

GRATEFUL

After writing a letter to Mr. Hitchcock (his successful opponent) congratulating him on his nomination, Richard L. Metcalfe gave out the following statement:

"I can surely sing 'there is sunshine in my soul today,' for all that I remember of the campaign, so far as my own contest is concerned, is the good will expressed by thousands of men and women, most of whom I had never met, and the kindness shown me by the newspapers of the state, republican and democrat alike. I believe there was never a candidate for office that received such generous attention by newspapers of all parties as I received at the hands of Nebraska editors. The newspaper men will never know what is in my heart to say to them. If I should try to speak it my voice would break. If I should try to write it my pen would falter. All I can do is to say 'thank you;' and this comes from the depths of a heart so full of gratitude for high favors, so full of faith renewed in the loving kindness of men that there is no room for stings or vain regrets."

EXPRESS EXTORTIONS

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 1, 1910.—Editor The Commoner: Enclose correspondence showing that the Long Island Express Company collected 60 cents from me for a package of ten pounds. This was for a distance of less than one hundred miles. The letter from the English consul, in New York City, states this package could have been sent anywhere in England for 21 cents. Who gets the difference in the United States, and why? Do our legislators represent the people or the express companies.

Yours sincerely,
H. C. MAGUIRE.

THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESS
38 Hanson Place
Brooklyn, N. Y., May 27, 1910.

Mr. H. C. Maguire, 2315 East Thirteenth Street, New York City.—Dear Sir: Acknowledging your favor dated May 25, concerning a shipment you received from Blairstown or Marksboro, New Jersey, upon delivery a charge of 60 cents being collected. I would suggest that you communicate with our agent at Sheepshead Bay in whose delivery territory this address is, advising him the date of delivery, also the exact weight of shipment. I have referred your communication to our agent at that point requesting him to investigate the matter, but without the information above described would be unable to trace shipment. Kindly forward same as early as possible.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. F. CURTIN, Agent.

THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESS
38 Hanson Place
Brooklyn, N. Y., June 1, 1910.

Mr. H. C. Maguire, 2313 East Fifteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York.—Dear Sir: Replying to your favor dated May 25, concerning charges collected from you upon delivery of shipment from Blairstown or Marksboro, New Jersey. I beg to advise that this package was received in transfer, we advancing connecting express company 30 cents, our charges being 30 cents, total charge to be collected 60 cents, is correct.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. F. CURTIN, Agent.

2315 East Thirteen Street
Borough of Brooklyn
June 3, 1910

Mr. Jas. F. Curtin, Long Island Express Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Dear Sir: Referring to yours of June 1, as to package from Marksboro, N. J., direct to myself at the above address, on which you collected 60 cents. Please send me receipted bill for this, stating weight of package on same, and giving either the originating point (Marksboro) or the connecting express company that transferred the package to you. Thanking you in advance for prompt attention.

Yours very truly,
H. C. MAGUIRE.

THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESS
38 Hanson Place
Brooklyn, N. Y., June 11, 1910.

Mr. H. C. Maguire, 2313 East Thirteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York.—Dear Sir: Complying with your request in letter dated June 3, I enclose one of our bills showing that this box you have made complaint about was received from the Wells, Fargo & Company Express May 19 from Wackfield, New Jersey, weight given as ten pounds and with an advance charge of 30 cents to that Company, our

charges to Sheepshead Bay being 30 cents additional, the total charge to be collected being 60 cents, which is correct.

Yours respectfully,
JAS. F. CURTIN, Agent.

New York, June 28, 1910.—H. B. M. Consul General begs to acquaint Mr. H. C. Maguire that the cost of transmission of a ten pound package by parcel post in the United Kingdom, no matter what the distance may be is ten pence, equivalent to 21 cents. No parcel may exceed eleven pounds in weight. The greatest length may be three feet six and the greatest length and girth combined six feet.

Mr. H. C. Maguire,
2315 E. Thirteenth St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

WALL STREET GETS THE LOOT

New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald: Thefts from two New York banks, made known within the last week, have compelled the attention of the American Bankers' Association to this class of crime. In the last five years more than \$28,000,000 has been embezzled from banks and trust companies in the United States.

In a majority of cases the money stolen from banks is lost in stock gambling in Wall Street. Thus went the \$900,000 that John H. Lowery said he took from the Utica City National bank. It was said recently by the president of a surety company that many thefts are committed in banks that never reach the ears of the public. Bankers and heads of trust companies, it was asserted, frequently minimize the amount of stealings when the secret of losses comes out. In illustration of this, it was recalled that when announcement was made very lately of the disappearance of Walter Hall, paying teller of the Herald Square branch of the Greenwich bank, an official of the bank said the amount missing from the bank was "too trivial to mention." The amount proved to be between \$25,000 and \$50,000. It was first announced, following the disappearance of the cashier, Erwin Wider, that the Russo-Chinese bank at No. 52 Pine street, was out about \$50,000. The value of the missing securities is now placed at \$600,000.

