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More Truth Than Poetry In The Aforesaid Remarks.

THE ASTORIAN has published a good many Republican, Democratic and Prohibition speeches. Below it gives a sample of the shibboleth of another party—the Union Labor Party.

At a meeting last week at Hopkins, Mo., Albert F. Streeter the candidate of the Union Labor party for president of the United States, said:

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen—fellow citizens of Missouri and Iowa: We have met here today to discuss some of the issues of the present pending campaign.

I am not a stranger to many of you. Six years ago I came to your adjoining county of Worth, and bought land, fenced it in and in other ways improved it, and stocked it up to the best of my ability, with as good stock as I could furnish from my home farm in Illinois. Hence I have a common interest with you in the prosperity of this country, a common interest with you that we shall prosper together as we did in the past. Unfortunately however, there are but few of us that are making money, and I venture the assertion that three out of every four of the farmers on the great western prairies are to-day working from daylight till dark to make both ends meet and then most of you fail to do so. Am I not correct in this statement, my brother famers? Then is there not something wrong, when the great agricultural interest of the country, and upon which all other industries are based, is struggling with debt and mortages that are sinking the farmers deeper and in debt as the years roll on and until thousands are no longer able to make themselves comfortable nor their families happy?

I believe that when neither you, nor this old gray headed farmer, with all past experience in farming and stock raising in Missouri and Illinois, cannot make a dollar in the business, there is something wrong, and the conditions should be investigated.

Is it not true that we have a soil that is unsurpassed in fertility? Is it not true that we have the natural resources to make the people of the great northwest the richest, most prosperous and happy to be found upon the earth?

Then why is it that we are laboring year in and year out for nothing? Why is it that when I came from Creston to-day, I saw young ladies and young men, boys and girls bare footed tramping along the hard roads? Do you say that young ladies twenty years of age would go bare footed if they had shoes? Nor have these conditions come upon us as the result of bad crops, for we find the same conditions in all the states where the crops have been good or bad, both north or south.

Then wherein is the trouble?

It is the result of class laws, and which have been administered in a way to build up a moneyed aristocracy which absorbs the wealth of the country, and for whose benefit we live and labor. This moneyed aristocracy has subverted the fundamental principles of a government of the people, as established by our fathers, and in lieu of it we have this greedy, grasping and avaricious aristocracy.

In which combinations, corporations and trusts abound, and which has both old political parties and the government in its clutch, and for more than twenty years it has controlled enacted and administered the laws in a way to aid their schemes to rob the industrial people. * * * *

If this be a government of the people, then is it not the duty of the government to aid the common people to pay their debts, to aid them when in distress? If the government will not do this then it is unworthy of the confidence and support of the people.

The government drafted the poor man for its defense, the rich man hired another poor man for his substitute; so the poor man did nearly all the hard work in defending the government, and when the war was over the corporate monopolies got all the poor soldiers earned. In this way the government has been aiding the moneyed aristocracy for more than twenty years, until we think it has gone too far; until we propose to reverse the engine and have the government aid its working people for a while—those who carried knapsacks to defend it.

In doing this we demand that there shall be more money in circulation, cheaper rates for transportation, cheaper rates for use of money, and that corporate monopolies and trusts, which have been robbing us without hindrance from either of the old political parties, shall be taken by the throat and choked to death. Should not this be done? Have not both old parties failed to do it? We judge the future by the past, and declare unto you that there is no hope for relief in either old party; they have been tried too long already, hence we come before my brother farmers, with a new party, a party of the people, of those who work in fields, and shops, and mines, and of all others who are opposed to both old political parties in their administration of affairs. With all of these reform elements united in the new party, we swear by the hard hand of toil, by the bread we produce for our children to eat, that we will not surrender; but that we will fight on and on until the monopoly beast of seven horns, until the devil fish with his sucking tentacles in every transportation line, and the board of private trusts, shall be vanquished and driven from the field, and the government restored to the people to whom it belongs.

