

WASHINGTON LETTER

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Having struck a trail leading to the front door of the house of John D. Rockefeller, and other trails ending at the doorsteps of other millionaire trust magnates, the steel trust investigating committee of the House of Representatives has been summarily commanded by Wall street to bring its probe to a halt.

The Stanley committee is in possession of evidence sufficient to convict the steel trust of obtaining rebates, or preferential divisions of rates which amount to rebates, from the railroads amounting to millions of dollars. The evidence has not become public for the reason that the committee has not had time to reach, in public hearings, this feature of the trust's wrongdoings.

"This investigation must be stopped!" is the command that went out of Wall street several weeks ago. "Set up the plea that the investigation ought not proceed because Mr. Wickersham has already started a suit against the corporation." The steel trust attorneys carried the ultimatum to the committee in Washington.

But Chairman Stanley stands firm for a continuation of the investigation. "If," says Mr. Stanley, "the steel corporation has not violated the law, then it will welcome this opportunity to demonstrate its obedience to the law in advance of a litigation which will take years to determine, and if it has violated the law it will use all its power and all its immense wealth to silence a committee which can neither be cajoled, deceived nor corrupted."

Congress to Be Educated

The big financial interests which have their headquarters in Wall street have reached the conclusion that it will be worth one million dollars to "put the Aldrich banking plan through Congress."

An organization known as the "National Citizens League for the Promotion of a Sound Banking System" has been formed, and the work of raising funds already is under way in all the big cities of the country.

Just how the money will be used to "put the bill through" has not been made clear. In Philadelphia, the funds, as soon as they are collected, are being deposited in the Girard Trust Company bank, and to the bankers who subscribed it was explained that "pressure would be brought to bear on the members of Congress."

THE USE OF RED CROSS SEALS

Must Be Placed on Back of Mail Matter—Not Good for Postage

With the sale of Red Cross Seals in progress in almost every state and city of the United States, The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is issuing the following instructions to its fifty thousand paid and volunteer workers who are engaged in selling the seals, and to the millions who will buy these holiday stickers for use on their Christmas mail.

The Post Office Department has approved of the Red Cross Seal design, and they may, therefore, in accordance with order No. 5020 of the Post Office Department "be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter." Red Cross Seals must be placed only on the back of letters and not on the address side of any packages going through the mail. They may be placed anywhere on matter going by express. As many seals may be used on the back of a letter or package as may be desired. Everyone is urged to use them liberally, since every seal is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

Care should be exercised in sending merchandise through the mails not to place seals over the string with which the package is tied, since this seals the package against inspection and subjects it to first-class postage rates.

Red Cross Seals may be used also on the reverse side of mail matter sent to Austria, Germany, Great Britain and most of the British Colonies except India and Australia, Guatemala, Uruguay and Portugal refuse to admit mail bearing non-postage stamps.

Red Cross Seals may be used on the face of checks, on bills, on legal documents, and on any commercial paper.

These Christmas seals are not good for postage. They will not carry any mail matter, but any kind of mail matter will carry them. The slogan of the campaign this year is "A million for tuberculosis from Red Cross Seals." Every letter or parcel sent out during the holiday season should bear one or more seals.

Xmas candies at the Model Candy Kitchen. Pure and wholesome goods. Very moderate prices.

Roadmaster Dan Lynch returned from Lincoln Monday morning.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Several of the rural schools of Box Butte county held box socials recently to raise money for the purchase of library books. Districts 10, 14, 33, 54 and 55 were of this number.

Dist. 54 held a spelling and ciphering match in November at their own school house with No. 49 of Sioux county.

Miss Anna Heath and pupils of Dist. 34, with Miss Lenore Douglas and pupils at Dist. 2, gave a Thanksgiving program and box supper Nov. 28th.

Miss Elizabeth Calkins and pupils of Dist. 21 gave a Thanksgiving program and box supper November 29.

Miss Agnes Kneat began a six months term of school in Dist. No. 9 on December 4.

Dist. No. 3 has done something unusual in the way of improving conveniences for pupils and teacher, they having recently put down a well on the school grounds.

