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THE TRUSTS IN THE SADDLE

Legitimate Business Paralyzed—Monopolist Fear Only Imprisonment and Loss of Money—Independent Business Men Should Organize.

The people of the United States are oppressed by the trusts. The men who furnish the raw material out of which trust goods are made are held up by the trusts and made to deliver the product of their toil at such figures as the trust beneficiaries fix.

The consumer who is forced to use the goods sold by trusts is required to pay whatever sum these manipulators of commerce charge.

These are the conditions. Is there no remedy? Is there no relief?

Appeal to the people does not appear to meet with such a response as to bring relief. Of course, the people have the power to end these practices of the men who control the great trusts that are fattening on the sufferings of the people, but they have not realized the real conditions and wrong that these pirates have done and are doing on the sea of commerce.

An appeal to the people to be effective must have in it an element of selfishness—the people must see that it pays to listen to those who cry out against the monopolist—and then their better natures can be aroused.

The men who control the great trusts that have by the throat the commerce of the nation, do not care for denunciation or the contempt of the people—they live beyond the “common herd”—surrounded by the tinsel of display and the cringing adulation of the “sycophants” and “bootlicks.” They care only for only two things: imprisonment and loss of money.

Under a national administration that they bought and paid for, they need not fear imprisonment.

With a congress presided over by Sherman and Cannon, they need lose no sleep for fear of loss of money through governmental interventions.

The trusts are in the saddle. The independent manufacturer and business man are (so far as national legislation or the work of the inferior federal courts are concerned) lambs in the midst of wolves.

Is there no escape for honest industry and independent business? Is this great country to be the helpless victim of the less than one hundred men who, by combination prey on business and destroy legitimate industry?

For at least four years to come we can expect nothing from the national government—except that all the power of the administration will be used to more firmly monopolize on a people who have placed in power the trusts that put up the election.

This being so, what can we do to free ourselves?

Can not independent business men honest producers, manufacturers and consumer, by acting in concert, do something to break the strangle grip that monopoly has on the throat of independent business?

Manufacturers of goods that compete with the product of the trusts are afraid to increase their business because they live in constant fear of being crushed by the trusts.

Men who have money to invest are afraid to embark in the manufacture of any article that the trusts control.

Business men are intimidated, so that they are afraid to handle ar-

ticles that compete with trust made goods.

If the people who are opposed to the domination of the trusts, will give the goods preference manufactured by independent manufacturers, the independent factories will multiply with astonishing rapidity in the United States.

But the question arises how are the people to know which are independent made goods and which are trust made goods? The trusts do not hesitate to buy up independent factories and run them under the name of independents and thereby fool the people. This is a popular method of these monopolists to deceive those people who are opposed to the monopolizing of the business of the nation in the hands of a few.

Let an anti-trust league be organized for the purpose of informing the people along this line, so that there will be no mistake made as to products of the different manufacturers. I would suggest that a central board of directors be elected of men whose names would carry conviction to the people of the United States. Let the anti-trust league be organized and a board of directors composed of such men as Folk of Missouri, LaFollette of Wisconsin, Aycock of North Carolina, Smith of Georgia, Tillman of South Carolina, Cummins of Iowa, and others of similar character, and to these men submit the question of whether or not any manufacturer who desires to become a member of the league is in any way connected with a trust. This board of directors could hear the evidence, and after a thorough examination, certify to such as the evidence showed were in no wise connected with a trust. A list of these independent manufacturers could then be published to the world, and people who believe that monopolies are prejudicial to the best interests of the nation, would have the information upon which they could rely in making their purchases.

If the people were put in possession of this information—and they could rely upon its genuineness and integrity—it is my opinion that there are enough people in the United States who do not “bow the knee to Baal” to make the monopolists feel their power, and that many independent factories would be established, and that many that are now struggling for existence would prosper.

If a market can be opened and maintained for the sale of goods manufactured by independent manufacturers, the old days of competition will return, and the oppressive measure of the trusts will cease to destroy. This end can not be attained by one manufacturer. There must be concert of action to secure and maintain an “open door” in the commercial world. The independent powers must form a defensive and offensive alliance for the protection of honest business and the driving from the sea of commerce the pirates that infest the coast of honest effort. The national government has been appealed to in vain. As at present controlled, it is in league with the pirates, and furnishes protection for its ships in their efforts to destroy the independent manufacturer. The state governments are unable to do much because of the protection that the federal government throws around these outlaws in the form of “interstate commerce.” The business man who desires to do something besides become a “hireling” for a trust, the father who hopes for his boy to become something besides an employee for the “fellows of the baser sort” who have gathered into their grip the reins of commerce must get together for the protection of the business of the present day and the manhood of the future. They must arouse the manhood of the future. They must arouse the people to necessity of patronizing independent manufacturers in preference to the trusts, whenever it can be done.

