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**An Invitation to the Unterrified Congressional Committeeman.**

T. W. Harris, chairman of the republican congressional committee, has appointed Fred C. Baker committeeman for Tillamook county. The latter has accepted the position, and his first official act will be to carry war into the "enemy's country" by extending an invitation to C. W. Talmage, the democratic committeeman for Tillamook county who is reported to be an Hermann man and has posed as such, to join the "boys" when they go on the political war path and stomp the county for the republican candidate. Will the Bro. congressional committeeman accept or decline? And the republican committeeman extends the same invitation to a number of other unterrified democrats who are known to Hermann men.

**Labor Unions and the Fair.**

The labor troubles in the City of Portland are a serious menace and a perplexing problem which confronts that rapidly growing metropolis, especially at this time when there should be harmony and united effort to make the Lewis & Clark Centennial a rousing success. But, viewing the situation from this neck of the woods, it looks as though the unions have forced the fight with one object in view, and that is to make it tropical for men who do not belong to unions, and in proof of this the refusal of union men to work with non-union men. In other words, it is an effort to unionize the entire city and bring employers of labor under and subject to the control and dictation of unions. Labor has its rights and should be protected, but as soon as it becomes intolerant in wanting to freeze out non-union men, interfere and dictate how a man shall run his business, and resort to the un-American system of boycott and intimidation, it is no wonder that unionism in Portland has no longer the sympathy of the general public. And if the Federated Trades Council invokes the referendum and succeeds in defeating the appropriation of \$500,000 for the fair, unionism will not only be held responsible for defeating the fair, but it will be a thrust at labor and an industrial enterprise, which should have the earnest co-operation, not the spiteful, malicious opposition of unions and union men.

**A Menace to Tillamook's Growth.**

The shoaling up of Nehalem and Tillamook bars owing to the prevalence of west and northwest winds is another object lesson which calls for immediate relief by the general government. This is what cripples Tillamook's commerce and stagnates the lumber industry. No one can blame the captain of the steam schooner Prentiss for refusing to cross in when the prospects of getting out with a load of lumber looked dubious and uninviting. This state of affairs is certainly discouraging when an effort is being made to ship as much lumber as possible. The fact of the matter is right here, we're up against the transportation of lumber problem good and hard again, and until the channel scours out again, smaller vessels will have to be depended upon. Let us hope that the next river and harbor bill will contain an appropriation for the improvement of Tillamook bar, for with that project commenced it will be a happy relief to the people of this county who have been bucking difficulties and working at a disadvantage ever since the county was settled.

**Reflex of the Merger Decision.**

Will the great corporations control the people or will the people control the great corporations? That question was tersely propounded for the first time in the historic campaign that culminated in the adoption of the present constitution of California and the election of Newton Booth in March, 1875, to the United States senate. Nine years later congress made the first serious attempt to regulate railroad traffic by the enactment of the interstate commerce law.

Up to that time railroad managers and railroad attorneys persistently resisted every effort at national railroad regulation. When a well known editor appeared before the committee on commerce of the lower house of congress in 1886 in support of the Regan bill, that furnished the basis of the interstate commerce act, representatives of the railroads insisted before the committee that railroads were private property and that congress might as well undertake to regulate the price of bread or the price of groceries and hardware, as to regulate freight rates or prescribe re-

strictions to interstate traffic. Now the United States court of appeals declares in its recent Northern Securities merger decision that congress has not merely the right to prohibit unjust and unreasonable rates, but the right to prohibit such an ownership of competing railroads as by destroying competition tends to produce unjust and unreasonable rates.

That the enunciation of this principle will have far-reaching consequences is a foregone conclusion. While the railroad systems embraced in the Northern Securities merger will doubtless continue to be operated on the community of interest plan under reciprocity traffic arrangements, the dissolution of the Securities company and the rescission of the stock jobbing and bond jobbing deals by which the Burlington ceased to be an independent, self-governing system, will have a most salutary effect. Whether the courts so declare or not, the issue of bonds in exchange for stocks either at a ratio of two to one or dollar for dollar is fraught with danger to the American people. The conversion of stocks into bonds is a far greater menace to the American people than the consolidation of competing lines of railroad.

**Protecting Her Industries.**

Canada is showing a determination to more fully protect her industries, particularly in iron and steel. There has for some time been an active agitation for increased protection and although the government does not contemplate a general revision of the tariff at this time it is pledged to the imposition of a duty on steel rails as soon as they can be manufactured there in sufficient quantity to meet the home demand. This will probably be in the near future. There is now one extensive steel rail plant in operation and another about ready to be put in operation, so that in the opinion of those engaged in this industry it will be only a short time until Canada will be producing all the steel rails which that country will require.

