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SAYS IT IS A CRIME.

MAYOR JONES ON PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC FRANCHISES.

The Few Grow Rich, While the Many Suffer—Social System Contrary to the Spirit of Republican Institutions.

In his address in Cooper Union, New York, Mayor Samuel M. Jones of Toledo said:

Private ownership of public franchises is a high crime against democracy. It is contrary to the spirit of republican institutions. It is a city granting a privilege to an individual to enrich himself, usually at the expense of the masses least able to bear it, the poor people. The hard earned nickel of the washerwoman and the toiler go to make up the profits of the street railway magnates. Let all those who share this sort of profit understand the source of their wealth. I want the ladies who wear diamonds and the men who make gifts of this kind of money to universities, hospitals, missionary societies and churches to be made aware of the source of their revenue.

In granting, in giving or in selling a franchise of that kind the city becomes a party to the crime. The social system in our cities, our states and nation today, can be clearly traced to our dishonest business methods. It is not corrupt politicians that have brought disaster so much as corrupt business men.

The methods of business have got into our politics through every conceivable form of bribery and appeal to the vilest and lowest passions of human life, with the result that we have a country in which a few people are wealthy, a few are in what may be called circumstances of reasonable comfort, the masses are on the verge of poverty and millions are in absolute pauperism.

The trust, the combine, the monopoly, are all legitimate products of the same wrong system, and the futile and abortive effort of our public officials to get results from laws made to regulate, restrain and control trusts is a striking illustration of the folly of our method of procedure.

We have built up a social system in which we have assumed that it was possible all might succeed, when the very success of a few is dependent upon and can only come from the failure of the many, and it is because I see that a suicidal policy of this kind can lead to nothing but "confusion worse confounded" that I protest against it.

Through close personal contact with bitter poverty the great mass of the disinterested are coming to understand the source of their misery, the cause of their distress. They are coming to see that our policy of granting special privileges in the way of public franchises, contracts and unusual opportunities for profit getting to a few is inevitably making paupers of the many, and our only salvation is to establish the purely democratic policy in government of considering the interest of all the people as always ahead of and superior to the rights of any individual or set of individuals.

In my short experience in public life I have learned two valuable lessons. One is that public officials are not as corrupt as they are popularly supposed to be; the second is that business is the poison that comes into the life of the public officials and seeks to corrupt it. It is to somebody's business interest to get a contract; it is to somebody's business interest to get a franchise or extension of one, and the methods of business are too well known to call for any comment at my hands.

I know no better way to study the municipal problem than for us to adjourn to the city hall, where we will come face to face with the municipal problem as every city official in this city and every large city of our country sees it day after day. It is the problem of the unemployed. Scores of hungry looking men upon whose faces are plainly written the lines of hopeless despair. And what special privilege or grant or franchise do they ask? Only the privilege that is the inherent right of every man—the right to work.

When this right is once secured and the place where man may work is as easily found as the place where a man may vote, our problems will be solved, for this is our municipal problem. It is our state problem. It is our national problem.

The Real Reason.
The ratio is the whole silver question. Why? Because the bonds of the United States are payable in "coins" of "weight and fineness" existing when the bonds were issued—i. e., while the ratio is "16 to 1." If that ratio is abandoned, if the ratio be increased or decreased, then "gold coins" will be the only "coins" of the "weight and fineness" existing when the bonds were issued, and therefore those bonds will be at once because "gold bonds" by virtue of the fact of the disappearance of the other coins of the prescribed "weight and fineness."

Then will the gold standard be accomplished by indirection rather than by direct legislation.
The abandonment of the ratio is the abandonment of bimetallicism—Omaha Nonconformist.

WHERE IS THE FLAG OF ENGLAND?

And the winds of the world made answer,
North, south, and east and west;
Wherever there's wealth to covet,
Or land that can be possessed;
Wherever are savage races
To cozen, coerce and scare,
Ye shall find the hunter's ensign;
For the English flag is there!

"Aye, it waves o'er the blazing hovels
Whence African victims fly,
To be shot by explosive bullets,
Or to wretchedly starve and die!
And where the beach-comber huddles
The isles of the Southern sea,
At the peak of his mellish vessel,
'Tis the English flag flies free."

"The Maori full of hate cursed it
With his bitterest dying breath;
And the Arab has hissed his hatred
As he spits at its fold in death.
The hapless fellow has feared it
On Tel-el-Kebir's parched plain,
And the Zulu's blood has stained it
With deep indelible stain."

