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Thorough organization is the road to success.

It appears that the Addicks' withdrawal was meant in a Pickwickian sense.

There is no lack of harmony among those who sing in the democratic key.

The organization of democratic precinct clubs is a duty that democrats should perform.

It takes something more than a thumbmark on a ballot to prove a man's democracy.

It appears that the republican anti-trust groundhog saw his shadow and promptly retired.

Democrats who have remained true to democratic principles have never been out of harmony.

As a collection agency Emperor William is experiencing some difficulty in making his bluffs stick.

The time to organize for the campaign of 1904 is now—right now. Put none but loyal democrats on guard.

Germany appears bent on a little "benevolent assimilation" made familiar by recent experiences of our own.

Mr. Rockefeller should hereafter bear in mind the old adage: "If you want a thing done, go; if not, send."

If "the foreigner pays the tax," as good protectionists all declare, why was the coal tariff removed instead of doubled?

Reports from Washington indicate that Mr. Oxnard is having great difficulty in getting several senatorial minds made up.

It appears that the Smootification of the senate was in the bond. This will account for a sudden subsidence of republican indignation.

Mr. J. S. Clarkson of New York is another gentleman who slyly winks at himself whenever the subject of civil service reform comes up.

Just as long as Mr. Smoot can keep his republicanism on straight his admittance to the republican senate will not be seriously obstructed.

Less than two weeks of the present congress remains, and the hopes of anti-trust legislation or tariff reformation have gone Nelson A. Aldriching.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan insists that he is not liable for personal taxes in New York. But Mr. Morgan insists that a merger is a good thing for the consumers who are compelled to pay higher prices.

A young nobleman visiting New York city asserts that he has devised a system for separating gamblers from their money. There is but one system of separating gamblers from their money—let their games alone.

Mr. Carnegie will recognize The Hague tribunal by giving it a library. This should impel those European monarchs to treat it more tenderly.

Mr. Doblin told just enough falsehoods to prove himself unworthy of public confidence and not enough to show his ability to hold a good job with a trust.

Mr. Morgan says he does not owe it but will pay on an assessment of \$400,000. The Morgan relief fund seems destined to bob up in the very near future.

Governor Cummins of Iowa finds himself thoroughly disliked by those republicans who merely advocated the "Iowa idea" because it looked like a vote getter.

Canada once claimed sovereignty over territory as far south as the Ohio river. This may indicate another diplomatic move on the part of Mr. Hay.

The loudest demands for "harmony" among democrats come from those gentlemen who claim to be democrats, but who sang in the republican key in 1896 and 1900.

When senators are elected by direct vote of the people it will be impossible for men like Aldrich to block legislation calculated to do justice to the people at large.

The harmony that depends upon allowing deserters to guard the democratic citadel is not the kind of harmony that will bring about the triumph of democratic principles.

President Roosevelt is learning how to fence. He will find some of them down in the south, notwithstanding the herculean efforts of Mr. Surveyor of the Port of New York Clarkson.

The Davenport (Ia.) "Democrat" says that the Kansas City platform spells "d-e-f-e-a-t." The Davenport Democrat should take notice of the fact that it does not spell "d-i-s-h-o-n-o-r."

A Rochester man has invented a machine that will count coins and wrap them in packages. Mr. Rockefeller will doubtless test the machine by raising the price of oil and watching it work.

Mr. James J. Hill is again suffering from an attack of ingrowing pessimism. This means that Mr. James J. Hill is trying to hammer down the price of stocks in order that he may load up.

Ambassador McCormick's new uniform is "black cloth with gold braid and short sword," according to newspaper reports. But what the world really wants to know is whether the trousers are Whitelaw Reided or not.

Secretary Hay assures congress that the president in asking for authority to aid China and Mexico is not contemplating the restoration of bimetalism. Of course not; even the platform promise of the republican party in 1896 to help restore bimetalism was never taken seriously by those who understood the financial power behind the republican throne.

