

position that a President could possibly take, or that any sensible trade unionist could expect. The brass bands with which he is parading his courage in dealing with organized labor in this case, seem to be playing the same old refrain of "Roosevelt, Teddy and I."

The Kansas farmers who allowed the Republicans to return to power in their State, after a Populist regime, have gained some costly experience in consequence. The Republican legislature increased the taxation by 33 per cent. over the Populist rate, without improving the public service at all. Nor is that the worst. Of the increased rate, the 8,700 miles of railway in the State pay but \$1 in each \$64. Yet the railroad earnings are reported as having increased 20 per cent. over last year, while merchants and farmers report a decrease. To offset all this the Kansas Republicans have done nothing for the farmers but to give them good crops, and some of these farmers are beginning to suspect that they might possibly have had good crops without a Republican State government. They are probably wondering if the Eastern farmer may not after all be nearly right in attributing good crops to the national administration rather than to State governments.

An example well worthy of imitation in all lynching cases was furnished last week in an Ohio town by a deputy sheriff who had sense and courage, and by a citizen whose civic conscience rose supreme above his passions. A town marshal had been murdered by a drunken visitor to the town. A mob seized the murderer and hanged him, but before they had completely murdered him the deputy sheriff, Luke Brandon, dashed into their midst, and, cutting him down, lodged him in jail. It is common in such cases for relatives of the lynched man's victim to egg on the lawless crowd. Not so with Samuel Woodruff, the brother of the murdered man

in this case. He tried to hold back the crowd with an appeal to their law-abiding sense. "Men," he pleaded with them, "I am John Woodruff's brother and I love him. For his sake and for mine I ask you to go home and let the law take its course." Not many men of that stamp would be needed to redeem this country from its respectable lawlessness of all kinds, as well as that of the lynching kind.

Reports from Boston have it that some of the patriotic people there were shocked at the display of the British flag from Bunker Hill monument on the occasion of the visit of the Honorable Artillery company of London. It is a poor quality of patriotism that is either incensed or enthused by mere bunting. If a patriot cannot justify his irritation or his enthusiasm over a flag display by something more profound than the flag itself—by what it represents in principle or motive instead of what it is in texture and pigment—he is a very indifferent type of patriot. In the present instance the display of the British flag from Bunker Hill monument was in token of friendship and peace. The idea was rather barbarously brought out, to be sure, with its military display and extra-bibulous surroundings; but the underlying sentiment was a good thing, and the appearance of the British flag at the old monument along with the American flag should have been welcomed as prophetic of things even better.

At the Republican convention in Massachusetts early in the month the secretary of the navy, Mr. Moody, made a speech in which he discredited the declarations of the Democratic party of the North by references to "the practices of the whole Democratic party throughout the South." That would make a pretty good argument but for one thing. The difficulty with it is that the Democratic party of the South is under the control not of the new spirit

of American Democracy which now prevails, but of the old Bourbon spirit. This is represented at the North by Clevelandism in the Democratic party and Hannaism in the Republican party. Analyze American politics and you find that the Democracy of the South is Bourbon; that that faction of the party at the North of which Republican leaders and newspapers approve, is also Bourbon; and that the Republicanism of those leaders and those newspapers is fast rushing on toward the Bourbon ideal. Are not Republican leaders rejoicing at the disfranchisement of Negroes in the South, because they expect that now the South will become Republican? They know, what the fact is, that the old Whig element of the South, which now dominates the Democratic party there, would affiliate most comfortably with the old Whig element which dominates the Republican party at the North.

Big are the promises of the traction ring of Chicago. Let the city but extend the street car franchises, and they will spend money—oh, so much money!—in furnishing good service. So obtuse are they to the drift of public sentiment that they seem to think promises like these are really "good enough Morgans" until after the franchise. They need reminding that "good enough Morgans" are played out.

Such a reminder was given them in the city council last Monday night, when the petition (pp. 401, 408) for a popular vote on the Mueller act before the granting of any franchise extension, was presented. Alderman Leachman, who presented the petition, and who had promised to move for a hearing before the council for the representative of the petitioners, was frightened off by the Mayor and refused to make the motion. His own presentation of the petition was timid and perfunctory, and the whole thing would have "gone by the board" but for the promptness of Alderman Johnson, the Socialist