## If the People Rule Why Don't They Get What They Want?

J. M. Maynara, Apex, N. C.-A Lincoln, pages 309-310. (This warn few capitalists control-everything and self comes first and my own experience for the last few days will prove it. At Morrisville, N. C., a wealthy merchant and cotton man-ufacturer-who all, my life credits me for thirty days, but as a matter of my afflictions and sickness my supply of money for the year was exhausted, and told him it would be ninety days befor I could pay him As such he required my note on land and after getting my note here is difrerence in price pounds) 17 to 19 cents; sugar ( 5 pounds) 30 to 38
cents.
So you see just why a few cents. So you see just why a few to run the government for them.
S. B. Lohr, York, Pa,-In answer to the senator's question would say that the people will never rule so long as the voters of the United States send men to our national capital like Taft, Aldrich and Cannon So long as the head of our government is made up of such men so long will the money power rule and the trusts will get just what they want and the common people will pay the penalty for the favored ones. For example, would refer you to the present tariff schedule that should convince any intelligent man how to vote and for whom to vote. Why not lect men into office like the peerless William Jennings Bryan and then the people will rule and not until then.

Henry Travers, Benwood, W. Va - think laws like the state of Ore gon initiative and referendum and recall would be a means of making the welfare of the people the supreme law. Not until the people se cure such laws will they get what they want,

Wm. Morrow, Bladen, Neb.-Because they don't ask for themselves nor stand by the man who asks for them. "Ask and ye shall receive seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you," is a law of the universe. . Even the Almighty is representes: as yielding to the Hebrews. But we ask and re ceive not because we ask amiss. Who now is asking for justice and mercy? Who is asking for old age pensions for the needy, for guaranteed bank deposits, public land for the landless only, state titles for real estate double track on the main lines of all railroads? Why, equality under the law would soon work wonders with our condition. A general who is rich gets $\$ 5,000$ per year, but a private who is poor gets $\$ 8$ per month Thousands of southern women and children are hoeing cotton for their grub. Now I don't know when these conditions will be changed, but the people must ask persistently and unitedly, and there is no power on earth can resist them, and heaven is on their side, when they ask for justice and not license.
M. B. Stamm, Baxter, Kan.-To Senator Owen's question a large majority making reply affirm that the jority making reply affirm that the
people do not rule. Naturally these people do not rule. Naturally these questions present themselves! Did they ever rule? If so when did they cease to rule, and who are the usurpers? Much light is thrown on these questions from the beacon held aloft by the sainted Lincoln half century ago. These words o warning occur in his inessage to con
gress in 1861 . See Barret's Life of

Lincoln, pages 309-310. (This warn 'Mg is omitted from later histories) Monarchy itself is sometimes hint power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against the approach of return ng despotism. There is one point o which 1 call your attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equa ooting with, if not alone labor, in them beware of surrendering cal power which they already a polit and which if surreney already have $y$ be used to surrendered, will sure y be used to close the door of ad vancement against such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shal be lost." Four years later in a letwords from then in Illinois are these words from the great hearted Lin coln: "Yes, we may all congratuate ourselves that this cruel war is dearing to a close. It has cost a Thast amount of treasure and blood The best blood of the flower of American youth has been freely ifered upon our country's altar that ndeed a trying hive. for the reen ic; I see in the near for the repub approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the throned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in few hands, and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war." Do conditions predicate a fulfillment of that prophecy?
R. B. Brower, Coldwater, Mich.Having read all the answers to Senator Owen's question, I would say there is truth in all the answers. My own answer is, the people do not get what they want-their rights-because of their weakness. The reason, having ourselves in or under the yoke of the money interests, innocently at first (and many are still so doing) by borrowing money, had we all heeded the scriptural injunction, "Owe ye no one," our yok would have been an easy one. Would ask right here, had we obeyed that injunction, where would the money interests have been today? Now if we, the people, will wake up, open their ears, harking back along the ine in a business way, selecting the credit and debtor, placing on its own side of ledger, observing that Holy Writ that the credit side is not out hat our servants, whom we send to make laws for us at our vineyard may be compared to the parable in Holy. Writ where the owner of the vineyard left his vineyard to husbandman for a share of the vinage, the husbandinan, taking advanage of the proprietor and appropri ating his share to his own use. An other trouble with us (the people) we are too much divided. Why not oin hands and all pull for our rights s all the same to many. It seems to credit side, thus defeating our the best interests. Now why should not we (the people) join hands, creating weh a sentiment as to cause our so called servants' return to their em ployers (the people) their just due.

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