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Why have the big speculators and corporations of Oregon gotten so much sympathy in stock all at once for the farmer and laboring man? Is it some kind of religious streak? Did you ever know of any corporation owning great tracts of idle land favoring any law that was good for the average workingman? You could write a list of them on your thumb nail.

WHY DR. WILEY IS FOR WILSON

He Says Taft and T. R. Are Soldiers of Fraud.

ENEMIES OF PURE FOOD LAW.

Famous Chemist Believes the Health of the Nation Demands Election of the Democratic Ticket—He Appeals to Those Who, Like Himself, Have Been Republicans.

By HARVEY W. WILEY, (Former Chief Chemist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

My appeal is chiefly to those who, like myself, have been lifelong Republicans. I believe that no kind of an administration is going to ruin the country. I have a high personal regard for each one of the candidates for president and vice president on all the tickets. All the political platforms are mainly sound, and all promise effort in behalf of the whole people. My choice is not based on a platform. It was determined by my impressions of the real attitude of the candidates respecting the public welfare. We are creatures of heredity and environment. In our attitude toward great public questions we are almost altogether creatures of environment.

What two men are by environment least likely to be swayed by special interests and most likely to be guided by devotion to public welfare? Two of the candidates have already been tried in the presidential chair, and we know by experience what may be expected if either of them resumes his former seat on March 4, 1913. Mr. Roosevelt by reason of his attitude toward the food and drug act abandoned the consumers of the country to the rapacity of a few mercenary manufacturers. Under authority of congress I had carried on extensive experiments with my so called poison squad and found that certain substances—viz. benzoic compounds, sulphurous compounds and sulphate of copper bluestone—were injurious to health.

The law conferred upon me as chief of the bureau of chemistry the duty of acting as a grand jury and determining

whether foods and drugs were adulterated or misbranded. Instead of appealing from my decisions to the courts as the law requires, the users of those poisons appealed to President Roosevelt. He not only listened to them, but he abrogated the plain provisions of the law, appointed a board not contemplated by the law and directed that these predatory interests might continue their attacks on the health of the people until this board, unknown to the law, should decide otherwise.

Can we safely trust the campaign for public health to Mr. Roosevelt? I cannot believe that to be the proper course. Mr. Taft inherited this exceedingly bad condition of affairs from his predecessor and has not only continued this illegal board under whose patronage adulterators are still poisoning the people, but he did worse. In the matter of the adulteration of distilled beverages in which Roosevelt upheld the legally constituted authorities Mr. Taft reversed that policy and threw the adverse verdict of the executive office to the support of the worst lot of adulterators that ever disgraced a country.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Marshall by their strenuous efforts in behalf of the food laws of their respective states have given a positive promise to end such a threatening state of affairs. They will support to the utmost the officials under the law who are trying to protect the public health and will make short shrift of those who have brought about these present unbearable conditions.

Wilson and Marshall by their education and environment are free from bias in favor of predatory interests and are inspired by true patriotic zeal in behalf of public welfare.

I support the Democratic nominees in full knowledge that many of the prominent Democrats in congress have been in full sympathy with the paralyzing of the food law in behalf of the candy dollar. But when the Democratic president and vice president hold the aid of their powerful sympathy in behalf of the public health those of their own party not in sympathy with them will be robbed of their power for evil. If Roosevelt or Taft be chosen the soldiers of fraud and adulteration will be impregnable entrenched for another four years and benzoates, sulphates and adulterated alcoholic beverages will have a new lease of life.

I believe also that President Wilson will renovate the department of agriculture, reeking as it has been for the past twelve years, with scandals and favoritism. He will see to it that the burthen of animal industry will protect the public health instead of the efforts of the packers to sell diseased meats under the deceptive phrase "U. S. Inspected and Passed." Under President Wilson no more Pinchots will be kicked out of the service, no more unscrupulous McCabes will exercise dictatorial powers. There will be no more cotton bolls and jungle atrocities, no more Everglade swamps died, Bureauing, boosting and buncombe will give place to sane efforts for the promotion of real agriculture and the public health.

Under Wilson the department of agriculture will be restored to speaking terms with the state agricultural colleges and experiment stations, and the state officials will no longer be regarded as inferior beings. Being only on the largess of a Washington cabinet, I ask all who want honesty and faithful service in the department of agriculture, the promotion of public health and executives who have grown to manhood and lived in an environment favorable to that which makes for the public welfare to vote for Wilson and Marshall.

