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QUESTION OF DRESS COATS.

Washington, D. C., can stir itself over smaller matters than perhaps any city in the United States. Just now, it is indulging in raptures over the metamorphosis of Senator Joe Bailey, of Texas.

Bailey went to Washington at the beginning of his legislative career, as a representative, and refused to wear a Prince Albert coat or an evening suit. He was excoriated, roasted, ridiculed, pleaded with, held up as an example of the awful cartoonist, castigated, went over, lampooned, ignored, cultivated, lionized, degraded, made much of, minimized, talked about, talked to, and several other methods of treatment that were thought by the people at the national capital to be calculated to turn Mr. Bailey from the error of his social ways, and make him over into a presentable resident of the nation's governmental home. He became senator from Texas, and still the wailing went on, until it was impossible for Mr. Bailey to effect anything for his constituency. It was accepted in Washington as prima facie evidence that Bailey knew nothing of what was good for the country, because he did not dress according to the dictates of the conventionalities.

So hot became the warfare that he yielded. Bailey was conquered by the dress suit. He wears one now, and his addresses upon questions of national import are heeded. He has reached the plane of statesmanship, the passport through the gates to the higher level being a coat with spikes for tails. Let all young, aspiring politicians learn from the experience of the gentleman from Texas.

JIM HILL'S THREAT.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad company, and also of the Northern Securities company, assumes an attitude of arrogance towards the people of a city and a state. He presumes to threaten the business men of St. Paul, that if they do not bring to bear pressure upon Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, to induce him to cease opposition to the railway merger, he—Mr. Hill—will do all sorts of things to the commonwealth of which Mr. Van Sant chances to be the chief executive.

What better illustration could be had of the tremendous progress that has been made by the trusts? Here is one man who dares to tell one of the sovereign states that it must come to his terms, or suffer dire conse-

quences. Mr. Hill's manifesto should produce exactly the opposite to the effect intended. It should cause the people of that state to rise up en masse and offer to their governor the support he deserves.

It may be determined that the combine is legal. That is for the courts to decide. But, upon the face of it it is illegal under the law of Minnesota, and Governor Van Sant is but doing his duty when he inaugurates a movement looking toward the prevention of the combine.

However all this may be, James J. Hill's threat should be resented by the people of the gopher state, resented as they would a personal insult.

SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

The projected consolidation of the Great Northern Railroad and the Northern Pacific, under the guise of the "Northern Securities Company," is a direct blow against the welfare of every state from Minnesota to the Pacific coast. It is a measure that should be resisted by every citizen who desires fair competition and the enforcement of the law.

While the consolidation of the two great systems is clothed under the pleasing euphemism of a "community of interests," it is practically the consolidation of the two great systems under one management. This is directly against the law of the state, forbidding the consolidation of any "two competing and parallel lines."

The mere fact that this organization is to be effected by the transfer of stock to a third company does not, and can not, remove the transaction from the meaning of the law. It is absurd to suppose that the plain meaning of the law can be evaded by this proceeding. Whether these two great competing and parallel lines are organized in Minnesota in defiance of the law of that state, or are organized in the state of New Jersey, it is a transaction that is equally against equity and the expressed wishes of this and all other states. It should be resisted to the last ditch by every legal and legitimate method.

The effect of this consolidation must also be fatal to the small and flourishing towns at all competing points. As present these prosperous communities enjoy the trade of their immediate neighborhood. Will they when both of these lines are under one management?

If all freight receipts go into one and the same coffer, will there be any inducement for the railroad to give either fair rates or fair treatment?

If there are today two stations and two sets of employees in one town, will they remain there under this consolidation?

If today there is good train service and splendid trains, will these things prevail when there is one road and one station?

Do the millions of plain people who have carved this great empire out from the primeval forest and the boundless plain propose that they shall thus be made the spoil of those who toil not, neither spin, but swell fat with the blood of common men?

Do they propose to thus let slip the people of the United States grant to these corporations their imperial land grants that they should now turn and rend their makers?

Do intelligent and legitimate investors in the east presume for a moment that a free and independent people will permit itself to be yoked by these corporations?

Do they imagine for an instant that the fountain of the people's power has been so polluted that the great west can now be thus bought and sold in open market place?

If they do, they may yet repent, for their birth-right of free competition? those who have given may yet retract.

Twelve states and twenty million people have yet a voice in the disposition of their own future and that of their children.

The objections are but a few of the merely practical ones in connection

with this gigantic organization. There are deeper and more profound objections which the citizens of the United States can no longer afford to neglect.

The craze for organization and consolidation has arrived at the point where they should be checked at any cost to present comfort and prosperity.

It is hoped that public sentiment will back the governor and legislature of this state in their attempts to enforce the laws for the passage of which the people of the state hold them responsible.

I am not and never have been against the railroads as corporations. As defending and defying law they should be held in restraint as well as any common law breaker.

There are other anarchists and enemies of society with knives and bombs.

W. D. WASHBURN, JR.
11st District Minnesota Legislature
Minneapolis, Nov. 18, 1901.

AUTOMOBILE DEVELOPMENT.

The application of mechanical power to vehicles for common roads had been attempted early in the nineteenth century, and at intervals thereafter, and while such machines as heavy traction engines using steam power found a limited application, the question of weight prevented the employment of self-propelled vehicles for general purposes. Sporadic attempts were made at the construction of motors adapted for vehicle purposes, but until the work of Daimler, such machines were but the isolated attempts of their projectors and not efforts to produce automobile vehicles for general use.

The first grasp of the fundamental condition of success lay in the realization of the fact that the weight and size of the motor must be reduced by running it at a high speed, but this idea was of no practical use until it was followed up by the invention of a means for enabling the internal-combustion motor to be transformed from the slow, heavy machine of 1882 into the small, light, rapid motor of today. —Paul Daimler, in The Engineering Magazine for December.

There was a rum on the Omaha Society Savings bank, but the institution was prepared for it. The rum was due to a mistaken impression that the Savings bank was connected with the Omaha Loan & Trust company, which was reported Saturday to be in financial difficulties.

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