

**THE OREGON SCOUT.**

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**A BAD SYSTEM.**

We have an illustration of the workings of the pet scheme of many people of this country, for the government to own the railroads, in the squabble over the proposed Manitoba railroad. The "government" has a very large interest in the Canadian Pacific railroad, and the managers of the line think they should have the exclusive railway privileges of all the British possessions in America. When it is proposed by the people of Manitoba to have an opposition line, to get the production of their soil, of their mines and forests, and of their industry to market, an attempt is made to head them off by legal processes. The government in this case is the most soulless and troublesome monopoly imaginable, as indeed, it would be in any like case. This great monopoly means that the people of Manitoba must await the pleasure of the Canadian Pacific to get their products to market. It will furnish them facilities when it gets ready, which is to indefinite to encourage enterprise. Monopoly is always assumptive and insulting to the rights of the people, no difference whether the monopoly is controlled by private individuals, or by the "government." We must have competition, and that is what the people of Manitoba propose to have, and they are so persistent and determined in their reasonable demands, that they are almost certain to have competition. Monopoly of any kind of power is galling and oppressive. Monopoly of the power of government, like an empire, is the most oppressive monopoly. The centering of all kinds of property in the government has the same tendency or worse. The salaries paid for out of the public crib are now quite numerous enough, and it would be a better job for this country if a few of them were lopped off, than if a wholesale number were added. Napoleon Bonaparte was a monopolist of power, and Europe was compelled to send him to St. Helena, in order to have peace in the family of nations. The Western Union telegraph company is a great and rich corporation, but it has rivals that are great and rich, and would overshadow and out grow them if they were autocratic with their power. This is competition, and we in this country have an infinitely better service, with very much lower rates, for telegraphing than they do in England, where the government owns all the telegraph lines, except those owned by the news papers for their own exclusive use. The cranks in this country who want the railroad and telegraph lines owned by the government are respectfully referred to the people of Manitoba for example of the practical working of the one system and to the people of England for an example of the beneficent and accommodating service of the other. Theory is a good thing to feed the mental gastric economy of superficial cranks, but practice is the substantial food demanded by the thinking apparatus of the common everyday merchant, farmer and tradesman, by the people whose pockets and business are effected by the great systems that are the out growth of recent progressive discoveries. The people of the United States are heartily in sympathy with those of Manitoba, and admire their grit and determination. We hope with them that the backbone of the great monopoly may be effectually broken, and that competition enough will be furnished to give Canada decent service and fair and honorable treatment.—Statesman.

**THE UNION LABOR PARTY.**

The Labor party of New York has adopted a platform of principles and nominated a full ticket. New York does not elect a Governor this year, and the head of the ticket is Henry George, for Secretary of State. The platform approves of George's land theory, but does not aim at securing the distribution of wealth by force. It does not propose to disturb any man in his holding or title, but by abolishing all taxes on industry or its products to leave to the producer the full fruits of his exertion, and by the taxation of land values only to devote to the common good these values, which, arising not from exertion, but from the growth of society, belong to the community as a whole. The increased taxation of land is not according to area but according to value. The Labor party therefore claims that while it relieves the working farmers small homestead owners of the undue burdens now imposed on them, it will make speculation in land unprofitable, and thus throw open abundant opportunities for the employment of labor and the building up of homes, while simplifying the Government by

doing away with the board of officials required by the present system of taxation with its incentives to fraud and corruption. The Labor party further propose to promote the welfare of the commonwealth and secure equal rights to all by placing under public control such agencies as are in their nature monopolies. It will have municipalities supply their inhabitants with light, water and heat, have the Government issue all money without the intervention of banks, add postal saving banks to the postal service and assume public control of railroads.

Some of these principles are revolutionary in character. That of making land pay all taxes will doubtless prove attractive to hundreds of thousands in large cities, and a large vote is certain to be polled for George and his platform at the ensuing election in the Empire State. The Socialists, however, denounce him and his policy, and at a meeting held in New York City the name of the Great Theorist was received with great hisses.—Iaho World.

Electing senators by state legislature gives rich men and corporations to much chance to manipulate the members of a legislative assembly into their own views of measures. It is much easier for them to influence a few men than it would be to get into the good graces of the voters at large. It is too often the case that men elected by the legislature to the Senate of United States are not the men the people at large desire to see fill those offices of trust. It is too often the case that there is a "rabbit in the bush," and the "you must tickle me if I tickle you" principle is the only one on which a senator is elected. Some political aspirants for office will have their man picked out and vote for him purely from the belief that it will assist them to obtain the realization of their pet schemes. This would be more difficult to accomplish were our senators elected by a direct vote of the people. We believe the farmers of Texas did the right thing when they voted unanimously to elect senators directly by the people of the several states. The day is not far distant when, not only our U. S. senators, but the president of the United States, will be chosen by a direct vote of the people.

