

TAINTED PROSPERITY.

The Rich Growing Richer and the Poor Poorer.

PARTY IN POWER RESPONSIBLE

The People Must Combine to Overthrow a System That Gives to Private Monopoly the Benefits of Their Labor—All Honest Voters Should Join With the Democrats.

The cost of everything we need keeps going higher and higher, and the average advance has now reached 47 per cent. Only wages remain comparatively unchanged. This means that we are all growing poorer and poorer if we rely upon wages for a living and not upon the profits of stock jobbing or private monopolies. For this condition the party in power is responsible. It claims credit for everything else; let us give it credit also for the hard times produced by its administration, one sided, tainted prosperity, which is breeding millionaires and paupers, tyrants and slaves, concentrated wealth and widespread poverty. The times are ripe either for honest reform led by men of genuine democratic principles or else for revolution led by Cati-lines and Caesars. The indictment of a few Burtons and Mitchells, a few Gillettes and Perkinses, and the like will not suffice. The people must and will overthrow a system which gives to private monopolies the benefits of their labor. If Democracy is too weak to resist the powers that have grown up by reason of Republican policies, then socialism, springing from those same policies, will rise up and confiscate all wealth for the government. If you believe in the right of private property and personal freedom, join with the Democrats in bringing about the needed reforms.

When men say let well enough alone; when they say stand pat; when they say that the prosperity of the country is safe only under Republican rule, remember that the policy of inactivity is the policy of the Bourbons, the policy of grafters. It is negative graft. The great interests adverse to the people are no longer demanding legislation. They have their lands, their charters, their franchises, their well nigh uncontrolled possession of regulation of the rates for the services which they render. They are asking nothing except to be let alone.

The result is that we have legislative assemblies—city, state and national—in which men who in ancient times would have poisoned wells or defiled temples are engaged ostensibly in passing laws for the communities which they represent.

Nothing would please the beef packers, the railroad rebaters, the bank wreckers, the insurance thieves, the land grabbers, the postoffice robbers, the coal barons and steel barons better than to be let alone. The author of the slogan stand pat was the worst corruptionist of modern times, and his triumph in politics was due to lack of that vigilance and jealousy of popular rights which are the price of liberty and peace. Down with the stand patters! They are the pestiferous brood of adulterated prosperity, of abnormal, one sided prosperity, which is inconsistent with the general welfare of the country. "To your tents, O Israel! Look to thine house, David!" Apathy now means moral degeneration and political suicide. It is only the enemy of the people who preaches apathy.

EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENT.

Federal Taxation Over Thirty-three Dollars Per Taxpayer.

The appropriation of \$881,183,301 for the expenses of the government until June 30, 1917, whereas the estimated income is only \$781,000,000, shows that it is the policy of the Roosevelt party to prevent tariff reform by making it impossible to reduce taxation. If we divide the number of dollars appropriated by the number of people in the country—say 80,000,000—we find that we must pay, \$11.02 1/2 a piece, supposing all to pay taxes. But as the paying must be done by about one-third of the people each taxpayer will on the average have to put up about \$33.07. And he must not pay on what property he owns, but on what he consumes. The poor and the rich are put on terms of equality in paying, as they are in the case of a poll tax, by means of the tariff. It is practically a poll tax of \$33 a head on the laborers and millionaires alike.

Suppose in levying state, county or municipal taxes the same rule was applied and that the man who owned ten or twenty or one hundred or one thousand million dollars' worth of property should be required to pay no more than the man who owned not even his own home and was obliged to support his family on his meager wages? How long would it take the voters to learn that such a system was an outrageous discrimination in favor of the rich against the poor and that every argument in support of such an unjust and dishonest system was only a sugar coated fallacy—a lie and a cheat?