The Hereford republicans of the south have a right to complain of the discrimination against them. With Surveyor of the Port of New York Clarkson earning his salary by bagging colored delegates for Roosevelt and Senator Hanna flirting with them through the medium of an ex-slave pensioning bill the Hereford republicans are not getting a square deal.

A Denver young lady received a prize from a cooking school. Then she won a small prize in a literary contest and immediately announced that she would hereafter devote herself to literature. It is difficult to understand why she entered a field where the competition is so keen and the rewards so small, when she might have remained a cook and demanded her own price.

The "harmony" which contemplates turning everything over to those who created the discord and deserted the party is not the kind of "harmony" that will appeal to those who stood true to democracy and democratic principles and fought a good fight against political enemies who had been reinforced by those who claimed then to be political friends and who are now fresh from communion with that same enemy.

The senate's refusal to confirm the appointment of Byrne cannot be construed as a rebuke to Addicks without being construed as a rebuke to the president.

The Chicago Chronicle's opposition to Mayor Harrison indicates that the mayor has balked some of the financial schemes of a certain Chicago publisher.

Secretary of War Root intimates that negro suffrage has proved a dismal failure. This is calculated to seriously handicap Mr. Clarkson and discourage Mr. Hanna. This southern delegate situation is growing alarmingly big.

Mr. Hanna is reported as saying: "Ohio is an incubator of presidents and the industry still thrives." Can it be possible that Mr. Hanna has treasonable designs and intends to permit his name to be used against that of Theodore Roosevelt in 1904?

The Burlington (Ia.) Gazette says: "There is evidently a warm fight on in Washington between President Roosevelt on the one side and the trust leaders on the other." The editor who can see anything of the sort should hasten to have his eyes examined by an expert oculist.

Senator Knute Nelson objects to the admission of New Mexico and Arizona on the ground that they contain too many citizens of foreign birth. Senator Nelson should study the Minnesota census returns. His reason reminds one of the man who kicked down the ladder by which he had climbed up.

The democracy of the nation has suffered a loss in the death of Hon. Justin R. Whiting of St. Clair, Mich. He was for many years a congressman and member of the ways and means committee. More recently he was candidate for governor and chairman of the state committee, but at all times and everywhere he was an earnest and loyal advocate of pure and unadulterated democracy. He was a man of presidential stature and had he lived would have been among the eligibles for 1904.

The Des Moines (Ia.) Register and Leader has an editorial headed "Democratic Surprise." In this editorial it calls attention to the report submitted by the minority of the currency committee. This minority report presents a bill that is fully as obnoxious as the republican bill, because it indorses the principle of bank paper. The Register and Leader is justified in speaking of it as a surprise. It is a surprise that any democrat should indorse the bank control of the money of the country. When this question is submitted to the people the democrat who favors turning over the money of the country to the banks will have to represent a republican constituency if he represents any at all.

The president has referred to congress the joint request of China and Mexico that this nation use its influence to give stability to exchange between gold and silver-using countries, and he has asked that he be given authority to do whatever lies in his power. While this looks like a disposition on the part of the president to aid silver, it must be construed in the light of history, and history shows that silver is one American product that republican protectionists do not care to protect. Republican legislation has constantly discriminated against silver and constantly depressed its price. There is now before the senate a bill which, if it becomes a law, will take this country out of the market for a century, so far as the purchase of silver is concerned. The bill authorizes the treasurer to melt silver dollars enough to furnish metal for any new subsidiary coin that may be needed. As we have some six hundred million silver dollars—all of which the financiers are trying to get rid of—it would probably be an hundred years and over before our government would have to buy any more silver. No other country has done as much during the last ten years to injure silver as the United States, and it is not probable that the republican leaders will change their course to please China and Mexico. It remains to be seen whether the president's act was merely an act of courtesy or whether he intends to insist upon action. The republican gains made last fall in the silver producing states are likely to prevent any action favorable to silver. This nation might gain the trade and friendship of the silver-using nations by lending a helping hand at this time, but the Wall street influence is not likely to permit this so long as it is dominant at Washington.