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WHY GRUMBLE?

We grumble greatly over the signs that power in our country has left the people and is now with the few. But could anything else be expected? What is government but business. A community agrees to live under certain regulations; its object is the pursuit of happiness under good rules, by which they may carry on their lawful business and be protected against wrong doers.

Had any company of merchants gone into an agreement and given to their servants the same power the people have given to theirs—namely, power to make all laws and rules; to make more offices and salaries, etc.; without any reference to their masters or asking consent, where would that same company find itself after some years? Ousted, disinherited, plucked and impoverished. In fact just in the condition of the common people to-day. Either the people can not rule; or they can and should rule.

He is a simpleton who thinks the present condition can last. The impulse toward concentration of all power in the hands of a small class or caste of wealthy corporators is frightful. Just go back twenty years in review and see what has been done. The condition of the United States Senate is a perfect illustration of the result of such government.

The House is in reality but little better and is fast becoming what the senate is. What does it mean? It means that wealth, aristocracy, owns the country and governs it through its representatives. And this same caste has so organized the legislative bodies that a plain, poor man has no business there, no influence whatever. He is made purposely ridiculous there a number of terms. Socially he is a nobody in Washington and Washington society has more power over legislation than a dozen states. It is no longer a government by the people.

LAW MAKERS, JOBBERS AND LOBBYISTS.

Any little job bill, anything in which a small class, a profession or locality is interested to have passed can be gotten through. Even at the last moment such bills are introduced under suspension of rules, read first and second time and passed under suspension of rules. But bills that are of general interest, bills for the benefit of every soul in the state, bills publicly clamored for by the public, have no friends. The tax bill, the homestead bill may rest forever; but the incorporation of Bog Walla, a boom on Pickamaship Creek, the Pacific and Kamschatka R. R. to run twenty miles to a coal mine, the county seat fight between two villages—these are the mighty themes to hold the law makers' attention, together with acts to create offices, bureaus, commissions and appropriate money to reward partisan appointees. Friends of the public are few and far between, while the lobbies swarm with agents and promoters of private greed.

A SECRET circular is going the rounds among the Knights of Labor of New York professing to institute Labor Courts of a semi-judicial nature for trying faithless master workmen who order strikes for no good cause and to punish them by cutting off their ears. The foreign laborers of New York regard the proposition as serious.

A MAN went mad in New Orleans and died, who had never been bitten by any dog or other animal, but ascribed it to wounds from fish fins.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

In the old Constitutions of the oldest states were wise provisions to prevent unconstitutional acts from being passed. A council of two supreme judges and the governor was constituted whose duty it was to inspect all bills proposed in order to ascertain whether they were in accord with the Constitution. Without their endorsement the proposed measure could not be acted upon. After passage the governor could veto. This wholesome veto power has stood between the public and their greedy and thoughtless servants amid all the changes and revolutions of time, as yet. History proves that it has been wisely exercised on almost every occasion. No matter how much faction has raged and threatened the president or governor for the time being, who exercised the veto, yet we do not recall one single instance wherein, after all the passions of the hour have subsided, history does not declare it was well and wisely done. This proves that one conspicuous, responsible official, on whom all eyes are fixed, is a more faithful public servant than several dozens or hundreds who may dodge their responsibility and who are soon lost, dissolved away like jrymen into the vast ocean of humanity. Personal accountability is the very best of guarantees.

OUR SERVANTS.

Class legislation is now, and has been the order in congress for several sessions past. The tobacco men want free tobacco, the sugar men want protected sugar, the lobby lawyers want the direct tax refunded, the republicans want to make republican states, the democrats want to make democratic states, the whisky men want taxed liquors, the railroad corporations want more power, the National banks want more money, the trust men want to be trusted, the land thieves want to be endorsed, the republicans want to investigate election frauds in the South, the democrats want to be considered the laboring man's friend, the republicans want to be called his father, Butterworth wants a Canadian girl, Blaine wants to be secretary of state; and amid all this "Kilkenny Cat" squabble can you expect congress to do anything?—Pacific Express.

And is it any better in the state legislatures? You ought to say of the whole as Calhoun said of congress fifty years ago, "session after session is devoted to Wall street interests, to banks and tariffs, but not one day, no, not one hour to the interests of the public."

VERSUS MONOPOLY.

EDITOR CAPITAL JOURNAL:—The insolvency of some great coal and other companies that lately occurred might suggest a very simple way to manage the great trusts and other monopolies. For instance the mild winter has caused a universal moderation in the use of coal. Now if the people could only be united and induced to abstain as much as possible from using any article monopolized, they could in six months ruin one after another such combines as the sugar and coffee monopolies. Why can it not be done? A whole people have before now been led to co-operate. This is a much better course to take than legislation. It needs only to have the plan started and recommendations given from some central headquarters to have the thing effected. Let it once be started somewhere and the word given out and the grandest revolution would be made that ever was. Why not form a peoples' defense against monopoly? Who will begin the work, and where? Organizations would spring up like wild fire all over the land. Something must be done. Why not that? It looks like a big undertaking, but it is as grand as it is difficult. The people are ready for it. They will do the work. Only start the ball.

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