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The country expects congress to speedily decarbonize the coal schedule.

The people should proceed to get a few favorable schedules into a tariff law.

Mr. Knox continues to be the chief apostle of the hot air remedy for the trust evil.

Piff puff is a new game, and its name sounds like a republican editorial on prosperity.

William Lorimer is experiencing considerable trouble in his efforts to vaudeville his way back into congress.

If you neglect to vote you have no moral right to complain if your public officials neglect or abuse their duties.

There are evidences a plenty to the effect that General Funston has gnawed that presidential gag to a pulp.

The Mad Mullah is again causing the British war office to ponder over more "I regret to report" telegrams.

Mr. Hanna appears to be stubbing his toes numerously on the stakes forgotten by Tom Johnson's canvassmen.

The administration ought to take a day off and get its "friends and allies" definition on straight.

A vote in the box is worth two "kicks" in the "Letters From the People" department of the newspapers.

The sultan of Bacolod seems to labor under the impression that he divides the divine right business with Mr. Baer.

Mr. Hanna might make a hit by dodging under the canvas and doing the "Rube" act in the Tom Johnson tent.

It appears that the coal barons yielded, not because they loved themselves less, but because they feared justice more.

If you forget to vote next Tuesday you will have little ground for objecting to the way you are represented in congress.

"Has the Indian any rights?" queries the Washington Post. He ought to have a few to match his numerous lefts.

Mr. Cleveland is still declaring for tariff reform. Mr. Cleveland is greatest at tariff reforming while a private citizen.

Now that it promises to make good political capital the republican organs may be expected to indulge in considerable Baer baiting.

The coal combine, however, did not offer to arbitrate its differences with the public. The coal combine knows when it has a good thing.

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The Dingley law shows that a lot of trusts seized many available opportunities to smuggle in schedules satisfactory to themselves.

Some men who loudly profess their willingness to die for their country cannot give a part of election day to voting to save their country.

Mr. Hanna's ground and lofty tumbling exhibitions in the open air serve to attract a large number of people inside of Tom Johnson's circus tent.

What were those republican congressmen doing when the anthracite coal duty was "secretly and covertly smuggled" into the coal schedule?

Perhaps Senator Spooner's desire to serve a twenty-year term as senator is based on the fear that he may not be able to secure another six-year term.

Of course the anthracite operators were awfully shocked to discover that some designing villain had smuggled that coal schedule into the Dingley law.

If the miners would hang together at the ballot box as well as they hung together during the strike, they could put the anthracite coal trust out of business.

Mr. Spooner says this is the government that "Washington founded and Lincoln preserved." True, and Mr. Spooner should cease trying to choke it to death with maudlin sentiment.

If every voter in America goes to the polls next Tuesday and votes each in his own interests, the republican vote will just about equal the number of men holding fat government jobs.

Mr. Addicks of Delaware cannot understand why his money is not just as good as the money of any other republican senator who has had only that to recommend him for senator.

A German scientist advocates isolation as a cure for the habit of lying. But how could republican campaign managers frame party platforms if this method were adopted?

General Grosvenor doubtless thinks that in view of the settlement of the coal strike the miners of his district should withdraw the fellow miner they nominated for congress.

After carefully perusing the late magazines the average man would be prone to declare that poetry is reading matter with the right end of the lines chopped off at various lengths.

An Iowa man claims to have invented an airship. But he is not the first one in Iowa to do that. David B. Henderson sailed through the air several weeks ago and hasn't come down yet.

When the critics disagree on the question whether a drama is moral or immoral the wise man will not take chances by allowing either himself or any member of his family to attend.

The homeopathic doctors have opened a crusade against kissing, claiming that it is a prolific source of disease. Homeopathy will be a forgotten science long before kissing begins to wane.

The Washington city man who was sent to jail for sixty days for stealing a pickled pig's foot should have stolen a huge slice of the public domain and posed as a trustee of Providence.

Those republicans who express contempt for Tom Johnson's method of circus tent campaigning profess great admiration for the genius that inspired "Billy" Lorimer's vaudeville exhibitions.

Senator Spooner believes that it would be a good thing to elect a republican president and congress for a term of twenty years. And every trust and monopoly in the country applauds the idea.

Mr. Knox says the trust evil may be remedied by the enactment of common-sense laws. But Mr. Knox may labor under the impression that his former clients also have a monopoly on common sense.

Mr. Hanna threatened to tell all he knew about the coal strike if the operators refused to arbitrate. The fact that he is a servant of the people and in honor bound to tell what he knows about any interests adverse to the public welfare seems never to have entered Mr. Hanna's head.

The new beef trust is waiting until after the election to announce its plans. This may help the republicans this year, but will the people forget before 1904?

There is one argument which all republican speakers make, namely, that a man ought not to think of principles of government so long as he has enough to eat.

A vote for the democratic ticket is a vote for the supremacy of the constitution, equality before the law, the truths of the Declaration of Independence and the destruction of private monopolies.

Senator Mason now realizes the trouble that befalls a republican office holder who dares to disagree with the fellows who have bought the privilege of working both sides of the street from the g. o. p. administration.

There are forty-five states in the union and in but two, Iowa and Idaho, have the republican conventions declared for tariff reform. The party stand 22½ to 1 against it so far. And yet some republicans are hopeful.

Peace was declared many months ago, but the order reducing the standing army was not issued until it was deemed time to do something for campaign effect. Will the people never get through buying g. o. p. gold bricks?

Says the Nashville Daily News: "They say Baer is a democrat. He claims also to be a Christian, but Christianity is no more responsible for this hypocrite than democracy." That seems to sufficiently cover the whole matter.

Governor Cummins of Iowa says that protection "shall not be used as a sword for industrial piracy or as a mint for illegal gain," but the republican leaders in the Amen corner do not give forth any encouraging exclamations.

The state department maintains that Dewey did not treat the Filipinos as friends and allies, and the legal department insists that he did. Here is another choice opportunity for presidential interference in the interests of the g. o. p.

The most thoroughly corrupt state in the union, and the most thoroughly corrupt city in the union—both at the mercy of boodlers, adventurers and ballot box stuffers—are both overwhelmingly republican. Guess the state and the city.

Mr. Mitchell experienced difficulty in persuading the miners to return to work, and they were the same miners that Mr. Baer declared so eager to work and prevented by intimidation. Mr. Baer should spend the next few weeks in getting his veracity on straight.

After denying for years and with much strenuousness that Admiral Dewey treated the Filipinos as "friends and allies" the authorities at Washington are declaring that he did so treat them, seeking thereby to evade payment of prize money claimed by the admiral.

A pension bureau clerk has been promoted because he attended strictly to business and did not try to secure an advance by political influence. Several thousand clerks in other departments are inclined to believe that he should have been taken before the lunatic inquiring.

The superintendent of the Nebraska City, Neb., starch works says they will open up if corn drops low enough to enable the mills to compete with eastern starch mills. As the Nebraska City mills are owned by the trust and people incline to the belief that the superintendent is a great joker.

Governor Cummins says the "Iowa idea" means what it says and the republican nominees for congress in Iowa accept it, but declare that they will not favor tariff revision, shelter or no shelter. The people of Iowa should demonstrate their intelligence by leaving the g. o. p. candidates at home.

Mr. Rockefeller has offered \$250,000 to a college as a thank offering for the escape of himself and family from death in a fire. While disclaiming any intention of drawing invidious comparisons it must be admitted that somehow or other there comes to mind the case of another wealthy gentleman who ultimately found himself in grave need of a drop of water.