be protected.

Mr. McLaurin will not be a candidate for reelection as senator. He has earned something "equally as good" from the administration he has endeavored so faithfully to assist in its assault upon democratic government.

Jacob Gould Schurman, who was once a great and good patriot in the estimation of the administration organs, is now merely a "little American" and "traitor." Mr. Schurman should not have been convinced of the errors of imperialism when he saw them.

After spending a few weeks in denying that Filipinos were tortured the republican organs are now defending the practice of torture on the ground that the Filipinos engage in it. If a g. o. p. organ keeps discussing a thing long enough it invariably gets tangled up with itself.

On page 7 will be found an article, "The Philippines Again," by Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell college. Mr. Schurman was president of the first Philippine commission and is therefore qualified to discuss the Philippine situation. The article will repay careful reading.

By killing all over ten we are enabled to take fresh young minds and train them up to actually believe they are blessed by being taxed without representation and governed without consent. But they will not believe it very long, and the work of killing all over ten will have to be repeated.

At Washington tomorrow a statute to Rochambeau will be unveiled with fitting ceremonies. Rochambeau was a Frenchman who helped our forefathers secure their independence and then did not seize the opportunity to grab our forefathers' country on the plea of "benevolent assimilation" and "destiny."

As a mathematician John Bull is a wonder. When the South African war began he asserted that the Boers could muster but 20,000 fighting men. Since then John claims to have killed and wounded 333,331 Boers, or about that number, and now admits that the Boers have more fighting men than when the war began.

If the earnest friends of democratic principles will lend their assistance, the circulation of **The Commoner** will be more than doubled before the campaign of 1902 is at its height. The "lots of five" cards are now ready, and **The Commoner** asks the cordial support of its friends in the effort to reach the voters and place before them the principles of democracy.

Imperialists who have never been in the Philippines say that the Filipinos are savages. Jacob Gould Schurman, president of the first Philippine commission, who has been there and has studied the Filipinos, says that they are Christians, intelligent, capable and industrious. Men not blinded by avarice and partisanship will not long hesitate in choosing between the two opinions.

The flag was "put" in Canada, but it didn't "stay put." It was "put" in Tripoli, but it didn't "stay put." It was "put" in Cuba, but it didn't "stay put." It was "put" in sections of Alaska, but at the behest of John Bull it didn't "stay put." The American flag will not "stay put" where it is an emblem of tyranny, and all the fol-de-rol and fustian of strenuous men will not alter the fact.

The "lots of five" plan affords a splendid opportunity to put **The Commoner** in the hands of friends. It affords a splendid opportunity to circulate democratic literature. It also affords a means whereby live democrats may engage in work profitable to themselves and beneficial to their party. The purchaser of a lot of five cards may sell them at \$1 each, the regular price of subscription, and retain \$2 as remuneration. Or the purchaser may sell them at the rate of 60 cents each, content to be the means of placing democratic literature in the hands of neighbors and friends.