Dist. 27 is in line with the hunters; they gave a box social Nov. 28 which netted them a neat sum of money for their library fund.

The pupils of Dist. 28 gave an excellent Thanksgiving program on November 28. They had the school house prettily decorated with corn, and a fine line of their school work was on display.

No teachers' examination will be given the third Friday and Saturday of this month. The next examination will be held at the Court House January 19 and 20, 1912.

The attendance for the school year has been better thus far than it was all last year; more Certificates of Award have been issued already than were in the entire year, last school year. In the spring the pupils holding two Certificates of Award will be given a Diploma of Honor. We hope the pupils will continue working for a perfect attendance record and be awarded these Diplomas of Honor.

Those teachers who have not yet secured the reading circle books are urged to do so at once so they will have sufficient time for doing this work. You will receive credit upon your certificate for Reading Circle work done besides much practical education.

Received December 9th.

It has been some time since we have been with you with any items of news from this part of the country.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in a very quiet manner in this neighborhood. There were some very good dinners served, at which there was the usual good time.

John Coker, Lizzie Coker, Mr. Powell and Mr. Rouse spent Thanksgiving with the family of W. S. Coker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hawkins ate Thanksgiving dinner at the home of J. C. Wright, and report a good time.

There was a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of G. H. Hagaman. Those present were Alex Underwood and family, O. E. Hagaman and family, the family of Cal Underwood and Mrs. Barton. All report a fine time.

White the Peddler was in the Afton neighborhood last week supplying the neighbors with goods for the winter.

Mrs. Coker was on the sick list last week but is better at this writing.

John Wright and family and Geo. Clark and family and Miss Brown of Alliance took dinner Sunday at the hospitable home of J. C. Hawkins. A good time is reported.

E. A. Marsh and son, Lee, have been hauling hay for Mr. Browles.

Miss Ethel Hagaman is visiting home folks at this writing.

Miss Pearl Hale of Alliance is visiting her friend, Miss Shirley Hagaman.

John Englehorn was calling at the Coker home Monday afternoon.

Laun Powell and Mr. Englehorn were helping W. S. Coker butcher hogs Wednesday.

Ralph Worley and family visited at the home of Geo. Hagaman Sunday.

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT

(Continued from last week.)

A Maine prohibition enthusiast sent 150 bottles of pure spring water to the hotel where the National Executive was entertained, to quench their thirst and draw them from the temptations of the 2135 open saloons in the city of Milwaukee. However, nowhere on our trip did we find clearer, cooler or more refreshing water than in Milwaukee, and sparkling, bubbling drinking fountains were found in the auditorium and on many street corners and in the city parks.

The hospitality of the people of Milwaukee will long be remembered. Everything was done to make the time in that city both pleasant and profitable. Never were delegates treated more courteously by city officials, street car employees and all citizens in general. Each delegate said that her hostess was the very best and kindest of all.

The next convention, 1912, will be held in Portland, Oregon, the rose city.

One evening during the convention from 6:30 to 7:30 a stereopticon lecture was given, illustrating Portland and the great northwest. This vividly pictured to the delegates the beauties of the country and the industries of our great western coast cities, showing to them the grandeur of scenes they may witness as they journey to Portland.

The corridors of the great auditorium were made very interesting and instructive by a number of exhibits. There was the anti-tuberculosis exhibit which had taken the world's prize at Washington, brought by Dr. Carolyn Giesel. Another from the committee on Public Health and Sanitation, and last but not least was the one presented by the Child Labor committee, consisting of photographs of small children at work in mines and various kinds of factories, together with information concerning their ages, hours of labor and the pitance they received in exchange for their very life blood. This exhibit was sufficient to horrify any lover of children, and to make even the most skeptical realize that the days of slavery are not yet over.

One of the strong impressions received by a visitor was the remarkable harmony that prevailed among such a large body of workers. Differences of opinion were sometimes inevitable, but while the discussions were conducted with perfect freedom there was no evidence of bitterness or idle controversy.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stephens, who was re-elected for the fourteenth time, is an inspiration to all who see or hear her. A woman of at least three score and ten, she stood as erect as any young girl, her voice firm and clear, penetrating to the far corners of the large assembly hall. Her mind is keen and analytical, quick to grasp the numerous details of business to be transacted. Coming as she did from the leadership of the great campaign in Maine, she presided day after day through the strenuous week with no apparent fatigue. She is indeed a tower of strength to the White Ribbon forces.

