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***Hinges of St. Louis Lid are Broken.***

***Democrats in Full Possession  
Despite the Presence of Reformers Jerome and Folk.***

St. Louis, Mo., July 7.—St Louis is wide open tonight and the hinges of the lid are broken. District Attorney William Travers Jerome, of New York, is here, and so, too, is St. Louis' own reformer, Mr. Folk, but the presence of these two disciples of the simple life is not oppressing the joyful democrats. In companies, battalions, regiments and brigades they are parading the streets, with bands playing, and invading the hotel lobbies and the bars.

Just as the convention adjourned this evening democrats were ten deep at the bar of the Jefferson Hotel, and as this dispatch is being written they are making some of the houses uninhabitable.

Last night the uproar began with a rump mass meeting in the lobby of the Southern – Friends of Tom L. Johnson opened the free-for-all debate, and soon single-taxers, double-taxers, triple-taxers, silverites, gold bugs, compromisers, mug-wumps, straddlers, middle-of-the-road men, trust-busters, anti-Filipinos, Roosevelt haters, Bryanites and other fearsome preachers of other fearsome doctrines were in the midst of a vociferous battle.

Each man was allowed five minutes by a self-appointed platform committee, and the debate, which began at 9 o'clock, continued, with more and more vehemence, until after 2 o'clock this morning.