

THE DICE GAME.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AS STARK SEES THEM.

Big Horse Plays Put Over on the People of This Country.

Maple Lane, Ore.

The Courier:—I observe that explanations are the order of the day, so in order not to appear odd, I will explain also.

Some people having missed me around town thought I had gone to attend the big meeting of business men in Chicago. That was a sad mistake. I did not go because I had some cabbage that needed hoeing badly, also some kale plants that needed moving to other quarters—so I was busy.

Then another thing happened that prevented my going, my pass did not reach me in time, and walking under a roll of blankets is becoming most too hard for a man of my age. However, the business interests were being looked after and even J. Wanamaker cut his European trip short and hurried to Chicago on a special train, so I knew the country would still be safe, the "Government at Washington would still" play golf at two hundred per day.

Perhaps you wonder why I class myself as a business man. Well, when a fellow is in business he has something to sell. As I sell a hatful of prunes every year I have the welfare of the business men at heart—that is I am true to my class, and as the business men were running the meeting they of course want a "business administration." Therefore we need the Hon. W. Howard Taft to play golf. Anything wrong in that?

If you took interest enough in the affair you no doubt heard the words "thief, liar, pirate," etc. This shows that these people know their business, for if anyone can show me how to conduct business without being a liar, I will sign no more for the kingdom come, but will stick by old Clackamas a while longer.

But really these fellows put up such a huller that one must needs think they got strayed away from their wet nurses. You heard them cry "a bolt is lost out of the steam roller" and so everybody tried to be engineer—no one would turn the machine and make a "bolt." It looks as if a nut must also have worked loose somewhere.

The noise these fellows put up would have been quite interesting if a man had nothing else to do but take it in, but if you will back track these fellows for about 20 years you will see that they are old hands at the game—have done at least twice as much of it as Taft, for he moves slow.

If only T. Carlyle were alive now, he would not think the Roman show worth writing about. The setting and acting in Chicago were on such a grand scale. I suppose the play was intended to be funny, but unfortunately my sense of humor is not abnormal. I could not even twist up a stage smile at the antics of the great clown and his big troupe of minstrels—assuming an air of injured innocence, something like the latest arrival from Rubelown being tricked with the twenty-one dice game.

I am aware some people will think that raw show won the square, and possibly it was, but I have come to the age where store teeth would be quite a help.

While this is being written a bum imitation of the Chicago show is in progress (with some slight variation) at Baltimore, and the Windy Jay Bird from the Platte is acting off the other Dromio, only I believe putting on the sharp corners, a little more wind and not quite so much lightning and hail, and some well meaning gossips will get stampeded. As for me, memory is not quite a blank. These well-fed gents, Ryan and Belmont, can stand a word spanking, so long as the people will cheer that kind of bunk. They will not yet be put afoot.

Oh, yes; regulate the trusts. That's the stuff. The wild man from Lobster Bay did some handsome stunts at that—now let some other clown give us an imitation, with some little frills on the raw edge.

I want to know if such few specimens, belonging to the genius homo, who must get their bread in the sweat of their own faces, who chance to seek this scree, do you know what all this row is about? Well, it is all about the product of your labor, and certain members of the human family don't like to wear soiled hands, like you and I, therefore they devise schemes to part us from the biggest slice, with their claws and bells, Greek fire and anvil noise. These fellows are thoroughly class conscious, work for their class interests, and they will do anything for us but get off our backs.

Let us then follow their example and become conscious of working class interests, leave these shows to entertain the acting company, and vote for our own interests.

Workingmen of the world, unite! You have nothing but your chains to lose and a world to gain.

John F. Stark.

SOME QUESTIONS.

G. E. Rogers Thinks the Ballot Can Solve the Labor Questions.

Editor Courier:—What are you going to do with the trusts, and what are you going to do with the five million idle men in this country?

It has been demonstrated that you cannot destroy them or control them, are you going to take them, own them and operate them for the common good?

In what other way can they be made to aid society? Have they not been proven the great corrupting influence in politics? In what other way than through owning the industries can it be possible to employ the idle men?

If idleness increases, is there not grave danger of a physical revolution? Will millions of men starve in silence in a land filled with plenty, in a land that can easily supply the needs of the labor of the millions intended for the benefit of the few thousands and families, who produce nothing? Are you going to wait and hope that the trusts will become good and not serve the interests of their owners until they have gobbled up all the wealth that has been produced by the millions for the past two hundred years?

