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One of the Cramps, the ship builders, said some time ago that they contributed \$400,000 to the republican campaign fund and they did not get their money's worth.

The Dallas Mountaineer says "the full voters" will go to the polls next November. Of course this is a slip of the type, but in some instances the term will apply as written.

Senator Hanna will succeed himself as chairman of the republican national committee and will conduct the coming campaign. He will probably be the general solicitor, as in that position he shines.

What Kruger is to the South African republics Tsau Hsi, the dowager empress, is to the Chinese empire. She appears to be the Grand Old Woman of China and her name is entitled to a place on the world's list of strong women.

The constitution of Washington provides that a state treasurer shall not hold more than one term in that office. The officer's money is turned over from one man to another elected to handle it the better it will be for the people.

A sound precedent for the Boers in their present situation is found in the action of the soldiers and people of the confederate states after the surrender of Lee at Appomattox and the occupation of Richmond by the union forces. They wisely recognize that the war was over and accepted peace in good faith. In the light of their final and full recovery of all their rights as self-governing peoples, every one today sees they acted wisely.

The strongest feature in trade for the past week is the upward movement in the price of wheat. This important product, the price of which so long languished, started up under the influence of adverse crop reports and rose about five cents per bushel, but only in Chicago. Yet the market responded and wheat is now a much better piece of property than it has been for some time, with increasing speculation. The minor grains sympathize and the feeling is firmer all along the line of mill and feed stuffs. The cause of the rise is the poor outlook east of the Mississippi and the precarious condition of the crop in the great Northwest, where rain is badly needed. In Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan the ravages of the Hessian fly have cut down the average 33 per cent and the crop itself over 50 per cent, in some cases destroying it altogether. In addition the outlook in foreign countries is not sufficiently flattering to counteract the adverse reports from the United States, hence the advance.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, elected to the legislature in Portland as a democrat, says he will try to pass an act to forbid all persons who are not competent or qualified to practice medicine and surgery. Dr. Smith attacks his own democracy by attempting any such legislation. Why not have the legislature tell a man what he can eat or drink, or what kind of clothes he can wear, or what shoemaker he shall patronize, or what bootblack he shall engage? If the fool prefers the "quack" to the competent physician why should it not be his right? If the regular practitioner is to be protected by legislation, why not the newspaper man? Would it not be foolish to legislate what paper a man shall subscribe to? By far already, there has been too much of such legislation as Dr. Smith proposes. The superior person should never desire protection from his inferior competitor. The fool needs the quack to practice upon him, and does

not appreciate the services of the "fool" legislator. The country would overrun with fools if their were no quacks or knaves to feed upon them. Class legislation frequently gives only protection to one class of knaves. Wise and just men have perfect confidence in freedom, and are always willing to take their chances under equal opportunity to all. Man-made law will never make men better. Experience is the thing. When Dr. Smith has more of it he will not be so quick to legislate in the interest of a class of physicians and surgeons, who are just as competent to kill those they practice on as others. Dr. Smith's legal inquisition will give license, when liberty is better to all honest men, including honest physicians. Law made at Salem cannot tell who are competent and qualified any nearer than the fool or the citizen can determine for himself.

WEALTH LIMITATION.

So conservative a man as Walter S. Logan, prominent at the New York city bar and but recently president of the New York State Bar Association, is preaching a gospel of wealth limitation, says Louis Post in "The Public." He would start with a maximum of \$10,000,000 and hold the possessions of individuals down to that amount by means of graduated income taxes and restrictions upon inheritances. The large public revenues resulting he would expend in the acquisition by the state of those franchises which, as he describes them, "have done so much to enrich its citizens at its expense." He suggests, for example, that New York state might buy and operate the New York Central railroad, while New York city might establish public ice plants and furnish ice to the people at nominal prices.

It is encouraging to find a man of Mr. Logan's professional, business and social environment exhibiting contempt for wealth accumulation and accumulation. But it is not so encouraging to find him so indifferent to the elementary principles of justice and distribution. If Mr. Logan were cross-examined upon his reasons for proposing the confiscation of fortunes in excess of \$10,000,000, he would probably justify himself morally by insisting that no one can earn so much. Any other moral justification would be impossible. For if any man should earn more than \$10,000,000 the state would have no moral right to confiscate the excess than the whole. Earnings either are sacred to the last penny, or they are not sacred at all. The latter, therefore, that you employ the state to confiscate any excess of private earnings, that very instant you justify the state in making a total confiscation.

Yet Mr. Logan is right in supposing that no man earns \$10,000,000. He would be right if he put it at \$1,000,000. For it would take a five dollar-a-day man some 650 years, without allowing him anything for expenses, to earn and save \$1,000,000; and it is beyond the range of probability that any man, however gigantic his productive power, can productively earn and fairly save in a lifetime as much as a five-dollar-a-day man could earn in 650 years. But we are confronted with the fact that there are millionaires. It must be, then, that they get enormously more than they earn. How do they get it? If they do not earn it, they are honest; they must get it by means of legal privileges of some kind. The obvious method, then, for limiting unearned fortunes is to abolish legal privileges. It is the natural and just way, too. If that were done, fortunes would be limited as nature limits them—by the earnings of their owners.

Man-made law has given individuals rights to pocket and even capitalize and monopolize that wealth not made by the hands of labor, and to use it as a club with which to take from those that do labor their earnings. These legal privileges should be denied, and when they are, there will be no need to limit fortunes or for the state to confiscate wealth.

LAW-MADE PROSPERITY.

A prominent democrat in Washington City is out with an affirmative policy which he is sure will carry the country. He says: "What the people want is business, and they are not over particular whether it comes from famine, pillage, war or external or internal development. Wherefore the only course open to the democratic party is a policy of internal extravagance. I am a firm believer in the Chicago plan, and particularly in the silver plank." But the people have tasted the sweets of revived trade and will be loth to give them up. The democratic party cannot meet this by just enunciation. It must offer a substitute. Even ship subsidy expenditures are better than none at all. The people not only favor but demand large public expenditures, legitimate if possible, but illegitimate if necessary."

After this large and free expression of judgment as to the sentiments of the people, this man proposes his program. He wants the democratic party to borrow and spend five hundred millions in putting a levee on both sides of the Mississippi River from New Orleans to St. Paul, and another five hundred millions in reclaiming arid lands to be given to all people for homes who deserve homes, all others to be immediately deported. While these two projects are going on he

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