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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

CURRENT POLITICAL events indicate that there are soon to be radical changes in our governmental methods and politics. That these changes will be for the better—more just and equitable for all of our citizens is also true.

The question of election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, has been and is now, a live growing one among the people of most of the states, for many years. It has now reached that degree of popularity, when more than two-thirds of the states, either directly or indirectly, have asked congress to submit an amendment to the federal constitution, making such election obligatory upon all of the states. Congress cannot resist this demand much longer. Whether the Cannon-Aldrich crowd like the idea of giving the people the same power over the senate which they now have over the house of representatives, or not, they will soon be forced to accede to the wishes of the American people.

A special session of congress, last spring, revised our tariff schedules. It was expected and promised by the dominant party, that this revision would be more in the interests of the people than the then existing law. But when the mists had been cleared away, it was found that the general average of the schedules was higher than that of the old law. The people had been completely buncoed. Instead of reduction, the Payne-Aldrich crowd have given us the highest degree of protection of any of the previous tariff measures. This condition the people will not long submit to. Most everyone thinks that the primary object of a tariff, is for the purpose of providing a revenue with which to support the government. And they are willing to be taxed, in this manner, until the government has a liberal support. But they are unwilling to be taxed, through the tariff, for the benefit of the already over rich manufacturer. As a tax for the support of the general government can be collected through the tariff with the least fraction, most people prefer that the support shall be collected in this manner; but they are soon going to demand that this tariff shall be laid with a view, only, of producing revenue and not for or in the interests of the tariff baron. They are now learning that a high protective and, in many instances, prohibitive tariff is unwise and unAmerican.

It is doubtful if the congress, which is to meet next month, will be able to adjust the tariff schedules more in accordance with the rights of and in justice to the people. Yet this question is sure to become a bone of contention during the session. There are enough congressmen, whose constituencies are all the people, to make things very unpleasant for those congressmen whose constituencies are, only, the protected classes.

An effort will, also, probably be made by Senator Aldrich to foist his great central banking scheme upon the government, but it is doubtful if he can force this measure through, at this session.

When the truth becomes known this central banking scheme, is but an effort of Wall Street financiers to fasten their talons more firmly upon the country's finances. Just as soon as the people find out the true inwardness of the infamous measure, they will oppose it with all the power they possess.

There is a similarity in the encroachment of the money power upon the functions of government, since the close of the civil war, with that of the slave power prior thereto. Both of these powers have attempted to control the government to advance its interests. As the slave power was overthrown when it became too aggressive, so will the money power be driven from its almost strangle hold upon all branches of the government.

Slavery was a bone of congressional contention from the formatitn of the government to its final annihilation. Compromise after crompromise of the vexed question were made, only to be broken by the slave power The southern slave owner was ever restive. He wanted more power. He wanted to extend the limits of the slave territory. Because of this desire, he became aggressive and intolerant and, finally, brought the country into the most gigantic and bloodiest civil war of the world's history. As a matter of fact, slavery had more protection in the country at large, at the beginning of the civil war, than at any time of its history. But the slave owner was dissatisfied with even these favorable protective laws and grasped for more and in so doing, lost all. Slavery, in 1860, represented the largest aggregation of wealth of any one species of property in the nation. The community of interests, made of the slave owners the most gigantic unorganized trust the world had ever known up to that time. Becoming too dictatorial and too aggressive, they caused the consolidation of all the people who opposed the spread of slavery, into one political party, resulting, with the acession of the new party into power, in the complete overthrow of African slavery. Had these slave owners been content to live up to the provisions of congressional compromises and had been less aggressive and dictatorial they would, probably, now be in possession of their human chattels.

The money power, which includes tariff beneficiaries, is not unlike these oldtime slave owners. Every law effecting national banks and every revision of the tariff, has been of the nature of a compromise. Every amendment to the banking laws, has been dictated by the bankers. Every revision of the tariff has been engineered by the tariff beneficiary, if we accept the last revision, which is supposed to have been in snswer to a demand of the people. It will, also, be noticed, that every amendment and every revision, has been to the advantage of and for the benefit of these pets of the government.

