

THE TRUST OCTOPUS.

COMBINATIONS THAT ARE FORMING EVERY DAY DESPITE THE LAW.

A State That Delights to Incubate Commercial Conspiracies—Illegal Trusts Spring Up in a Night—A Conservative Authority.

In spite of the fact that there is a federal law prohibiting trusts, new ones are being formed every day, and those now in existence have an aggregate capitalization of \$2,702,768,900.

Within the last six months articles of incorporation have been taken out by more than 100 companies of abnormal capitalization, which are designed to "take over" and concentrate the business of scattered companies in the various fields of industry.

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lotted to them and have not strictly maintained the price agreed upon. The compact among the companies was secured in the first instance by J. P. Morgan, and in the denial that this compact had any legal existence originated the phrase, "An agreement among gentlemen."

Table with 2 columns: Company Name, Capital. Includes Anthracite coal pool, Bituminous coal pool, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Consolidated Coal company (Maryland), Colorado Coal and Iron Development company.

Total capitalization.....\$1,702,768,900

In almost every American city of importance there is a gas trust, and in certain sections of this country these trusts control the illuminating gas companies of whole states.

The following shows the aggregate amount of capital concentrated in the various trusts of the country: The oil trusts.....\$100,000,000 Steel and iron.....\$47,000,000 Coal combines.....\$47,000,000

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JAPAN TO RESIST RUSSIA.

Is Preparing to Drive the Czar's Troops From Corea.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 30.—The steamer Glenogle has arrived here with news from the far East. Japan has decided to resist Russian aggression. She is preparing to drive the czar's troops from Corea, and to this end large detachments of troops are landing in the "hermit's kingdom."

The rebels in Chung Kiang, according to advices by the Glenogle, are increasing in power daily. The Tung Lian and How Chow railway is completely under their control. They have compelled well-to-do people to provide them with money and provisions, and are making weapons day and night.

Two days afterward they went to Tung Lian and demolished all the houses of the Christians, massacring those who tried to escape with shocking brutality. They then declared that they had gone to that city especially to oppose foreigners and Christians.

Two French priests and a missionary of the C. M. S. had gone to the magistrate's yamen for shelter, and late in the afternoon the rebels went to the magistrate and asked that they be delivered up. The magistrate refused, but they afterward relented and allowed the rebels to enter the yamen to take the missionaries. The Methodist drew a revolver and he was at once killed. The two French priests were bound and carried away as prisoners.

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BAD CAMPAIGNING.

That is What an Old Pop out at Arapahoe Thinks is the Matter With us. Arapahoe, Neb., Nov. 24, 1898.

The smoke of the last conflict is clearing away and many are looking around to see why results were not different. Many theories are advanced why about 18,000 of our voters stayed at home on election day thereby bringing about the conglomerated result of fusion state officers and a republican legislature.

What have we gained and what have we lost? What we have lost cannot be estimated and what we have gained remains to be seen. The greatest apparent loss at present is the loss of W. V. Allen to the United States senate, the best senator that every represented the grand old state of Nebraska in the United States senate at Washington.

The result brought about by the recent election does not prove that the quantitative theory of money is dead or dying in the least but that every voter who did not go to the polls and vote reasoned that enough of the voters would go to support a good honest administration and never vote accordingly.

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Soft coal abounds all around Nebraska yet transportation rates on a ton of coal into any of these towns exceeds its cost at the mine.—Filey Republican.

When a republican editor begins to take that away, then there is some hope for him. The transportation problem has puzzled many good men in all parties but there seems to be absolutely no way to control them in their extortionate dealings with the public other than by and through government ownership.

Those Awful Kansas Pops. The eastern papers have got a new thing to find fault about concerning Kansas Populists. A New York paper says: "During the past couple of years the Populist farmers of that state have got out of debt, and now that they are out of debt they are holding on to their wheat for higher prices. This means increased cost of living for consumers of bread. It is an unholy conspiracy."

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