Time was when the labor unions of the country, and especially the great Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, were used as catspaws to propagate the insidious lie that foreigners paid these high federal tariff taxes. But at Homestead in 1892 they learned better. "Protection for the Fricks and Carnegies, but Pinkertons for the workers," was the cry they raised then. The Amalgamated was destroyed by the very system it had been organized to promote. Other labor organizations are now beginning to raise a similar cry. They have learned that "protection" means poverty and Pinkertons for the poor.

SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS

Washington's Brilliant Correspondent Discusses the Recent Visit of Secretary Taft.

By Savoyard.

"Come out here, Motley; come out here; I want to tell you how mean you are." So spoke Capt. John Lambirth to John Motley down in Barren county, Ky. "His sixty years since." The two were neighbors and had been friends. They were partners in business, Lambirth furnishing the money and Motley the experience, with the usual result. The assets of the firm were a jackass, some mule colts, a drove of hogs, several barrels of whiskey, some hundreds of pounds of tobacco in the plug and some thousands of pounds of tobacco in the leaf. They traded all the way from Kentucky to Georgia, and their operations covered a period of several years. When they came to settle Motley had all the money, and Lambirth instituted a suit in equity to settle the partnership. There was an issue out of chancery submitted to a jury, and the common-law rule then maintained in Kentucky that a party to a lawsuit was not a competent witness in his own behalf, but he could be put on the stand and interrogated by the opposing counsel. Lambirth had an excellent case that appealed strongly to a sense of justice, but no proof to sustain it, so he put Motley on the stand and Motley, the witness, deposed swiftly and effectively for Motley, the party, with the result that the verdict of the jury and the judgment of the bench were very disastrous to Capt. John Lambirth, who immediately walked out of the courthouse and extended the invitation: "Come out here, Motley; come out here; I want to tell you how mean you are"—an invitation which Mr. Motley did not accept for Mr. Motley was a man of prudence as well as a man of cunning, and had the shrewdness to know that however safe it was to contend with Captain Lambirth in a lawsuit, it was a very different matter to "go a project" with Captain Lambirth in a fight, and it was then and there manifest that the Captain was in a fighting mood and he was always in fighting trim.

Secretary Taft has been down South, and if I understand his mission it was to tell the Southern Republicans how mean they are. At any rate, that is what he did. He said they were a bread-and-butter brigade, and that they would never be worth the devil's bringing until they ceased to bill themselves on the United States blue book. Mr. Taft seems to have forgotten that a place in that same blue book is the highest ambition of the average Southern Republican, and if there were no blue book here in Washington, there would be no Republican party down South.

There has never been a real Republican party at the South, though there are some capable and excellent gentlemen in that section who hold to the Republican creed. A party must savor of the soil; it must have sympathy; it must have sentiment; it must have principle; it must have faith. Whatever the Republican party may be at the North, it has none of those elements at the South. Except the eight years Mr. Cleveland was President, the South has been nothing politically but so many satrapies. They are satrapies now of the meanest kind—in all that region between the Potomac and the Rio Grande. If there is any patriotic sentiment down there associated with this great big government at Washington, it is in spite of the Republican party; for if all the cunning of the devils had been invoked to devise a scheme to crush out all love at the South for the national establishment, no improvement could have been made on the plan of the "Republican Southern policy," and Mr. Roosevelt's is the worst of all of them. It is intolerable. He would patronize the South.

If Mr. Lincoln had lived the South would have been rehabilitated. Upon his death the South was reconstructed. It was as impossible as it was infamous—that reconstruction—as vain as it was atrocious. Thaddeus Stevens, Chas. Sumner, Ben Wade, Zach Chandler, Ben Butler, John A. Logan, Henry Wilson, and the other Republican leaders are great names in our political history, and yet as statesmen they were the most hopeless blunderers of all history. Their system was very simple—the negro should be set to govern the Southern States, and turn their votes in the electoral college and their Senators and Representatives in Congress over to the Republican party. Of course it took the army to sustain that villainy, and in many of the Southern States the white people seized control in spite of the army. As long as there are men and women at the South who remember carpetbagery and negro domination, upheld by bayonets, there will be no real Republican party at the South, and

the organization there will pursue its old trade of harvesting a crop of delegates quadrennially and marketing them in the national convention. That is the show it has been for forty years, and that is the show it will be the next succeeding forty years—a bread-and-butter brigade that lays awake of nights pestering its wits trying to pick a winner in the Republican National Convention.

