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REGULATING A GRAFT.

The recent labor troubles in connection with the government printing office developed the fact that unlike the heads of other bureaus, the government printer is responsible only to congress.

The Washington correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald says that the president nor any cabinet officer has any direct authority over the public printer and that the nearest approach in the direction of placing him under the supervision of a cabinet officer is the law which requires him to furnish a bond to the secretary of the interior.

It is pointed out that the secretary cannot say whom the public printer shall employ, how many hours a day his employes shall work, what he shall pay or how he shall manage them. In congress alone rests this authority and in the committees on printing in the senate and house abide the real power to direct the policy of the office.

It is reported that President Roosevelt will, in the light of these facts, recommend enactment of a law that will place the printing office directly under the supervision of the secretary of commerce and labor, but it is pointed out that Senator Platt, of New York, is chairman of the senate committee on printing and that he is not likely to surrender without a struggle the opportunity placed in his hands by this chairmanship to exercise much influence in the management of an institution that employs many hundreds of men and women who, in a greater or less degree, represent votes in the districts from which they are appointed.

As there has been no occasion to regulate the manner of employing the printers in the government office, before, it has not dawned upon the politicians that this one graft is beyond their control.

Now, that the fact is brought out, the president, it is alleged, will have the law changed.

This is in keeping with the spoils system. Whatever is, belongs to the power in office, and no congress has a right to interfere. This policy has despoiled the postoffice department, the war and navy departments, and will despoil the entire government service if not checked.

Congress is the only natural custodian of the public printing office. It should not be made a plaything of a cabinet officer, nor the president of the United States. It should be kept aloof from political traffic, and all its management should be vested in the chosen representatives of the people.

The president has enough to do, and there are now enough grafts at the disposal of the heads of departments. There should be no new opportunities for corruption, manufactured by congress. If congress does anything with the matter, it should strengthen its own supervision of the public printing office. The department of labor and commerce is now the abject tool of the money power, and its reports, statistics and findings are manufactured by corporate interests.

When the last congress abolished the department of labor statistics, its only object was to get rid of Carroll D. Wright, and place the matter of labor statistics in the hands of a man who could not be prevailed upon to hide the truth.

By merging this important department in the department of commerce it made the subject of labor statistics a secondary matter and placed their collection in the hands of hired "experts," who oscillate between the management of some corporation and a chief position in the United States government.

The public printing office should not be prostituted to the interests of grafters. It is one of the most vital departments in the government, and should be free from intrade, traffic or political use.

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COLLEGE BOYS AT WORK.

The harvest leveled all social barriers, and at the same time raised the standard of living in the country. The sturdy college man whose mighty muscles won him glory on the football field worked with the country lad whose distinction lay in the fact that he had shocked 20 acres of wheat in a day and rubbed elbows with the Mississippi levee hand temporarily turned harvester, slept at night in the cool of the open beside some laborer, with only a wagon overhead as shelter from the dew, and felt better for it.

And all of these, the college man, the levee hand, the country lad, and the laborer demanded that their employer set a table that would shame in abundance and quality, the fare of many a house that attracts the summer boarder.

Harvest hands in companies of 100 and 200, were sent out from employment agencies in the states adjacent to Kansas to various points in the wheat belt. Just before the harvest, some farmers found themselves needing more help. Then the farmer used all the guile and promises at his command to induce men to stop with him instead of journeying to the point to which they were ticketed. Harvest hands who ventured on to the platform of some railway station while the engine took water have actually been kidnaped by the farmers, who used force to hold them until the train had gone.

One farmer who raises hundreds of acres of wheat always secures his full quota of harvest hands from colleges. He prefers the collegians, and says they make the most intelligent and trustworthy help, and he selects them in preference to some other classes of men able to do more work each day.—From "This Year's Big Wheat Harvest in Kansas," by Philip Eastman, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

"That drug clerk is a chump. I kept winking my eye for a 'stick' in the soda." "Did he give it to you?" "No. He said there must be something the matter with my eyes and directed me to the optical department."—Chicago Daily News.

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