Has not the history and experience of the past fifty years convinced you that no relief from them is possible? Have they not been purposely fooling you all the time? Have not the rich been managing the government for their sole benefit and profit? Have they not bought up the most of the big daily newspapers and the leading magazines to keep you in ignorance of what is really going on?

Do you not see that every vote the interests lose to the Socialists will secure them into doing something for you? Without your votes they cannot rule, and rather than lose your votes they will allow some laws in your interests. But do you expect them to do this while they get the most of your votes?

If you have as much sense as a horse has you will give them a scare by increasing the Socialist vote—even if you do not believe in the whole program of radicalism.

Socialism means the say so of the majority of all the people—that is all there is to it—and the man who shies at Socialism is afraid to trust himself or his neighbors.

What is the reason we have not got a parcels post law, when a majority of the people of the United States want it? I know about six reasons. Five of them are the five express companies, the other is that we have a representative government, but they represent the big interests and not the people, so what are you going to do about it?

G. E. Rogers.

EAGLE CREEK.

Rain seems to be the order of the day these days.

Walter Douglass and family have returned from eastern Oregon and are camping on his brother Will's place.

Echo and Hazel Githens were over this way last Tuesday spending the night with Miss Bina Douglass.

Miss Echo Githens has applied for the school and will teach the next term here.

H. S. Gibson made a business trip to Portland one day last week.

Mr. Russell sold Walter Douglass a cow and calf last week.

Miss Nettie Woodie is over this way visiting with relatives.

Carl Huntington of Portland was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huntington, a part of last week.

Mrs. Viola Douglas spent Sunday with Mrs. Cora Odell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reid and children were over this way Saturday picking cherries.

Miss Rina Douglas spent Thursday with Mrs. H. G. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Douglass visited with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huntington and Mrs. R. B. Gibson called on Mrs. Howlett Sunday evening.

Mrs. Guy Woodie visited with her mother, Mrs. Kitzmiller Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Douglas' father and mother and brother and wife visited with her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas went to Logan Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Woodie made a trip to Bull Run Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodie and Miss Meda Murphy went to Clackamas berrying Sunday.

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ONLY A DREAM.

Alfred Cridge Says Hicnbotham Is Simply Seeing Things.

Alfred D. Cridge, in comment on George Hicnbotham's theory of a graduated land tax area, which was published in the Courier last week, says the following:

"This is simply impossible and absurd. There is no such tax anywhere on earth. Maybe when the agent of the land grabbers and tax dodgers of Oregon, whose able assistant Brother Hicnbotham has been in Clackamas county, gets time he will draft one of the graduated land tax laws that is referred to. At present he is so busy getting the people to give back the power of passing emergency tax laws to the legislature that he has no time. One of these laws a few years ago allowed banks to so deduct an asset from another as to practically allow them to pay what taxes they pleased. No doubt this sort of thing suits men who are opposed to the people of each county having the power to tax themselves for local revenues in their own way.

Bro. George H. would begin his graduated land tax on 160 acres. Where would he distinguish between land on the edge of Portland worth \$2,000 an acre and some of the dry hill land in the south-east corner of Malheur county worth about 25 cents an acre? What sort of a limit would he start at in cities? There is a quarter block on the edge of town assessed at \$1,000 and the same area under the Spaulding building assessed at \$275,000. Better study the idea out a little.

NEXT WEEK.

GREAT CHAUTAUQUA SESSION OPENS NEXT TUESDAY.

The Complete Program for the First Week's Session.

Tuesday, July 9, 1912

10:00—Band.

10:30—Invocation.

Address of welcome, Hon. C. H. Dye.

Response—S. Platt Jones.

Organization of the Summer School and announcement by the instructors.

Afternoon.

1:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

2:00—Byron's Troubadours.

3:30—Baseball.

7:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Miss Leah Slusser.

8:00—Byron's Troubadours.

Children's Day.

Wednesday, July 10.

8:11—Chautauqua Summer School.

11:00—Chautauqua Forum.

"A Chautauqua Morning."

The present session set forth its aims, purposes and plans.

Discussion led by S. Platt Jones, platform manager, followed by open parliament.

Afternoon.

1:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Perry Barton Arant.