I say to you distinctly that both old parties are owned and controlled by the money power, and it makes no difference which one you support or is in power, the robbery will go on as before. The industrial classes must learn that they can accomplish nothing until they stop wrangling and are united as one. We now come with the olive branch and the remedy, and tell you that you have no hope save through a new party of reform. * * * *

Now, what do we want? We want this government administered in the interests of the people awhile. Is it asking too much? We have seen it administered in the interests of the money class long enough, and now we wish to run it in the interest of the people.

Let me ask you a question. Do you think the government was created for the benefit of your party; or, was the party created for the benefit of the people? That is the question, and the point over which many of you have stumbled, placing your party before your government.

Men of Hopkins, you have seen hard times too, and many of your buildings are empty because people can not make a living here. They have gone off and left you, just as they have gone and left our farms in Illinois; they have gone to the far west and to other towns. Chicago, since 1881, has increased 51 per cent. in population, while eighty-seven of the best agricultural counties in the state have lost in population. There is something wrong when farming don't pay in Illinois; and I know that farming here no longer pays, and you who live upon farms know it too.

Let me tell you a little circumstance. Last fall I sold a man in this town, from my farm twelve miles from here, a lot of as fine heifers, about forty head, as ever came to this market; they were as clean and healthy a drove of heifers as you would wish to see. I sold them to him for $2.15 per hundred, and I understand he shipped them to Chicago and lost $100 on the shipment. I lost money on them, though I raised them from calves up to the time they were sold. He lost $100 in handling them. The railroad company got $60 per car for hauling them to Chicago, and there they went into the hands of a "beef trust" which is said to have made $55,000,000 by sucking that much blood out of us.

What have these old political parties done for you? Are they not in league with these combinations and trusts? And what you have to hope for is more than I can tell.

They have told you that times would be better next year; but, instead, times get worse every year. They tell you to stick to your old party and that will give you relief; and you have stuck until you are, many of you, hanging by the ragged edge of despair.

Has either of the old parties put down the money trust, the oil trust, the sugar trust, the lumber trust, the salt trust, the coal trust, the binder twine trust, the coffee trust, or any other trust? No! they have not. But they want you to stick to it all the same. Will you do it? And the majority of these trusts have been organized under this democratic administration.

That there is something wrong is evident, and I say to you that we propose to have cheaper rates for transportation of products, to have cheaper rates on money by increasing the volume in circulation, by paying off the national debt, by reduction of the tariff where there can reasonably be a reduction made, by loaning money to farmers and other business interests as well as to bankers, at the same rate, on good security, and administer the government generally in the interest of the people.

I want you all to take a good live labor paper, one that is not afraid to advocate your interest. I don't object to your taking other papers, but your interest and duty is to take at least one good paper that is in the interest of the Union labor party.

My good Christian friends, men and women, let me ask you a few questions, you who worship Jesus of Nazareth, the son of a carpenter. If He whom you worship was on earth to-day, which side of this question do you think He would be on? Would He be on the side of the moneyed aristocracy and trusts or on the side of the industrial people? If you, in your heart, think He would be with the people, then you should also be with us, or you need to be born again.

Our platform says: "Arbitration should take the place of strikes." Is not that right? Labor strikes are unprofitable, and often a failure, and disturbers of business; hence we want arbitration to take their place. Employers and employes should be compelled to arbitrate their differences by a penal law. There would have been no strike on the C. B. & Q. road if the company had had the willingness, to use no stronger word to submit the difference between the company and its employes to arbitration. But this the company refused to do, even when the brotherhood, as I am informed, offered to let the company choose two of the three arbitrators. It seems that capital is not willing to acknowledge the equality of man. Nor does it like a government of the people. And, disguise it as we may, the breach between corporate monopoly and labor is still growing wider, and if not adjusted in some honorable way may lead on to much more serious trouble. Therefore it is the part of wise statesmanship and sound public policy to adjust these growing differences in a fair and impartial manner. Corporate capital is too arrogant, and relies too much on Pinkerton's lawless militia; this may not be just the

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