

"TRUSTS HAVE TOO MANY PRIVILEGES"

Ida M. Tarbell Declares in Interview That Power of Autocratic Combinations Exceeds Even That of the President.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, April 6.—For the first time Miss Ida M. Tarbell, who wrote the widely discussed history of the Standard Oil trust and who has made such a deep study of the monopoly question, has given her views to a daily paper.

Miss Tarbell, who has watched the progress of the Hearst suit against the coal trust, says: "I regard the decision of the United States supreme court in the suit of Congressman Hearst against the coal trust as very important. It is more, it is a just and righteous decision. I have no sympathy with the idea of divine right. The coal trust certainly has no divine or other right to oppress the public and force money from the pockets of the people. The principles on which trusts are formed are all bad ones."

"The basic idea of all trusts is to control the output and to regulate the price of any commodity in the trust power so that it shall meet the approval of the trust pocket. The output and the price of coal is thus regulated at the will of the coal trust. It can, and does determine the amount that shall be sold and the amount per ton that this specified amount shall bring. There is not the least element of uncertainty about it, so far as the trust is concerned. The trust is bound to get the highest possible price, regardless of the welfare of the people."

Decision Is Righteous.
"There is another reason why this decision is a righteous one, and one that ought to make every person thankful, outside of the true members. It makes it clear that trusts are not above the law and they cannot conduct business on a secret plan that waves aside all inquiry with the declaration, 'We are honest. Our methods are none of the public's business.'"

"This decision declares that the trust's methods are very much the public's business. If these methods are honest it is up to the trusts to prove it. If these trusts are not honest, as alleged, they owe it to the public to prove that they are not. If they are honest in their methods there ought not to be any difficulty in establishing that honesty. It is not sufficient for the members of the trusts to draw themselves up haughtily and say: 'It is our private business.'"

"How anomalous! How can a business that the public is not only supporting but enriching beyond the hope of avarice be termed a private business? Whatever the public puts its money into the public is entitled to know about."

Too Many Privileges.
"The fact is the trusts enjoy far too many privileges. Their autocratic power exceeds even that of the president of the United States. The power of even this highest officer is hedged about with restrictions. Why should members of a private corporation, even if it has been organized to selfishly control some necessity of life, be allowed a greater latitude than the president? By what right do the members of this trust stand up in courts of law and with a marvelous assurance say: 'Our methods are our private business. We are not obliged to reveal by what methods we fix prices.'"

"The trust should be controlled and restricted the same as banks. There should be at times a perfect flood-light in their methods of doing business. I believe in publicity, and this decision is a step in the right direction. The direction that shall open to the eyes of the men who buy the methods of the men who sell, and control the market price."

lar meeting they attend. The recorder will hereafter get \$100 per year.
The council passed an ordinance regulating saloons and the sale of liquors. Applicants for liquor license must furnish a bond for \$1,000; keep a quiet and orderly house; keep closed between the hours of 11 p. m. and 8 a. m. and on Sundays and election days; pay an annual license of \$600, in advance, and have no booths, card tables or gambling devices of any description. The penalty for violating any of the provisions of this ordinance is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and the possibility that the council may revoke the license.

READY FOR THE NEW TELEPHONE LINES
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Corvallis, Or., April 8.—Wednesday evening next a meeting of the stockholders in the proposed independent telephone company is to be held in the county court-room. The 50 shares of stock have been taken, and Wednesday evening a board of directors is to be elected and other important matters will be despatched.

Moves to Portland.
Mordant Goodough, principal of the piano department at the Oregon Agricultural college, has resigned his position, his resignation to go into effect at the end of the present term. Mr. Goodough has been elected to the principalship of the Western Academy of Music at Portland, and he will take charge in the fall. Mr. Goodough has an enviable reputation as a pianist, and many friends here wish him success in his new field.

They Will Shoot.
The Philomath Gun club is to give a big shoot at that place next Tuesday, for which elaborate preparations have been made. Many Corvallis sports will attend. Numerous prizes will be given.

Celebrated Golden Wedding.
At the home of their daughter, Mrs. Richard Graham, Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Adian Radir, well-known residents of this vicinity where they have resided for many years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in a delightful manner. Guests to the number of 20 or more were present, and an elaborate supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Radir were married in Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Radir was Miss Margaret Leatham, a native of Ireland, while Mr. Radir was born in Germany.

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\$5,250—Very choice vacant corner, south on 7th st., suitable for flats or dwellings; can be made to pay well.

\$2,850—25x100 feet, 2 blocks south of Morrison st.; small house on same, renting for \$11; a suitable building could be erected on this lot for \$5,000, which would bring \$100 per month rent.

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\$5,500—10-room house on Irving st.

\$4,500—9-room house on Irving street, near 23d st.

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\$3,750—50x100, with a house, near 7th and Harrison sts.

\$3,950—2-room house and lot, on 13th, near Mill st.

\$4,250—House and lot near Jefferson and 11th streets.

\$6,500—Best part of a choice corner, with a first-class 10-room dwelling; south on 7th st.

\$2,350—New 6-room house, fractional lot, near 15th and Flavier sts.

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\$1,250—5-room house and lot, modern plumbing, on Garfield, near Fall st.

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