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A NEAR ANTHEM

My country, beautiful land! I'll sing, if you will stand, a song to thee. My harp is rather coarse, my voice is somewhat hoarse, yet will I try to force some melody. Fair land that saw my birth, gem of the whole blighted earth, hark to my screams. Tell me, O tell me why prices have soared so high the man can scarcely buy things that he needs. Things that a man must eat—lemons and prunes and meat—cost like Sam Hill; carpets and rugs and mats, neckties and shoes and hats, shirting to hide his slats, empty his till. All through the week I work, like an unlauded Turk, for a few bucks; no odds how hard I try, of wealth I'm always shy, and when I travel I ride on the trucks. They say that half a plunk bought more and better junk, in the old days, than will two bones or more, in the big modern store, since prices learned to soar, five hundred ways. My country, hear my word, you are a humming bird, also a peach! Splendid in peace and war, thou most effulgent star—tell me why prices are clear out of reach!

—WALT MASON.

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CORPORATION LAW CONFERENCE

A conference, perhaps the most important in the history of corporation regulation, was commenced in New York City yesterday. Several similar sessions will be held later, and the conferees will finally meet in the autumn to place their report in the hands of President Taft, who will make it the basis of recommendations in his message to congress.

It is likely that the deliberations will shape the most important legislation, from the standpoint of the business and corporation world that will be undertaken during President Taft's administration.

Attending the conference is Attorney-General Wickersham, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission Knapp, and Mr. Bowers, solicitor of the Department of Justice.

The conference is the result of an agreement reached last spring, when President Taft called the conferees together and expressed to them his dissatisfaction with the present laws regarding corporations, including railways, and told them it was his intention in his first message to congress in December to recommend legislation regulative of corporations.

The president said that while he knew the necessity for such legislation existed, he was not prepared to suggest the lines it should take, and he therefore requested Messrs. Wickersham, Nagel, Ballinger, Knapp and Bowers to look into the situation and make recommendations.

One thing was to be made clear to the business and corporation world, and that is that President Taft desires legislation that will prevent many of the evil practices of some corporations. It will be made plain, according to an authoritative source, that the president is not pursuing any corporation or individual, and believes that the proposed legislation can be discussed both in and out of congress without precipitating an agitation hurtful in the business world. Suggestions will be received from men prominent in financial life and the railroad world, and considered. The president is not on a trust-busting expedition of wide dimensions, but wants corrective legislation.

As a guide in their work President Taft has referred each of the conferees to his speech of acceptance of the presidential nomination at Cincinnati. In this speech President Taft said that the chief function of his administration would be to perfect and complete the machinery by which certain standards would be maintained by which the law-breakers would be restrained promptly and punished, but which would operate with sufficient accuracy and dispatch to interfere with legitimate business as little as possible.

The president declared that the present machinery is not adequate for the purpose. In a general way he advocated a change in the interstate commerce act whereby the commission would be relieved of certain executive and administrative duties and its functions limited to quasi judicial ones.

President Taft said also there would be a classification of that "very small percentage of industrial corporations having power and opportunity to effect illegal restraints of trade and monopolies," and legislation either inducing or compelling them to subject themselves to registry and to proper publicity regulations and supervision of the Department of Commerce and Labor. He also advocated reorganization of bureaus in the Department of Commerce and Labor, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Justice, which bureaus have to do in some way or other with the work of corporations.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is meeting in St. Louis this week. Many important topics will come up for discussion, among them the building of a tuberculosis hospital for members of the association. The idea is to erect this sanatorium at Colorado Springs, Colo. The matter has been hanging fire for the past two or three years. The age limit for retirement and the question of a pension fund for retired mail carriers will be another important issue before the convention. The so-called "Boston plan" is favored by a majority of the members of the association. This plan provides for the retirement of letter carriers on half pay, but no age limit is fixed. The senior substitute of the retired carrier receives the other half of the

pay until there is another vacancy, to which he is appointed. The government is working in conjunction with the national association in an effort to reach some plan which will be mutually satisfactory to both the department and the organization. The association will also try to make some arrangement with the postoffice department at the convention, whereby each employee will receive thirty days' vacation during each year.