C. C. DANIELS.

Ganderbone's Forecast

For July

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- Ten little patriots 10
Planted a mine 1
Under a billy goat; 1
Then there were 9
Nine little patriots 9
Gathered about 1
To see if a large 1
Cannon cracker was out 8
Wholly undaunted 1
The balance were strong 1
To blow up the iceman 1
When he came along 7
All the survivors 7
Were perfectly bug 1
To see what some powder 1
Would do to a jug 6
Six little patriots, 6
Game, for a' that 1
Tied a pinwheel 1
To the tail of a cat 5
Five little patriots 5
Overly skittish, 1
Showed the grown folks 1
What we did to the British 4
Four little patriots 4
Sought to determine, 1
If Irish hold sizzers 1
As long as a German 3
All the survivors 3
Were fairly agog 1
To touch off a skyrocket 1
Tied to a dog 2
Two little patriots, 2
Vied, being boys, 1
To see who could make 1
The most singular noise 1
One little shaver, 1
The last to be nipped, 1
Lighted the fuse in his 1
Cannon, and slipped 0
July is the month of human progress. As there can be no progress unless everybody is hot and mad, so it is to July that we must look for getting anywhere at all. “Heaven for climate, but hell for company,” said the prophet. June forever, but July for growth, says your Uncle Ganderbone.
- The ancients esteem July above all the other months. To Rome it gave the imperial Caesar, the fightiest man who ever lived. Marc Antony, who changed the month from Quintilis to July, said that if Caesar had opened his eyes anywhere else on the calendar he probably would have been a mollycoddle and Rome would have had woman suffrage. The Celts, who have made fewer mistakes than any other race, made July the beginning of the year, and John Hancock, who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence, said that credit for the stampede to that historic revolt did not belong to him, but to the weather.
- The lowly worm
Will take a brace
And slap the robin
In the face;
The liquor man
Will utter cries
And kipper halt
A dozen dries;
The hot consumer,
What with thrusts
And blows, will kill
Himself some trusts,
And swimming pupil,
Burned and red,
Will chase his dad
Around the shed.
- To all of which nobody much can make the least objections. We never shall get anywhere except in that direction. We never shall do anything to Aldrich and his tariff until the meek insurgents rise and take somebody's hair off. We never shall reform a thing until we have a ruction in which we get our dauder up and compass some destruction. And while most everything is out with a chip upon its shoulder, we wish that money would somehow become a little bolder. We'd like to have a dollar bill jump out upon and fright us, or a hun-

dred dollars, we will say, come close enough to bite us. It's been a good while now, too long, the common people find it, since money did not run on sight, with its tail jammed down behind it.

However, and be as it may, The tadpole in the bog Will thank whatever gods may be For making him a frog. The bobolink will dwell upon Such bliss as we are in, And the sun will sail the summer skies

With the perspiration in his eyes And dripping from his chin.

Upon the Fourth, as patriots and patriots' descendants, the usual burnt offerings are due to independence; and having shot each other up to our own satisfaction, and shown the foreigners at hand just how we look in action, we'll pile the victims in a heap, unfurl a flag above it, and ask Japan and all the rest if they want any of it.

The chances that they will, are scarcely worth elaboration. If we could shoot like that in only decent celebration of what some friends of liberty long laid upon the shelf, once did for us, what would we do for liberty itself?

This will be about the last year that the Fourth of July will be observed to any great extent. Fireworks are already forbidden in many cities, and within another year the movement will probably have spread wherever parents desire to preserve their children. There is, in fact, a much better day in the month which can be observed without injury to anyone and to much better purpose. This is St. Swithin's Day which comes on the 15th. The object of St. Swithin's Day is a concerted prayer for rain, and if the prayer is answered it supposed to rain daily for the next 40 days. Wherever St. Swithin's has been observed in this country it has already become a formidable rival of the Fourth. Indeed, it is said that they do not compare for enthusiasm, which is not surprising, for as a rule what we really need in this country in July is rain, and not liberty at all.

After the 22d the month will be under the influence of Leo the Lion, the fifth sign of the zodiac, and a day or so later it will also come under the influence of Sirius the Dog, which begins rising with the sun and ushers in the Dog Days. While Leo the Lion; Sirius the Dog, Teddy the Bear are settling it among themselves, Congress and pretty nearly everything else will adjourn to its hole and occupy itself with prayer and an occasional peek out.

And then or thereabout the month Of August will be due,
And the wicked will get warning taste
Of where they're going to.

A Night Riders Raid:

The worst night riders—are calomel, croton oil or aloes pills. They ride your bed to rob you of rest. Not so with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They never distress or inconvenience, but always cleanse the system curing Colds, Headache, Constipation, Malaria, 25c. at all druggists.

Mrs. Marina Roberson

The death of Mrs. Marina Roberson at her home near Jamesville, on Sunday, June 27th. was a shock to relatives and friends. Death came to her while she was sitting in a chair. She was seventy three years old and had reared a large family. Among her children are Mrs. Noah Reddick and Mrs. J. W. Perkins, of Everetts.

The funeral services were conducted on Monday, and the interment was in the family cemetery near Jamesville.

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HASELL ITEMS

Mr. Rollins returned to his work here Thursday.

