

For President—  
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,  
of Ohio.

For Vice-President—  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT,  
of New York.

TRUSTS AND THE PEOPLE.

"The large trusts and combinations already formed and being formed by aggregations of capital are considered hurtful to the masses and the common people," says the Rev. Sam P. Jones in the Manufacturers' Record. "This is a theory. Theoretically, a thing may be so, and practically it may be very untrue. When we speak of trusts and combines we think of the Standard oil trust, the sugar trust, and the tobacco trust, etc. When the Standard oil trust was formed I was paying forty cents a gallon for kerosene oil; I am getting it now for ten cents a gallon. I was paying 12 1/2 cents for sugar several years ago, but when the combinations set in we got it at 5 1/2. When the whiskey trust was organized I was in hopes it would put up whiskey where the poor devils couldn't get it, but they have seemed to cheapen that down to where they can pay the government \$1.15 a gallon revenue on it and yet sell it for \$1.27, which demonstrates that they are making it and letting the public have it at about 12 1/2 cents a gallon.

"There is no doubt about the aggregation of wealth, with brains controlling it, that they can manufacture any article cheaper than it is or has been manufactured on a small scale. The great railroad combinations, many think, will eat us up blood rare. Occasionally I get on a little jerk-water road that is not in the combination, and I want to double my accident policies and be satisfied with a 15-mile-an-hour gait and console myself with the idea that I can ride all day for a dollar, but when I get on the Pennsylvania or Vanderbilt system of roads, with their schedules forty miles an hour, vestibule trains, with parlor cars, sleeping cars, dining cars, I have a hotel on wheels carrying me toward my destination, and all this for about two cents a mile. Give me the road that is in the combine to carry me where I am going.

"Public sentiment is the safeguard which is thrown around all aggregations of wealth and all combinations of interest. The Standard oil, the railroad combinations, the sugar trust are as sensitive to public sentiment as the snow-bank to the rays of the sun. Trusts and combines will not hurt the public, but stockholders and bondholders may suffer later on, when these great bulky institutions become unwieldy and fall with their own weight. Fifty thousand men in the United States, perhaps not more, are interested in the great trusts of the country. Those 50,000 men know that there are 70,000,000 of other people in America, and their wisdom teaches them where boundary lines are, over which they cannot go without peril to themselves and disaster to their business. No combination now says "damn the public," but they have their weather-cocks out on every prominent cupola watching how the wind blows.

"The successful man or combination means the downfall of other men and other combinations. One preaching to 5,000, twenty preachers around him consider 75 a full house, and 100 a perfect jam; one physician making \$10,000 a year, and forty little doctors in the neighborhood not making their grub. A Wana-maker selling \$5,000,000 a year means many little merchants applying for clerkships in his store. It is the survival of the fittest, it may be. When God made this world He made mountains towering into the clouds and valleys below the level of the sea; He made lakes and oceans; He spread out the prairies of the west

and piled up the mountains around the little valleys along the ranges of the Rockies and the Alleghenies. In the ocean's waters we find whales and some very small fishes, and when the whales come along the little fish have to hide out.

"I am an expansionist, and I believe that one of the causes of the stringency and shrinkage of values in this country is because we have not gone out over the seas with our products as we should have done. While there is a demand for our products of the farm and manufactory of this country there will always be plenty of money; but when wheat and corn and cotton and all kinds of manufactures are a drag on the market, and no demand for them, then we have stringency and hard times. But when the highways over the seas shall be laden with our products into foreign countries, and the gold is brought back in the ships, then we shall flourish perennially. A negro and an old mule can make corn and cotton; a fellow with a \$200 sawmill can make lumber; but only aggregations of wealth can build ships and open markets in foreign lands."

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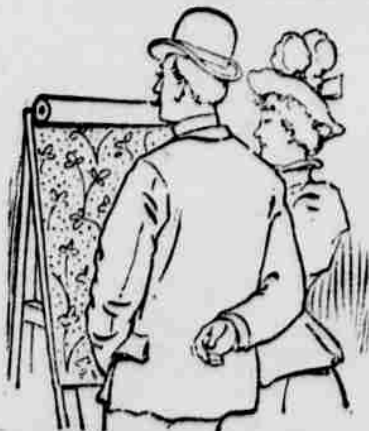
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