

SECRETARY BALLINGER

Here is the way a republican newspaper, the Chicago Record-Herald, looked at Mr. Ballinger's Indianapolis speech:

A wise man in Mr. Ballinger's place would try conciliation upon the public.

Mr. Ballinger is not only defiant but truculent.

He says: "After long indifference on the part of the people as to the public domain, a deep concern suddenly has arisen respecting the remnant of the national estate, with a wholly exaggerated notion of what should be done with it by the gov-

ernment." He sneers at "doctrinaires," refers with contempt to "nebulous theories" and "hysteria."

And as if the burden of his own department were not heavy enough, he tilts at insurgents in general, declares that their movement is a "fantasy," a "mirage," that it has been greatly magnified, and suggests this comparison: "When you are on the plains a cow on the horizon looks forty feet high, but when you come to it it is only an ordinary cow."

Whether the charges against the secretary of the interior are true or false, he proves by the sort of talk that he is in lamentable need of sound political sense. He proves it even if his opponents are affected by hysteria. For the disposition of the public is always to lead down the man who adopts a contemptuous tone of superiority toward the public, and every statesman with a policy must have public support if he is to succeed.

Honesty, deep sincerity, the best of motives could not excuse such stupid methods. There is a wrong way of trying to do the right thing, and to the politician it is always costly. If he is to achieve results he must keep that fact in mind all the time. He must work with the people and not to all appearances against them. He can never afford to strike an attitude and pass out the compliment—"The public be d—d." What confronts Mr. Ballinger is not a nebulous theory but a troublesome condition of public sentiment. And it will be made worse by truculent methods. The administration should understand that they can lead only to disorganization and a dismal wreck.

QUALIFICATIONS

An auctioneer advertised on his office window for an assistant, and added a list of qualifications which showed that he expected his new man to possess all the virtues.

Many people read the notice and turned away, but at last a more venturesome individual entered the office and informed the auctioneer that his brother was just the man for the job.

"What's your brother like?" queried the auctioneer. "Is he quiet?"

"Oh, yes."

"Used to a long time stopping in one place?"

"Rather. Sticks to one spot like glue."

"Never gets into trouble through meddling with other people's business?"

"Never."

"Wouldn't answer back if I called him the hardest names I could think of?"

"He'd be as mum as a fish all the time."

"Jove! He's the very man I want. Where is he now, this brother of yours?" eagerly inquired the auctioneer.

"Couldn't say with confidence," dryly responded the man as he backed toward the door. "He's been dead for the last seventeen years!" New York Sun.

ABSENT TREATMENT

A story is told of an Englishman who had occasion for a doctor while staying in Peking.

"Sing Loo, gleastest doctor," said his servant; "he savee my lifee once."

"Really?" queried the Englishman.

"Yes; me tellible awful," was the reply; "me callee in another doctor. He givee me medicine; me velly, velly bad. Me callee in another doctor. He come and givee me more medicine, make me velly, velly badder. Me callee in Sing Loo. He no come. He savee my lifee."—Birmingham (England) Post.

A PROPHECY FULFILLED

"I am not a prophet—not the son of a prophet—but I make this prediction: That if this policy of protection is continued in this country, the time will soon come when these favored interests will say to the people of the United States: 'We thank you for protecting us, for lo, these many years, from foreign competition; we will now protect ourselves from home competition; we will form combines; we will pool our capital; we will stifle the natural law of supply and demand; we will sell you our goods at our own prices.'"

The above words were spoken by Frank A. Dean, November 7, 1892, in the Thomas opera house, Char-

lotte. The word "trust" had not then been coined in this connection and was not in our political dictionary.—Charlotte, Mich., Leader.

LIKE THE HOUR GLASS

Nelle—"Is that fellow of yours ever going to get up the courage to propose?"

Belle—"I guess not—he's like an hour-glass."

Nelle—"An hour-glass?"

Belle—"Yes, the more time he gets, the less sand he has."—Cleveland Leader.

If you had had the tiniest bit of love for me you would never have married me!—Witzige Blaetter.

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