There is every reason why the people of Lane county should go ahead with the building of a railroad to the coast, and no good reason for not carrying the enterprise along. It would give us, when completed, a short haul to navigable water, thus materially reducing freight rates and placing the markets of the world at our doors. For Eugene it would mean the building up of a jobbing business which would in time grow into vast proportions, making Eugene a city of the first class. Such a road may be constructed as far as the Lake Creek country for not more than \$150,000, and when this is done we have assurance that is unquestioned that funds will be forthcoming with which to complete the line to Siuslaw tidewater and on to Coos Bay. We ought to take hold of this matter in the "Eugene Way," and complete the subscription list so that actual construction may be commenced during the coming month.

E. H. Harriman "is a man who feels most deeply his moral obligations." You might not have suspected it, but his confidential secretary says so. Stuyvesant Fish might say something interesting on the subject, if he would.

France will cease to be known as the politest nation if it can't muzzle its socialists who are referring to the czar of Russia as the "inhuman brute" and "the crowned Apache."

In private life housecleaning is an annual affair; in Washington it comes every four years. In both a lot of dust is raised that settles back in the old places.

If it be fair to judge from some of the "investment" securities advertised, the gold brick industry is also figuring on a boom.

Doubtless, after all, the Alabama editor who said, "half the people you meet have an ax to grind," underestimated the facts.

Somehow nobody but the hobos find anything to "cuss" about in the steadily increasing scarcity of labor.

LANE COUNTY'S BIGGEST HOP YARD HAS NO MOULD

Seavey Brothers Will Begin Picking on September 13—A Splendid Crop This Year

Picking in the Seavey Bros' hop yard, six miles northeast of Eugene on the McKenzie river, will begin on Monday, September 13, according to J. W. Seavey. This yard is the largest in Lane county, consisting of 160 acres this year, and it is said by experts to be the best in the county, also.

Mr. Seavey said this morning that there is not a sign of mould, neither is there a single louse in the yard, as far as he knows. This splendid condition is attained by spraying early and late and all the time.

"Last year we picked for 27 days," said Mr. Seavey. "Other growers said our yard would be full of mould before we got through, but we picked every vine and no mould was to be seen up to the last. If other growers sprayed as thoroughly as we do, they would not be troubled at all with either lice or mould. There ought to be a state law compelling growers to spray better than they do, then the quality of Oregon hops would be much better, with a consequent betterment in the price. Our hops would regain their lost reputation and we would be in a position to command a higher price than is received by the growers in California and New York."

"Our crop this year," continued Mr. Seavey, "is splendid, both as to quality and quantity. We will harvest fully as much as we did last year."

McHARG RESIGNS,

PROBABLY BY REQUEST

Office-Holder Criticized Taft For Standing in With Interests

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 30.—President Taft today accepted the resignation of Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor McHarg, who yesterday made a bitter attack upon ex-President Roosevelt and his policies.

Secretary Nagel, Secretary Knox and Secretary Meyer dropped in upon the President today, the former bearing a letter from Assistant Secretary McHarg, in which McHarg stated that he had taken his present position with the understanding he was only to hold it six months anyhow, and that as he understands it, his term is about to expire. After a brief conference between the president and his cabinet members it was agreed that McHarg had the right view of his position and that his term should expire quickly.

He Criticizes Roosevelt. There was no one in Beverly today who said that McHarg's resignation was in any wise the result of the interview published in Washington last week, in which he is credited with saying some sharp things about

ex-President and his policy of forest conservation.

Secretary Ballinger, it is learned, left Seattle tonight, in response to a call from Washington. Just what significance there is in this is not announced here.

This, it is to be remembered, is the Taft Administration. But because of this fact, it does not follow that President Taft wishes to belittle the work of his predecessor, or to have the impression carried to the country that his policies involve the overturning of the work of the last seven or eight years.

Evidence is not wanting to show that the present executive is out of patience with two classes of politicians who succeed in keeping themselves in the public eye—the class which seeks to involve his administration with reactionary tendencies in connection with the policies set going by the preceding administration, and the class which insistently keeps prating with praise about the Roosevelt movement which took root in the country before his nomination and election.

It is asserted quite positively that oil has been discovered in Douglas county within eight miles of Roseburg. That is expected to help much in development.

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