"It has floated o'er scenes of pillage,
It has flamed o'er deeds of shame,
It has waved o'er the fell marauder,
As he ravished with sword and flame.
It has looked upon ruthless slaughter
And massacre dire and grim;
It has heard the shrieks of the victims
Drown even the jingo hymn."

"Where is the flag of England?
Seek the lands where the natives rot;
Where decay and assured extinction
Must soon be the people's lot.
Go! search for the once-glad islands,
Where diseases and death are rife,
And the creed of a callous commerce
Now battens on human life!"

"Where is the flag of England?
Go, sail where rich galleons come
With shoddy and "loaded" cottons,
And beer, and Bibles and rum!
Go, too, where brute force has triumphed,
And hypocrisy makes its lair;
And your question will find its answer,
For the flag of England is there."

From London Truth.
Baker county taxes this year amount to \$400,000 and the sheriff is engaged collecting the same. The taxes in that county are only a little short of confiscation of property.—Times Mountaineer.

CREED OF THE FLAG.

"Who will haul down the flag?"
quoth he,
And no man an answer gave,
But who will haul up the flag, ask we.
Where the flag ought never wave?
Over an arrogant mission of spoil
That takes as a matter of course,
A subject race and a conquered soil
And a government based on force!
Answer us!—answer us! true and fair
Who will haul up Old Glory there?
"Who will haul down the flag?"
quoth he,
Nay, think how it first went up
When war astride of the land and sea
Poured wrath from his brimming cup;
When brave men died and left in
bequest
"One pledge for the great and the
small;
Not stars for the few and stripes for
the rest,
But the flag of our country for all!"
Answer us, truly and plainly, we pray:
Was that not its meaning in Wash-
ington's day?
From Washington's day to Jackson's
time,
From Yorktown to New Orleans,
Did any man follow that flag sublime
And doubt what the symbol means?
Free self-ruled states, each one as a
star
Fixed fast in a field of blue
Fenced in by the blood red stripes of
war
To preserve them for me and you!
Answer us, now, do you dare to drag
The old faith out of our fathers' flag?
"Who will haul down the flag?"
quoth he,
Why, no hand of flesh and bone
Can lower that flag, on land or sea,
Till the faith of the flag is gone!
Till a few shall rule and cunningly
keep
The bunting to garnish their greed;
Till dollars are dear and humanity
cheap
By the force of tory creed!
Then will it fall—but answer us clear,
Do you fancy that hour is drawing
near?
Did our Liberty Bell ring in vain?
Was our declaration a lie?
Must we turn to the old world, again,
With the penitent prodigal's cry?
Must we arm us and march in the van
Of Europe's barbaric parade
And boom out a gunpowder gospel to
man
To open a pathway for trade?
Shall we strut through the world and
bluster and brag
With the dollar-mark stamped on
the brave old flag?
Nay, haul up the flag—raise it high—
Not yet is its spirit spent!
Let it ring in the wind and the sky
The truth that it always meant!
Let it sing of the birthright of man,
Of progress that never can lag,
Let it sing that trade may go where
it can
But liberty follow the flag!
Yea, haul up Old Glory—but com-
rads take heed
That no man shall part the old flag
from the creed!
—By Dr. H. S. Taylor, of Chicago.

Ten ear loads of hogs, 1900 head, from Nebraska passed through The Dalles Friday night en route to Troutdale to be butchered. Such shipments as these should encourage Oregon farmers to produce more hogs, for by so doing they will keep money at home.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

The April term of the County Court convened Wednesday, April 5th, 1899, and transacted the following business:
In the matter of the petition of B. F. Hailey et al for road; petition of W. R. Fowler for damages; report of appraisers was accepted and Court ordered that when petitioners pay damages, said road be ordered opened and declared a public high way in accordance with survey. Ordered opened April 6th.

Petition of A. Happold for road of public easement was read second time and J. D. Gibson, Del Porter and B. F. Hailey were appointed viewers to meet at residence of A. Happold on May 6th. Petition of C. A. Buckley et al for road was read second time and O. R. Messinger, Geo. P. Higginbotham and John H. Coyle were appointed appraisers to meet at such time as they may agree upon and determine how much less valuable, if any, such lands are by reason of such highway.
Petition of O. C. Eakin for road was granted. Ordered that M. Damon, J. R. Martin and Thomas Callaghan, viewers, and E. J. Sharpor his deputy surveyor meet at beginning of said road on May 1st.