The time is close at hand when the people are going to rebel against any further encroachments from these interests. Of course, this rebellion will be a peaceable one and will be fought out in the halls of congress; but it will be a rebellion as truly as was that of 1861. The people cannot nor will not permit themselves to be robbed daily in the interests of the classes. If the congressmen, who champion the cause of the people, are not sufficiently numerous, at the coming session to achieve this reform, their number will increase at succeeding sessions until they will be sufficiently powerful to drive these vampires to cover, so that these vexed questions can be settled for all time to come.

People are better educated today in the matter of the functions of government, than ever before. The encroachment of the money power has driven them to study these questions, as a matter of self defense. They have concluded that it is quite time that the policy of government, conducted in the interests of classes, shall cease and that it shall be, henceforth, conducted in the interests of all the people.

The aggressiveness of the slave power, gave birth to the Republican party. Prior thereto, the then dominant parties were the Democrats and Whigs. These old parties fought the slave question in congress, compromised and then fought again. This was repeated until the people lost faith in their ability to settle the slave question definitely. A new party, with the prevention of the further spread of slavery, as its central idea, resulted. The Republican and Democratic parties have been wrestling with the bank and tariff questions for nearly fifty years, yet these questions remain unsettled. Will the formation of a new political party be necessary, before these evils are corrected?

The breaking down of political prejudice and the love for party name, would make the formation of a new party comparatively easy. The people are ripe and ready for it. All that will be necessary is for the insurgent Republicans and Democratic members of congress to merge themselves as a unit to accomplish these reforms, and the trick would be turned.

Whether or not a new party will become necessary before these reforms are accomplished, depends, largely, upon the action of congress at the coming session. Anyway, political parties are only a means through which certain governmental policies may be carried out. When they fail to accomplish this end, they should be cast aside, as an old worthless garment. Every good citizen desires that the government shall be conducted in the interests of all the people. Men differ in opinions as to how how this result can best be reached, which has caused the formation of political parties. It can, therefore, be seen that the political party is of but secondary importance. The primary object of all men, should be the administration of government with justice and impartiality to all. Nothing more nor nothing less is expected of congress and the present administration and the congressman or president, who attempts to secure other than this result, is an enemy to the best interests of his country.

ARE THEY AWAKENING?

THE NEXT SESSION of congress will show that those who have been attempting to read the insurgents out of the Republican party have weakened and will enter a course of conciliation by admitting and allowing some of the just claims of the west. Notwithstanding their brave front, Cannon, Aldrich et al. are fully aware of the fact that the masses are back of the insurgents, and if these dictators continue to carry out the policy of the trusts or great combines there is liable to be born a new political party that would carry the leader into the White House, or there would be such a strenuous demand for the reelection of Theodore Roosevelt that his refusal to accept would be the means of Republican defeat. The people of the United States are willing that the big combines make a fair profit, but they are assuredly unwilling that they should scoop in so many millions and also run the government to suit only their business and business methods. A cold, calculating capitalist, before entering into an investment, makes certain that there will be at least a ten per cent return on the investment, but the great trusts ask for a fifty per cent dividend and its officers paid larger salaries than the President of the United States receives. The insurgents seek to remedy what are without doubt evils and are earnestly laboring in the interests of the masses, but outside of the people in general they have not the backing that they should have. Where are the labor organizations, the Socialists, Bryanites, Populists and others of the "scum" not belodging to the multi-millionaires' fatcions of the Republican and Democratic parties? Hanging on to their own political organizations for the sake of the elevation of the Gompers and Mitchells, the Debses, Bryans, Watsons and others who really care more for the accomplishment of personal aims than the good of the country. If all joined in the election of Cummings, Beveridge or LaFollette for President there would be at least realized a wonderful readjustment of conditions in this country and the dream of the masses. As it is, the rich are getting richer and more arrogant and the government is drifting slowly toward a monarchy backed by the power of money, all because of almost hopeless division in the ranks of the opposition and the seclusion of those organizations the plans of which will never be brought to a successful conclusion on account of the good sense of the nation.—Woodburn Independent.

