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WHERE IS THE FULL DINNER PAIL NOW?

Where is the "Abounding Prosperity" Promised by the Republicans.

Former Congressman Robert Baker has sent a sharp reply to the suggestion from the New York Leather Belting Company that industrial interests support the Taft-Sherman ticket to the end of restoring business activity. Mr. Baker, always an ardent Bryan man, is now the president of the Austin Rotary Engine Company, a young corporation that is marketing a new rotary engine recently invented by a South Brooklyn friend, William K. Austin.

The Austin Rotary Engine Company a few days ago received a letter from the New York Leather Belting Company offering Republican campaign cards to be posted in industrial establishments, bearing the promise of "full time" on the strength of Republican victory. The method of campaigning for Republican votes through the corporations is resented by Mr. Baker, who asks why the factories are not on full time now, in a Republican administration.

The correspondence is self-explanatory. The letter received by the Austin Rotary Engine Company was as follows:

"New York July 22, 1908
 Gentleman.—We have tacked this notice upon the walls of our factories in Brooklyn and New York.

"Believing that the election of Taft and Sherman means a safe and progressive business administration, the day following their election we shall start this plant on full time and keep going.

"If you believe with us that by relieving any uncertainty as to what the wage earner can expect in the event of electing men who will secure the business prosperity of this country, we should be glad to have you follow our example.

As members of the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, the American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' Association, the National Credit men's Association, the Manufacturers' Association of New York, the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, and other commercial bodies, if you will kindly fill in and return to us the enclosed card, we will supply you with a 'full time and keep going' card, such as we have posted, and notify all these associations of your harmonious attitude.

Regardless of politics, once the manufacturers of this country join universally in this movement depression will cease.

Lend us your help and post the card, 'Full time and keep going.'

Yours very truly,
 New York Leather Belting Co.
 This is the reply sent by President Robt Baker of the Austin Rotary Engine Company:
 Austin Rotary Engine Co.,
 2nd Ave., and 8th St., Brooklyn, Brooklyn N. Y., July 25 1908.
 New York Leather Belting Co., No. 51 Beekman Street, New York.

Gentlemen: We have yours of July 22, offering us copies of cards posted in your factories, which you say read as follows:

Believing that the election of Taft and Sherman means a safe and progressive business administration, the day following their election we shall start this plant on Full time and keep going.

Permit us to say we do not understand. Why have you stopped your factories? Why is the

Full Time and Keep Going plant not now in operation? Why has there been any shutting down by you and the other members of the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, and the numerous other similar associations to which you say you belong? Did you not assure us that McKinley would insure a 'full dinner pail' to all who desired to work? Was not this assurance renewed when your several bodies endorsed Roosevelt and Fairbanks? Then what emptied the dinner pail of millions of men who are willing to work? What greater reliance be placed on this assurance than on the others? If you were false prophets before, how do we know you will not be again?

But why the closed factories? Why the idle mills? Why the unused freight cars? Why the maintenance of high prices in the face of falling demand? Where is the abounding, marvelous, wonderful, unparalled, widespread prosperity? Haven't we got a Republican administration? Haven't we got a Republican Senate and House of Representatives? Haven't we had them uninterruptedly for twelve years? Haven't the Republicans made the laws, State as well as National, and haven't they been charged with their enforcement? Then what is the matter? If the laws are defective, why haven't they been altered? If defective now, were they not equally defective eight and four years ago, when you assured us, all is well, and leave well enough alone?

Why the depression, we ask? Haven't we had seven years of Roosevelt, who according to Republican orators and assistant Republican, as well as Republican newspapers, is the greatest wisest and best President the country ever had? Haven't we had twelve years of standpatism with Hanna, Aldrich and Cannon sitting on the brakes to prevent the enactment of legislation not desired by the gentleman who are so conspicuous in their support of Taft and Sherman—Morgan, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Harriman, Schiff? Do these men ever make a mistake when they select candidates? Which is most likely to be misled, these men who say that Taft is all right, that he is a conservative, or the Western farmer who is told that Taft is a radical?

