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PUBLIC SENTIMENT GOVERNS.

After all, the people rule, and public sentiment is the real arbiter. It is a truth that might be well biozoned upon the banner of the labor leaders and pondered at all their gatherings.

In the case of the coal strike in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania the solid business sense of the numerous communities is behind the strikers, reinforced by the sympathy for unscrupulous men who are engaged in work that shortens life and furnishes little of relief from dreary labor and deprivation.

The people know, too, that the coal barons grow vulgarly rich, are opulent, piling up wealth beyond the dreams of the most visionary Oriental monarch, and extracting all of this treasure from the very heart blood of their employes.

It is the force of public sentiment that backs the coal miners in their demands, and even though they fall for the moment to win their just requests, in the end they will conquer the cruel rulers of the mining empire of the East.

Any strike that is inaugurated must rest upon public sentiment, if it be successful. Any strike in Portland must rest thereon. If it do not, then it will fail, and ignominiously, as it should.

Let labor leaders not forget these truths. They are fundamental. They may not be disregarded by him who would carry on reforms for the great body of wage-earners of this country.

If labor leaders forget these truths, then will they harm the cause they would help, and bring disaster upon their followers and upon the city for the prosperity of which they in large part are responsible.

CUSTODY OF PUBLIC FUNDS. Probably there could be ample explanation offered why so large a sum of money should be on hand in the State Treasury at one time, yet the fact remains that it was there. State Treasurer Moore reports that on January 1, 1902, the balance on hand was \$23,277.35, and that he received during the first six months of the year \$1,203,27.37.

The first item is the most interesting, and most fruitful of discussion. Taking the total volume of business transacted by the State of Oregon, and it seems to the average business man that \$23,000 is too much capital to be lying idle in the Treasury vaults. It is too large a portion of the whole working capital of the State Government. Why does not it earn some interest? Why does not it exercise the same function that is exercised by the capital of the citizen that need not be used in his business?

Some of the funds, no doubt, could not earn that interest. Doubtless, it comes in such a manner as to preclude that possibility. Nevertheless, the problem that faces counties and states and that has faced them for, in these many years, is the handling of the public funds in a manner to secure the same revenue as comes to the private individual in the conduct of his affairs.

The bald, bare fact remains, that immense sums of the people's money lie idle in the Treasury vaults. Why should they?

"ANTI-RAILROAD" GOVERNORS. Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and Governor McBride of Washington appear to have the support of the people in their respective states. They are what are sometimes called erroneously "anti-railroad" Governors. It would be correct to denominate them "pro-people" Governors. They represent primarily positive effort to protect the people's rights, and positive determination to enforce the people's laws. They are not negations. They are not essentially "anti," but are compelled to come into opposition to certain interests that seek to disobey the

plainly written will of the people of their states upon certain subjects. Being positively for the people, and others being against the people, these two Governors naturally meet negative action on the part of those others. It is the others that are "anti." Van Sant and McBride are "pro," or in other words, for something. It seems likely that those pro-people Governors will win the battle. It has been impossible to break their hold upon the people's confidence. Their gallant fight has been indorsed by the voters. Van Sant was renominated by unanimous vote of Minnesota Republicans. Governor McBride probably will be renominated by the Republicans of Washington.

DEFINITION OF TRUSTS.

The literature of the day is filled with discussions of trusts and remedies therefor. It remained for United States Senator Nelson of Minnesota to state succinctly the whole problem and its solution in one brief sentence:

Complete consolidation, whatever its purposes may be, becomes nevertheless in its essence a monopoly, and a complete monopoly necessarily involves absolutism, and this is repulsive to the great body of the people, and is dreaded by them, in the realm of traffic no less than in the political world.

The theory of all government is that the governing power shall be absolute, in so far as relates to the rights of all the people, and hence anything that attains absolutism in, say, transportation in a given country or large region, has attained that which is subversive of the very essential of government; it has arrogated to itself the absolutism that belongs by right of government.

