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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP WOULD PURIFY MORALS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 27—Thomas MacDonal Patterson, the Democratic senator from Colorado today took the floor of the senate and advocated governmental ownership of all railways at the estimated market value of eleven billion dollars. He held there are clauses in the constitution which have not been interpreted which give ample authority for governmental acquisition of railways doing business within each separate state as well as those engaged in interstate commerce. He presented a comprehensive plan of operation, calling for a non-partisan transportation board which should act under the supervision of an enlarged interstate commerce commission.

He contemplates an exchange of securities to finance the scheme and declared that bonds issued for this purpose would sell readily at three percent. He said: "The power of railway potentates is undiminished. A half dozen managers control all the lines and these combine to thwart the government and mold it to their ambitions. Railway lobbyists, everywhere overshadow the legislative sessions. The political conventions nominate public guardians; these are elected and told to serve the wills of those who elect them. But alas, the deadening influence of railroad commercialism extends from top to bottom and our representatives succumb to the influence. Governmental ownership would vastly improve the moral tone of the nation."

ROTHCHILD RETURNS TO HIS FOLD

Herman Rothchild, who has represented Union county in the lower house, during the recent session, and who was the "Orphan," "the lone Democrat," the man who served on forty-four committees, and who has been dubbed various other titles, is once more among the flocks of a Republican county. He had a few minutes to spare with his constituents this morning while his train was unloading its passengers. Herman was in his usual jocular mood and found time to "crack" a joke or two. "I have completed my committee work (?) and don't know of anything more I could have done," said the German when he climbed on the leaving train.

SULTAN BONES FOR HOUSE

(Scripps News Association)
Tangiers Feb. 27—General Raisuli has sent the following message to the Sultan of Turkey, "Sir, I propose to rebuild my house at Zinst with the bones of you and your followers who destroyed it." The rebel leader is strongly entrenched and well supplied with men and munitions.

WILCOXES SELL OUT

The Wilcoxes have disposed of their interest in the Wilcox Lumber Co. to the other stockholders of the company. Under the new management Mr. Messenger becomes president and L. H. Russell vice president and secretary. Mr. Russell states that the new organization will carry out the plans as originally intended. The Wilcox Bros. with their families expect to leave for California within a few days.

FREIGHT YARDS CONGESTED

The abnormal amount of west bound freight has caused a small congestion in the yards of this city. Every possible facility is being extended to hurry the freight trains westward, but more than can be taken away, comes in. As a consequence, the yards are practically filled with loaded freight cars.

SHERIFF'S SALE POSTPONED

The sheriff's sale of the Oregon Construction Company property which has been attached for some time was set for last Saturday. In the meantime, between the decision of the court which ordered a sale, and the date of the sale, Sheriff Childers received a copy of a restraint in use by the United States Court of the Southern district of the state of New York, where the construction company has filed. With this restraint in his possession Sheriff Childers went to Union last Saturday and postponed the sale until yesterday.

In the intervening time of the regular date and yesterday he received a telegram from a United States Receiver in whose hands the Oregon Construction has been since the trouble began, saying that the sheriff of this county and the attorneys in the case, would lay themselves liable should a sale be made. Consequently the sheriff again postponed the sale yesterday.

The affairs of the Oregon Construction Company does not in the least affect the Oregon Central Railway Company, and the latter intends to proceed with the constructions as soon as tools and material arrives.

PUTER OFF FOR WASHINGTON

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Feb. 27—S. A. D. Puter, the convicted land swindler has been taken from the county jail where he is serving a two-year sentence, and has left for Washington as a government witness against Binger Hermann who is now being tried for destroying certain letter files while in the services of the government in Oregon.

District Attorney Leroy Lomax of Baker county is transacting legal business in the court house today.

