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Reduced Duties Would Make Competition.

FEDERAL CHARTER ADVISED

Close Supervision of Business to Check Evil.

PRESENT LAW CRITICISED

Avarice Which Inspires Creators of Combinations Declared to Exist Equally Among Those Who Condemn Them.

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There is a great economic disturbance without presenting a plan to cure the trouble serves only to create more uncertainty and disaster. The physician who only diagnoses the bodily ailments of his patients may do a useful service, but unless he at least attempts a cure he accomplishes but little good.

There is something fundamentally wrong with our present system of corporate control. Thoughtful men, no matter on what side of the line they stand realize the impending crisis and are looking for relief.

The student and sober observers of the existing emergency would hail the advent of some genius who could tell us with certainty how to eradicate and destroy the cause of our commercial woes, and substitute therefor a conservative and enlightened policy by which all can be equally protected and business and commerce be permanently restored to a sound and unfeathered condition.

Trusts Cannot Be Eradicated.

The profound and masterly opinions of Chief Justice White in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases graphically portray the cause of the prevailing commercial worry. But neither those erudite opinions nor any anti-trust law in my view, prevent the creation or growth of industrial combinations.

The same old Standard Oil Company and the same old American Tobacco Company, though dissolved by court decree, will, I think, survive, though in different form and dress. There will be a greater number of integral companies and a consequent increased cost of administration at the expense of the public, but in the near future the situation probably will be the same as that which prevailed prior to the decrees.

The occasional arrogance and tyranny of combined wealth and its merciless contempt for the rights of the weak have stirred the people to demand some quick and decisive relief.

Trusts Born to Avarice.

Trusts and combinations are bred by the deep-rooted avarice of man. That same cupidity, however, which inspires the creators of combinations, equally controls other classes, including those strongest in their condemnation of the trusts.

Reaching far down in human nature is the unrelenting chase after money and the power and happiness it is presumed by many to bestow. To accomplish its purpose society avails of every possible resource and device. The ambition to grow and expand dominates and those who stand in the way are ruthlessly defied and trampled on.

Chief Justice White is not alone. The sentiment of thinking men agrees with him that legislation of some kind is required by the economic conditions of the times, by the vast accumulation of wealth in the hands of corporations and individuals, by the enormous development of corporate organization, and by the temptations and facilities for combinations which such organizations create and afford. There prevails a general impression that such power is being exerted to oppress grievously individuals and injure the public generally.

Monopolies Are Not New.

But when all this has been said we merely have been told that economic conditions are bad, but this does not show a way for their betterment or relief. Trusts and monopolies are not new to this age or to this country. They have lived, multiplied and flourished from earliest times.

There were brick and paper trusts among the early Egyptians, just as there are brick and paper combinations today. There were wheat monopolies among the Phoenicians, just as there are grain corners at the present time. Combinations in various industries have existed among all nations and in all stages of civilized society.

The edicts and laws of Kings, Presidents, Parliaments and Legislatures have been in vain. Nothing preventive has been accomplished.

Trusts Among Labor Men.

Trusts prevail not only among the corporations, but with equal if not greater harshness among their wage earners. It is estimated that there are nearly 18,000,000 members of real or quasi labor unions in this country. No one disputes their equal right to labor, to produce and to acquire and accumulate property.

The price of labor is a large part of

WINTER SENDS ALL PRICES SKYWARD

FOOD FROZEN IN TRANSIT AND CROPS HURT BY FROST.

Chicago Gets Foretaste of Long, Hard Season and Charity Organizations Prepare.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Winter, which arrived snarling and snarling, did more than freeze a few persons to death. The sudden advent of cold weather sent the price of all foodstuffs skyrocketing, so that those who survived the initial blast will become painfully aware that winter has set in in earnest.

The reasons given for the advance in food staples are that hens cease laying, cows give a limited supply of milk, carloads of fruit and vegetables were frozen in transit and the source of much of this supply damaged by frost. There is also the further reason that strikes and overproduction in mild seasons, and prospects of a long, hard winter affords them an opportunity to even matters up.

The charitable organizations of Chicago are fortifying themselves against unusual demands this winter.

Eggs, up 3 cents, retailing at 40 and 43 cents a dozen.

Fatatoes, 25 cents a peck, and the price will go much higher.

Creamery butter, 35 cents a pound.

Ham, 17 cents a pound.

Dressed chickens, 16 cents a pound.

Coal dealers have given notice that they will advance prices at once. They have had two lean years, due to the strike and overproduction in mild seasons, and prospects of a long, hard winter affords them an opportunity to even matters up.