Where is the abounding prosperity? Wealth has certainly increased enormously, or at least, prices have been boosted to a point that ought to have satisfied the most avaricious. The fortunes of the few have become gigantic—bounced out of sight, Morgan, we are told, has three hundred or so millions. Carnegie as much, while Rockefeller is credited with a billion; a few thousand others having from one to a hundred millions each. These seem to have had their full time and keep going cards in operation while they are generally credited with having in October-November last gathered in nearly everything in a large way in the shape of banks, trust companies, industrial and railroad combinations, which had so far escaped them. In fact the bulk of the people have been set at a lively pace to pay the increasing prices for the necessities of life these and a few others control.

But what has happened to the masses, whom you and other boosters of McKinley and Roose-

velt assured were to share in the prosperity? With a total estimated wealth of some one hundred and ten billions, if the per capita tables work out all right, there should be enough to go round, for that's equal to about \$7,000 per family. But who has it? How many of the millions of toilers have a tenth of that sum free and clear? How comes it that the bulk of the people are shy their proportion of this enormous wealth? Have they been lazy, thriftless, or improvident, during these twelve years? If lazy then who created the wealth? Has the average farmer, mechanic, salesman, clerk, teacher, or laborer, squandered their portion in riotous living? Did they spend it for automobiles, steam yachts, or even for diamonds? If not, what has become of it? Why haven't they got it, how did they lose it? What has been the unseen subtle but apparently all-powerful force that has taken it from them? Why have matters become so appalling in America that the so-called effete counties of Europe have felt impelled to take official cognizance of the deplorable conditions in which so many of our toilers are compelled to live.

What G. O. P. Means.

With worship of the fetish kind the Republicans large and small fat fryers and fat fried, fall down in adoration and make obeisance before the Elephant as the symbol of the Republican party and the letters G. O. P. as the trademark.

Boastfully and with much self-approval the Republicans declare to all comers that the Elephant typifies the great strength of the party and then growing wildly enthusiastic they shout with an excess of strenuousity like to the noise that Theodore himself makes "G. O. P. means the Grand Old Party."

But this tempest of wind does not convince the public at all and men look beneath the surface and scratch out things for them selves. One of them did it the other day and he has discovered the true and hidden meaning of G. O. P. All along this has been something of a large secret in Republican ranks, but here is an expose that tells the truth. Grand Old Party is to fool the public outside. Inside of the ranks the Radicals who know what G. O. P. really means nudged each other in the ribs, chuckle softly, and snuggle closer to the trough.

What the seeker after knowledge about G. O. P. found out is told in the following, received yesterday on a postal card from Morehead City, and which says:

American voter: I notice here an appeal to every true citizen to vote for the G. O. P. What does that mean?

Republican Officer-Seeker Sure the Good Old Pie.
 (N. B. this is not copy-right-ed.)

Here you have it. G. O. P. means good old pie. Pie is the great desire of the North Carolina Radicals and without pie there would be no Radicals. It is the great cementing force that holds together the Republican party. Cut out pie, whether it is Standard Oil pie, Steel trust pie, or the Federal job pie, and the Republican party goes smash to pieces. Good old pie is correct, and henceforth Pie is the symbol and the sign of Republicanism just as in the past it has been the full measure of its existence. It is the party of pie and not of principle, and all the hurrah and calmar of the campaign is not that it may be of service, but that it may hold what pie it has and grab more.

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State Fair.

The Great State Fair, to be held in Raleigh, Oct. 12-17 next, promises to be the best ever held in the State.

Premiums have been increased and the agricultural, industrial and educational displays will be unexcelled. The County exhibits will be a feature; Haywood county will show the resources and possibilities of the glorious west, competing with counties from the east.

The Virginia Horticultural Society will have a magnificent display of fruit, simply for exhibition purposes and not competing for premiums. Cattle will be here from Kentucky and poultry from all over the country. The attractions will include Beachy in the marvellous Strobel Air Ship navigating the clouds.

His ship under perfect control, sails as easily and gracefully as a bird. This is the ship that set Washington wild and broke up a session of Congress, the members rushing from their seats to see the wonderful sight.

The automobile race with tremendous machines going a mile a minute will be a thrilling sight. One of the most beautiful sights will be the dress parade and exhibition drill of the Battalion of the A. & M. College.

Another feature will be the Grand Floral Parade of decorated floats.