Beneath the specious arguments of the Hills and Harrimans, who plead the advantages of "harmony of interest," lies the fallacy which Senator Nelson has pointed out. It is the absolutism of the railroad trust that endangers the rights of the people. Undoubtedly, there be advantages in the reduction of friction and the elimination of unnecessary expense of operation and administration. Yet there is greater room for harm than good of the proposed trust, unless it be that there be government control of some sort. What sort, is the problem just now worrying wise people.

A VALUABLE PUBLIC SERVANT. E. F. Pernot, State Bacteriologist, stationed at the Agricultural College at Corvallis, has gone to Washington, D. C., to study during the months that are granted him as a vacation period. He proposes to solve some problems that have vexed growers of sheep and goats. Diseases that have infected the herds of these domestic animals have baffled the most experienced owners. Remedies have been of little value. The bacteria that caused the diseases have continued their ravages and losses have been heavy.

Professor Pernot proposes to discover remedies, if possible, and therefore devotes the weeks of vacation to study and experimentation in the laboratories of the National Capital City. Professor Pernot has been one public servant who has warranted his employment. He has become an authority upon many subjects, and will increase the weight of his authority by extensive investigation.

The Filipino mother this year learned what it means to have a boy burn his fingers with firecrackers, but she does not yet know the torment of having the youngster burn holes in his clothes, for, so we are reliably informed, the Filipino lads don't wear many garments.

The ladies of the Portland Rose Society deserve and have thanks for their assistance in decorating the stage of the Marquam for the celebration. It was a feature of the event, and incidentally accelerated the movement for the culture of roses in this city.

The present weather officials could not be elected to office were they to go to the people. The sort of weather they dished up for a Fourth of July parade and jollification shows the quality of their judgment. It's execrable.

Cuba helped us celebrate this year, in a manner to indicate that perhaps she would like to have Senator Elkins' resolution become a realized fact, and perhaps Senator Elkins is not far from right, after all.

The Salem officers probably are not sorry that Tracy selected his victims over in Washington State, instead of killing Webfoot people. It is not such a summer picnic, after all, to hunt convicts.

Who is the Senatorial candidate, anyway? Have the ruling powers not enough generosity to take the people into their confidence, or is it impertinent for the people to ask?

Portland's problem is not to find a suitable site for the Lewis and Clark Fair, but to select from the numerous excellent spots in which the Fair would be well placed.

Herbert Spencer says, as the conclusion of his "First Principles." "In its last essence, we know nothing." Was he alluding to the Oregon United States Senatorial mystery?

The Tank. How sweet it is at close of day To hote the glass where foam is, Experience a feeling gay, But not know where your home is. —Pittsburg Times.

Social Chat of Mme. Alert

Society seems to have taken on a new lease of life this last day or so, for after a perfect dirth of nothingness we have had card parties and luncheons galore. Mrs. Newton Runtree of 60 Ella street, entertained most charmingly Thursday at luncheon a number of her friends, to meet Mrs. Joseph Clark of Butte, Mont., who has recently come here to make Portland her home. The cosy little home was a perfect bower of beauty, decorated so daintily in mock orange, gorgeous pink roses and ferns. The table, with all its appointments was most artistically adorned and the menu quite in accordance. Rare old silver and exquisite glass predominated. The invited guests were: Mrs. Alfred Holman, Mrs. Joseph Clark, Mesdames Von Bolton, Mrs. Sol Hirsch, Mesdames Von Ellinger, Mrs. Henry McCracken, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. O. F. Paxton, Mrs. C. J. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzger celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage Saturday, the 12th, in a most delightful way. After a launch party on our beautiful river, they adjourned to Kruse's grill, where a most sumptuous repast was served, the private room being exquisitely decorated. A string orchestra furnished the music, "Call Me Thine Own" being most appreciated by the happy couple. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Rosenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lipman, Mr. Charles Rosenfeld, Mr. Sam White, Mrs. Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feldenheimer, Mr. C. Nowles, Mr. Jacob Mier, Mr. Jacob Mayer, Mr. Big Frank, Mr. Kaufman, of Sacramento. The gifts to Mrs. Metzger were most gorgeous.