DUNCE SPELLERS SCORED

Seattle Superintendent Hints That Poets Are Waste of Time.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—City Superintendent F. B. Cooper will reform the Seattle High School courses, paying particular attention to the English course. This work, to be accomplished in conference with committees representing the 32 instructors in the Seattle High Schools will require several months' study.

The superintendent objects to wasting 150 pounds of good football material on an ode to Spring and cannot see the practical value of an analysis of Chaucer to a student who cannot sustain an ordinary conversation without mangling the English language.

The superintendent has had his doubts ever since he discovered out of two more words from a newspaper editorial and a story of a suicide the only word on which a big high school class united spelling was "spacial."

When 21 high school students could not remember how "inconspicuous" should be spelled and more than a score tripped over "physician" and "Massachusetts" he determined to put the ban on Spring poetry for a while. Hereafter, there will be weekly spelling tests in the Seattle High Schools.

ZIONITE OPPOSES CEMENT

Christ Would Avoid New Sidewalks, Reason for Asking Injunction.

ZION CITY, Ill., Nov. 14.—Rupert Deveraux, a member of the old Dowie faction in Zion's affairs, filed a petition today with the Zion City Board of Aldermen objecting to the proposed construction of cement sidewalks here, on the ground that Christ never walked on cement and therefore "would avoid Zion City on the Savior's approaching second coming to earth."

The petition said that Dowie would return to life with the second coming of Christ.

One of Deveraux's followers, it was said today, recently attempted to get some word from the late Alexander Dowie by sleeping three successive nights on Dowie's grave in the cemetery here. He is said to have reported to Deveraux that the expected message did not come to him.

COURT GOES TO PLAINTIFF

Unable to Move to Room, Divorce Is Granted in Sheriff's Office.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—To accommodate A. A. Flood, of Seho, who desired to secure a divorce but was unable to reach the Circuit court room on the third floor of the Linn County Courthouse because of an injured foot, Judge Galloway held court for a few minutes in the Sheriff's office on the first floor of the building today.

Flood hobnobbed into the temporary courtroom on crutches, and the Judge, clerk, stenographer and attorneys moved the court downstairs for the time being.

Flood testified that his wife, Mabel Flood, deserted him in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 4, 1908, after a wedded life of less than three years, and that he had not seen her during all of that time. Judge Galloway granted a decree.

THIEF RETURNS SERMON

Pastor's Pocket Picked as He Travels to Attend Funeral.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 14.—A sermon entitled, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," which was taken from the pocket of Rev. M. E. Williams, a Methodist minister at Athens, Pa., when he was in this city, by pickpockets who extracted a large wallet, has been returned to him.

Mr. Williams' pocket was picked when he was in this city to officiate at a funeral.

COAST ADVANTAGE UPHELD BY COURT

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RATE LAW IS REVIEWED

Interior Points Declared Not Always Entitled to Equality With Those Enjoying Advantage of Ocean Competition.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—In the majority opinion of the Commerce Court formally handed down today in the transcontinental rate cases, it is held that the long-and-short haul provision of the Interstate Commerce act is constitutional. Temporary injunction against putting the so-called "Spokane rates" into effect, however, is granted.

The Court, however, declares that the Interstate Commerce Commission exceeded its authority in attempting to establish a relation between long and short-haul rates, irrespective of absolute rates, and it enjoins the Commission from putting in force the order reducing transcontinental freight rates pending a more complete investigation by the court.

The Commerce Court reached the conclusion that the cases involved in the present proceeding afforded the best possible opportunity for a determination of the constitutionality of the long-and-short-haul provision of the act to regulate commerce. It was realized that the question eventually would have to be fought out before the United States Supreme Court.

Court Disagrees With Method.

In the formal opinion, prepared by Judge Mack, the Commerce Court upholds the Interstate Commerce Commission upon the point of constitutionality of the long-and-short-haul provision of the Interstate Commerce act, but it goes further than the Commission did, and declares the law would have been unconstitutional "as an unlawful delegation of legislative power." If no standard were given to guide the discretion of the Commission's discretion in granting authority to depart from the rules forbidding a lesser rate for the long and for the short haul in the same direction and over the same line. The court disagrees with the method used by the Commission in determining the proper rate.

By an exhaustive examination of the entire law, the court reaches the conclusion that it is the duty of the Commission to establish a lower rate for a longer haul than for a shorter, if the

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HOWELL SENT UP FOR LIFE

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THE DALLES, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—With consent of the grand jury and District Attorney Wilson, D. A. Howell, who was indicted yesterday on a charge of murder in the first degree for killing Mayor Fowle at Shaniko, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree this afternoon.