This is understood to be the initial step in a policy of promoting the development of the iron and steel interests of the Dominion, to be followed as conditions shall render expedient with other duties. There is being shown a very active interest in this branch of industry, several companies with large capital having been organized within a year for its promotion. That more progress has not been made is due largely to American competition, but the pressure upon the government for protection against this competition is so strong that it can hardly be much longer resisted. One prominent manufacturer voiced what is undoubtedly the general sentiment in the iron and steel industry in saying that it is the part of wisdom to encourage to the fullest possible extent outlets for the utilization of Canadian made pig iron in the home production of every line of finished material that Canada uses.

That this is the true policy for that country will not be doubted by any American believer in the principle of protection. Having the raw material Canada should utilize it in building up her industries, thereby creating a home market for her agricultural producers. Canada has had a fair measure of prosperity during the last few years. She has increased her foreign trade and her domestic commerce has grown materially, but the country advances slowly in population and this will be the case until her industries are more extensively developed. Of course Canada is at a disadvantage industrially because of her proximity to the United States, but this is not an absolutely insurmountable impediment to her progress. Canadians are still cherishing the hope of reciprocity with the United States and there is talk of efforts being made to reconvene the joint high commission with a view to considering reciprocity proposals, but there is not at present any promise that such negotiations would be successful.

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**Priest in Prison.**

FLRYIA, O., May 2.—Rev. Ferdinand Waiser, assistant pastor of the church of the Sacred Heart of Toledo, lies in the County Jail here tonight, charged with the murder of Miss Agatha Reichlin, sister of Rev. Charles Reichlin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Lorain, O. It is charged by the authorities that Father Waiser, who was a guest at the home of the latter, entered the young woman's room at the parsonage Thursday night, during the absence of Rev. Charles Reichlin, and crushed her head with a big paving stone.

Bloodhounds were taken to the scene of the crime early today and given the scent of the murderer, and they persistently led the officers to the room occupied by Father Waiser at the Reichlin home on the night of the murder. Later the dogs struck another scent and went directly to St. Joseph's Hospital, where Father Waiser spent last night. The priest was taken into custody at the hospital and brought to the County Jail in this city.

The officers admit that the evidence against the priest is purely circumstantial, but it is said the chain is unusually strong.

While the feeling was very strong against the priest at Lorain today and a big crowd gathered when the officers boarded an electric car with their prisoner on their way to the County Jail here, there was no demonstration against the prisoner.

Father Waiser, when seen by a reporter in his cell tonight and asked for a statement, said:

"All that I have to say is that I am not guilty of any crime. I am innocent, and say that with a clear conscience."

High license went into effect in New York May 1, and as a result 718 hotels and saloonkeepers in Manhattan and the Bronx will go. In Brooklyn there was a falling off of 123 in the applications for licenses, compared with last year. The receipts for licenses are greater by \$2,945,037 than last year in the three boroughs.

That hardy annual, the deceased wife's sister bill, reappeared in the House of Commons, and after well-worn arguments, passed its second reading by 104 to 94 votes. The measure this year is in charge of Sir Gilbert Parker, who, in support thereof presented a huge petition containing the signatures of 75,000 women of Birmingham and its suburbs. The bill has already passed its second reading no fewer than 16 times, but its further progress is always hindered.

The trusts "have it in" for President Roosevelt, and will try to prevent his renomination unless he abandons his campaign in the courts against them. If it were not for the danger of causing Democratic control of both houses of Congress, they would support a Democrat for President in order to prevent his election. In order to avoid this difficult alternative, their program is to work up anti-Roosevelt sentiment in the South by using the race issue. They hope by combining the South with some of the Eastern States to more than effect his support in the West.

Road building, according to the most up-to-date methods, is now in progress in Marion County, and the prospect is exceedingly good for the construction of several miles of permanent roads. A rock crusher was purchased last year at a cost of about \$1200, and a steam roller has recently been added to the equipment, at a cost of \$2160. This outfit is in operation on the Jefferson and Rosedale roads, south of Salem, where a 12-inch surface of crushed rock is being put upon the highways, at a cost of less than \$1200 per mile. Of this cost the county pays about half in cash, while the farmers contribute the remainder in labor.

Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, in the United States Circuit Court, Newark, N. J., filed an opinion in the suit of the American Sugar Refining Company against W. D. Rutt and H. C. Herrold, Collectors of Internal Revenue for the New Jersey district. The refinery sued to recover \$200,000 collected as a war tax during the operations of the act of June 14, 1899. The plaintiff claimed the tax was illegally assessed, the material taxed not being subject to taxation under the law. Judge Kirkpatrick decided in favor of the refinery and the tax collected will have to be refunded. Other companies have similar suits pending for amounts aggregating more than \$1,000,000.

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