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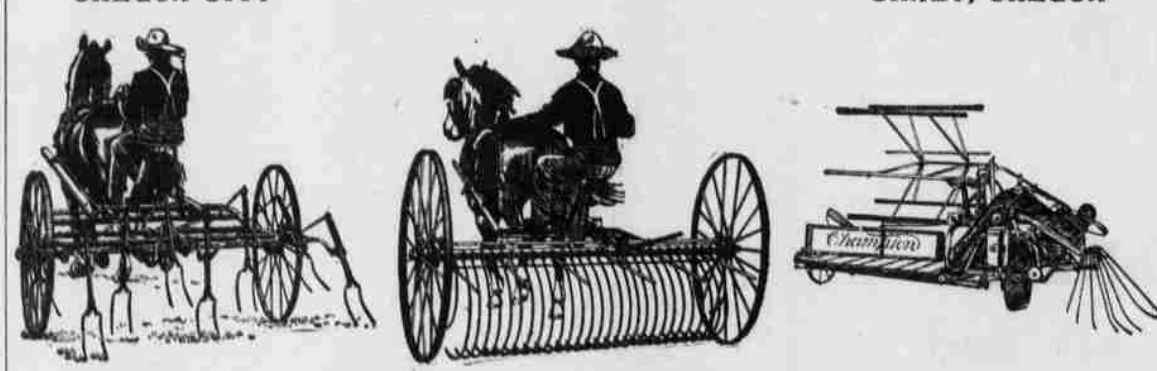
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George. Then we have the idea solemnly advanced that a graduated tax on land is no good because the big owners would split up. If so what use is a graduated tax on land area? If of no use to tax land owners in proportion to value, what use to try an area graduated tax? Think about the land question some more, George and then draw a picture of the Portland Railway Light and Power Co. with \$25,000,000 of franchise value dividing itself up into 125 corporations, operating separately to escape the tax. Then imagine the Southern Pacific splitting itself up into several hundred railroads to evade the tax.

Better read the graduated single tax measure over just once more to be sure you know what you are writing against. As it will reduce the taxes greatly on every farmer in Clackamas county who works his farm for a living, it is worth reading.

If you are a housewife you cannot reasonably hope to be healthy or beautiful by washing dishes, sweeping and doing housework all day, and crawling into bed dead tired at night. You must get out into the open air and sunlight. If you do this every day and keep your stomach and bowels in good order by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed, you should become both healthy and beautiful. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.

Third Day—July 11th

Morning

8:11—Chautauqua Summer School.

11:00—Chautauqua Forum.

"Heart to Heart Talk With Young People" by Judge Frank P. Sadler of Chicago.

Soloist at Bible and Forum Hour, Miss Blanche Harbison, soprano.

Afternoon.

1:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Pauline Miller Chapman, mezzo-soprano.

2:00—Judge Frank P. Sadler of Chicago, "The Criminal in the Saving."

3:30—Baseball.

7:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Perry Barton Arant, pianist.

8:00—Reading, Prof. Lee Emerson Bassett.

An evening with S. Platt Jones, character study man and entertainer.

Fourth Day, Friday, July 12.

Morning

8:11—Chautauqua Summer School.

11:00—Chautauqua Forum.

"Back to the Farm"—Speakers, Mr. Cavin C. Thomson; Prof. E. D. Ressler of O. A. C.; Mr. Lydell Baker; Prof. Joseph Schafer of University of Oregon.

Afternoon.

1:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Miss Leah Slusser, lyric soprano.

W. B. Stafford.

2:00—The Chicago Operatic Company, of Chicago, presenting scenes from grand operas, oratorios and concerts.

Arthur Middleton, Bass.

Rose Lutiger-Cannon.

3:30—Baseball.

7:15—Concert—Chapman's Orchestra.

Soloist, Miss Leah Slusser.

8:00—The Chicago Operatic Company.

GLAD TIDINGS

Celebrations July 4 at Molalla, Silverton, and at the grove on Butte Creek south and near the old Mortimer mill one mile west of Marquam. A large percent of the people living near by will celebrate at the little grove last mentioned, where the Marquam Band will furnish music for the occasion. Other sports will be in order and all in all no doubt but what all will have an enjoyable time.

On Sunday, June 30, many people from here and surrounding

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Fashion Livery Stable	5.00	Dr. J. T. Townley	10.00
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