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ELECTION FRAUDS, INTIMIDATION AND MURDER.

"THE MOST PAINFUL VOTE I EVER GAVE IN MY LIFE WAS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. I DID NOT GIVE THAT VOTE AS A DEMOCRAT, NOR FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY; BECAUSE I VERILY BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE NEGRO TO CONTINUE AN ISSUE IN POLITICS. BUT I GAVE THE VOTE BECAUSE I FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE POOR NEGRO WE HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS. I VOTED FOR IT TO PUT AN END TO ELECTION FRAUDS, TO INTIMIDATIONS AND MURDER. I GAVE THAT VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF MY POPULIST AND WHITE REPUBLICAN FRIENDS WHO COULD, IF THE NEGRO WAS ELIMINATED FROM POLITICS, DISCUSS THE GREAT STATE AND NATIONAL ISSUES WITHOUT BEING CALLED "BLACK-HEARTED." SENATOR OSBORNE, IN THE LEGISLATURE OF 1899.

THE FIRST DIVIDEND FROM THE CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Corporation Commission, established by the last legislature to take the place of the Railroad Commission of 1891, is getting down to the business for which the corporations intended it. Our readers will recall that during the summer of 1898 the Railroad Commission ordered a reduction in telegraph rates in the State from twenty-five cents for ten words to fifteen cents. The Western Union appealed and the case is still pending. Pending the decision of the Court the old rates still maintained. If the court had decided upholding the Railroad Commission the reduction would have gone in force. Last week, however, the Corporation Commission (which, by the way, is not correctly written, the apostrophe and "s" being left off of the corporation) ordered that the old charges be restored, the order to become effective at once. This order will have the effect of stopping the suit in court. What a pleasant little retaliation it would be if the people could swear out an injunction against the Corporation Commission and the Western Union carrying their rates into force.

AN ALARMING CONDITION.

Never in the history of any country has there been such a tendency toward consolidation of wealthy interests as in the United States during the present administration, and especially during the last few weeks has this movement become so general as to constitute a cause for most serious alarm. Take for instance the new Carnegie Steel Company which has just been organized and which has a capitalization of six hundred million with the prospect of its soon being increased to a billion dollars, an amount which makes millions look small. It is no longer a question of the formation of smaller corporations into trusts, but the more alarming and appalling feature of gigantic trusts merging their interests in one whole is the spectacle that is now presented. Besides the Carnegie interests, his Carnegie concern it is said will comprise the following trusts: The American Steel & Wire; The National Steel; The American Tin Plate; The American Tin Plate and Enamel and the American Steel Hoop. Is there any man so ignorant as to think that any smaller concerns in this line of business can exist without being completely at the mercy of this combine?

We refer to this combination as simply an example of what is almost daily occurring in the commercial world. It seems that the corporation and trust kings have become so sure of their hold upon the reins of government that they now openly defy the puny anti-trust laws of the country which pretend to restrain them. In fact the country has never known more puerile legislation than these so-called anti-trust laws, and they are made so by the trusts and moneyed interest that would be affected by more vigorous measures. Believing in the divine right of the Almighty Dollar, the few controllers of this god of America consider it not only their prerogative but their duty to see that the legislative machineries of the nation and states manufacture only such articles as meet their approval.

It is time that the great mass of all parties were becoming aroused to the importance of putting a stop to this one-sided trend of affairs. It cannot be done by the laws now on the statute books. In fact no law which merely seeks to restrain trusts will prove effective. The causes that produce them must be removed. The People's Party platform is the only one which offers the true remedy for the removal of these causes.

Much in Little

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Always ready, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE REMEDY IS IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The paper owned and edited by Mr. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, (The Times-Herald) is supposed to be one of the most reliable organs of the McKinley administration. For that reason we take notice of its article on trusts, in as much as expressions of that paper on all questions that are sure to figure prominently in the campaign of 1900 can be taken as reflecting as nearly as any editorial utterance does the sentiment of the present Republican administration.

In a recent editorial on trusts this paper says that the national government can do very little under existing legislation to stop the progress of monopoly combinations or to suppress trusts already in existence. It then proceeds to assure the public that everything that can be done under existing legislation is being done to suppress trusts; and, further, that the people understand perfectly that the Constitution bars the way to any stronger or more effective legislation against trusts.

The editor of the Times-Herald is not only a very intelligent man, but a learned man; therefore it is to be presumed he is familiar with the Constitution; but it is surprising that he should presume so much upon the ignorance of his readers and the general public. It is known to every school boy that the framers of the Constitution were bitterly hostile to monopolies and trusts of every kind. They thought they made a Constitution which would prohibit all combinations of this kind and would no doubt be astonished at the information that they framed a Constitution that especially fosters trusts and monopolies and expressly prohibits Congress from abolishing them. It would certainly be more astonishing if it were true.

