

Dr. W. H. Carroll in the Christian Advocate, whose statistical reports are said to be the most reliable on the growth and advancement in the religious world, deals with the Roman Catholic as the largest and next after the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Boston Transcript says: "The year has not been especially notable for controversies over doctrine, or marked by gains in adherents. History has been made notable in the domains of ecclesiastical activity, in the alterations of relations of church and state, and in adjustment of policy or internal administration to new social conditions." There is a drawing together of all Christians of all names toward frank mutual recognition of the legitimacy of all the great types of church government, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Independent or Congregational. The year has been notable for more movements for christian union between the sharply differentiated christian communions and between the sects of each group."

During President Cleveland's administration 8,694 pensioners were dropped from the rolls and the pay was materially reduced to 23,702 worthy pensioners. Because it was alleged that the four years which these worthy defenders of our country had spent in marching, fighting, starving, freezing, going through mud, rain, floods, spending sleepless nights with broken and shattered limbs had not earned for them the small pittance allowed to them, such were the views of the democratic friends at that time.

It is doubtful if any act of this administration has aroused the determined opposition from the minority in Congress more than the order of the Commissioner of Pensions, approved by President Roosevelt, bringing within the benefits of the pension laws all veterans who have reached the age of 62 years and over.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Articles of general interest will be published in this department as the personal opinion of the writers. It is understood that the paper is not held responsible for any opinion here expressed.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—In your leading editorial of the 27 inst. relative to the control of transportation you say with reference to plans suggested for the purpose that it has been suggested "that the government should build, own, equip and operate a railroad across the continent from ocean to ocean." You admit that this would "have a decided effect" upon trans-continental roads, but assume that it would have no effect upon roads not trans-continental but engaged in inter-state commerce. In your view "the government would finally have to build a road parallel with every road in the United States doing interstate commerce business which would undoubtedly lead to government ownership of all railroads."

Let us first state the position of the president, of leading republicans and of highly conservative men in all parties. "These corporations must be controlled by whatever means necessary even though it involve government ownership." The Gazette took this position three years ago, and today the republican party lines up to it. Republicans, however, do not favor government ownership, but many of them believe that a limited ownership may become necessary in order to control the inter-state carriers and to prevent a mad, popular rush to socialism.

Everything that has been done to remedy the evils growing out of their abuse of power by the inter-state transportation companies has been done by the republican party and republican administration. All that has been done, however, has very

largely been merely tentative, simply experimental. Mark, we are not speaking of the beef, salt, paper, and other trusts engaged in restraint of trade, but of the abuses by the great transportation companies. The government so far has utterly failed to bring these under control.

More than a score of schemes for their control has been presented this session, and all of them are tentative. The chief reasons for this are two:—Congress,—the government,—has no data of its own upon which to base just and equitable means of control. All measures of control, even though just and equitable, must fall within the constitutional powers of congress.

Suppose congress gives the inter-state commerce commission power to fix just and equitable freight rates, and the commission upon reliable data does so. The question is at once raised as to the power of congress to fix any rate whatever. Many of our ablest constitutional lawyers declare congress has no such power, while others are very doubtful of it. Our legislation, therefore, must continue to be merely tentative.

A road built, owned and operated by the government would not disturb the vested rights of any existing road whatever, and all such constitutional questions would be avoided. The existing transcontinental roads would be brought under control through fair and unpurchasable competition.

This would be a convincing object lesson to those other roads engaged in inter-state commerce. They would see the government, not buying roads, but building and operating them, and they would find their self interests lay in accepting just and equitable control based on data practically gained by the government.

But, Mr. Editor, you fall into palpable error concerning the government bonds which must be issued to buy or build railroads. We do not have the most remote fear that such a thing will ever be undertaken. Many political fools, during our history, have been sent to congress, but such a menagerie of fools as this would require could not be collected in the country. But suppose congress should go into the business of buying or building railroads. What sort of bonds would be issued? Government bonds of course. The resources of the country are unbounded. The revenue of the country is abundant and the national credit unlimited. It may obtain all the money it needs on 30-40s at 4 per cent. It would have to pay some firm of brokers a brokerage for placing the bonds. They might sell at a little below par and accrued interest, or they might sell at more. So long as the government was solvent its bonds would not depreciate. If the demand for them became so great that they brought a premium say of one per cent, the government would promptly refund them at 3 per cent U. S. bonds, because this stable value can not be used speculatively.

As to stock gambling, it is an evil, as all immorality is, but it is not a subject even cousin-german to the control of transportation companies. The two "Toms," the one of "Frenzied Finance," the other Multnomah County's Sheriff are believed to be up-to-date authorities on gambling and its prevention.

J. K. PHILIPS.

Owing to the late hour and there being more matter than can go in the paper at this time any reference to Col. Philips mistake as to the attitude of the GAZETTE, either now or heretofore, the GAZETTE is compelled to reserve the explanation of its attitude until the next issue.

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