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## LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN SONG.

BY A. P. WOOSTER.

Tune, "Wait for the Wagon."

The Union Labor Party,  
We vow, has come to stay;  
We'll work both long and hearty,  
Until we win the day.  
We've leaders true and loyal,  
We can on them rely;  
No fear of our betrayal,  
For there's good reason why.

Our principles are good ones;  
For men, we want good laws;  
Stop favoring corporations;  
And aid the people's cause.  
More money for the nation,  
Distribute what we've got;  
Keep in safe preservation,  
Savings by people brought.

Communication, carriage,  
Shall be by nation owned;  
The land redeemed from bondage;  
And justice swift abound.  
Tax all the immense incomes;  
Dealings in futures stay;  
The Union Party welcomes  
All laws pensions to pay.

The ballot of the voter,  
Most secret it should be;  
Stop foreign contract labor  
From coming o'er the sea.  
We do not trade with others,  
We've found it does not pay;  
For fusion always bothers,  
We've found a better way.

Now, the Union Labor Party,  
Established on a rock;  
The prospects now look brightly,  
That it will stand the shock.  
Come all you honest voters,  
Who would from slavery be free.  
Join the Union Labor Party,  
And help us sing the Jubilee.

—Lewiston, Me., Labor Advocate.

## EASY OF DEMONSTRATION.

Five acres in strawberries properly cultivated, will yield more clear profit than fifty acres in cotton at the average yield.

Twenty acres planted in improved fruit trees, cultivated and managed in accordance with improved methods, at six years old will give better returns and greater profit than 100 acres in cotton, the average yield and expense considered.

A twenty acre vineyard in full bearing, convenient to market, is worth \$10,000 in spot cash, and will command it in any market.

Twenty number one cows properly fed and milked, the product properly manipulated and worked, will realize to the owner a clear profit of \$1,200 annually.

One good manufacturing establishment in a town or city, properly managed, will create more wealth for the masses than a half dozen stores. One is a product; the others consumers.—*Journal of United Labor.*

*Labor's Stage*, of Amsterdam, N. Y., has suspended publication, after doing good but unappreciated work for several years for labor. It is a sad fact that the laboring men can't afford to support labor papers and allow them to perish, but cheerfully support papers in the interest of ring politicians and monopolists.

A hat manufactory intending to employ only Chinese operatives was about being established at Bloomfield, N. J., but the project met with such opposition from the community that the firm concluded to locate elsewhere.

## THE SUGAR TRUST.

Sugars have advanced nearly two cents a pound under the manipulation of the Sugar Trust. The people of this country—the consumers of refined sugars—are paying this tax entirely for the benefit of that combination of wealthy capitalists. It is an immense total, weekly, monthly and yearly—something of the magnitude of which may be judged from fact that the stock of the company has more than doubled in market value above the actual capital invested. It increased more than a million and a half dollars soon after the trust was formed. All this extra wealth comes through the taxation and robbery of the sugar consumers, the people, universally, who have come to regard sugar as a necessary of life, its consumption extended to every household.

The mere fact of a combination, a voluntary agreement to put up prices, is not all there is of it. There is a compulsory process, as in the practice of other trusts, in forcing individuals and companies into the combination, or destroying their trade if they refuse. A few weeks since it came to light that the trust company sent circulars to commission jobbers warning them that they must not handle or deal in sugars refined by parties not in the combination, and if they did so they would not be permitted to deal in the trust products.

Now if there is any such thing as trade conspiracy, certainly such operators are guilty of it. They clearly are as much so as labor organizations which prevent those not belonging to them getting work, or employers from hiring them, which acts have been held to be conspiracy by the highest court of the State of New York. They are conspiring against employers who want to buy the labor and against the laborers who wish to earn the wages, and the decision is undoubtedly logically and morally correct. But the Sugar Trust and other combinations which resort to similar oppressive and unjust coercive measures rely upon their money power and influence to shield them from the operation of the same principles of law.

If the combine to prevent non-union men from getting employment and others from employing them is conspiracy, then all trade combinations monopolizing or interfering with the sale of products certainly is as much so. If the trusts are pursuing legitimate and legal objects and methods, then the labor organizations are doing so. But the right thing in both cases is free competition and equal rights without violence or coercive measures of any kind.

If Congress would reduce the duties on refined sugars to a level with those on the raw products, or, what would be better still, provide for using some of that troublesome surplus in the treasury for paying bounties on sugar production (admitting all grades free of import duties, withdraw all protection or advantage from the refining monopoly), the operation of the trust combination, would soon come to grief. Indeed a similar treatment of all manufacturing monopolies when they enter into trust conspiracies to extort money from the people would be strongly advisable, and this without interfering with a reasonable policy of protection

in other cases. Such monopolists forfeit all claim to protection.

Another thing the people, the consumers of sugar, and that means everybody, might do; and that is not to buy any of the trust monopoly, but those of independent refiners, or fall back on the use of raw sugars, some of which are good enough for domestic use—indeed better flavored than the refined. And thus the burden would be lifted from every home in the land—a burden that bears heaviest on the poor and middle classes.

That the people should be subject to extortion and robbing for the enrichment of already rich capitalists when they have it so clearly in their power by general united effort to free themselves from it, is a shame and disgrace to the nation. So is the very existence of the robbery institutions.—*Saginaw News.*

There are several appropriation bills that have yet to be acted upon, some of them have passed the house, and while over at the opposite end of the building the senate has amended them. This is another little game that the average voter does not understand. The party in power and responsible for the conduct of the government is the democratic party. In consequence they will, when they pass one of these bills through the house, cut it down as low as it can be done, so as to be able to go before the people in the campaign with a record of economy; then when that bill comes over to the senate, which is Republican and not to be held responsible for any increased expenditure, they will take and tack on five or six million dollars more by increasing the amount of the items and adding on a lot more. They are willing to spend every dollar in the treasury as long as the opposition party has to shoulder the responsibility. This I desire the reader to understand is not statesmanship; it is politics. And let me here say that, in both the senate and house of representatives, the bump of politics is a great deal more prominent on the heads of the members of those bodies than the bump of statesmanship. It is often said that the best time to get legislation through congress is just before election. That may have been true heretofore; but at the present session, between the fears of the members that they will do something that will not suit the people and their desire to do something that will suit them, they are doing nothing. And as far as the two parties are concerned, they are like two dung-hill cocks one is afraid and the other dares not; so they just stand and crow at one another.—*Ralph Beaumont in Journal of United Labor.*

Some time ago a foreman was discharged from the shoe factory of Carlisle, Pa., because of his alleged brutal and ungentlemanly treatment of the female operatives. Last week this man was reinstated only to commence his vile persecutions with redoubled vigor. The girls in the shop could stand it no longer and quit work in a body. The company still refused to remove the source of dissatisfaction, and all the male employees stopped work in support of the girls' action in the matter. The shop is now idle in consequence.

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