WASHINGTON, July 17 .- Secretary Lamont said to-day that he did not talk politics and did not see any politicians during his Western tour. "I was not hunting ghosts," he about. My trip was a purely busiabout. My file and I had neither inclina-ness one, and I had neither inclina-pess one, and I had neither inclina-pess one, and I had neither inclina-pess one, and I had neither inclination nor opportunity to meddle in politics. About the only people saw were the military and railroad

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"You observed the condition of of the country through which you

"Yes, enough to see that it appear ed prosperous and promising. The railroad men whom I met told me that the outlook was very favora ble for great prosperity. They are about the only ones I had an oppor tunity to talk with on the subject and I presume that they are about the best posted. It was said that that whole country was experiencing a renewal of prosperity and that the people were contented and satisfied with the outlook. All the crops are in the best possible condition and the reports from the various sections of the country indicate great product for the year."-The World.

The foregoing from Secretary Lamount shows how industriously and assiduously the friends of the present administration and gold bug followers are working to hide the true s ate of the feelings of the

He learns from railroad men that the people are very happy, prosperous and contented. The railroad men are very good authority when the fact is stated that the people generally and railroads and railroad men are continually warring with each other.

And moreover the railroad men have always been classed with the monopoly and are one of the strong branches of the single standard. We can fully realize the gratification of the Secretary upon learning this peice of good news from an enemy of the prosperity of the common people. And further beg leave state his presumption that the whole country was experiencing a renewal of prosperity and that the people were contented and satisfied with the outlook, is all "gammon."

The crops are good in our state generally and we thank God that the railroads and other goldite monopolies cannot control the growing of crops. But that the people are satisfied, contented, prosperous and happy we deny. Why did not Secretary Lamont converse with the laborer, the farmer and the mechanic? If he desired to know just how the people felt and how prosperous they were how exceedingly happy the men and their wives and their little ones were, he should have gone directly to them and found out the true condition, no, he asked the railroad men the common enemy of the prosperity of the people the answer of those men was good enough for him. He could tell the eastern people and papers and report to the administration that the people of the west were happy and prosperous because the railroad men said they were

He savs he wasn't hunting "ghosts" though he was told there were some around. We do not know what ghosts or whose he had reference to, but shall guess he meant the ghosts of the silver. promises, and never fulfilled, made by our party to the people, and these ghosts Mr. Lamont and the administration do not wish to see or tackle, so satisfies himself with a few talks with the railroad men, and then go home and tell newspaper men that he did not meet any ghosts but met prosperity who, happily, gave him a good report of the people. It is our candid opinion that the Secretary talked enough with the people to understand how they felt towards goldites, dictators and enemies to the wishes of the people, and these enemies to so shamefully trample upon the rights and demands of that power who gave them authority and who instead of respecting the demands of the people took the "bull" by the horns, and dictated to the majority what should be done.

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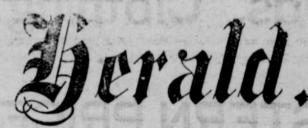
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