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The republican press is endeavoring to show that contracts for the delivery of lar e orders of merchandise or manufactured articles are being made contingent upon the election of Taft. This is a campaign creation, and does not fool any sensible person. It is hardly necessary to say that such a condition does not exist in the business world today, and the story which is nothing more than bunc mbe is being utilized to serve the purpose of politicians.

If there is one thing of more inter- est than politics to the majority of citizens in this country it is the cost of living. The people are hearing constantly of the wonderful benefits that will come to them th ough the continuance of republican rule in nation and state, yet concerning the

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## TRUSTS FAVOR TAFT

### "Interests" Are Strongly Represented on the Republican Committee.

### SHELDON OFFICIAL FAT FRIER

### List of Those from Whom He Got Contributions.

**Republican Treasurer is Director in 21 Corporations—Raised Big Fund in 1906—Recommended by Standard Oil Attorney.**

Chicago, October 1.—(Special.)—In connection with the controversy which the President has raised as to whether the trusts and financial concerns are most interested in the election of Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan, the Democratic National Committee calls attention to a few of the controlling spirits in the Republican Committee who are actively interested in trusts and monopolies.

At the head of the list stands George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Sheldon's selection for this important post of official "fat frier" was made upon recommendation of Wm. Nelson Cromwell, the great corporation lawyer of Wall Street, attorney for the Panama Canal Company, E. H. Harriman, the Standard Oil Company, the Sugar Trust, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers and brokers, and other favored interests. Almost immediately after his appointment, Mr. Sheldon is reported to have received a contribution from Mr. Cromwell, amounting to $50,000.

Mr. Sheldon is a multi-millionaire, the active head of the banking firm of W. C. Sheldon & Co., 2 Wall Street. According to the "Directory of Directors," for the present year, Mr. Sheldon's name appears as a director in the following 21 corporations:

American Locomotive Company.
American Locomotive Automobile Company.
Bethlehem Steel Corporation.
Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company.
Detroit Edison Company,
Electrical Securities Corporation,
Laclede Gaslight Company,
Locomotive and Machine Company of Montreal (limited),
Locomotive Security Company,
Metropolitan Trust Company,
Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.,
Milwaukee, Light, Heat and Traction Co.,
National Copper Bank,
New Jersey Terminal Dock and Improvement Co.,
North American Co.,
Republic Steel & Iron Co., of New Jersey,
Rogers Locomotive Works,
St. Louis Transit Co.,
Union Bag & Paper Co. of New Jersey,
Union Electric Light & Power Co.,
Union Electric Light & Power Co., of St. Louis.

Mr. Sheldon's connection with the Locomotive Trust places him in close connection with the railroads of the country, where he is able to procure their campaign contributions. He is also a confidential agent of J. Pierpont Morgan in his Wall street deals, and assisted in the formation of the Shipbuilding trust. His North American company controls the traction interests of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He is president of the Union League club, of which Rockefeller, Morgan, Carnegie and other powers in Wall street are also members. He is also said to be a member of 20 other clubs whose membership includes practically all of the operators in Wall street.

In 1906 Mr. Sheldon was treasurer of the New York State Republican committee, and succeeded so well in frying the fat from the interests that Mr. Cromwell recommended him for a similar job with the National committee. According to the sworn statement of Mr. Sheldon, published after the campaign, he raised $333,923.60 chiefly from these interests.

The following is a partial list of the contributors as shown in Mr. Sheldon's statement:

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| J. Pierpont Morgan, Wall street banker and promoter | $20,000 |
| Levi P. Morgan, banker, Wall street | 20,000 |
| John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil | 5,000 |
| Andrew Carnegie | 5,000 |
| Chauncey M. Depew, railroad and Standard Oil senator | 5,000 |
| H. R. Hollins, financier | 5,000 |
| Jacob H. Schiff, favored banker | 2,500 |
| Harvey Fisk & Sons, bankers and brokers | 2,500 |
| Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers and fiscal agents | 2,500 |
| J. & W. Seligman & Co., bankers and fiscal agents | 2,500 |
| Chas. W. Schwab, steel trust and other trust corps | 2,000 |
| C. R. Mackey, Postal Telegraph Co. | 2,000 |
| John W. Gates, stock gambler and trust operator | 2,000 |
| W. E. Corey, Prest. U. S. Steel Corp. | 2,000 |
| W. C. Sheldon & Co., bankers and fiscal agents | 2,000 |
| John Jacob Astor, tenement house owner | 1,000 |
| Wm. Nelson Cromwell, trust lawyer | 1,000 |
| Cornelius Vanderbilt, railroad interests | 1,000 |
| W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., railroad interests | 1,000 |
| Edwin Gould, railroad interests | 1,000 |
| W. F. Havemeyer, sugar trust | 800 |
| B. N. Duke, tobacco trust | 500 |
| D. O. Mills | 500 |
| H. M. Flagler, Standard Oil | 500 |
| Arbuckle Bros. Coffee Trust | 500 |
| Henry Clews, Wall street banker | 250 |

This is only a partial list of the trust magnates and financiers who contributed to Mr. Sheldon's fund. An index as to how much more Mr. Sheldon may be able to raise from these interests for the national campaign, the fact may be cited that Mr. Cromwell gave $1,000 to the state fund, and increased the amount to $50,000 for the national campaign.

Fred W. Upham of Chicago is assistant treasurer of the Republican National committee. He is a millionaire several times over, and a member of the County Board of Review of Illinois, which passes upon the amount of taxes which corporations and large estates shall pay in that state. He is a director in several corporations and is in charge of the collection of campaign funds in the west.

On August 21, 1908, after his appointment as Assistant Treasurer of the Republican committee, Mr. Upham sent out thousands of letters to corporation officials whose taxes he passes upon as a member of the Board of Review, urging them to contribute to the Republican fund as "individuals," and requesting them "to bring this matter to the attention of your business associates." The suggestion implied is regarded as significant.

Five of the nine members of the Republican committee are:

Charles F. Brooker, Connecticut millionaire, members of N. Y. Chamber of Commerce, and vice-president New York, New Haven Railroad Co., against which a government suit is now pending, and one of the leading spirits in the brass trust.

Frank O. Lowden, multi-millionaire, vice-president Pullman Palace Car Co., which is a monopoly.

E. C. Duncan, director Atlantic & North Carolina railway, and other corporations, receiver Seaboard Air Line, and official dispenser of patronage in North Carolina.

T. Coleman DuPont, controlling factor in Powder Trust, against which the government has a suit now pending for dissolution.

Boise Penrose, political boss of Pennsylvania, head of the corrupt Republican organization in Philadelphia, and conspicuous in many corporations.

Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican State Committee of Ill., is also chairman of the County Board of Equalization, which passes upon corporation taxes.

Fred A. Sims, acting chairman of the Republican State committee of Indiana, is also chairman of the State Tax board, which passes upon the taxes levied against corporations.

Mr. DuPont has been forced to resign from the executive committee because of his trust connections, but Mr. Brooker, against whose company the government has a suit, is still a member of the committee.

The New York World has cartoons showing a Standard Oil can taking the place of the dome in a picture of the Capitol at Washington. Good! It is another evidence that the people do not rule at Washington, but that the trusts rule through the agency of the Republican party. As to legislation, Mr. Sherman, candidate for vice-president, said "The Republican party is willing and ready to accept full responsibility." Exactly. And the Standard Oil and other trusts rule through that party. The only way to prevent such rule is to elect Bryan.


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