RECORD MORTGAGE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 27—The Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company, which is to operate electric traction under the North River from Jersey City and Hoboken to Coetla and Day streets in this city, have filed a first mortgage with the registrar for New York county for \$100,000,000. This mortgage which is a record breaker in size, covers all the property of the corporation in this city and New Jersey. It is understood that the cost of tunnelling the North River will aggregate \$60,000,000.

ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE TO KLONDIKE

(Scripps News Association)
Boston, Mass., Feb. 27—Henry Blitz and Louis Anerback, both of this city, have notified the Canadian government that they would make application at the session of Parliament to British Columbia to Dawson City by way of the Yukon River Valley.

THE LONGFELLOW CENTENEL

(Scripps News Association)
Cambridge, Feb. 27—The 100th anniversary of the birth of Henry Longfellow is being celebrated here today with great ceremony. The Historical Society of Cambridge has planned extensive memorial exercises are to be held in Sanders theatre tonight.

ENGLISH "TOM THUMB" DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 27—Richard Garneay, known as "Field Marshal Tom Thumb," who created a great sensation at the Egyptian Hall, London, fifty years ago, by his diminutive stature, is dead at his home in Somerset, at the age of seventy-four years.

THE SOCIALIST SPEAKING

Geo. H. Goebel one of the national lecturers of the Socialist party spoke last night in the Commercial Club to a good sized audience. He is a pleasing speaker and holds the attention of his hearers. He will speak again this evening at which time he expects to answer all questions relating to Socialism that may be presented to him in writing. He spoke in part last night as follows:

"A few years ago even an educated man could be excused if compelled to plead ignorance as to what was meant by an arc light or the telephone, but today even a child is expected to at least understand what is meant by the term. Just so with Socialism, it having reached that strength and influence that a man to be considered intelligent, will seek to at least understand its meaning and purpose.

"In Europe thirty million people, including a larger proportion of the students, thinkers and historians, believe in Socialism, eight million of the number being voters. In this country Socialism is of course newer and hence not so far advanced as in Europe. To have a rose you must first have soil proper for developing a rose, and just so with Socialism; it appearing and becoming inevitable only as the economic conditions developed, which made collective ownership of the tools of production and distribution an absolute necessity, if the people were not to become practically slaves to a few who happen to own these things. In the last five years a wonderful increase in Socialist votes and sentiment has taken place despite the lack of daily papers or great campaign funds by the organization. The vote for president has increased to almost half a million. In Illinois we have three members of the legislature, in Wisconsin nine, and have elected over five hundred officials of one kind or another in various parts of the country; while the magazines and daily press and even the President are compelled to admit the tendency in the Socialist direction.

One thing to be remembered is that Socialism, being comparatively new in this country, must expect what anything new must expect, namely that it will be resisted by the old, even to the point of falsehood and worse. Nothing new can come in without pushing out the old thing.

"Every grafter and robber of the common people must resist socialism; not because they hate Socialism or the Socialists, but because Socialism means the end of their power to rob the nation. This explains why, for an instance, in a town where the population was hostile or indifferent to religion, the opponents of Socialism would circulate the story that Socialism was a new kind of religion, and then turn around in religiously inclined communities and assert that the Socialists

are all Atheists, Free Thinkers etc.; where as the fact is that Socialism in no way interferes with or has anything to do with the religious beliefs of its members, that being something that all must settle for themselves, and that no man or political party has any right to interfere with.

The Socialist party is purely an economic and political movement. "And yet, while Socialism has nothing to do directly with religious matters, the speaker believed only under such a system as advocated by the Socialists, would real religion be practicable or possible. You cannot drive straight in a crooked road and neither are you likely to find men practicing Brotherhood toward each other as long as they must have their hand at each others throat for a job, for a living. And so, just as men really desire brotherhood they will work for an industrial system that aims to make it possible.