Secretary Taft advises the South to join this concert, lot of this mess of garbage. In the main, the South has been a poor grasser in Republican national conventions. It was divided between Morton and Cullum in 1876. It contracted to Sherman in 1880, but though it got the price, the goods were short. It was for Arthur in 1884—the ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib." It was unfortunate in 1888, and in 1896 it was for Mark Hanna up to the handle and delivered the goods.

The South has no more intention of turning Republican than it has of turning pagan. And why should it? There is nothing Southern in the Republican party, nothing national in it. It was born a Northern and sectional party. As such it has lived, as such it will die.

It is as ignorant of true conditions at the South as it is bigoted in its estimate of things down there. It appoints satraps to select postmasters all over the South and, in fact, so far as the Federal establishment is concerned, there is no such thing as home rule at the South. I hold that the worst sort of administration by the people is to be preferred to the best sort of administration by satraps, just as government by consent is always better than government by force. That Indiana postoffice mess and the Crum case at Charleston were humiliations heaped on those peoples that the President would not have dared to practice on a community in Maine or Ohio.

Secretary Taft has great hopes of the tariff and talks as though he hopes the South will turn Republican for the protection it gets from the Dingley bill. I have been hearing that for thirty years—that the South would some day trade its principles for postage. One difficulty about Mr. Taft's invitation is that the postage is lacking. The chief industry of the South is growing cotton the price of which is fixed in the free-trade market of Liverpool—that is, the South that sells; but the South that buys must make its purchases in the monstrously protected American market. Cotton is on the free list. I know that raw cotton cannot be materially protected by a tariff, but a duty on cotton would afford that product more protection than a duty on corn would afford that staple, and there is a duty on corn. Why? Because the men who grow corn are mainly Republicans, while the men who grow cotton manage to return Democratic majorities. Cotton ties that the cotton grower must buy, are enormously protected. Binding twine that the wheat grower must buy is free. The wheat States vote Republican; the cotton States vote Democratic. Would it not be well enough for Mr. Taft to overhaul the tariff before he swaps it for the South's politics?

Mr. Taft may be the next President, and whether he is or not, the South would be mightily pleased to see the tariff issue. Whatever one may think of Mr. William Jennings Bryan's views on finance, there is no question that on taxation he is superlatively Democratic, in line with—perhaps a little in advance of—those who hold with Morrison, Carlisle, and Mills on that issue. It was in tariff discussions that Mr. Bryan earned the title of "Boy Orator." It was a fervid oration in behalf of Springer's "pop-gun" wool bill that first introduced Mr. Bryan to the nation. No one who was there will ever forget how he swept Congress off its feet on that occasion. Perhaps it was unfortunate that Mr. Bryan permitted them to rub out the word "only" in the tariff plank in 1896, but that platform was made for Senator Teller and his squad.

I don't know wherein Bryan and Roosevelt differ unless it is about the tariff, though it is possible that if Mr. Bryan is elected President in 1908 he will restore to its former place in departmental administration the lowest bid. Mr. Roosevelt has not entirely abolished the lowest bid, 'tis true, but he has prettily crippled it, and very greatly discouraged it. He was chasing an octopus, too, at that very identical moment, and had the thing cor-

nered and its tentacles chopped off. There are some things which I did not know—the way of an octopus in passing, the way of a scorpion in attacking, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and so on. The way of the present Democratic and trust-busting administration with the other people trust is another thing passing off in the world.

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Sept. 26, 1903.

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