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The Sultan of Sulu has just cause for grievance. He is not being paid in money "good the world over."

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The open season for the common people begins January 1 and extends to December 31, and the trusts go gunning for them every day. The game law needs revision.

The New York Tribune and New York Sun are examples of what great papers may become when men like Horace Greeley and Charles A. Dana relinquish control.

The next time China demands an indemnity for a Rock Springs sort of affair the figures will exhaust the linotype. China is very conservative, but she will heed the lesson she is now taking and make her figures accordingly.

Several European princes on marriage bent have appeared in New York City. We may now expect J. Pierpont Morgan to form an "International Heiress and Marriage Syndicate" and make a neat commission placing the stock.

It is reported that the Standard Oil Co. has threatened to keep out of Texas unless it is allowed to control the new oil fields. The Houston Post suggests that the state will do without standard oil a long while before it consents to these terms.

"The Porto Ricans are unused to honest methods," says Governor General Allen in explanation of the discontent in Porto Rico. Would it not be well to give them a sample? Suppose a start be made by keeping faith with

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them in the matter of "plain duty." After that has been done show them an honest effort to interpret the constitution aright by granting them representation. When that is finished let the carpetbag system cease forever.

Americans shudder with horror when they think of how Arnold sold his countrymen. But thousands of Americans are now rejoicing because a lot of Filipinos sold one of their countrymen. The spirit of imperialism manifests itself on the slightest occasion.

Mr. Louis F. Post reports that he has already received large returns from the advertisement which appeared in **THE COMMONER**. This is gratifying, both because **The Public**, Mr. Post's paper, is one of the best weeklies published and also because it shows the value of advertising space in this paper.

It would be interesting to know what oath was administered to Mr. Knox when he assumed the duties of Attorney General. Did he take an oath to support the constitution, or did he take the imperialistic oath which simply requires him to be good and not make any trouble for any one?

A volunteer soldier in the Philippines was dismissed from the army in disgrace for sleeping on his post. A series of attorneys general have been sleeping on post, beginning with McKenna and including Knox, but instead of dismissal they have all been rewarded with executive confidence.

The president is appointing gold democrats to office in the south, and there is evidence that these appointees are joining with the white republicans in the formation of a new party which will exclude the negro. As the white-face will be the distinguishing characteristic of the members of this new party, they will probably be known as Hereford republicans.

Aguinaldo hopes and trusts and awaits the promised generosity of the great American nation, but we could feel more flattered if his hope and his trust were expressed at a time and under circumstances when he was at liberty to say anything else. If the manifesto were a promissory note, he could avoid payment on the plea that it was made under duress.

A citizens committee of one hundred has selected an executive committee, of which Mr. James G. Berret is chairman, to raise money for the purchase of a home for Admiral Schley. The site has already been selected, and the sum of five thousand dollars has been contributed. It will require about as much more to complete the fund, and those desiring to contribute can communicate with Mr. Berret, Washington, D. C.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor is about thirty years behind the times. A Philadelphia firm of lacemakers employed two

Frenchmen to make bobbinet lace, bringing them over from France. Their admission was opposed on the ground that it was a violation of the alien contract labor law, but Mr. Taylor decided that the making of bobbinet lace was a new industry and admitted the Frenchmen. This will be highly amusing to the ancient dames who made bobbinet lace before Mr. Taylor was born.

A Washington dispatch to the Denver News says that Mr. Wolcott and some senatorial friends recently added three or four millions to their scanty savings by speculating in Burlington stock. It is intimated that Colorado's Ex-Senator will have to "charter a freight train to pack his winnings to Colorado." Senator Hanna seems to have been a close second in the "winnings." With a few more such deals Mr. Hanna will be able to finance a national campaign without passing around the hat.

"There is something almost fascinating in the extreme remoteness of Lord Salisbury's mind from the country's most pressing concerns." It is often said that the English are lacking in a sense of humor, but the above, taken from an editorial in the Manchester (England) Guardian, does not bear out the assertion. As the phrase is not copyrighted, it might be applied to the present attorney general, although there is nothing "fascinating in the extreme remoteness" of Mr. Knox's mind from the enforcement of the law against the trusts.

The reorganizers seem to be more concerned about winning than they are about the platform. In view of the fact that they suffered a crushing defeat the last time they controlled a congressional campaign and secured less than 40 per cent of the votes in St. Louis at the recent city election, it might be well for them to consider the suggestion made by Mr. S. S. Field, a Baltimore democrat. He says that, if winning is the only thing to be considered, our party might make victory certain by endorsing the republican ticket in the next campaign. If principles are immaterial this plan ought to be acceptable to the so-called "conservative" element. It would also have the advantage of avoiding the "excitement" which the "business interests" complain of.

In the suit against the tax dodgers, tried at Springfield, Ill., it was shown that thirteen Chicago corporations, the stock of which has a market value of eighty-nine millions of dollars, were not assessed. There was evidence to show that the attention of the Board of Equalization had been called to the matter. The corporation papers will probably regard it as demagogic to make any reference to this case, but the taxpayers will hardly be deterred from expressing an opinion.

It is fortunate for the party that a man like Judge Owen P. Thompson is on the bench at such a time. He believes that equality before the law applies to a court as well as to a legislature.