### JUDGES AND THE PEOPLE

Reasons Wy They Decide in Favor of

THE RICH HAVE ALWAYS BULED

The Poor, and by Precedent Should Continue to Do So--Judges Come Mostly From the Aristo-

cratic Classes.

The recent conduct of the United States judges in the Ann Arbor case was not unexpected. Those who expect the courts of law to interpret the law in favor of the people, rather than in favor of the plutocrats, are greatly mistaken. And age of the slave. this need surprise no one-it has always been so, and arises from perfectly natural causes. Judges must necessarily come from the ranks of the lawyers. Their professional training makes them par-Signiarly careful of technicalities, and plutocrats hold their power mainly by legal technicalities. It is always the letter of the law, and not the "spirit which giveth life," on which judicial wrongs are based.

the poor, and in the judicial eye they will tion." always do so, for precedent must be followed. A lawyer once told me that he never expected a judge to decide according to the equity of the case or incline to a poor plaintiff, not because the judge was unfair but because he was a judge.

In the last days of John Adams' administration, when the aristocratic federalputs were endeavoring to check the rising power of the party of the people, the "republicans," they found no better assistants than the judges of the courts, especially of the United States circuit The outrageous alien and sedition laws were not enough, but some of the judges like old Samuel Chase of Maryland, not only used the full influence of their position to down their opponents, but made Grover. their charges to the juries regular political harangues like that of Judge Paxson in the Homestead indictments for treason.

Let me add a couple of extracts from When the people begin to think, plu-Schouler's history of the United States tocrats, tyrants and political bosses beconcerning Chase's famous circuit in 1800; gin to tremble.

"Fyres, on a second trial for treason One vote is better than a thousand resolutions and a bushel of talk.—Naand Chase having so browbeaten the prisoner's counsel that they withdrew from the case, procured a verdict of may be good or bad, but we should be A. Garfield. treason as distinguished from a riot, was perhaps inevitable."

"Passing from Pennsylvania to Virginia Judge Chase at Richmond procured by harsh means the indictment of Callender, who now resides here, for certain passages which appeared in his electioneering pamphlet, known as the 'Prospect Before Us.' Chase at this trial was as domineering as before, so that Callender's counsel threw over their briefs, as those of Fries' had done, and walked out of court, Callender, being found guilty, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. a fine of \$200, and to give securities for good behavior."

And so it went on. High carnival of justice on the bench, just as it is today But it is well to remember that Chase's to all is the politics of the future. famous circuit and those of other domineering judges did more to elect Jeffer- voted for Cleveland ought to form a son and place the party of the people in partnership with sheep-killing dogs. power than any thing else. It was an object lesson not to be overlooked. And so attack and remove the cause. Poverty it is now. Every judicial outrage in favor of the plutocratic masters of our courts is sent system. And be sure that when the coffin is done the corpse will be ready. WM. SCHUYLER,

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more money than all the rest of the 24,900 progress.

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farms can't pay—progress.

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PENNSYLVANIA POPULISTS.

State Convention Called to Meet at Williamsport June 14.

The people's party state convention of Pennsylvania has issued a call for a state convention to meet at Williamsport, June 14. It is signed by R. A. Thompson chairman, and F. R. Agnew secretary. The following is an extract from the call:

"We believe the condition of our country demands prompt and earnest action on the part of the common people. We find permeating every element of society and government the most insidious foe that has worked the destruction of every country that has

gone down to the grave-yard of nations. The late actions of the courts as affecting labor organizations, the de-pressed condition of all industrial pursuits, the aggressive policy of monopoly enthroned behind the Pinkertons and the militia and hidden beneath the gowns of the Judicisry, warn us of the coming conflict which will determine whether we shall possess the inherent right of personal liberty or the bond-

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Serator Teller said in a speech in the enste last winter:

"Thank God that the people have the courage to complain. I shall be sorry for the Americans if the time shall ever come that party organizations and party lines shall hold men to principles which they despise and which they detest. When they become satisfied that the policy of any party is inimical to their interest, I glory in their cour-Besides, a judge is always on the side age when they break away from their of "precedent," and it has always been the old party associations and take a stand precedent so far that the rich have ruled which they think will bring credit to them and prosperity to the whole na-

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The republican party has gone into the dry dock for repairs.

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Private ownership of public utilities means public plunder for personal profit There ought to be a home for fallen men. It would save lots of women frem "falling."

