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Letters from the People

George H. Brown, Lakewood, O.—It occurs to me that all the prosecutions and "trust busting" are futile and do not and will not reach the disease, for it is a real one. Separate the members and it will come together like the fabled snake, as vigorous as ever and more wise. The theory that trusts, like the protective tariff, benefited the consumer has long since exploded. No, they are formed to increase profits to stockholders in the first case, and in the other to protect the whole operation. The trust principle of reduction of costs of manufacture by elimination of waste, in labor and material be it in the shop or office, and is come to stay because it is right in principle and practice. On the other hand if the consumer is not benefited by improved quality or reduction in price to the buyer, there has been a loss to the community, by decreased employment, and probably an enhanced price to the consumer. Trusts are not benevolent, nor do they now claim to be, as some time ago. But they are first and last selfish, and the primary aim is to get all there is in it, by reducing the cost of manufacture, and get as close to the consumer as possible and save cost of distribution. They (the trusts) do not dread the cost of any prosecution as that is promptly unloaded on to the consumer, but may be a little sensitive to publicity. If the tariff is threatened by reduction of rates in which they are interested, the weapon and a strong one is "wages must come down" if the tariff is reduced, and the results are read in the votes. Now, if by enactment the profits on stock capitalization are limited to a figure that yields a good return to the holder and stock increases are prohibited, except under proper restriction, liberal allowance is made to provide for improvements and expansion, this will allow the balance to be used in reduced prices of product to the consumer or the public by whose will the corporation was allowed. It will be said that this will discourage enterprise, and stop improvement. Not while there is money seeking investment in safe manner. The assurance that stock jobbery and water was a thing of the past would greatly aid in bringing a safe financial feeling. That conditions permit rates of profit pay the original cost of stock in a year or two, and the general public are required to pay exorbitant prices for the things that are indispensable to life is a distinct wrong, and if not remedied will some day bring a pandora's box of trouble is not hard to see. Trusted industries should be on the limited plan, limited liabilities, limited profits, and it is only on this basis that a dangerous situation may be made harmless, and a real benefit to all the people. It would do more to the wages of workmen than all things ever done, as profits to stockholders would in many cases be a negligible quantity in wage contentions.

D. A. Daniels, Friendship, N. Y.—It is my opinion that the income tax proposition will not pass the necessary two-thirds of the states. The "interests" will see to it that it does not pass. See what they are already doing in Georgia. I don't think Taft expected or wanted it to pass. It was produced as a makeshift on purpose to sidetrack the whole business. He knew that the interests could control twelve states all right. That it would take a long time; that it would all be forgotten and after a generation or so it would be pronounced a failure. It was simply a stand-off.

F. Wleckerling, 97 Union Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—It is really ridiculous to read in the republican papers and the fake democratic sheets their

lament and disappointment of the late tariff revision—as if they did not know a year ago what a republican tariff revision meant. The republican party has been owned and controlled for the last thirteen years or more by corporations and trusts, and they will never allow laws to be made for the common welfare of the people, but only for their own benefit. As long as the good western people (the voters) will think more of the republican party controlled by Aldrich and his clique, than of the common welfare of the people, it will never be any different. The east is in the hands of the captain, kids, in the hands of the Captain "Kids." May it be a warning to the west. There is no doubt the good, progressive republican senators from the middle west mean well but they never will accomplish anything as long as this eastern crowd is on top, unless it is with the aid of democrats and a few more progressive republicans from the west. So far the Aldrich crowd with their big gun, Cannon, had their way and the people will have to pay and they will console themselves by the next election that the people will forget all about it, it will be all forgotten, and the people will be ready to take another dose unless the voter will begin to do his own thinking which I hope he will do, and not listen to papers, which are out for business more than principle and the welfare of the country.

W. Wheeler, Winona, Minn.—The Morning Independent and also the Republican-Herald, the Tawney organ of this district, which claims that they published the carbon copy of the president's speech complete as read by him at the opera house

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