The fact is, however, that in framing the Constitution, our forefathers knew that the surest way to foster and build up trusts and to make a few rich and many at their mercy would be to put the three great instruments of commerce in the hands of private monopolies. They also know that the surest way to prevent the building up of great trusts and monopolies, to insure healthy competition in all private business enterprises, and to give to everyone the opportunity to work and earn an honest living, was to use the great instruments of commerce as public functions, open to the use of all on equal terms. Knowing this, they patriotically and with serious forethought provided that the people, through Congress, should control these instruments of commerce. They followed precept with example, and started the Ship of State on its great voyage with these great instruments of commerce under the control of the people. How is it that we have departed from the mandate of the Constitution and the example of the fathers? We have turned over all of the great instruments of commerce into the hands of private monopolies. The result is the building up of a few gigantic trusts and the crushing out of individual enterprises, throwing labor out of employment, and causing a general stagnation in business; with the few who control the instruments of commerce and the resulting trusts and monopolies getting richer and the masses of wealth-producers getting poorer each year.

Mr. Kohlsaat is totally wrong. In the first place, nothing is being done to abolish or even check trusts and monopolies, but everything is being done to foster them and give them more power for plunder. In the next place, the Constitution does not have to be amended to abolish these trusts. The only thing necessary is for Congress to observe and enforce the Constitution; that is, to at once reclaim the control of the three great instruments of commerce and use them as public functions. This will at once put an end to the trust on money, the trust on transportation and the trust on the transmission of intelligence now more successfully accomplished by means of electricity. This done, and all industrial trusts, which are simply the children of these great mother-trusts, will disappear as fog before a rising sun.

UP-TO-DATE PROTECTION.

Among recent items of commercial news there is one ancient which is of interesting note. It is dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is as follows: "Senator Hanna is the largest owner of stock in the New American Ship Building Company, representing the consolidated ship yards of the Great Lakes."

"Now it will be remembered that was introduced in Congress at its last session a bill which, according to its delusive title, proposes 'to promote commerce and increase the foreign trade of the United States,' but the real object of which, as the bill itself shows, is to authorize the gift of the national treasury of millions of dollars annually to the owners of American vessels engaged in foreign trade.

Senator Hanna, who, according to

the above, is at the head of this late combine in the ship-building business, was the author of this bill and the Senator who introduced it in the Senate. The bill is generally known as the Hanna-Payne subsidy bill, Mr. Payne, of the House, having introduced it in that body. The bill was favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, to which it had been referred, and would have urged its final passage at the late session of Congress but that Mr. Hanna and its other supporters felt surer of the next Senate than they did of the last one.

In order that the purpose of the bill may be better understood, we quote a paragraph of its first section. It is as follows: "The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to contract with the owner or owners of any vessel of the United States registered for foreign trade for the payment to said owner or owners for a period of twenty years and subject to the provisions of this act, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sums following, to-wit: The bill then proceeds to stipulate the amount to be paid to owners of vessels of different classes, with the general provision that as much as nine millions dollars a year may be paid out of the Treasury to such owners.

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Now it seems to us that Mr. Hanna must feel very sure of himself and of the power which the wealth of his boodle backers has given him to thus openly come into Congress and demand for himself and his colleagues in the ship owning business, a clear gift of nine millions of dollars a year of the people's money. But so he has, and he is quoted as saying that the Speaker of the next House of Representatives must be a man favorable to this ship subsidy bill. Perhaps no more convincing proof can be had of the complete domination of wealth over national legislation than the action of trusts magnates in coming before Congress at its every session and coolly asking and almost always getting clear gifts of the people's money, which, to save their over-sensitive feelings, they are pleased to term protection for this and protection for that.

In the case of the ship subsidy above referred to, the beneficiaries are actually trying to make it appear that it will benefit agriculture, when as a matter of fact the effect will be just the reverse. To prove this it is only necessary to state that the effect of the bill will be to increase ocean freights which means a corresponding decrease in home prices of agricultural products exported which must of course pay the increased freight rate. Besides, nothing else is needed to prove the fallacy of their professed desire to protect agriculture than their treatment of the bill a year ago providing for the payment of an export bounty upon all agricultural products shipped from this country. The effect of this bill if it had become a law would have been to raise the price of agricultural products, but when it was put upon its final passage in the Senate it received the votes of only six Senators. It was considered extravagant to vote an export bounty for the benefit of the agricultural classes; but voting a bounty out of the national Treasury for men of Mr. Hanna's ilk is of course a different matter and quite proper.

General Joe Wheeler, fresh from that Detroit banquet, where he listened at General Merritt, another Democrat, eulogize General R. A. Alger as the "greatest Secretary of War this country has ever known," went down to the Charleston reunion of Confederate Veterans and made a speech strongly advocating the imperialistic policy of the present administration. We are told that the Southern Democrats at the reunion "went wild over Little Joe."

A Washington dispatch, telling of a conference of Railway Officials with the Interstate Commerce Commission, says: "There have been complaints of discrimination in some cases in favor of the larger cities and towns—a discrimination practiced by many of the roads." It is this power and practice of railroads to discriminate against one section or city in favor of another section or city which constitutes one of the strongest arguments for government ownership of iron highways.