Cleveland weighs over 300 pounds, but it's not all brains. Most of it is

Grover Cleveland is certainly the sacred white elephant" of the democratic party.

tional Reformer.

A crank is a man with a new idea. It

that is, saited. "Should the farmer meddle in poli-cs?" "Yes; unless he prefers to floun-

tics?" der in the soup." The leaders of the democratic and republican parties can easily sleep in

the same political bed. Every attempt to control the rail-roads has been a failure. The railroads

are doing the controlling. Yes, the people of this country owe the bankers a great debt-but it is in

money and not gratitude. If the old party papers told the truth there would be nothing left of the parties out the office hunters

The day of sentimental politics is passed. Honest government and justice

Those fellows who talked reform and

The best way to combat sin is to is the most prolific breeder of crime.

Why don't the church fight usury only another nall in the coffin of the pre-

> Talk is the cheapest kind of patriotism and devotion. Don't measure a man by his talk. The question is, what is he doing?

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General Labor Notes.

Cambridge, Mass., voted for a municipal lighting plant.

Socialists hold a national convention in Chicago July 4th. Minneapolis woodcarvers have a flour-

ishing co operative shop. Women now vote for minor offices in

20 states and 3 territories. Lansing, Mich., socialized lighting and

reduced rates ten per cent. The average wages of workingmen in

sunny Spain is 40 cents a day. Government labor department is going to invertigate New York slums.

Revolutionary rumblings are being heard in Holland, due to destitution. Buffalo citizens of all classes organized a big Municipal Ownership Reform

There are said to be ten men to one job in San Francisco and destitution is appailing.

Chicago ballet girls won a strike for \$2 a week increase in wages. Talk about kickers!

It is the almost unsversal practice in

Pennsylvania collieries to discharge men for notifying the authorities of violations of the mining laws. For distributing labor literature among

the soldiers of his company, Sergeant Lelut of the Imperial Guards, in Berlin has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment in a German fortress. One of the youngest editors in the

world is F. J. Fox of the Australian (Sydney) Workman. He is only eightteen years of age, and is said to be a swift and incisive writer, with genuine literary talent.

Of 104 strikes in Austra in 1891, ten were successful, twenty-nine were partly successful, and fifty-six were failures. About 14,000 people involved in these strikes have lost 247,000 workdays, During the same year there were 1,145 strikes in England and 1,131 in Ger-

Boodling the Almighty.

Carnegie cut the pay of his wage slaves in his Braddock mills, and then quieted the lips of those who should testify to the world against him by presenting the Braddock church with a magnificent organ.—Mankato Advo

Calamity Howlers.

The cause of every depression is money famine and nothing else.-John A.

Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce. - James

Liberty cannot long endure in any The reformer that looks behind him country where the tendency of legisla- Makes holes, drops and covers at one ought to be turned into a pillar of salt tion is to concentrate wealth in the hands of a few.-Daniel Webster.

That prices will fall or rise as the volume of money be increased or diminished is a law that is as unalterable as any law of nature.-Professor Walker. If the whole volume of money in

circulation was doubled prices would double. If it was increased one-fourth prices would rise one-fourth.—John S.uart Mill. A decreasing volume of money and falling prices have been and are now

more fruitful of human misery than war, pestilence and famine. They have wrought more injustice than all the bad laws ever enacted.-United States Money Commission. If a government contracted a de bt with

a certain amount of money in circulation and then contracted the money volume before the debt was paid, it is the most heinious crime a government could commit against the people.-Abraham Lincoln.

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that has set the government at defiance. The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the government and the people to whom it properly be-lengs. Let the banks exist, but let them bank on coin or treasury notes.-Thomas Jefferson.

The government ought not to delegate this power (of issuing money) if it could. It is too great power to be trusted to any banking business whatever. The people are not safe when such a company has such a power. The temptation is too great, the opportunity too easy, to put up and put down prices, to bring the whole community on its knees to these Neptunes, who preside over the flux and reflux of paper money. Stocks are their playthings with which they gamble with as little secrecy and less morality than common gamblers.— Thomas H. Benton.

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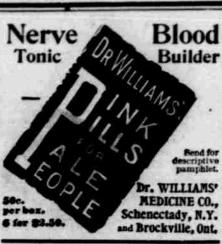
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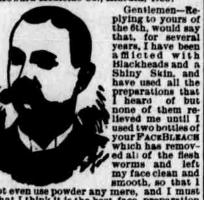
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