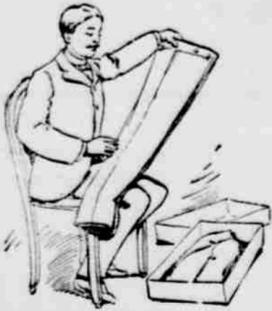


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### TRUST LAWS AND WHO ARE ENFORCING THEM.

Those who do not have the opportunity of perusing the Congressional Record will miss the debate on trusts, Feb. 17th, between the Democrats, Miers, of Indiana, and Sulzer, of New York, on one side, and the Republican, Grosvenor, of Ohio, on the other. As usual, the Democrats made capital out of anything and everything, promising all sorts of reforms, from the Democratic standpoint, and clinching the argument (?) by well-rounded perorations, one of which says its tail end, "that stalwart and gallant leader of the people, William J. Bryan."

Grosvenor then took the floor and flayed the Democratic orators thoroughly. THE CHRONICLE quotes from his remarks as made. He said in part:

"Mr. Chairman, I am not a candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States, and if I were I should have no opposition for that office in my own delegation. Therefore I am not excited about this trust question; but I want to point out now the sort of absurd statements that are being made by men claiming to be members of congress and being intelligent citizens of the country.

"Now, in the first place, I did talk in the beginning of this congress a few words about the Sherman anti-trust law, and now comes the gentleman from New York (Mr. Sulzer) and says that the attorney-general of Ohio undertook to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law and war was made on the attorney-general. I pause for the house to absorb the enormous ignorance involved in that statement. The Sherman anti-trust law is a law of congress, to be enforced against violators of the interstate commerce under the provisions of that act, and to be enforced by district attorneys in the United States courts, and not by the attorney-general of states, and my friend here who goes hippodroming over the country comes back loaded with such nonsense as that.

"Now, next. The Republican legislature of the state of Ohio passed what is known as the Valentine anti-trust law, applicable to the operations of trusts in the state of Ohio. Mr. Monett, as he had a right to do, as it was his duty to do, brought suits under that law in the supreme court of Ohio, and the first step toward adjudication was raised by a demurrer to the petition, raising the question of the constitutionality of the law. It was argued on one side by Mr. Virgil Kline, of Cleveland, and Mr. Neal, of my own congressional district, both eminent lawyers,

and on the other side by the attorney-general and by his assistant; and the supreme court decided by a unanimous opinion upholding the constitutionality of the law, and decreeing its enforcement against the violators of it in the state of Ohio.

"The Sherman anti-trust law was passed by a Republican congress, signed by a Republican president; lay absolutely dead on the statute book during the term of the only full-fledged Democratic administration we have had in thirty-odd years. The very moment this Republican administration came in it was put into active motion, and under the instrumentality of the courts of the country the trans-Missouri combination was broken up, the traffic association in New York was broken up, and the court has made a decision that holds that this very law, this Sherman anti-trust law, applies to the manufacture and sale of every commodity that is manufactured in the United States for interstate commerce by a trust. Now, what does the gentleman propose to add to that?"

"Oh, this is not a case of the soldiers from Massachusetts. So it comes about that every law on the statute book against trusts was put there by Republicans, every prosecution begun by a Republican officer, every prosecution that was ended was ended in favor of the government, and yet the gentleman goes to Chicago and comes back loaded with that sort of stuff.

"Now, the matter comes right down to this: All the states of the Union where business activity has been felt and where the evils of these trusts have become manifest have joined together and passed these anti-trust laws.

"Now, let me tell the gentleman something: The man who in the campaign of 1900 undertakes to run for vice-president or anything else upon an outcry about the trusts—howling in the ears of the American people upon that subject—does not know what the American people are made of. The American people, Mr. Chairman, understand one thing, and there can be no dispute about it; they understand that for four years—from 1892 to 1896—business broke down; they starved; everything went to destruction and disaster all over this country. And they know that it was not twenty-four hours after the election of 1896 before business began to revive. And they will stand by the party that stood by them."

Mr. Grosvenor showed most conclusively that the Republican attorney-general of the United States had directed the anti-trust fights before the United States supreme court, in all cases, and that this law of more than thirty years was active and in full force. He also noted the fact that Mr. Monett, the attorney-general who made the successful fight in Ohio, is a Republican, completely overthrowing the claim that anti-trust agitation and legislation is a creation of the Democratic party.

Mr. Grosvenor's remarks are a sweeping denunciation of the campaign wind-jammers who are threshing about for material to make a respectable platform for the Democratic party.

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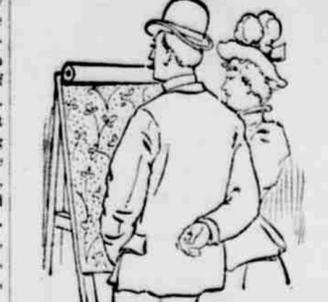
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