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THE FIGHT IN OHIO

The attention of Commoner readers, particularly those living in Ohio, is directed to the series of letters from Columbus describing the great fight now going on in the Buckeye state. Democrats everywhere will be greatly interested in this special correspondence because it affords them the opportunity of obtaining an accurate idea as to the Ohio contest. The managers of Mr. Pattison's campaign believe that there will be no doubt as to his election provided a full democratic vote is cast. It is to be hoped that every Ohio democrat will do his duty on election day.

John M. Pattison, the nominee for governor, is a thoroughgoing democrat. He is a faithful champion of popular government, and it is safe to say that the people may depend upon his pledges. The election of Mr. Pattison would mean that the people of Ohio would have in the gubernatorial office the services of a faithful and able man, and the news of a democratic victory in Ohio would provide inspiration to democrats everywhere. It should be the pleasure of Ohio democrats to manifest a personal interest in the important work of bringing Ohio voters to the polls.

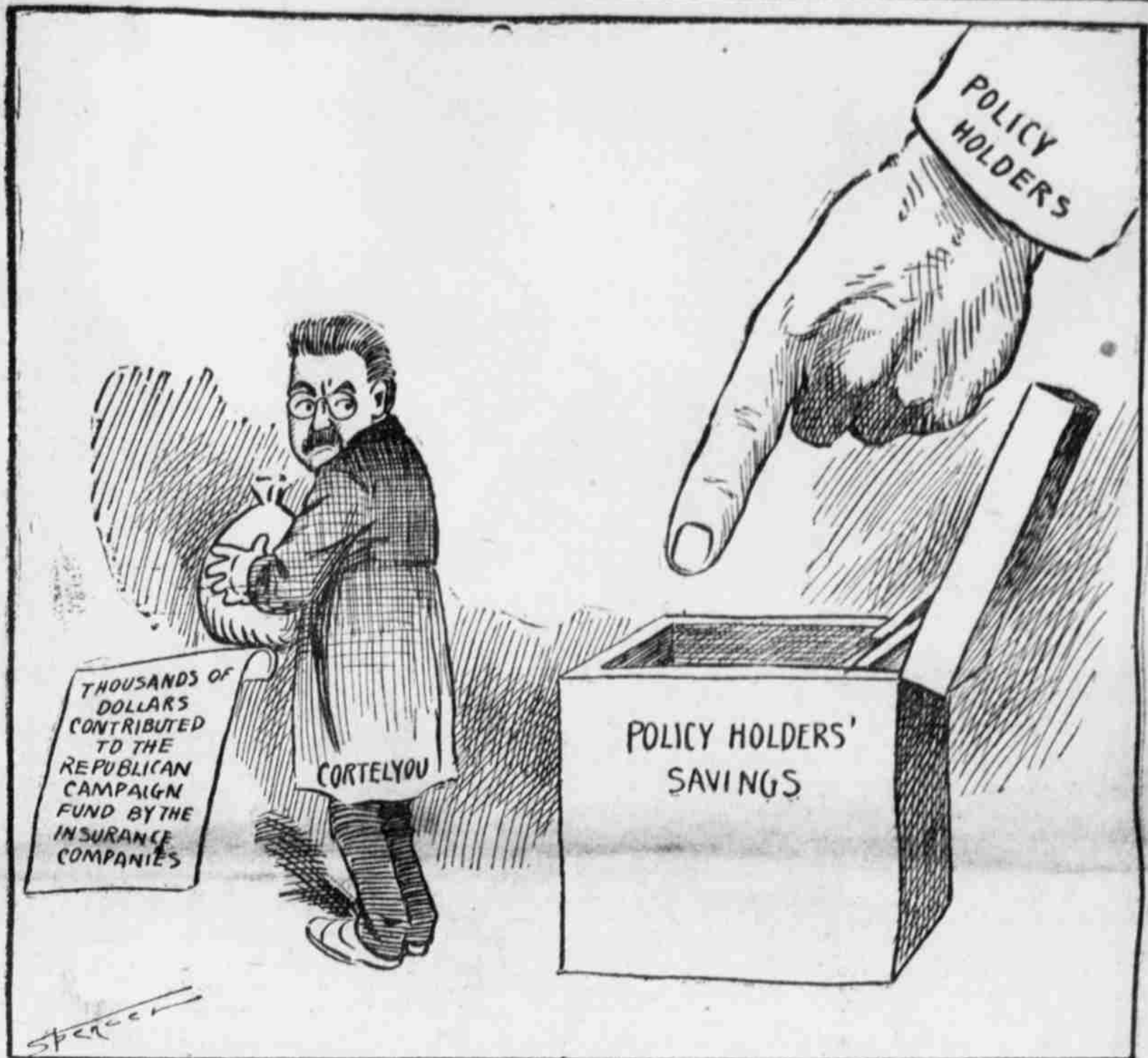
A VERY FAMILIAR SOUND

In his testimony in the insurance investigation now in progress in New York, President McCall of the New York Life Insurance company referred to his campaign contribution to the republican committee in 1896 and said:

"I felt that if free silver in the country was approved, and that if Bryan were elected president, we might as well close up the shutters on the New York Life Insurance company's doors. Knowing that, and believing it, in 1896 I consented to a payment to defeat free silver—not to defeat the democratic party, but to defeat this free silver heresy, and I thank God that I did it."

President McCall's reference to the Almighty serves to recall to thousands of American citizens the "thanks" offered up by another man a long time ago. The historical reference to the other man, may be found in the eighteenth chapter of the gospel of St. Luke, beginning with the tenth verse:

"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a pharisee and the other a publican. The pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself. God I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all I possess."



PUT IT BACK!

They made some red-hot "hollers" in regard to "honest dollars,"

Did Fairbanks, Bliss and Chairman Cortelyou. In the language deep of scholars they stood up and wilted collars,