Miss Wilfred Knox was married quietly yesterday at her home to Mr. John Gardner. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion and after a beautiful supper left for the Sound amid a shower of rice and old shoes. After a few weeks they will return to their home on G street, which Mr. Gardner has furnished so beautifully for his bride.

Miss Berth E. Slater, assistant professor of English and rhetoric at the State University, is the guest of Mrs. Cherry, who lives at 246 Alder street. Miss Slater will spend a few weeks in Portland and then go to her home in La Grande for the summer's vacation.

The many friends of Mrs. Rupert Blue will be glad to hear she is in London with her mother, Mrs. Dows, having gone there for the coronation. After a few months' tarry she will journey on to Switzerland and Paris, returning here in the late fall.

Sixty guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Fred Morris and daughter, 190 King street, Thursday, the 28th, at cards. Hearts were played. The house was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape ferns and wild blossoms. Mrs. Mason (nee McCracken) was guest of honor.

Mrs. I. N. Fleischner, together with Mrs. F. Lang and family, expected to spend the Fourth at the Coast. The weather not permitting they will defer their trip until later.

Miss Theresia Neustadter, of Sulzborg, Germany, has come over to our great country and will make her home with her aunt, Mrs. Philip Feldman, 58 Ella street.

Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Bernard go to Flavel Sunday.

Miss Mai Hirsch is visiting in Vancouver, B. C.

At the Churches

University Park Baptist Church, Sunday school at 2 p. m. Sermon at 3 by Dr. Blackburn.

St. James' English Lutheran Church, J. A. Leas pastor. Services at 11 a. m. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

The Ministers' Conference of the Pacific District of the Norwegian Lutheran Church will meet at Silverton next week. The pastors of California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are expected to be present.

The Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Grant and East Tenth, Services in Norwegian at 10:45 a. m. and at 5 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Catechism meets Friday evening in the church.

Open-air meeting conducted by the Baptists of the city, corner Burnside and Second streets. Dr. Blackburn will have charge. The sermon will be by Rev. E. M. Elias, pastor of the Third church. God sings by the people, led by a cornet, Solos.

At the First Church of Christ (Scientist), on Twenty-third street, near Irving, services will be held tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The subject of the sermon is "God." Children's Sunday school meets at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday evening meeting is held at 8 o'clock. The free reading room is open daily from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and 7:30 to 9 p. m., at rooms 2, 3 and 4, Hamilton building, 131 Third street. All are cordially welcome at services and reading room.

At the Second Baptist Church William E. Randall, minister, there will be morning worship at 10:30. Sermon subject, "The Ministry of the Unseen; A Message to the Weary." Evening service at 7:45, topic, "How One Young Man Mastered Temptation." The choir, composed of Miss Wall, soprano; Mrs. Floyd Garner, contralto; Mr. Fred Shogren, baritone; Prof. Cumpston, tenor and director, will be supplemented by Miss Edna Kippel, soprano.

Services at the Sunnyside Methodist Church tomorrow will be as follows: Sunday school convenes at 10 a. m. Regular public services at 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. H. E. Elworthy, occupying the pulpit, his subject being "Seeking Things Above." The Epworth League devotional meeting begins at 7 p. m. Evening services at 8 o'clock. "Tide-Bearing and Youth" will be the subject of the pastor's discourse. A most cordial welcome to all.

First Baptist Church, corner Twelfth and Taylor streets, Alexander Blackburn, D. D., pastor, will preach 9 a. m., Savier street mission, C. A. Lewis superintendent; 10:15 a. m., prayer for the day; 10:30 a. m., subject, "The Love of Christ." The Lord's Supper and reception of members after the sermon; 12 m., Sunday school, John G. Malone, superintendent; 7 p. m., Chinese school, W. L. Bartlett, superintendent, 7:45, subject of sermon, "A Better City." Music, Professor W. M. Wilder, organist. Congregational singing.