The example of the millionaire heads of the institutions, who win fortunes in a day in the stock market, has its effect on the underpaid employes. Then come the letters of advice from brokers of repute and alleged respectability. These are scattered in banks and trust companies for the purpose of inciting those who read them to gamble. In addition to tips on stocks, especially those "securities" in which the broker himself is personally interested, these

letters not infrequently contain such hints as the following:

"Men starting with a few hundred dollars and observing the rules which guide leading speculators have by boldness and skillful manipulation become the possessors of millions."

The effect of these suggestions can be seen by a glance at the accompanying table of defalcations in banks in the last five years. This table is confined to bank thefts and does not include embezzlements in other business, the major part of the proceeds of which, it is on record, also find their way to the pockets of the stock broker and company promoter. Here are the big bank thefts of the last five years:

Paul O. Stensland, Chicago banker	\$1,500,000
Frank G. Bigelow, Milwaukee banker	1,450,000
Officials of Denver Savings bank	1,700,000
T. L. Clarke, cashier Enterprise (Pa.) Bank	1,200,000
F. R. Green, cashier Fredonia National Bank	300,000
C. S. Hixon, bookkeeper Union Trust Company, Pittsburg	125,000
Frank K. Hipple, president Real Estate Trust Company, Philadelphia, suicide	7,000,000
George H. Brouwer, the "soul of honor," confidential man for Oliphant & Co., bankers and brokers	90,000
William F. Walker, treasurer New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank	600,000
Oliver M. Douglas, bookkeeper Trust Company of America	1,300,000
Clerk E. B. Havens & Co., bankers and brokers, this city	100,000
M. J. Sage & Co., bankers, this city, ruined in stock speculation	700,000
Henry Rieber, paying teller; John Young, auditor, Farmers' National Bank, Pittsburg	1,105,000
William Montgomery, cashier Alleghany National Bank, Pittsburg	468,000
Bryon L. Church, president Bank of Hollywood, Kas.	100,000
G. W. Coleman, bookkeeper, City National Bank, Cambridge, Mass.	144,000
John F. Johnson, president, State National Bank, Logansport, Ind.	550,000
John R. Walsh, president, Chicago National Bank (misapplication of funds)	7,000,000
John A. Ball, treasurer, South Bridge Savings Bank, Worcester, Mass.	367,924
Erwin Wider, cashier, Russo-Chinese Bank agency, New York; \$80,000 charged, estimated amount	600,000
August Ropke, Fidelity Trust Company, Louisville, Ky.	1,400,000
J. Howard Lowery, cashier, Utica (N. Y.) National Bank	115,000

The Commoner's Million Army

In the campaign of 1908 The Commoner's Million Army rendered distinguished service to the cause of democracy and it may well be believed that a similar organization will even be able to do better work in the year of 1910 now that men who were heretofore indifferent are aroused to the importance of action.

If half of the readers of The Commoner would take active interest in the organization of this Million Army plan, the results would be immediately noticeable and the contribution to the

welfare of popular government would be enormous.

Many individuals are willing to help in a patriotic movement but find it difficult to know just what to do to make their efforts count. In a struggle such as the one we are now engaging in, the efforts of every man, woman and child on the side of popular government will count and in The Commoner's Million Army a practical plan is presented whereby the efforts of many individuals may be aggregated and used with telling effect.

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The Commoner's Million Army

I hereby enlist in The Commoner's Million Army, and pledge my assistance to secure the nomination of only worthy and incorruptible men as democratic candidates; that I will attend democratic primaries and nominating conventions, and assist in promoting the great democratic campaign of education by devoting a reasonable share of my time to the distribution of literature. I will recommend worthy persons for membership in The Commoner's Million Army, and in any way I can assist to increase the usefulness of this organization.

Signed.....

Address.....

With the understanding that Mr. Bryan agrees to accept annual subscriptions to The Commoner from members of this Army at a net rate of 65 cents each, and that each subscription to The Commoner shall include a subscription to The American Homestead (a strong home and farm paper)—thus leaving The Commoner free to devote its undivided efforts to political matters and current events—I enclose herewith 65 cents for one annual subscription to The Commoner (including The American Homestead). If you are already a subscriber to The Commoner and do not care to extend your expiration date at this time, the last paragraph above may be disregarded.

Recommendation for Membership

The signer of this enrollment blank is personally known to me, and is in every way worthy of membership in The Commoner's Million Army.

Signed.....

Address.....