Petitions of Wm. King et al for road granted. Ordered that Clark DuPuy, J. A. Elder and Henry Richelmer, viewers, and E. F. Sharpor or his deputy surveyor meet at the beginning of said road on May 3rd.

BILLS ALLOWED.
H H Hatfield, care J Finley 25 00
Wm Henrichs, office expense 19 00
Wm Holder " 16 00
Glass & Prudhomme, office sup. 84 65
Irwin Holsen Co. " 13 50
Wasco News " 29 00
Moro Publishing Co. " 8 50
D C Ireland & Sons " 18 25
D McDonald, work on road. 50 40
Moro Merc. Co. Mdsr. Road Dist. 2 00
G F Guinther, road work 34 45
R F Meddler road viewer 2 00
B W Anson " 2 00
Chas Hill " 2 00
John Henrichs " 2 00
J H Johnson " 2 00
M A Van Guilder " 2 00
A Holder " 2 00
Dave Vinton " 2 00
Ralph Bennett " 2 00
Frank Iams, chairman 2 00
C A Buckley " 2 00
E F Sharpor, surveyor 16 00
J Marsh, administering oaths 1 25
J O Elrod, mdse road Dist No 4 8 27
" coal Court house 9 45
" pauper 11 00
J W Cole exam insane patient 5 00
C J Bright " 5 00
Dr Edington " 5 00
Mrs E M West care pauper 90 00
S McDonald mdse Mrs Newman 14 10
M M Co Mdsr to pauper 40 15
Dr Hartley, attendance pauper 30 00
Mrs H M Webb washing for paup 2 00
W J Johnson coal for pauper 4 80
J W Dougherty " 4 00
Frank Smith care of pauper 24 00
Wm Holder cash for " 5 00
Dora Williams meals for jurors 1 75
" board for pauper 9 00
" mdse County treas 1 25
C E Doran hall rent circuit court 15 00
E Peoples mdse 13 25
Wm Holder carpet circuit court 14 50
Moro Water Co 3 mo water rent 4 50
W H Ragsdale school snpt salary 162 70
E C Peery examiners fees 12 00
Daye Anderson " 10 50
B F Pike assessors " 10 50
Wm Holder sheriff and dep salary 200 00
Wm Henrichs clerk and dep sal 150 00
W Stanley Co Treas 75 00
E Hennin son stock inspector 25 00
John Fulton County Judge 75 00
R H King commissioners fee 16 00
R P Orr " 13 40
City foundry share for road plow 6 75
B C Wallis lumber 21 88
Bolton and Co medicine 19 05
Dr Smith attendance pauper 21 00
Geo W Coy cutting wood for pauper 5 00
Robt Jones rebate on taxes 10 28
D McDonald " 38 22
J B Wheat " 3 60
Fred Guinther funds to repair Rattlesnake road 40 00
Petition of John A. Foister for liquor license in Grant precinct granted. License issued for nine months.
Ordered that treasurer pay to the order of J. M. Parry, commander of G. A. R. Post No. 4 any or all money belonging to G. A. R. fund.
E. Hennin resigned as stock inspector; Emmet Olds appointed to fill vacancy. Bond fixed at 500.00.
Ordered that clerk issue warrants for witness and jurors fees for March term circuit court when accompanied by proper affidavit.
Co Treasurer's semi-annual report approved.
Wm. Henrich's semi-annual statement and financial report approved. Sheriff's report and statement of taxes collected and uncollected. Approved.
Ordered that Treasurer pay state taxes, when due, out of county funds. Sheriff's delinquent tax roll accepted and clerk ordered to issue warrant for collection of same, made returnable July 3rd, 1899.
Proposition to build court house was considered and preliminary plans called for to be presented Saturday, April 15th. Court adjourned to meet April 15th 1899.

Business Brevities.

The Dufur flour mill will sell flour in 20 barrel lots at \$2.75 per barrel.
Don't fail to see the fine line of shoes and dry goods and clothing just received by the M. M. Co.
Flour, coal and lumber in exchange for wheat at the North Pacific mills in Wasco.

If you want a square meal or a banquet, you had better see G. W. Brock before you spend your money. He is next to himself.
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