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The newspaper lottery must go.

It would seem that Mr. Knox made a mistake in not securing a stopover in Colombia.

'Tis better to have fought and lost than to have quietly submitted and called it "destiny."

If the worst comes to the worst General Uribe-Uribe can fall upon the point of his hyphen.

Doubtless we should be thankful that the trusts have not exercised all their powers.

The musicians of Paris are on a strike, and are, we presume, led by the bass drummers.

Doubtless the most obstreperous among the miners would be satisfied with a Baer living.

After reading Booth Tarkington's political speech we must congratulate him on its brevity.

Of course the trans-continental railroad managers are terribly shocked at the halt in the canal deal.

If the Sherman law is sufficient perhaps proof in the shape of ocular demonstration will be submitted.

Minister Wu has been recalled again. Tsi An must have instructed "central" to keep her connected.

The glue trust is now organized and is confident of its ability to stick the people in every glue deal.

It appears that Mr. Baer is willing to take his "divine rights" into a period of hibernation with himself.

Mr. Baer, however, does not expect to live long enough to have a parade of rejoicing workmen in his honor.

Admiral Crowninshield's tour has resulted in the charting of several heretofore unpunched mud-banks and reefs.

Doubtless President Harper has also made careful plans for segregation of Mr. Rockefeller and his money.

Owing to circumstances Mr. Baer has felt impelled to acknowledge a bowing acquaintance with Mr. Mitchell.

If General Uribe-Uribe is really a prisoner he should have no trouble in slipping through the orifice in his cognomen.

While Secretary Shaw tells his funny stories to the people the Wall street speculators do the bulk of the laughing.

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Of course the Mad Mullah must not undertake any "benevolent assimilation" or plan any "manifest destiny" advances.

The American people will now devote some little time to the Turkey question, but Abdul Hamid need not dodge.

It is barely possible that Senator Allison conceives the "Iowa idea" to be an Allisonian hip-lock on the senatorship.

We positively refuse to predict that in a short time the erratic gentleman in Samoliland will find himself in the Mullahgatawney.

The Panama canal scheme seems to have arrived at the point most desired by those who insisted upon the Panama route.

Republican spell-binders pointed with pride to their party's record, but they desecrate the memory of the men who made that record.

It appears that we have purchased everything save the consent of the country whose dirt must be moved if a Panama canal is built.

It seems that the French gave us a good title to all they owned of the Panama canal, but it also appears that Colombia has something to sell.

The tobacco trust declares its purpose to control every branch of the tobacco business, and the public can put that in its pipe and smoke it.

"Is honesty good politics?" queries the Louisville Post. Yes, honesty is good politics, but it is too often the case that it is not successful politics.

Of course Mr. Hill—James J.—is able to explain why the merged railroads can declare greater dividends than the farmers who have to pay the freight.

The Indiana supply of natural gas is said to be growing short. But Indianans need not be alarmed. They still have a reserve supply in Senator Beveridge.

The Boni de Castellanes are again troubled by importuning creditors who are so lost to all respect for royalty that they insist on seeing the color of the money.

The fashionable milliners and modistes of Chicago are confident that they have completed every detail necessary to make the annual horse show a great success.

Senator Hoar is confident that the Sherman law is amply sufficient for the control of the trusts. But the senator fails to cite any instances of the control.

If there are any descendants of those Tariffa pirates doubtless they are sorry that their forefathers' little difficulty was not settled by a commission.

Why exploit the recent surgical operation of sewing up a human heart? What this old world needs most of all is the opening up of human hearts.

President Elliot has succeeded in picking some flaws in labor organization. The learned gentleman shows evidences of a great desire to earn his salary.

The money question will live as long as Wall street promoters, gamblers and speculators seek to secure financial legislation in their own interests.

If Mr. Yerkes and Mr. Morgan will concentrate all their attention upon those London franchises the American people will doubtless be able to look on with perfect equanimity.

The late M. A. Dauphin, of Louisiana lottery fame, seems to have overlooked a great opportunity when he did not incorporate his lottery company as a newspaper publishing enterprise.

Poor's Manual reveals the fact that there are three thousand miles of railroad not operated in the United States. It may be due to washouts on the lines caused by too much water in the stocks.

In its effort to reconstruct the Transvaal Great Britain should profit by reconstruction history in this country. The way to accomplish that is to avoid many of the things done in this country.

Of course the gentlemen who insisted upon the Panama route for the canal are terribly disappointed because complications have developed which promise to delay the work for a number of years.

A Lincoln (Neb.) newspaper takes exceptions to *The Commoner's* "catechism." *The Commoner* is not offering a prize to the first reader who correctly guesses the politics of the aforesaid newspaper.

Of course the doctors who do not believe in advertising endeavored with all their might to prevent their names being published as among those present and assisting Dr. Lorenz in his operations.

It appears that the kingdom of Denmark has decided that it is not right to sell sovereignty over a people. Perhaps the republic of the United States will give the moral phase of this question some attention.

If the coal famine shall teach the American people not to overheat their houses it will not have been an unmixed evil. Overheated houses are responsible in large measure for the rapid increase in pulmonary troubles.

The tin plate trust, which was given the benefit of a protective tariff in order that it might pay "American wages to American workmen," has just succeeded in using the tariff schedules to secure a decrease in the wage scale.

King Chulalongcorn, of Siam, announces his intention of making a tour of this country and spending \$650,000 thereon. King Chu must be a great hand at mergers and consolidations to have so much money for jaunting purposes.

Those Canadian Dukhobors rely on prayer alone to spread their religion. Of course they are woefully behind the times. The water cure, the bayonet and the gatling gun seem to be the chief reliance in other parts of the world.

That Canadian religious organization that has set out on foot to conquer the world for its creed has made the glaring mistake of not providing its members with improved munitions of war and the usual job lot of franchises and concessions.

Mr. Addicks denies that he was withdrawn from the Delaware senatorial race. Reports of his withdrawal should be accepted with huge quantities of salt unless accompanied by the assurance that Mr. Addicks' income has been severely crippled.

General Corbin seems to have been lunched into the belief that the German army is managed about right. Of course this carries with it the Corbinesque belief that he has picked up information that makes him the proper party to manage Uncle Sam's army.

If the proposition to appoint a tariff commission is carried out doubtless good care will be taken to see that the beneficiaries, not the victims, are in the majority. The trusts which control the administration will not consent to the commission until this much is conceded.

There will be other political campaigns and other elections. From now on loyal democrats should work without ceasing to prevent their party from falling under the control of men who would make it so nearly like the republican party that the trust promoters, subsidy grabbers, tariff beneficiaries and financial manipulators would have no particular choice between the two.

The Birmingham (Ala.) News wonders why it is "bad for a subordinate government employe to be politically active and so altogether commendable for cabinet officers to split their larynxes spelling for the administration." The News seems to labor under the hallucination that cabinet officers are appointed for other work than whooping it up for the administration. Such ignorance of modern political methods is indeed disheartening.