Miss Laura Salsbury spent Monday with Miss Era Rawls.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Saulsbury, of Hamilton, spent Sunday here.

Mr. W. A. Fleming went to Rocky Mount Friday on business.

Miss Fannie Hardy of Greenville, is visiting Mrs. W. D. Jordan this week.

Mr. Jack Roberson who has been away for some time is at home again.

Miss Alma Fleming left for Pactolus Thursday where she will visit relatives.

Miss Selma Fleming left last week for House to visit Miss Louise Fleming.

A potato buyer from Washington was here Thursday buying potatoes. Prices are very low now.

The first cotton blossom seen here this year was brought by a farmer near here on the 27th. instant.

ManZan is good for any kind of Piles. It stops inflammation, creates a normal circulation, thus reducing the Piles, and heals the parts affected. ManZan may be conveniently and easily applied, as the tube in which it is put up has a small, patent nozzle attached. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

Moonlight Picnic

Among the social enjoyments of the week was the picnic at Brown's Spring on Tuesday evening. Wagons filled with a gay crowd left town at eight o'clock. The June moon gleamed brightly in the field of the star-strewn sky and a fair wind, laden with the scent of the pines, came from out the South—all this made the drive of five miles one of joyousness. After reaching the Spring, baskets containing various delicacies, were opened and every one satisfied “the inner man.” The party started home at a late hour “fatigued with laughter.” The visiting young ladies present were—Misses Mary Lee and Lucy Pell, of Richmond and Miss Allie G. Little, of Robersonville. Mrs. G. W. Blount served as a most charming chaperone.

The surest and easiest way to cure a cough or cold is by gently and freely moving the bowels. Bees Laxative Cough Syrup is pleasant, stops the coughing and quickly relieves the cold by allaying congestion and by pleasantly and promptly moving the bowels. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

GOLD POINT ITEMS

Staton Purvis was here Sunday.

T. J. Taylor was in town Sunday.

R. T. Taylor has cotton in bloom.

Ruben Purvis of Robersonville was here yesterday.

Two of R. T. Taylor's children are quite ill with fever.

Some of our farmers have commenced curing tobacco.

W. A. James of Williamston was the guest of R. T. Taylor last Sunday.

Some of our farmers think crops are cut off fifty per cent by the wet weather.

Mrs. W. J. Cherry and children will leave in a few days for South Carolina where they will join Mr. Cherry, who left here several months ago.

Rings Little Liver Pills—small pleasant and easy to take. Sold by Chases Drug Store.

“SUNNY TENNESSEE” IS NOW DRY

Only Two Oases Left—Great Rejoicing all Over the State—Thousands Forced to Seek Other Employment—Lockers Started Already.

Bells in church and town clock steeples on tolling the midnight hour June 30th, marked the passing of saloons in Tennessee, for at that hour the State-wide prohibition law went into effect.

This law makes it illegal to sell alcoholic beverages within four miles of any school house in the state. Only two oases are left in all Tennessee. Both are within twelve miles of Memphis, near the Mississippi state line. The nearest school is six miles from both of these points but steps have already been taken by white ribboners to have the county board of education to erect a school house by the Holliday bill, so that there will be no mecca in the entire state for thirsty pilgrims.

Thousands of men are thrown out of employment and bar-keepers are seeking better irrigated fields.

The passing of the saloons in Memphis, and in other cities throughout the state, according to advices received tonight is marked by scenes of unusual hilarity. The celebration started early today and lasted until the moment of closing, when there was a rush to purchase one last fare-well drink over the bar.—News & Observer.

Pineules for all kidney, liver, bladder, rheumatic and urinary complaints. They assist in separating salt and water with their poisons from the blood. They act promptly. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

Telephone Directory

The Williamston Telephone Co. is distributing a new directory to all subscribers. The directory contains a correct list of all telephones, and attractive advertisements of the leading business firms. The Bank of Robersonville is the only business out of town which advertised in this effective way. The directory is the work of Manning and Hassell, publishers of THE ENTERPRISE, and subscribers say that it is very attractive. W. C. Manning, manager of the telephone system is also owner, and is putting new life in the management and service. Subscribers are requested to call for numbers.

College Quartette

The Atlantic Christian College male quartette will give a musical entertainment at the Town Hall on Tuesday night at 8:30 P. M.

These young men have sung during the season at Kinston, Washington, Greenville, Weldon. Everywhere the press have given unstinted praise.

A popular admission of 25 cents will be charged, children 15 cents.

They will also give an entertainment in Robersonville on Monday Night.

Sees Mother Grow Young

“It would be hard to overstate the wonderful change in my mother since she began to use Electric Bitters,” writes Mrs. W. L. Kilpatrick of Donforth, Me. Although past 70 she seems really to be growing young again. She suffered untold misery from dyspepsia for 20 years. At last she could neither eat, drink nor sleep. Doctors gave her up and all remedies failed till Electric Bitters worked such wonders for her health.” They invigorate all vital organs, cure Liver and Kidney trouble, induce sleep, impart strength and appetite. Only 50c at all druggist.