And the moral fits they threw us were not few.

They made lengthy talks on morals and of honesty they cried;

At the thought of "rotten money" they almost laid down and died;

But they took it in huge bundles from McCall and "Jimmie" Hyde,—

Do you think they'll put it back? Now answer true.

They talked of "nation's credit"—sakes alive, how oft they said it!

The thought of hurting it their hearts did rack.

But a trust—how quick they led it to their treasurer and bled it

For a bunch of boodle for their party sack. Spouting "honesty" and "morals" till they grew red in the face

They declared "dishonest dollars" would bring on us deep disgrace;

But in view of what's developed in that life insurance case

Don't you think they'd better haste to "put it back?"

They said "repudiation" was confronting our great nation,

And they managed to build up a noisy claque. In the greatest agitation and with much tergiversation

They declared that ruin threatened deep and black.

But while posing meek and pious they took money stolen by

Men who in the world of finance occupied positions high.

Don't you think if they are honest as their campaign words imply

That they'll hustle up the coin and "put it back?"

Can a crook be honest? Answer! Make reply now if you can, sir.

Can a man be honest when in morals slack? Can a rotten, crooked plan, sir, be condoned by honest man, sir?

Answer, Cortelyou; they've got you on the rack.

Talking loud of "honest money" and of "morals" all the while

You took money from big crooks, sir, who have Satan beat a mile.

And the people at your pretense will just sit around and smile

Till you hustle up the coin and "put it back." WILL M. MAUPIN.

A VERY STRIKING SIMILARITY

The testimony of George W. Perkins, first vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, that that company contributed \$48,000 to the republican campaign fund in 1904, and that it also made contributions in 1896 and 1900, shows in a striking way the discredit into which the democratic party has fallen among the business interests of the country.—St. Louis Globe Democrat (republican).

The testimony of "Mike the Bug," leader of the notorious gang of bank robbers recently captured by the police of Squareville, that the gang contributed large sums of money to defeat the city administration that retained the police force that was hunting the gang down, shows in a striking way the discredit into which an honest police force has fallen among the bank burglars of the country.—Squareville Ball-Radical.