Saturday afternoon a demonstration was given by over four hundred children of the L. T. L. of the city, under the leadership of Miss Mary Money. Each child bore a flag and carried a prohibition slogan, among which were: "Milwaukee's Treasures Are Its Boys and Girls," "Cold Water for Us," "The Saloon Is a Murder Mill," "We Battle Against the Bottle," "The Nation Dry in 1920. Are You Going to Help?" Recitations were given by several small boys, and temperance songs were sung by the entire delegation; and they also greeted the convention with an enthusiastic repetition of a few of their L. T. L. yells.

One of the most pleasing features of the convention was the delightful music furnished both by Mrs. Graham of New York, our own musical director and also by some of Milwaukee's leading musical talent. Solos, quartets and choruses were listened to with great appreciation by the vast audience.

MISS MABEL YOUNG,
MRS. J. J. VANCE,

Delegates.

For the very best Christmas candies in the city go to the Model Candy Kitchen.

DRIVING HORSE FOR SALE

On account of the "Auto" I will sell my driving horse, "Royal". A bargain to anyone wanting a safe, trusty horse. You all know him. See him at Spry's barn.

144-936 H. H. BELLWOOD.

Pure home made candies and the best grade factory make, at the candy kitchen.

Miss Carrie Neidermeyer entertained several of her young lady friends at a Kensington Monday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

HOLIDAY Announcement

Christmas Gifts

A CALL TO EVERY SANTA CLAUS

Our splendid line of Holiday Goods is now open for inspection. Call upon us early and make your selection. Only 10 days more to do your Christmas shopping. Buy while the holiday stocks are all at their best

A Few Suggestions

What you can buy your wife and best girl:

- SILK HOSE
- HAND BAGS—ALL KINDS
- SLIPPERS
- SILK SCARFS
- BLACK AND COLORED SILKS FOR DRESSER
- HANDKERCHIEFS
- NAPKINS
- TABLE LINEN
- SILK PETTICOATS
- SHOES—WHITE
- SHOES—VELVET
- SHOES—SUEDE
- KID GLOVES
- STICK PINS
- BRACELETS
- BROOCH PINS
- HAT PINS
- BACK COMBS
- OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS

- BAR PINS
- BABY PINS
- BELT PINS
- BABY RINGS
- NECK CHAINS AND LOCKETS
- DRESSER SCARFS
- TRAY CLOTHS
- TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS TO MATCH, IN SETS
- BELTS
- EMBROIDERED TOWELS
- RUGS—ALL KINDS
- BABY BLANKETS
- COMFORTERS
- SHOES
- SLIPPERS
- RINGS
- CLOAKS

What you can buy your husband and best fellow

A nice suit of clothes, or an overcoat like cut, price \$10 to \$30.

Suspenders, ties, hose and handkerchiefs to match.

Suspenders in boxes, from 50¢ to \$1.00 per pair.

Men's hose supporters and suspenders in boxes, 75¢.

Men's ties in Christmas boxes, all kinds and shades, from 25¢ to \$1.00.

Men's handkerchief and tie combinations in boxes—brown, navy, gray, heliotrope and blue.

FANCY HOSE SUPPORTERS

GLOVES OF ALL KINDS

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS

FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS

- ARM BANDS
- COTHS BRUSHES
- FANCY SHIRTS
- BATH ROBES
- SMOKING JACKETS
- SEAL LEATHER HAND BAGS
- SUIT CASES
- HATS OF ALL KINDS
- SWEATERS
- SHOES
- SLIPPERS—A LARGE LINE TO SELECT FROM
- CUFF BUTTONS IN BOXES
- TIE PINS
- Combination sets in fine plush boxes, consisting of cuff buttons, tie pin and tie holder.
- BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS



COME TO OUR STORE AND BUY. SAVE MONEY

Thanking you for past favors and wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year



W. W. NORTON