

Missouri's Outlaw Court.

For the first time in twenty years an open session of the local court has been held in St. Clair county, Missouri. The whole county is in contempt of the federal court, and for a score of years the county judges have been dodging deputy marshals and holding "moonshine" sessions in the brush with pickets out to give warning of danger. The county was buncoed by fake railroad promoters years ago and issued \$1,000,000 in bonds to aid the scheme. No railroad was built, and the county repudiated the bonds. A federal judge ordered the county judges to levy a tax to pay the bonds, the county judges have refused to obey the order and the people back up the judges in their contempt of court.

Citizens of Missouri yearning for a life of adventure and excitement formerly went to the southwest and joined the Texas Rangers, became cowboys in Colorado, dealt faro in Deadwood, prospered in Alaska, "rustled" horses in Montana, hunted Apaches on the Gila, held up stages in California, served time in the New Mexico legislature, or did something of that sort. In recent years, however, it has not been necessary for them to go far from home to live the strenuous life. An election to the St. Clair county court insured gratification of any reasonable desire for excitement and ample opportunity for exercise of skill in woodcraft.

Sometimes the deputy marshals struck a fresh trail of the outlaw court and ran a judge to earth with dogs, and when they dug him out they put him in jail for the balance of his term, and he became a hero in the estimation of St. Clair county. All the old judges have been caught or their

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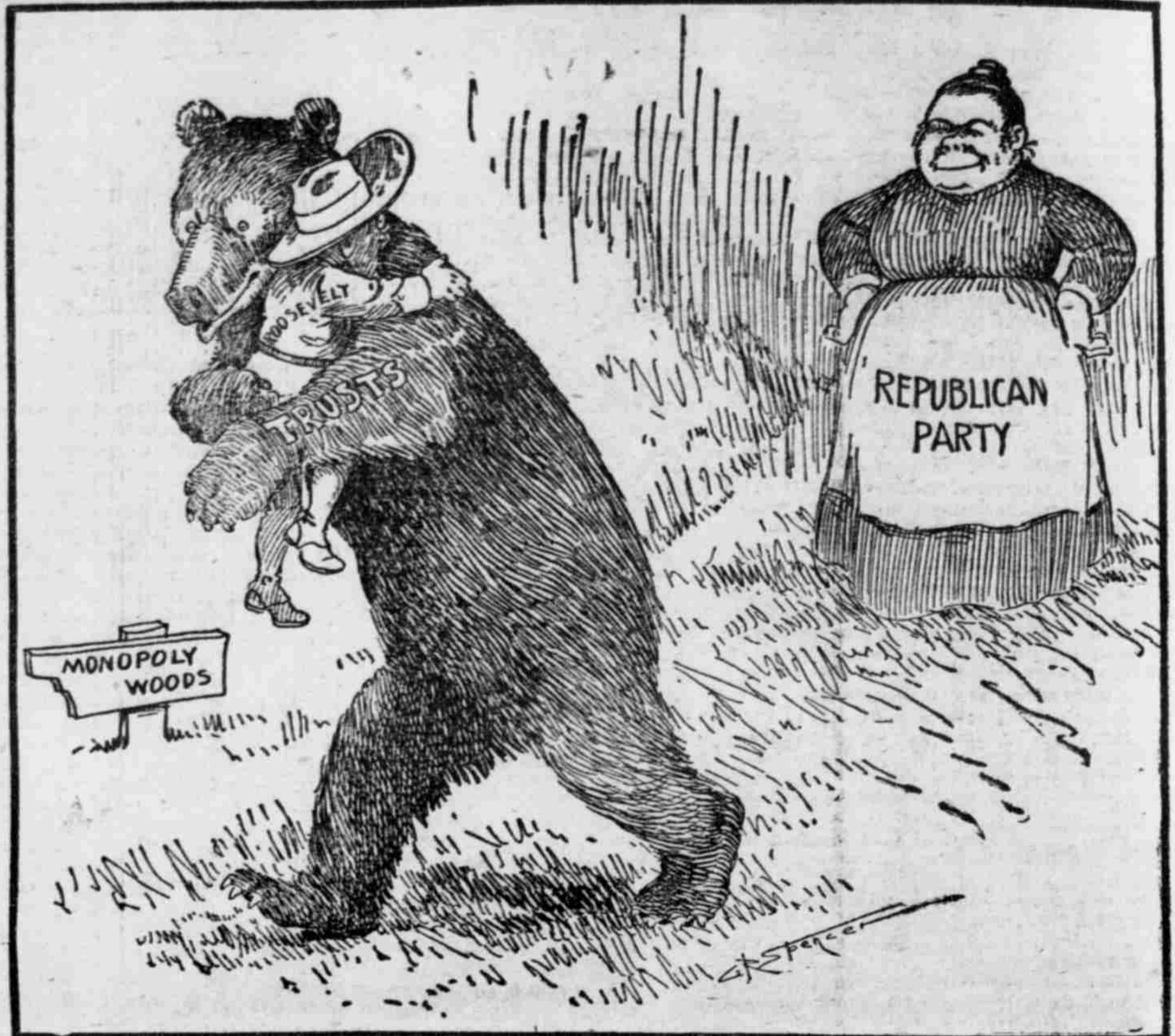
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terms have expired, and a new lot of adventurous Missourians is on the bench. The new judges are not yet in contempt, but they will be as soon as they adjourn their first and only open session and take to the woods.

It is highly improper to commend such defiance of lawful authority, but under the circumstances one cannot but sympathize with the citizens of the swindled county and hope that the fugitive jurists may serve out their terms in freedom and hold "moonshine" court in the wilderness unmolested for another score of years.—Philadelphia North American.

The Only English Pope.

Adrian IV. was the only Englishman ever elected pope. He had a most singular name—Nicholas Brakespear. He is said to have left England as a beggar, and to have become a servant or lay brother in a monastery near Avignon, in France, where he studied with such diligence that in 1137, at the age of 37, he was elected abbot. Pope Eugenius III, that brilliant ascetic, soon discovered his merits and made him a cardinal bishop. In 1154 he was elected pope against his own inclination, and received the formal congratulations of Henry II. It was Adrian IV. who forced Frederick I., of Germany, to hold his stirrup while he mounted his horse, though it took two days to make the emperor yield the desired homage. It is said that Frederick prostrated himself before the pope, kissed his foot, held his stirrup and led the white palfrey on which he rode.—Kansas City Journal.

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