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COURT DELAYS BALK JUSTICE

THE LONG CONTINUED EFFORT of the San Francisco court to obtain a jury, is rather suggestive. For over fourteen weeks have citizens of the Bay City been examined as to their qualifications to sit on this particular case, yet the panel is incomplete. The question arises, why should Calhoun, the rich criminal, be given such distinction and care, when a jury for John Doe, a criminal of far less notoriety, could be obtained in a less number of hours than it has taken weeks to secure a jury to try this arch conspirator and briber John Doe would have been tried for a petty crime, or for the crime of murder for that matter, be convicted and be doing time in the penitentiary, in a less number of days than it has taken weeks to secure the jury to try this rich criminal. There is not the slightest doubt but what Calhoun is guilty of the crime of bribery of which he is charged. Sufficient evidence has been elicited in the trials of other and lesser criminals, to satisfy any fair-minded and honest man of Calhoun's guilt. It is necessary to punish someone, if this nest of reeking corruption in the chief city of the Pacific Coast is broken up, and who is so worthy of punishment as this arch conspirator—this kingpin of the whole business.

Francis J. Heaney did good work in tracing down land fraud criminals in Oregon. His success has given him a National reputation. His success in convicting the disgraced Mayor Smitz and his corrupter, Abe Ruef has added to his fame. But if he succeeds in landing Briber Calhoun behind prison bars, he will accomplish a feat of importance second only to the conviction of Tweed in New York City nearly a half century ago.

The American people have come to look upon the conviction and punishment of rich criminals of the Rockefeller-Calhoun character, as an impossible feat. It is believed, and with reason too, that if a man has money enough, he is immune against conviction and punishment for crime by our present courts. Of course this is not complimentary to our courts; but they have made the history and will have to stand upon the records they have made. It has come to be regarded as a surety, that if a man has an unlimited supply of money at his command, he is safe from punishment, no matter what crime he may commit. Our methods of court procedure are such that if a rich criminal is convicted in our primary courts, appeal to the higher courts, delays or new trials destroy all effects that the conviction and punishment of the rich criminal might have. Calhoun will probably be convicted of the crime of which he is charged, after two or three months are consumed in the trial. Yet there is not the barest possibility that he will be punished. If his sentence should be a mere fine and he should pay it, it would be no punishment to him nor would he be socially ostracized because of his guilt. Just so long as a man can command millions of money, no matter how great a criminal he may be, society will open its arms to him.

But it is necessary to make a start at punishing the rich corporation criminals and Mr. Heaney is doing a magnificent service for the right-thinking and law-abiding portion of the American people. The educatory effect of exposing the corruption and rascality of scoundrels of the Calhoun stripe, is worth a vast amount to the American people. Some day, and let us hope it is not far distant, rich scoundrels will be punished with the same rigor which is meted out to our petty criminals. But to bring this day about, the conscience of the American people must be aroused. The people cannot much longer remain lethargic about this matter. If our civilization is preserved, the aristocratic rich must be made to observe the laws the same as is required of the poor plebeian.

Mr. Heaney is doing much to arouse the American conscience. Heretofore, the American people have been so engrossed in the mad scramble for wealth that they have forgotten to preserve the standard of honesty of the citizen, or the integrity of our courts. The simple fact that corruption in large cities and among our rich corporations is exposed, is an evidence that the day of purification, though it may be in the far distant future, will arrive.

We cannot punish a crime nor correct an evil until the wrong is found out. Mr. Heaney is unearthing about the filthiest mess of corruption, down in the Bay City, that ever infected an American city. We must always catch a skunk before we can skin him. Mr. Heaney is doing a grand work and he merits the support and sympathy of every American citizen who is a lover of honest government.

THE MATTER OF TAXATION

EVERYBODY KNOWS that we pay taxes to support an organized civilized government. It is the price we pay for civilization. But it is quite possible, through extravagance and mismanagement, we may be required to pay more than we justly ought to pay. Most of us, who engage in private pursuits, are too busy to go to the trouble of holding our public officials to a strict accounting for their public acts. As a result, there has grown up a spirit of extravagance and recklessness in the expenditure of public money which has caused excessive taxation. In other words, the people are required to pay a too high price for the benefit that government confers upon them.

Our public officials should be paid a liberal salary for the services they render; yet that salary should not be two or three times what the individual could earn in private life. There is a point in the emoluments of an office when they become too attractive—so attractive that men are very willing to abandon private pursuits at the call of state or nation—so attractive that the candidate for office is often mainly responsible for its call of the state or nation.

