

congress is under the thumb of the trusts? He cannot be got at in that way. There is no way but to suffer and bear these exactions except where state law may give relief. The executive officers of the United States will render no assistance as long as the republican party is in power. If Roosevelt should ask the attorney general to resign, there would be such unanimous pressure brought by the leaders of the republican party upon the president that he could not appoint any other kind of a man. If he appointed a man whom the trusts really feared, he would not be confirmed by the senate. The newspapers would trump up infamous charges against him and give such wide publication to them that the senate would be upheld in its refusal by public opinion. There is no way of escape from the extortion of the trusts but to put the republican party out of power, and to do that all who oppose trusts must vote for the same candidates.

**REPUBLICAN HOWLS**

The republicans along the lines of railroad in northern Nebraska remind one of a coyote out on the bleak and bare prairie some lonely night when the thermometer is 20 degrees below zero. They raise a wail that pierces the skies. Go into any of the little towns some day of the week when the elevators are full of corn, when there are no cars and no one will buy. Watch them as they sit on their strings of wagons and wail. Some of them have hauled their heavy loads many miles and will have haul them back. Other men start out hurriedly to stop the shellers. If the corn cannot be sold it will not do to shell it, for it would soon become unmarketable, unless the farmer had special store-houses to keep it in.

Go into the stores and hear the added howls of the merchants. "There is a man," says one of them, "who owes me a large bill that was to be paid last week. He tells me that he can't shell and that the sheller has gone over to another line of road and won't be back for two weeks. The man is all right and I relied on that money to meet a sight draft that will surely come within a day or two. What I am to do I don't know. D—n the railroads anyhow." When that sight draft comes he will howl worse than a coyote on a freezing night.

If one says to them: "Quit your howling and take your own medicine like little men," they only howl the more. One of these kind got far enough along to remark: "The railroads have been buying and building thousands of cars and locomotives and yet we can't get cars. I must confess that I do not understand it." That is about as far as any of them get. In one town when it was learned that a man had bribed a conductor who had two cars partially filled with way freight, to put all the freight into one car and leave the other and that that man got a carload of corn off when the price was up, there came near being anarchy. Some of these mullet heads wanted to block the switches and take the first cars that came along.

Corn is piled up in great ricks all over northern Nebraska and the farmers are waiting for cars so that they can shell and ship it. None of it is very sound on account of the cold wet summer. A few rains on it and it will be worthless. That is why these republican farmers howl.

The Independent has no sympathy for them at all. The more they howl the better the prospect that some time they will acquire brains enough to vote for the government ownership of the railroads. But just at present they are piercing the very heavens with their shrieks. One of them remarked that "this is another thing just like that pretended coal famine."

It takes something like this to teach people anything. The trouble is that they will get all over their howling before the next election. There was never a car famine known during a

republican campaign. These sort of squeezes come in between times. It is probable that if an election were held at the present time in northern Nebraska that the railroads could not elect even one member of the legislature in all that part of the state. But by the time the next voting day arrives, the howling republican coyotes will walk up and vote 'er straight as usual.

May God have mercy on their souls.

**ROOSEVELT A BIMETALLIST**

The silver question won't stay dead. The exporters to silver-using countries have found the fall of silver is acting as a prohibitive tariff barrier and they are casting around for some excuse to re-establish bimetallism. The president sent a special message to congress the other day on that subject on which the great dailies had no remarks to make. The president said:

"I transmit herewith a report from the secretary of state with accompanying notes from the Mexican ambassador and the Chinese charge d'affaires ad interim, which seek the co-operation of the United States in such measures as will tend to restore and maintain a fixed relationship between the moneys of the gold standard countries and the silver-using countries."

After that statement he further remarked in the message:

"I recommend that the executive be given sufficient powers to lend the support of the United States in such a manner and to such degree as he may deem expedient to the purposes of the two governments."