The regular services of the People's Christian Union will be held in the first hall No. 20 Alisky building, corner Third and Morrison street, tomorrow at 11 a. m. The devotional service continuing the series of "Old Thoughts in New Garments" sermons. Theme: "God opening our eyes—Faith." At 12 m. the Bible study and school of religion; leader, Mr. T. G. Robinson. At 8 p. m. the social industrial service will be held. The minister, Rev. T. E. Coulter, in response to numerous requests, will deliver his lecture from the text "The Fathers have eaten sour grapes. The children's teeth are set on edge." The lecture is a careful review of the causes leading to the present social and industrial tension, with the remedies. Special music at all the services will be furnished by the orchestra. On Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Reading Circle will hold its regular session at the residence of Mrs. R. Purrier, Knapp station, Woodstock car line, first house north. Any lady who desires to attend will be made welcome.

Housekeeper's Corner. Flemish oak, upholstered in Mexican leather, is magnificent. Some cheap cotton tapestries seem to have the effect of having been mellowed by age.

A pleasing antique-shaped sideboard is in Congo wood, which is a light walnut color, with a mahogany grain. If a teapot pours badly rub a little butter around the spout. This will prevent the tea dripping or trickling down on the clean tablecloth.

The best quality of hair for mattresses comes from South America, and is made from the manes and tails of wild horses steamed and culled. Far more important than the external beauty of the bed is its "comfortableness"; and the careful housewife will consider that factor as its first requirement.

When buttonholing flannel edges first run a linen thread about one-eighth an inch from the edge. It will hold the buttonhole stitch and wear much better. Where coloring is required in hashes, soups, or stews, let the onion have its outer skin left on, and neither burned sugar nor any other coloring matter will be required.—Chicago Tribune.

Mercy. The quality of mercy is not strained—It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: It is twice blessed—It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes; 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes The thrond monarch better than his crown; His scepter shows the force of temporal power; The attribute to awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings; But mercy is above this scepter'd sway—It is enthroned in the hearts of kings; It is an attribute to God himself; And earthly power doth then show likest God's, When mercy seasons justice. —William Shakespeare.

Sunset Wings. Tonight this sunset spreads two golden wings Cleaving the western sky; Winged, too, with wind R. is, and winnowings Of birds; as if the day's last hour in rings Of strenuous flight must die. Sun-stepped in fire, the homeward pinions sway; Above the dovecoat tops; And clouds of starlings, ere they rest Sink, clamorous like mill-waters, at wild play. By turns in every cove; Each tree heart-deep the wrangling rout receives— Save for the whirr within. You could not tell the starlings from the swans; There's no great puff of wings, and the warm heaven Away with all its din. —Dante Gabriel Russell.

As One Sees It. The chief distinction between 20 and 40 seems to be that the youth is buoyed with the wisdom of conceit, whereas the man is burdened with the conceit of wisdom. At 20 you blush when a man praises you, at 30 you think him a clever fellow; at 40 you wonder what he wants. It's all very well to hitch your wagon to a star; only bear in mind that you can't expect to collect accident insurance if the rope snaps. Be prepared from early youth to make the most splendid self-sacrifices, provided you do not change your mind as to their utility. The cynic is the most conceited of human beings. He believes all men are knaves or fools, and excepts himself. Friendship is a benefit association (limited) which, by going bankrupt, enables you to discover that you are your own best friend. Clear, boiling water will remove tea stains and many fruit stains. Pour the water through the stain and thus prevent it spreading over the fabric. Ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth; also from the hands. Boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little sperm or a little salt, or a little gum arabic dissolved. A tablespoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will aid in the whitening process. Beeswax and salt will make your rusty flat-irons as clean and smooth as glass. Tie a lump of wax in a rag and keep it for that purpose. When the irons are hot, rub them first with the wax rag, then scour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with salt.

Church News and Views. A Southern newspaper explains how society becomes corrupt: "First, there are a few bad; second, by deception, by hypocrisy and meanness they persuade the weak to join them; third, the mean and weak make a large show of numbers and the virtuous remain inactive and allow the vicious crowd to rule." The Christian Advocate is not satisfied that these three divisions—the mean, the weak and the virtuous—exhaust all, and suggests that if the professor will reverse the matter and show how, when this state has been brought about, the virtuous can be made active, and how, being made active, they can divorce the weak from the mean, and having done that, how they can ostracize the mean and keep them ostracized, the everlasting problem of perpetuating good society, it says, will be settled.

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