The principle business of most public officials, is the collection and disbursing of the peoples money. Once a year the assessor comes around and places a value upon the property we may have in our possession and later on the tax collector notifies us that we are indebted to the county and state, so many dollars. All that the taxpayer can do is to walk up to the captain's office and settle. The taxpayer has no option in the matter. He must either pay or be dispossessed of his property. His only recourse, in order to control the cost of government is in the selection of the men who make the laws regulating the collection and disbursment of public moneys, and these men are the members of the law-making bodies of the city, county and state.

At the present time the citizens of Oregon are suffering from an oppressive taxation. Their ability to pay the large sums demanded for the school and road districts, the city, county and state governments, is a tribute to the most productive and, comparatively speaking, least expensive to live in, state in the Union. If you would tax the citizenship of some of the bleat New England states as Oregon is now taxed, bankruptcy would result to a majority of their citizens.

Now it is idle to condemn the assessor, the tax collector, the county and other courts, or the executive state officers for this excessive taxation. They have no option but to obey the mandates of the law. So long as all taxpayers are treated without fear or favor, and which it is the sworn duty of these officers of the law to do, they must be held blameless.

The entire question of taxation, therefore, rests upon our legislative bodies, city and state, principally the later. It would seem then, that we ought to select as our lawmakers our most level-headed and broad-minded citizens. They should be taxpayers themselves and men noted for their wise economy in the management of their own private affairs. Do we select such men? Have our legislatures of the past been composed of such men? Have we not, in the past, sent men to Salem as lawmakers, who were taxeaters rather than taxpayers men who have never manifested any special ability in accumulating property, but men who are noted as adept politicians and who have ability to sway other and less capable in the game of politics, to their way of thinking? If we have selected such men as legislators, as the last mentioned, is it any wonder that our rate of taxation has mounted upward entirely too fast?

The fact of the matter is, Oregon is attempting with only a half million of people, to keep pace with other and older states which have ten times her population. She is attempting to establish and maintain colleges and eleemosynary institutions which are equal to if not superior to those of older and richer states. While it is true that these institutions are nice and, probably, are needed, we have acquired them too rapidly for the financial welfare of the state. But now that we have them, and they are paid for, they must be supported. But in nearly all instances, the expenses can be scaled down and in some cases where the growth is superfluous and unnecessary, as in the case of our state normals, the entire business can be lopped off.

The expenses to the taxpayer for our other state colleges can be minimized, if the students attending are required to pay a reasonable tuition fee.

But the greatest relief to the taxpayer could be secured if all property, visible and invisible, including that of corporation franchises, should be assessed relatively alike, and all property be listed for assessment purposes. According to the method now pursued the farmer is paying, relatively, a much larger tax than the merchant, banker or professional man. In the payment of taxes, there should be no favoritism shown. All should be treated equally and alike.

Scio Grange Meeting

At the regular monthly meeting of Banner Grange No. 387 in Scio last Saturday, a most enjoyable time was experienced.

The morning session was devoted to business, followed by an excellent lunch served in the hall of meeting.

The afternoon was an open meeting. The Scio brass band after playing several airs on the street, repaired to the hall and opened the Lecture program, conducted by Mr. E. C. Peery, with a selection. Then the following were rendered:

Song and chorus by Banner Grange Double Quartet.

Music; Orchestra, 6 instruments.

Recitation, Miss Birdie Brenner.

Solo, Miss Edissa Peery.

Music, Orchestra.

Solo, Mr. R. M. Cain.

Song-Chorus, with 10 voices.

A paper upon "Successful Farming" by Mr. M. S. Allen, excellent because practical showing.

The musical part of the program has never been surpassed at any grange meeting in Linn county say competent judges.

Banner grange by a hearty vote invited the Linn County Council to meet with it Saturday June 5 and also decided to hold a rose show with competition open to all the county. (The NEWS man was not at home and, consequently, the report given to the Albany Democrat is published.)

SANTIAM FARM.

A fine Poland-China sow, almost black, unmarked, weight about 250 pounds estrayed from my farm about January 4. Please let me know if seen. I also, have a little vetch—6 to 8 bushels; also plenty of early seed potatoes, small at 50 cents per bushel. S. W. Gaines.

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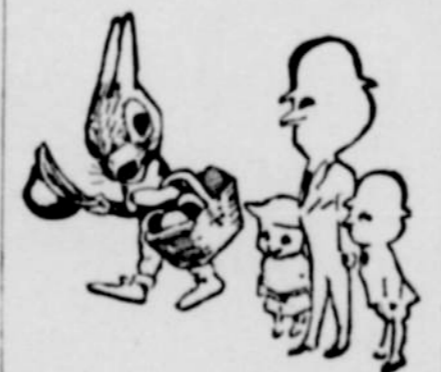
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