

HOW POLITICAL MACHINES OPERATE

The Agency Through Which "Invisible Government" Is Enthroned and Representative Government Is Defeated—The "Machine" Is the Tail That Wags the Dog.

Few voters would willingly consent to Machine rule. But the Machines manage to rule nevertheless and notwithstanding.

How do the Machines manage to do it?

They are at work now throughout the country. Let us take an example right here at home.

At present in North Carolina there are three big stakes—the Governor's office, the Legislature, and the 24 delegates to the National Convention—twenty-four votes for President of the United States.

The Machine is concentrating its attention upon these stakes.

The people are thinking about the Primary June 7th. The Machine is thinking about the Precinct Meetings April 5th. The people are reading one thing or another. The Machine is at work—underground.

These precinct meetings (April 5th) will name delegates to the several County Conventions. The County Conventions will name delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions will elect 24 delegates to the National Convention.

The Machine sets out to name and control these 24 delegates because each of them has a vote for the Democratic nominee for President. The Machine wants "hand-picked" men who will do just as the Machine directs.

They may be for McAdoo. They were at San Francisco four years ago, and along with his client Doheny voted for him on about forty ballots. They may even vote for Daniels. But being "hand-picked", whenever the Machine tells them to vote for someone else they will do so. They are "traded" according to the "interest" of the Machine. If the Machine controls the North Carolina delegation, it will cut Mr. Daniel's throat at New York.

Naturally this gives somebody valuable power. Whoever deliver twenty-four votes for President in a National Convention has power to trade—to get something for himself, money or office or influence. Millions are involved in every presidential contest. It is in a sense a money proposition.

But how does the Machine manage to "hand-pick" delegates? Do not the people rule? No—the people do not rule. The Machine rules always until the people become stirred.

Here is the point: The voters have an opportunity in the precinct meetings—in your precinct, April 5th—to name delegates to the County Convention. The Machine tries to have a few henchmen in every precinct. They are on hand. You do not come to the meeting. So these henchmen go up as delegates to the County Convention. That is all. The Machine has won—and because you do not think it worth while to attend your precinct meeting and assert your will. The Machine is always on the job—you are not! Politics is a business with the Machine. With you it is a duty or a burden. You talk politics, but that is about all.

The Machine goes right into your home precinct and gets the delegates while you sleep. They are duly delivered at the County Convention. They are told which delegates they must vote for for the Congressional District and State Conventions. And these delegates are told whom to vote for to the National Convention. And behold, the Bosses have twenty-four votes for their man for president.

But you want to know how the Machine controls its henchmen. It pays them money, if necessary. It promises them offices, if necessary. And it threatens to cast out any who refuse to do its will.

There is a great deal of money in politics—billions. The Machine must have the money to operate on. It gets this money from rich men (like E. D. McLean, of Washington, for example) who make money by being on the inside, or from Sinclair or Doheny, who find it good business to contribute to both political parties. Politics has become a business in America and in North Carolina just as in the rest of the country. The Machine is the only instrument of the predatory and invisible powers that rob the people through their government! They could not operate but for Machines.

The big corporations contribute to the Machines and when the Machines win, they get back in tax-exemptions or in some special privilege ten dollars for any dollar they contribute. The Machines pass \$25.00 to one precinct henchman, \$100.00 to another, or \$250.00 to another according to his value. Some are paid as high as

\$1,000.00—all depending upon how hard-put to the Machine may be to win. These money-takers are the mercenaries of politics. A grade above them are the lawyers who are promised officers (or who are made railroad or corporation lawyers) and above them are the bosses who get the big money; and back of the bosses are the rich men and corporations that get the tax-exemptions or some money-making special privilege. This sort of thing has just about destroyed the American Republic.

It all begins with the Machine henchman that controls your precinct meeting. And the only remedy is in the good men and women who will fight this horrible corruption and win.

The Railroads take from \$50,000,000 to \$400,000,000 a year from the people of North Carolina in freight. This is at least \$40,000,000 more than is just—so competent students of the matter say. Do you think that as long as the Machine stands for this, it will want for money? Does this not explain why we have so much talk about unjust freight rates and so little action?

There is now a new tariff (a freight schedule) proposed for this State that will add \$225,000.00 a year to the freight on cotton-ties alone. You never heard of it, but you will pay this freight, if this schedule goes through! \$225,000.00 about to be taken this year from our North Carolina farmers—and none of them have heard of it.

The farmers of America pay on the average of 16 per cent of their net income in taxes. The average for all other classes is only 11 per cent! This is not a guess. This is proved by the official records and was recently stated as a fact by no less an authority than Senator Borah. The farmers pay 16 per cent while others pay only 11 per cent mainly because the farmers do not attend their precinct meetings—or when they do attend some rascally fellow with a few dollars in his pocket pulls the wool over their eyes.

But a new day is at hand. The people are aroused. They know that they have been robbed. They know at last that the predatory powers have taken their government.

They can get to their precinct meetings more easily now than formerly. And they are coming out April 5th.

Be on hand and pick your delegates. Vote for none but good and true men (or women).—Marshville Home.

THE AIM OF FARMING IS TO PRODUCE SALABLE PRODUCTS.

Raleigh, N. C. March 17. Where does marketing begin? The aim of a man seeking profits on the farm is to produce a salable product. If that is the case he must employ balanced farming methods. In this way does Gorrell Shumaker, specialist in marketing for the State College of Agriculture, state the case for better attention to growing crops for market.

He says, "There was a time when all good farmers prided themselves upon the fatness of their family cows.

If Bossy's bony structure was not completely concealed with a heavy layer of fat it was thought that she had not been properly treated. Owners of cattle in poor condition were looked upon as being guilty of careless and inhumane treatment. Present-day testing methods prove the fallacy of this old belief. We find that some fat cows may be very poor milk producers. Cows capable of heavy production may become poor producers if not fed a properly balanced ration. One sort of ration may be conducive to the production of flesh, another to the production of milk and butterfat.

"In like manner a farm, although having every appearance of being fat, may not be profitable. It may be capable of producing fine profits if carefully managed, and yet even bounteous yields of poor quality crops or light yields of very high quality products may leave the owner with a loss at the end of the season. A farm, then, like the cow needs balanced rations. The rations of the farm are the methods employed. Poor seed may be planted in good soil and yield poor results. You may sow good seed in good soil and get an inferior crop if you fail to combat diseases and insect pests. Heavy yields may bring only a small income if the product is not salable.

"Every phase of the farm work has its bearing upon marketing. Seed selection, seed treatment, time and manner of planting, cultural practices, pest control, time and manner of harvesting, and the method of preparing the harvested product for the market—all are essential in the production of a commodity acceptable in the market."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Giles Duncan, late of Person county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of March, 1925, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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