The Maine Democrats may be a little short on votes, but they are long a plenty in the use of the Queen's English. In a set of resolutions recently passed by a Democratic convention in that State, McKinleyism was denounced as "brutal political bossism, relentless and grasping trustism, blatant Eganism, criminal Algerism and rotten boeism—in a word, unadulterated, unreasoning and detestable modern Republicanism and bold un-American imperialism."

The Corporation Commission has fixed June 1st as the date when the Jim Crow law goes into effect. The notice orders the companies to provide "that equal accommodations for the white and colored races." It strikes as that this favors more than anything we have yet seen in North Carolina. No more need for the negro to ride in second-class cars when accommodations are furnished him equal to those of the whites.

The Navy Department has called Admiral Dewey permission to return to the United States. It is expected that the Admiral will arrive in New York early in July. Dewey has proven himself not only the real hero of the war, but is the only one who has had any connection with the war, from the heads of the Departments down, that has the unqualified admiration of the American people.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has retired from active business life and it is said that the question he is now considering is, how can he best give the fortune he has accumulated in helping humanity. We suggest he might now make a slight reparation to the widows and orphans of the miners whom his hiring Pinkerton detectives murdered a few years ago.

We regret to learn of the prevailing low prices of truck in the south-eastern counties this season. We understand that about the only money being made in the truck business this year is by the railroads and that the farmers' returns, after paying railroad expenses, etc., are usually a few postage stamps.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. no doubt knew what it was about when it lent a hand in electing the last legislature. 'Twas a good investment of theirs, the amount they contributed to the campaign fund of the Democratic party in this State.

We are daily informed by the press dispatches that the war in the Philippines is about at an end, that the Filipinos are suing for peace. The casualty list in the meantime, however, is still growing.

If trusts are illegal, why should they be allowed to go to the courts to collect illegal debts? As much fairness to allow a gambler to thus collect a gambling debt.

What Populism is Not. Nebraska Independent.

Just to show the limited capacity of a gold-bug brain in the land of life, the following from Perry Belmont's letter is given as the latest sample: "Influence of Populism over the Democratic party is to be condemned, because the Populists promote a reputation for honesty in the management of government, unlimited, unredemptable full legal tender paper dollars. Populism assails not only wealth organized in the hands of corporations, syndicates and trusts, which when so held is too often unproductive, corrupt and oppressive, but Populism goes further, assailing wealth in the hands of individuals honorably acquired and issued, salaries and wages."

No one knows better than Perry Belmont that every one in those statesmen is the made of gold whole cloth. He cannot find a demand in any Populist platform for the unlimited issue of paper money or for any one of the other things that he charges against the Populists. A charge that necessitates such unlimited lying, must be a bad one indeed. No wonder that Belmont's letter is down at the same table with such a man as that.

England's Good Will for England's Good. New York Journal.

There is a possibility of trouble in Nicaragua. If any attempt is made to arrest American citizens by General Torres the Detroit's guns will be a hand in the controversy.

It is evident that President Zelaya entertains a hostile feeling toward the United States. European influences control him. He will not hesitate to commit some overt act against this country with even a half-assurance of England's support.

England is only waiting an opportunity to make the outwork Clayton-Bulwer treaty pretext for a protest against American control of the canal. To that end it is secretly working with Zelaya in fostering a spirit of ill-will against the United States. The Anglo-American alliance is a great thing when applied to the maintenance of the open door in the East, but the mask is torn off when England's right to a partnership in the Nicaragua canal is questioned.

In Time of War Prepare for Peace. National Peace Jubilee for the celebration of our Army and Naval victories in the war with Spain, to take place at Washington, D. C., May 23d, 1899. Continuous passage in each direction.

Half rate excursion tickets via the Seaboard Air Line will be on hand May 21st, 22d and 23d, final limit May 27th, 1899. Continuous passage in each direction.

To see the National Capital in May is worth the trip without the Jubilee, but the program will embrace features that are of historic interest. There will be national salutes from the gun-boats, ringing of chimes at sunrise, parades of military and naval organizations, and the Grand Review of the Armies.

On the night of the first day there will be a public reception by President McKinley, followed by a splendid spectacular display of Zai's fireworks.

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THE LEONOR ELECTION.

The Democratic Papers Forget to Tell Their Readers About It.

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Editor Caucasians:—Our two Democratic papers forgot to tell their readers how the town election went. There were two tickets out, one by the ring and one an independent, the independent elected the mayor and one Commissioner out of three. The Charleston re-union is a thing of the past and the old broken down politicians in this State got in their hellish work down there so we have been told. They went down there and represented this State as being opposed to pensions. The commander of the John T. Jones Camp refused to give credentials to any delegate that was not in favor of Pensions and went down there and said the old veterans of his camp did not want pension and knew all the time that 80 per cent of the old veterans did want it and that our delegate had a list of eighty-two names of men that wanted it and could have got more if he could have seen them.

But that nothing Captain P. J. Johnson is like our two Democratic papers; so use to lying that it is easier to tell a lie than the truth and then it serves their purpose better than telling the truth