Judge Bradshaw at once sentenced Howell to pass the rest of his life in the State Penitentiary. Howell is a Portland man, a former resident of Shaniko, and at one time Deputy Sheriff of Wasco County. He was drunk when he fatally shot Fowle.

GOVERNOR HAWLEY ANGERED AT PARDON

Release of Robnett Is Termed Outrage.

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'Special Prosecutors' Work to Build Up Reputation, Declares Governor, Who Demands Investigation by Congress.

PARDONED INFORMER IS ON WAY TO JOIN FAMILY.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Clarence W. Robnett passed through Spokane today on his way home, his residence being in Opportunity, about 15 miles from Spokane.

"I was never promised anything for my testimony in the Lewiston National Bank case, and the pardon I received was solely on merits so far as I was concerned," he said. "I am through with the case now."

"I have my family out here at my home and beyond the fact that we are very happy at the outcome, I have nothing more to say. I have not promised any further information or testimony."

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—

Deeply angered at news that Clarence W. Robnett, convicted on his own confession of taking funds of the Lewiston National Bank, and sentenced yesterday at Moscow to 10 years in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., had been unconditionally pardoned today by President Taft, Governor James H. Hawley tonight addressed a statement "to the people of Idaho" in which he bitterly attacked the Governor's "special prosecutors" and their work in this state in the last four years.

In the statement the Governor declares that the actions of these "special prosecutors" have been a travesty on justice and have weakened the courts in the eyes of the people. He accuses them of working simply to build up a reputation without regard to the merits of the cases, and terms the Lewiston bank case "the most flagrant, the most outrageous example of rank injustice."

Taft Misled, He Believes.

"The injustice of this action of President Taft," says Governor Hawley "inspired without doubt, by the special prosecutors, will rankle in the minds of our citizens and will inspire

WOOL MEN SCORE TARBELL 'FICTION'

\$10000 RAISED TO TELL PUBLIC TRUTH ABOUT INDUSTRY.

Speaker at Convention at Baker Says False Magazine Articles Have Hurt Business Greatly.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—To bring out the real truth about the wool business as opposed to what has been told by writers like Ida Tarbell, who by fiction, misstatements and newspaper articles, they declare, have put the wool industry before the public in an entirely false light, delegates to the 14th annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association subscribed \$1000 for publicity purposes today.

The subscription was raised in a few minutes by the delegates, whose enthusiasm had been stirred by an address by W. S. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' Association, who spoke on "Woolgrowing and Its Relation to the Tariff." McClure scathingly arraigned writers like Miss Tarbell for giving untrue facts and denounced the present laws, which he said make the wool industry a precarious calling, where in the past it has been one of the substantial natural resources of the country.

"How is it that woolen goods, the raw wool which I purchased for \$1.47, could not be made into a suit for less than an added cost of \$35?" asked McClure. "Going to Washington with goods for a suit, the wool in which cost me \$1.47, the first tailor I asked agreed to make it into a suit for \$45. Others varied some, with the lowest bidder asking \$35."

To secure for the public the same protection in the purchase of wool products as they now have under the pure food laws, to protect them from unwelcome purchases of adulterated products, to secure, if possible, Government inspection of all wool products and to enact a law compelling all wool manufacturers and dealers to label their products as to percentage of shoddy, cotton and wool, are the vital points of a resolution that will be introduced at the session tomorrow by Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association.

TWO-STEPPER CAN'T STOP

Man's Feet Misbehave Strangely in Los Angeles Streets.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Bruce Nimmo, a middle-aged man, who has not explained to the police where he is from or what he is here for, was walking along the street today when he heard an organ-grinder playing a lively tune. Nimmo began to dance and could not stop. He two-stepped from First street to the Plaza and back, and then he two-stepped down town and back and forth until there was such a crowd about him that he could go no further. He still kept two-stepping, however, and finally a policeman led him to the receiving hospital.

Nimmo two-stepped all the way, though he had been at it four hours, and was stopped only by being strapped down, after which a dose of bromide was given him.

The police surgeon said Nimmo had swallowed about a gallon of some strong accelerater.

SAHARA TO KNOW BURBANK

Spineless Cactus Shipped to Far Corners of World.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Negotiations are under way between local men and the authorities in various parts of the Sahara which are expected to result soon in the introduction of Burbank's spineless cactus on the African desert.

Experiments with the various kinds of spineless cacti have demonstrated, the experts declare, that some of them will thrive on any desert in the world where the temperature does not go too low, and they believe the Sahara is peculiarly adapted to their cultivation. If this is true the vast waste may be revolutionized in time to come by the California wonder.

