

The Peoples Forum

Roosevelt vs. Moyer, Haywood, Etc.

Woodstock, April 18.—To the Editor of the Journal: In 1904, acting under orders from President Roosevelt, Carroll Wright, then commissioner of labor, made a thorough investigation of conditions in Colorado, and on January 30, 1905, submitted an exhaustive report of 145 pages, which is issued as "Document No. 122, labor disturbances in Colorado from 1886 to 1904 inclusive," by Carroll D. Wright. It can be obtained from the bureau of labor.

This unbiased report substantiates and verifies to the uttermost the reports to the socialist and labor press as to causes and conditions: "the chief cause being the wild strike of the legislature to enact an eight-hour law after it had carried by a popular vote of over 66,000 majority."

But the crux of the whole matter is to be found in the following extract from the preamble to the constitution of the Western Federation of Miners:

"We, the tenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, do hereby declare for a policy of independent political action, and do advise and recommend the adoption of the platform of the Socialist party of America by the locals of the federation, in conjunction with a vigorous money education along the lines of political economy."

"Resolved, That we recommend the Socialist party to the toiling masses of humanity as the only source through which they can secure for themselves their complete emancipation from the present system of wage slavery, which makes the masses of humanity supplicants at the feet of the few or the few at the feet of the masses."

And so the members of this organization upon election day, instead of lining up and voting for the candidates of their own class.

Now this would never do, so the Mine Owners' association and Citizens Alliance, with some of the business men, without material interests had been affected by the establishment of cooperative stores, entered into a conspiracy to bring about conditions under which they would disrupt and if necessary annihilate the Western Federation of Miners, and which, through the collusion of Governor Peabody, they almost succeeded in doing by a declaration of martial law, and the inauguration of a reign of terror; by wholesale deportations, assaults, murders, incarceration in "bull pens"—men, women and children together, to the complaint of which Sherman Bell retorted, "Let the whelps lie with the sluts"; the perpetration of outrages and charging same to members of the federation for the purpose of discrediting them, and which crimes were confessed to by held agents of the mine owners; the looting and destruction of the miners' cooperative stores and forbidding the rendering of aid to their helpless families and the denial of every conceivable indignity upon them.

For example, from page 200 of the report I quote: "On March 7 five men were put to work in the night shift on the contents of a cesspool into an excavation. One of them, Harry Maki, a union miner, refused, and Deputy Sheriff McKinnel, handcuffed him to a telephone pole. He was then pilloried from 11:20 a. m. to 12:45 p. m."

"At this time all civil officers were members of the Citizens Alliance, the having forced resignation of all the leading officials at the point of guns, even to the coroner, so that at the inquiry into the independence depot explosion they could have no one to place and take into custody about 40 union miners and sympathizers."

"In some instances the doors of residences were forced open. The men who were captured were brought to a vacant store and about 1:30 o'clock in the morning were marched to the depot and special train bearing them departed a fusillade of shots were fired into the air by the mob. Among the leaders of the mob were Buckley Wells, manager of the Smuggler Union mine, and John Heron, manager of the Tom Boy mine. One of those deported was Stewart B. Forbes, secretary-treasurer of the Territorial miners' union. Another was A. H. Houston, the local leader of the Socialist party and manager of the People's supply company, the largest store in town. The door of his residence was broken open and he was found, apparently unharmed, his wife having fired a revolver was pointed at him, and he was wounded in the head by being struck by the butt of the weapon. He was marched from home without being allowed to put on his shoes or hat. Fifteen members of the mob accompanied the train to Ridgeview, where the prisoners were ordered to get off and further ordered never to return to Territorial.

through all these troubles, counseled non-resistance.

The press was censored and the plants or some destroyed, so that nothing got out except what this anarchist mob chose to allow.

Now, President Roosevelt, having ordered this investigation, and read this report, must have been familiar with the situation and yet, when the governors of Idaho and Colorado, with the assistance of Pinkerton McPartland, the military and the railroads, at the instigation of the Mine Owners' association, kidnaped Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in the dead of night and spirited them away into Idaho without an opportunity to appeal to the courts, or see their families, and Governor Gooding declared they were guilty of treason and sentenced them to die. Roosevelt publicly endorsed Gooding's actions and furthermore sent his big "man Friday" (Taft) clear across the continent to aid in the re-election of Gooding and the electoral college of Borah, since indicted by the federal grand jury for complicity in land frauds, and who is squealing that Moyer and Haywood are responsible for his indictment. (They must still be powerful thought prisoners in the camp of the enemy.)

Roosevelt, in his Harriman correspondence, attempts still further to justify their case by referring to them as "undesirable citizens."