The terrible railroad disaster at Chatsworth, in Illinois recently, in which so many persons were hurled into eternity without a moment's warning, appeals to humanity with uplifted blood-stained hands against the recklessness of railroad companies in allowing their trains to be over loaded and that too in the face of the fact that they know their road is not what it should be. These disasters are of too frequent occurrence of late for the public to shut their eyes to the fact, that the grossest carelessness is being practiced by railroad companies to the imminent danger of human life. It is about time that the people should rise in their might, and demand of railroad officials that human life shall no longer be made a sacrifice, that the coffers of wealth-thirsty and greedy corporations may be enriched. It is about time that the people should rise in their might and demand in the name of justice and humanity, that these terrible heartrending catastrophes shall cease, or that the selfish blood of greedy railroad officials will run red with vengeance of an already too long suffering public. The charges which come up against the officers of a road when one of these life destroying accidents occur, of their selfishness, their brutality, and their almost utter disregard for life, has been so well substantiated by many eye witnesses, that that alone should be sufficient to place them during the rest of their natural lives behind the prison bars of the penitentiary.

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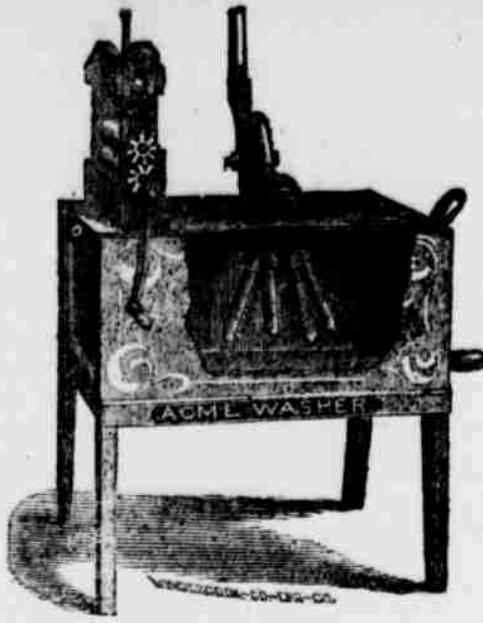
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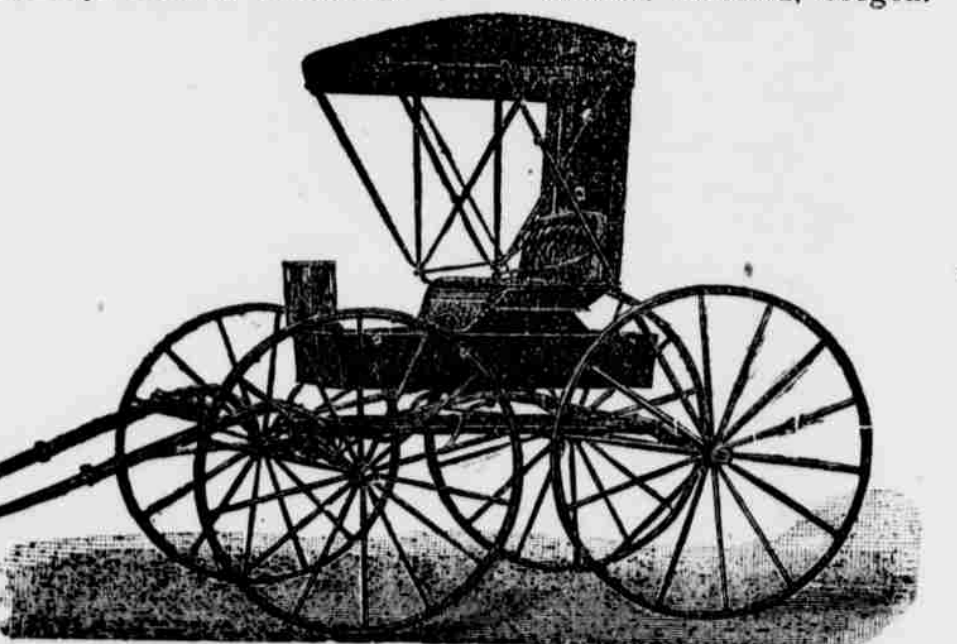
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