Extensive shipments of the spineless cacti are now made from Los Angeles to some of the South American countries. Two heavy clearances for Fortaleza, Brazil, and Buenos Aires were made today.

MASQUERADER IS "CURED"

Ray Leonard, Woman Long Known as Man, Discharged From Asylum.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Ray Leonard, the woman who successfully masqueraded as a man for 49 years and for 25 years of that time conducted a shoe shop in Lebanon, has been released from the State Insane Asylum, to which she was committed from this county on September 25.

County Judge Duncan today received notice from the superintendent of the asylum that she had been discharged as cured November 12. It is reported that the woman will return to Lebanon and resume her work as a shoemaker.

DETROIT HAS HOT FIRE

Firemen Fight Blaze in Wholesale House in Heavy Snow Storm.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 14.—Fire broke out early tonight on the fourth floor of a wholesale millinery company's five-story building, and spread into the business district. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

20 LADS AS ONE WON BY EXHORTER

Gipsy Smith Spell Moves Whole Class.

VAST ASSEMBLAGE IMPRESSED

Sunday School Pupils of Rev. H. L. Nave Hear Appeal.

GIpsy's CONTROL GROWS

Famous Evangelist Storms at Ministers, Imitates Snake in Referring to Sin—Overflow Meeting Fills White Temple.

GIpsy SMITH PROGRAMME OF MEETING TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Wednesday.

12 Noon—Meeting for men only at Taylor Street Methodist Church, Third and Taylor streets.

7:00 P. M.—Gipsy Smith Tabernacle.

Thursday.

12 Noon—Meeting for men only at Empire Theater.

7:00 P. M.—Gipsy Smith Tabernacle.

No charge is made for admission to any of the Gipsy Smith meetings. The tabernacle is at Chapman and Taylor streets. Cars run to Chapman on Morrison and to Nineteenth on Washington. Overflow meetings will be held tonight at the White Temple and the Grace Methodist Church.

Twenty lads ranging in age from 16 to 14 years sat last night in the tabernacle within 20 feet of Gipsy Smith.

They were the Sunday school pupils of Rev. Henry L. Nave, late pastor of Montavilla Presbyterian Church, who died suddenly at the tabernacle Sunday. In two reserved rows they sat in full view of the famous evangelist.

"I want to see this dear class of boys make up their minds to take Jesus tonight," began the evangelist. He stood at the corner of the rostrum.

His hands were held almost to the lads' heads in the action of benediction. The choir was singing softly "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" Twenty thousand eyes were focused on the two reserved rows in which were the boys—for the tabernacle was filled to suffocation, one lad glanced at another.

All Won At Once.

"I want you to make up your minds now, my dear boys," continued the exhorter. "I want you to take up the burden with him. I am praying for you now. Oh, my dear boys, I want you—the class, left behind by that dear man who has gone to his last reward—to make the decision now—now."

There was a pause of perhaps 30 seconds. It seemed minutes. The air was surcharged with emotion. A lad in the center made a movement and as one the 20 little fellows stood up and as one, their heads erect, they walked to the inquiry room.

For the first time the crowd at the tabernacle last night was so enormous that the first overflow meeting crowded the White Temple. Many hundreds stood during the meeting on the walks around the tabernacle. From time to time they caught a glimpse of the exhorter. The gospel hymns floated clearly through the opened windows. That was all, yet for that they waited two hours. Tonight special preparations will be made for overflow meetings at both the White Temple and the Grace Methodist Church.

Never did the Gipsy obtain the control over his audience that was his last night and once obtained, he kept it. A child cried once. It was at the beginning of his address, which was shorter than usual. From that time there was not a stir, not a movement of which the Gipsy was not aware. His control was absolute.

Boys Impress Multitude.

As the boys rose a great wave of feeling swept over the meeting. It was impossible of analysis. It showed itself by a visible awaying of the vast audience, first from one side then from the other. A preacher likened the movement to the effect of a gale of wind in a field of corn, the stalks all bending to the effect of an influence it was impossible to fathom.

Long before that time converts had been rising in every part of the auditorium. Every appeal of the evangelist had its own effect.

"The terms of my appeal may not come home the same to all alike. Different terms affect different people," said the exhorter.

A woman rose, a tiny baby in her arms.

"I see you," came the low murmur of the evangelist's voice. "I see you." Some turned round.

"Keep praying," rang out the sonorous voice. "Keep praying, when by looking about you may hinder those around you."

Score Answer Appeal.

One appeal brought a score—perhaps more—to their feet in a rush of emotion and tears. The voice of the evangelist.