Quincey will dive daily from a ninety foot ladder into a three foot tank of water, and Marvellous Melville, King of the Trapeze will give performances between the heats of the races, and Alfreno and his children will do hair-raising stunts on the high-wire.

Fast horses will be here and will almost certainly lower the track record of the State.

The Midway will be full of clean high class shows and will afford plenty of fun.

Toy whips will not be allowed on the grounds and notice is given that any found will be forfeited.

City water at the Fair Grounds in abundance.

Special excursions on all lines, low rates.

Come have a good time.

Another Catawba Insane Man.

Charlie Hewitt, the man who went insane while locked in the county jail here and who later was taken to his home near Hickory has returned to this city only to be locked up again.

Hewitt was taken to Newton, his home, by his brother, and appeared to be quite rational, but after being at home for a while his maniacal fury returned and he tried to kill his father. He was overpowered, however, and then turned loose, as his family were afraid of him. Hewitt immediately went to the ticket office of the Southern railway and purchased a ticket for Asheville. Mr. Duncan, the railroad's secret service agent, recognized Hewitt and took charge of him until a policeman could take him to jail, where he was locked up to await the coming of an officer from Newton. When he was locked up he tore out the water pipes and completely wrecked the iron bed that was in his cell. He was taken to the asylum in Morganton.—Citizen.

Mr. D. W. Drum has sold the Gastonia Glove Mfg. Co., to Mr. P. G. Heavener, of Hickory, the transaction having been closed Wednesday. Mr. Heavener will move the material, machinery, etc., to Hickory and operate there. Mr. Drum will now devote his entire time and attention to his mercantile business at the Arlington.—Gastonia Gazette.

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A Call for Campaign Subscriptions.

The Democrat will receive and acknowledge contributions to the Democratic National Campaign fund in any amount from one dollar upward, forwarding same promptly to the local treasurer of the Campaign Committee.

Tousands of good Democrats in North Carolina should esteem it a privilege to contribute their portion to the success of the party.

A Jackson Man Strikes it Rich.

Mr. L. S. Cloninger, superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance company, received a telegram yesterday morning from his brother, O. C. Cloninger of near Tulsa, Okla., stating that he had struck oil on one of their leases and that it was a gusher flowing 150 barrels a day. The Messrs. Cloninger bought an oil and gas lease last July, paying \$1,200 for same. They commenced to at once sink a well with the above results. It is a valuable find and will make the brothers independently rich at the finding of the well will make the least worth at least \$100,000.—The Jackson Whig.

Had Seven Gallons Left.

Messrs Deachman & Edelin, Grafton W. Va., had been selling a paint, which they thought well off and this had occurred.

They had sold a customer 18 gallons of it to paint his house. A few years later, they sold the same man Devoe lead-and-zinc the same number of gallons to paint the same house. He had 7 gallons left.

The point of the tale is; 11 gallons Devoe paints an 18-gallon house. Of course, that isn't all.

Why does 11 gallons Devoe go as far as 18 gallons of other paint? Because it is all paint, all true, no sham, and full measure.

But that isn't all. Devoe lasts longer. No, no; you haven't got to wait ten years to find that out. Ten thousand people know it. They think a heap of Devoe. There's no difficulty in showing our townspeople what to expect of Devoe. \$10 will paint a \$15 house; and the paint'll last twice as long.

F. B. Ingold. 10

The Republican is my shepherd.

I shall not want for any promises in this campaign.

He promiseth me forty acres of green pastures; he leadeth me to the stony hills.

He filleth my head with promises; he leadeth me in the paths of Springfield.

He promiseth me riches and fame; he giveth me not my daily work.

Yea, when I walk through the valley of the shadow of starvation, his promises availeth me not; when he is elected, straightway he forgetteth me.

When I meeteth him at his own house, his rod and staff they beateth me.

He preparat a table before me in the presence of mine imagination; he getteth my vote by promises; my pocket book becometh empty.

Surely the wool has been pulled over mine eyes all the days of my life; now, my soul sayeth to me; "Behold The Good Shepherd, WILLIAM J. who promiseth not, but doeth much."

In the 1893-4 so-called Democratic "panic" there were seventeen bank failures. In the 1907-8 panic Roosevelt's administration, forty-three banks stopped payment. That is one fact that Republican orators are kept busy dodg ng.

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