

American Mining Congress.
(Continued from last week.)

If these expressions of opinion are well founded, then this congress should leave nothing undone which can be done to secure this larger measure of governmental co-operation. Our government is but an instrumentality to carry into effect the will of the American people to advance both political and industrial welfare. If such governmental co-operation with the minor will advance the welfare of the American people, then it should not be withheld. The federal congress will certainly not withhold it when convinced that the establishment of such a department will benefit American industry. The great industrial Department of Agriculture has so blessed our country that all theoretical arguments against it have been silenced by the unquestioned beneficence of its practical achievements.

A Department of Mines and Mining would have a definite purpose to unify the forces in the varied branches of mining to a common end—the upbuilding and lasting benefit of those engaged in mining industries.

It our government be a government, by, for and of the people and as such has any mission outside of its merely political activities, it is to uplift the citizen, individually and en masse. If you are going to lift the citizen out of the condition of "the man with the hoe," you must make it possible for him to better his condition by his own efforts. The government owes it to itself, would it endure, to see that every child, so far as reasonably possible, is fitted for citizenship. And for the same reason to see that every citizen, so far as reasonably possible, may have opened to him the door of opportunity. Our government mightily enlarged the opportunity for the uplifting of the farmer through the Agricultural Department, and we contend that it should give the miner a similar opportunity through a Department of Mines and Mining. Farmers in this country are universally more prosperous by reason of their department, and are hereby given a better opportunity and incentive to rise to a higher citizenship. No one will contend that miners and the children of miners are not equally worthy of consideration from the government which they help to support.

As our country possesses such marvelous industrial possibilities, and as our government and its future greatness through usefulness to humanity must rest on a foundation of intelligent industry. I am forcibly impressed with the necessity of governmental direction of American industrial activity through a few great industrial departments, similar to the Department of Agriculture. Through such governmental departments evil tendencies can be easily checked and good tendencies encouraged. After all, the growth of the American people is simply a matter of education through experience, in the effort to suppress evil or mistaken methods and establish the better and wiser social and methods, in our business, political evolution. The basis of our governmental tendencies must ever be the good of the American people as a whole.

If there is any one great weakness more apparent than another in our American system of evolution, it is lack of respect for law. There may be a great outcry against anarchy, but even anarchy must have a cause. In this land of plenty and hope, why should the spirit of anarchy appear? Because justice has not yet been enthroned in American business methods, especially in high places, and because in many of the greater business affairs of our country the law is not respected. Our Department of Commerce and Labor has been called upon to investigate conditions important to the American people, not because of respect for law, but because of disregard for the law. American industrial activity is becoming so momentous, and the spirit of co-operation along lines of similar interests is to determine, that unless the law relating to such business affairs stands supreme, the very fountains of American inspiration will become parched and dried. The magnitude of American industry and its mighty possibilities, prohibits any one department from guiding or guarding American industrial development. We live in a great age, confronted with great problems, problems which if solved right will bring enduring blessings to the American people. But if permitted to solve themselves under the guidance of self-interest, will dishonor our country and retard our progress. Some power in our onward course must be supreme, and that power must be the law. One who at all keeps pace with existing conditions must be impressed with the conviction that to guide our ship clear of shoals in international affairs and advise the chief executive on industrial tendencies

as affecting domestic affairs, is a field broad enough to enlist all the faculties, not only of America's greatest statesmen in a political sense, but of her profoundest administrative talent in a business sense. The great Departments of State, Justice, War and navy, are more concerned with the distinctively political functions of our government. The treasury covers sufficient ground to require the talents of a financier of the very first order of ability. The Postoffice Department is a great business institution, which is expanding with such rapid strides in order to keep pace with the country's growth that the executive capacity of even the most able and experienced business men is severely taxed in its proper administration. The Department of the Interior must meet almost daily practical questions of great moment, many of which have no direct connection with others of equal importance in this department, each branch of which is so rapidly expanding that it would seem the best results could not be secured where one man must direct them all, however exceptional his genius and capacity for work. To illustrate, this department controls the disposition of all public lands, both agricultural and mineral, all public surveys; the Geological Survey, the Reclamation Service, Patents, Copyrights, Indian Reservations, Territorial Government.