That is, the president wants conferred upon him authority to establish bimetallism. In the report referred to by the president, Secretary Hay says: "A standard of value for silver should be fixed to save trade." There you have the very essence of the question. "A standard of value for silver should be fixed." That is what the gold bugs have declared to be an infamy. That is "flat" pure and simple. The secretary of state and the republican president have come over to the silver side of the question. A "ratio" between silver and gold must be "fixed," by government. Whatever that ratio may be, whether it is 16 to 1, or 40 to 1, that is "bimetallism."

Something of that sort must be done or the gold standard countries will have to stop trading with the silver-using nations. They are beginning to find out that what all the economists said was true and that their idiotic scheme of goldbugism won't work.

**RESULTS OF COMBINATIONS**

It seems that the claim that the organization of trusts and the merging of railroads into great groups, dominated by one man, would result in reducing the cost of operating, the lowering of rates and increased dividends to stockholders, was all a dream and the very opposite has been the actual result. The fact is that rates have been increased and the net earnings of the roads have decreased. One of the most distinguished financial writers in New York city calls attention to the fact that the full reports of the roads and various other combinations for most of the year 1902, now just available, show the gross earnings for 106 roads for November increased \$6,506,446 and operating expenses increased \$7,448,175, resulting in a decrease in net earnings of \$941,729. Gross earnings of 103 companies for eleven months increased \$56,279,743, but the operating expenses show an increase of \$57,525,606, resulting in a decrease in net earnings of \$1,245,863.

Every farmer knows that as soon as one of his neighbors gets too much land, he begins to grow poor. There is a certain amount of attention to details that must be given to any business by interested parties or the

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business will go to ruin. Hired men, however devoted they are, cannot do it. It is in the very nature of things. Expenses will run up and profits will run down.

Men working in two scientific fields, not at all related to each other, have predicted this result from the very beginning of this craze for merging and combination. The doctors said that the successful conducting of such enormous interests by one man would break him down in a short time, that no man could endure the strain for many years. The economists said that it was impossible to conduct such enormous concerns from one office, some of which spread out over a whole continent, and do it as efficiently and economically as when it was conducted by many smaller concerns, with men in supervision who were personally interested in success. The results so far reached, prove that the doctors and economists were right. Several of the big magnates are physical wrecks. One general superintendent broke down and for months has been in Europe trying to regain his health. The profits of stockholders have grown less and the cost to the people has greatly increased. A few men by these manipulations and defiance of all law have accumulated immense fortunes. That is the result so far. Have the people had enough of it?

**THE INFAMY OF THE AGE**

The republican orators, especially in the house and senate, have for thirty years denounced as infamous the issuing of paper money by the United States and then making it legal tender. They have declared it to be the most infamous crime that could be committed. Now in the Fowler bill providing for an asset currency the following occurs:

"Sec. 5. That such notes shall be a first lien upon the assets of the respective banks issuing them, and shall be received upon deposit and for all purposes of debt and liability by every national bank at par and without any charge of whatsoever kind, and such notes shall be receivable for all public dues except duties on imports, and when so received shall be paid out again."

If it was infamous for the government to issue paper and make it a legal tender, it is a thousand times more

infamous to issue bank paper and make that a legal tender. No government on earth ever did such a thing before. Governments have made their own paper legal tender, but never bank promises to pay. Nothing more infamous can be conceived than giving a special number of citizens the right to make their paper legal tender. To such degradation as that has the republican party that held power for many years by demanding "hard money" descended. That Fowler bill is the bill that the republicans declared was dead and buried, never to be resurrected.

What we want in the administration of this country are men with—  
"Eyes to pierce the darkness through,  
Wit to grasp the hidden clew,  
Heart to feel and hand to do,"  
and who will not believe all the "can't" stories that Attorney General Knox has to tell.

Last week two farmers hauled two heavy loads of shelled corn to a depot seventeen miles from their homes. When they got to the railroad where there are three large elevators, they were told that every bin was full and there were no cars. Then they hauled that corn back the seventeen miles over which they had brought it. One of the farmers was a republican and the other was a pop. The pop was behind and he made that republican wish several times he had never been born before they got home. The few sentences that were overheard were too hot for publication.

It seems that the more freight cars and locomotives that the railroads get, the more car famines there are.

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