TRUTH ABOUT THE TRUST.

"Expected Economies From Combination" Do Not Materialize.

(Louis D. Brandeis in Collier's.)

Leaders of the new third term party argue that industrial monopolies should be legalized lest we lose the efficiency of large scale production and distribution. No argument could be more misleading.

It may be safely asserted that in America there is no line of business in which all or most concerns or plants must be concentrated in order to attain the size of greatest efficiency, for, while a business may be too small to be efficient, efficiency does not grow indefinitely with increasing size. What the most efficient size is can be learned definitely only by experience. The unit of greatest efficiency is reached when the disadvantages of size counterbalance the advantages. The unit of greatest efficiency is exceeded when the disadvantages of size outweigh the advantages. The history of American trusts makes this clear. That history shows:

First.—No conspicuous American trust owes its existence to the desire for increased efficiency. "Expected economies from combination" figure largely in promoters' prospectuses, but they have never been a compelling motive in the formation of any trust. On the contrary, the purpose of combining has often been to curb efficiency or even to preserve inefficiency, thus frustrating the natural law of survival of the fittest.

second.—No conspicuously profitable trust owes its profits largely to superior efficiency. Some trusts have been very efficient, as have some independent concerns, but conspicuous profits have been secured mainly through control of the market, through the power of monopoly to fix prices, through the exercise of the taxing power.

Third.—No conspicuous trust has been efficient enough to maintain long against the independents its proportion of the business of the country without continuing to buy up from time to time its successful competitors.

FARMER GETS LESS, BUT—

He Has to Pay More For What He Doesn't Raise.

The United States department of agriculture has just announced that notwithstanding the increased cost of living among the people as a whole there was a greater decline in the prices paid to farmers from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1 this year than there was last year.

The average farm prices of the important crops (corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, potatoes, tobacco, cotton and hay, which represent about three-fourths of the value of all the country's crops) declined 7 per cent during the month, while in that time last year they declined in price only 4.4 per cent, and during the last four years the decline in price averaged 3.8 per cent. The average of farm prices on Sept. 1 was 2.8 per cent lower than on that date last year.

Prices paid to farmers on Sept. 1 this year, with comparison of prices paid on the same date last year, follow:

Table with 2 columns: Crop and Price. Rows include Corn, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Flaxseed, Potatoes, Tobacco, Cotton, Hay, Butter, Chickens, Eggs.

But the prices on tariff nurtured articles of manufacture which the farmer has to buy continue to rise.

The third term candidate's favorite reply to the telling, unanswerable arguments of Governor Wilson is that the latter's opinions are based "not on actual knowledge and experience, but by reading misty books on political economy." The colored himself at a tender age was put at hard labor. It is not often that a man whose whole life has been given up to politics and office-holding gets as hard handed as Mr. Roosevelt in the ranks of labor and high finance.

Governor Wilson said to the newspaper men at the New York Press club banquet: "Suppose you had a house of representatives raised like the present senate. I think we could all go fishing for the next two years." But he's at the helm, and there won't be any mixing Democrats—that's all.

How many of those who are struggling with the "high cost of living" believe there is to be any relief if the Republican party, which brought it about, remains in power?

The card stacking at Armageddon goes merrily on. Eight Taft electors in Missouri announce that if elected they will vote for the third term candidate.

By applying the common sense test to Rooseveltian romance Governor Wilson manages to keep the country both amused and thoughtful.

Speakin' Personal. "What kind of a fellow is that man Holloway?" asked the traveling salesman of the corner groceryman. "Honest as the day is long," answered the village merchant. "How do you know that he is?" "He says so himself. But, speakin' personal, I'd advise interested parties to keep an eye on him after sundown."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Mysterious Handful.

A troupe of wandering musicians were playing before a Swiss hotel. At the end of the performance one of the members left the group, approached the leader of the band and pulled out a little paper box which he emptied into his left hand while the eyes of the leader followed every movement. He then took a plate in his right hand, passed it round, and a large sum was collected, every one meanwhile wondering what he held in his left hand.

"Why, it's very simple," said the leader when questioned. "We are all subject to temptation and to be sure of the fidelity of our collector he has to hold five dimes in his left hand, and we count these when he returns to make sure of the money."

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