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Referee's Sale.

Notice is here by given that the undersigned Referee will on the 11th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the after soon at the front door of the County Court House in the city of Albany, in Linn County, Oregon, pursuant to the decree and order of sale duly made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, on the 29th day of September, 1903, in that certain suit pending in said Court wherein Emeline Hassler and J. M. Hassler, her husband, J. A. Richardson and Velera Richardson, his wife, Margaret A. Lucas and M. A. Lucas, her husband, Orpha Garland and G. W. Garland, her husband, A. L. Richardson and Belle Richardson, his wife, L. W. Richardson and Ella Richardson, his wife, and M. S. Richardson, were plaintiffs, and William Garland, a minor and M. S. Richardson as his guardian, Gilbert Garland, Harley Garland, and Roy Garland, minors, and J. W. Garland, as their guardian, James Garland and J. W. Garland were defendants, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to confirmation by said Court all the right, title and interest of the above named plaintiffs and defendants in the following described premises, to-wit:

All of the South half of the Donation Land Claim of W. W. Richardson and wife, Notification No 1308 in Township 10 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also the Northwest quarter of Section 26 in said Township and Range containing 160 acres.

Also, the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 27 in said Township and Range, containing 40 acres.

Also, the South half of the Southwest quarter, and the South half of the North half of the Southwest quarter, the South half of the Southeast quarter, and the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, in said Township and Range, containing 220 acres, all of said above described premises being situated in Township 10 South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, and containing in the aggregate 580 acres.

Also, the North half of the Donation Land Claim of W. W. Richardson and wife, Notification No 1308 in Township 10 South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, containing 160 acres.

That at said sale said above mentioned tract containing 580 acres, and said last mentioned tract containing 160 acres will be sold separately by order of the above entitled court.

R. Shelton
Referee.

Hewitt & Sox.
Atty. for Referee.
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Referee's Sale.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion.

Matilda C. Simpson, Harriet Shriver, Cassie Hicks' Rosanah Simpson, William Simpson, James Simpson, Frank Simpson, Silva Ferrel, Victor Simpson, W. H. Logan, Frank Logan, Edward Anderson, Elizabeth Colloway, Flora Beason, Letha Bolar, Della Anderson, Rebecca E. Blanton, Annie Garrett, Louisa A. Blanton, James Simpson, David Simpson, Lois Simpson, and Bessie Smith, Plaintiffs' vs. Henry Stanton, Willie Stanton, Charles Stanton, Mary Dunlap, Nellie Stanton, Benjamine Stanton, Alice Deyou, Martha A. Webber, B. F. Piburn, Clarence Piburn, Effie Piburn, C. N. Dunagan, Josephine Hardidge, Sidney J. Ireland, T. N. Dunagan, J. F. Duangan, Nancy A. Noland, Joshua R. Noland, Elizabeth George, and G. S. Bazil, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion department number two made on the 8th day of November 1909, in the above entitled action, I the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting referee appointed by the said court to sell the real property described below, will on the 11th day of December 1909, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, gold coin of the United States of America, and subject to the confirmation of the said circuit court, at the court house steps in the County of Linn, all the right title and interest of the above named parties, in and to that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the State of Oregon and County of Linn, and described as follows, to-wit:

Town lots thirty-nine (39) forty (40) and forty-one (41) and a part of lot forty-two (42) beginning at the southeast corner of said lot forty-two and running thence north thirty (30) feet; thence west one hundred (100) feet; thence south thirty (30) feet; thence east one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning as recorded in the plat of the original survey of the town of Scio.

Terms and condition of sale; Cash, gold coin of the United States of America, ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, balance on confirmation of the sale by the said circuit court. Deed at expense of the purchaser.

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