Of course these men are "undesirable citizens." Undesirable to those who are waxing fat under present conditions and opposed to any change. But Christ of Galilee was an undesirable citizen. So was John Brown of Assawatomie. Because, like these men, they were agitators—agitators for the freedom and betterment of their fellow man.

Christ and John Brown both paid the penalty and if those in power can accomplish it, Haywood and his companions will likewise do so. By their martyrdom will mean our children's freedom. For the agitator of today is the hero and martyr of tomorrow.

This comes not with good grace from President Roosevelt who still poses as the champion of the square deal. Now where does the square deal come in?

Opinions Without Knowledge.

Portland, April 17.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The public received a book from the pen of the editorial writer for the Oregonian in Sunday's issue, April 7, in the information that it is highly undesirable, superstitious and unbecoming for intelligent people to accept astrology.

They should have knowledge who seek to govern others." It is highly prudent to refrain from giving opinions concerning matters of which we have no knowledge. But they offer an opinion in direct proportion to the person's knowledge of the subject on which it is given, though it is evident that the less people are informed on a subject the more ready they offer an opinion. It is likewise imprudent to condemn a thing in which greater minds than ours have found good.

SEES DEFEAT OF GRANGERS

C. N. McArthur Declares People Will Stand by the State University.

Portland, April 18.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The attempt of the Linn County grangers to invoke the referendum upon the State university appropriation bill furnishes a theme for serious reflection. The same people that were instrumental in holding up the general appropriation bill were also engineering the present movement, and from expressions that I hear on every hand, I am led to believe that the results of their efforts will amount to no more than defeat.

The last referendum cost the state thousands of dollars, and the bill was approved, although it was an unpopular measure. The Linn county grangers are now endeavoring to invoke the referendum upon a bill that is much more popular than the general appropriation bill of 1905, and if they carry the fight to the polls, the bill will be passed.

The Linn county grangers secure enough names to refer this bill to the people, they will have won only the first round of their battle. The real fight will come in June, 1908, when there will be a vote on the referendum. The forces that stand for progress, advancement, intelligence and fair play and those that stand for retrenchment, retrogression, envy, hatred, malice and peevish politics.

It is a great and growing commonwealth like this of ours, there is no doubt about the result. During the past few weeks I have talked with men from all parts of the state upon the subject of the university appropriation, and I find an overwhelming sentiment in its favor. With two or three exceptions, the newspapers of the state are supporting the university and are opposed to the referendum. The Linn county grangers have undertaken a great responsibility. They cannot possibly defeat the appropriation at the polls, and the only result of their efforts will be a cost of more than \$10,000 to the state for printing and postage.

The university has friends in every county in the state, and besides these, all who are interested in the public school system, and all poor people who desire to pay tuition for the education of their sons and daughters, will support the bill, as well as the progressive business men, laborers, farmers and others who believe in education, who are opposed to mobster politics and who wish to see the state of Oregon forge ahead in the race for western supremacy.

The Linn county grangers may secure enough signatures to hold up the bill, but they will be defeated at the polls by such an overwhelming vote that they will never again attempt to invoke the referendum when there is not a general demand for it.

Editor of the Journal.—In yesterday's paper I saw an article regarding spinal meningitis, setting forth the helplessness of the physician in its treatment, and the remedy for the disease. Now I wish the people to know that the physicians who are helpless and are looking for a specific are the allopathic physicians, and not us homeopaths.

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Hyde, Benson, Dimond and Schneider to Face Criminal Court for Land Frauds.

FORECAST OF NEWS OF THE COMING WEEK

Lumber Freight Rate Cases to Be Heard by Supreme Court—Jamestown Exposition Begins Next Friday—Grant's Birthday.

Washington, April 20.—The Hyde-Benson-Dimond-Schneider land fraud case, involving alleged fraudulent transfer in state school lands in California and Oregon, is set for trial Monday before Justice Stanford in the criminal court of the District of Columbia. It is estimated that the trial will consume from three to five months and will cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

A number of Americans will take prominent part in exercises to begin at Shanghai Tuesday in celebration of the centennial of the Protestant Christian missions in China.

SEES SEAT OF WORLD'S EMPIRE ON THE PACIFIC

Man Who Knows Whole Earth Lays His Finger on Its Best Spot.

Albany, Or., April 20.—James C. Monaghan of Washington, D. C., chief of the consular bureau of the United States, spent a day in the city, having delivered his famous lecture, "The Pacific Empire and its Possibilities," the evening before.

MORE AMERICANS LOOK OVER PANAMA CANAL

New Orleans, April 20.—Another large party of American business men started from this city today to see how things are progressing on the big ditch at Panama.

TEA

A tired woman; a fresh pot of tea; there is joy all over her face.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schiller's Best; we see him.

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