The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and Labor are the only departments that have specifically to do with directing the upbuilding of the American people, and yet all must rest upon American industry. If American industry is sound, all is well. We must not forget that our political departments, that is to say, those which deal more particularly with the affairs of the state as such, those which control our foreign affairs, our army, our navy, our national finances, the interpretation of our laws—can only be administered with real efficiency to the extent that American industry thrives and its methods are sound. Therefore it seems to me that as America's greatness and enduring qualities must spring from America's industrial life, we should see to it that some of our country's greatest administrative ability should preside directly over the industrial departments, in order that the foundations on which all the departments must rest, yes, from which the very vitality of our country must continually spring, may not be neglected. America has the opportunity of founding the greatest industrial system ever conceived, and as a consequence of reaping the rewards of the greatest commerce that ever rode the seas. But all must rest on the soundness and stability of our industrial system. So if the American Mining Congress can be an instrument to bring about a frank discussion of enlarging and perfecting the industrial departments of our government, an important service will have been rendered.

The following objections to a Mining Department are made by a man of high standing:

"The United States government has nothing to do with the mining industry, except in the territories, Alaska, Porto Rico and the District of Columbia. Everywhere else the regulation of this industry belongs to the several states."

This is exactly the reason why we ask for a Department of Mining, so that the United States government may have something to do with the mining industry. This same argument was applied to the agricultural industry prior to the creation of that department. The same cry was also raised against the government having anything to do with the regulation or control of commerce and transportation through a department or otherwise. The objectors insist that these things should be regulated by the states. But our government is now having something to do with these great branches of our national development. Can there be any real question about the wisdom of this course—nay, its absolute necessity, under present conditions? Where would the rights of the producers of our country be, did not our government have something to do with interstate commerce, combinations in restraint of trade and combinations controlling transportation rates, and numerous other things affecting the rights and welfare of the American people? This kind of logic condemns itself, because it has been demonstrated beyond question that American industrial life cannot be permitted to develop under the sole guidance of self-interest.

Another objection to the creation of more departments is the following:

"That is has enlarged the cabinet of the president by adding to it, as the heads of new departments, men who are not pre-eminently fitted to his advisors on questions of general policy, foreign relations or executive action." This speci-

men of logic simply assumes that the president is incapable of forming a cabinet of men pre-eminently fitted to advise him. I venture to assert that there are always plenty of men in this country, pre-eminently fitted to advise the president, who could be induced to become members of his cabinet. If not, then our republic is a colossal failure.

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Veteran National Guard Officer and Ranking Captain Asks to be Relieved.

Captain J. M. Williams, the commanding officer of Company C, First Separate Battalion, O. N. G., of this city, has made application, to Adjutant General Finzer to be relieved of his command and to be transferred to the National Guard Veterans. While this is not a resignation it has practically the same effect as far as his company is concerned.

Captain Williams is one of the veterans of the Oregon National Guard and is at present the ranking captain of the state. He has been connected with the Guards for 15 years or more. At the time old Co. C, Second Regiment, went to the Philippines, Captain Williams organized the present Co. C, and has been its commanding officer ever since.—Guard.

EQUIPMENT OF SMALL MILLS

IN some districts there are numerous small mills, no one of which will justify a milling plant, because of the limited amount of ore available, and yet the ore is sufficiently rich to pay a profit even if treated in a custom mill. In such districts as this the owner of the custom mill will usually make a much higher charge per ton than the cost of milling; the money which this difference between mill charge and actual cost of milling represents would build a mill in a short time. Obviously it would be good business, then for the several mine owners to form an association for the purpose of building a mill in which the ores from the several mines represented could be treated at cost. This would be an advantage to every mine owner concerned and incidentally to every mine in the camp, as custom rates could be charged those mines not represented in the association.

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Duke Knox and Jim Potts drove down from Cottage Grove, Wednesday afternoon and took in the mask ball. Thursday evening they returned home accompanied by Jesse Griffin and Oscar Vaughn of Wendling.—Springfield News.

Divorce at Pendleton.

A press dispatch from Pendleton has this about a former Cottage Grove man: "Jennie W. Medley has sued Claud C. Medley for divorce. They were married in Walla Walla in 1902, and according to the plaintiff, the defendant became a habitual drunkard soon afterward. The right to resume her maiden name which was Jennie W. Cole, is also asked. They have no children."

"Medley was today given a sentence of seven days or \$15 for carrying a concealed weapon. He is said to have been drunk at the time."

Mosby Creek.

Church was held by Rev. Owens at the Blue Mt. school house Sunday.

Miss Nellie Patton went to Dorena Wednesday to work in the boarding house.

Miss Fay Hampton, teacher of the Blue Mt. school, went to Goshen to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Tom Lee, who works at Star, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Tom Rawlings and Mrs. Anna Lyon visited Cottage Grove Thursday.

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