Formerly we worked with little simple hand tools and small capital, which, with a little thrift and industry, gave any man a chance if not suited with the terms given by an employer, to open up his own shop or business. Or, not caring to do that, he might settle on the land that was then to be had practically free. But today the hand tool has given way to the factory with its massive machinery, while the small business with insignificant capital, has given way more and more to the corporation with capital of tens of millions, and the land has either been stolen by syndicates or settled upon. Under the old method men could be independent because it was easy to start for themselves, but today, whether in town or country, farm or factory, the average young man had absolutely no chance of ever being his own master, but must look to another for employment. In other words he must be the slave of some other man, for the man who could give or withhold permission to work could dictate the terms on which permission was given, the terms in the end being such as a horse or mule got—enough corn or oats to keep it able, to pull the load next day. Some chattel slaves were well treated and some badly treated but, treated badly or well, it did not alter the fact that they were slaves and could live only on the terms dictated by the master. Therefore Socialists emphasized that whoever owned a man's job, owned the man.

"Socialism proposes therefore to have the people themselves as a nation own all the greater industries; anything that, by its nature, if owned by a few, would put the few in position to rob all. These, Socialists say, as a matter of safety and common sense, must be owned by all. And in order that this public ownership may not breed corruption and graft as now, the working class must own and control the government."

INSANITY EXPERTS GIVE MUCH TECHNICAL EVIDENCE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 27—There is a noticeable lifting of interest in the Thaw case. Evelyn has concluded her testimony with a re-hash of the story first told. She has been excused and will be called in the rebuttal. Until Mrs. Nesbit, Evelyn's mother, takes the stand, it is expected that the testimony will be the dry technical evidence of experts. This testimony is of little interest to the public but of great importance to the defendants. Since the attorneys have learned the likelihood of Jerome calling a lunacy commission, alienists have watched every move of the prisoner to be prepared to establish the fact that he has fully recovered his mental strength.

Attorney Delmas explained to the court this morning that he would likely finish his case this week.

Evelyn was called as the first witness when the court opened.

As she stepped to the chair, her eyes were full of tears but she smiled at her husband. Jerome explained that in rebuttal he would follow "traversable facts" and to do this under the rules, he must call Evelyn's attention to the subjects. "You have a brother, Howard Nesbit?" began Jerome.

"Yes Sir."
"On your return to Europe, in 1903, did you tell your brother Howard in substance, while you were abroad you had been abused by Thaw to induce you to tell lies against White and these lies were that White had drugged and mistreated you, which story you told Howard was false?"

"I did not."
"Didn't you tell your brother that you were compelled at the point of a revolver to make some such statement?"
"I did not."
"Did you tell Howard these facts in substance at the time?"
"I did not." Each time the answer was repeated with greater emphasis.
"Didn't he say to you that you ought to have some way to protect yourself, suggesting a revolver?"
"He did not."
"Did he buy you a revolver?"
"No, he did not."
"Didn't you give Howard money to purchase you a revolver?"

"I did not." At this point Evelyn was excused.

Dr. Bingham, the Thaw family physician was called and said in part that he had called on Harry Thaw in 1903 and found him nervous, melancholy, that he slept and ate badly. "I saw him again," said the witness, "in the Tombs, in September 1906. He seemed irrational and laboring under a delusion."

The testimony continued to the questioning of Delmas, who soon turned the witness over to Jerome. A brief, uninteresting cross examination followed.

Dr. Evans, who it will be remembered testified early in the trial and who was completely nonplused by Jerome, was again called for cross examination. He admitted that he was not a master of his profession, referring to his specialty, that of insanity.

MORE BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

(Observer Special)
Salem, Oregon, Feb. 27—The legislature is being grilled by Governor Chamberlain, in a veto of the bill placing the state printer on a flat salary of nineteen thousand dollars.

The veto states plainly that the state printer shirked his duty, and suggests that people trust the next legislature to compensate the printer for his duties. The bill allowing the clerk of Columbia county to appoint deputies at his own discretion was also vetoed. The governor is preparing a veto message on the Monmouth and Drain normal schools appropriation, in which he scores the legislature for cowardice.

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