

the incalculable amount of good it would accomplish. Suppose for instance that for this propaganda work The Commoner would be supplied for one cent a copy and that there are now 100,000 subscribers. If each subscriber will contribute ten cents a month for the next four years he will be the means of reaching 480 voters who are perpetuating an unjust and unnatural social system by their economic ignorance. The 100,000 will be the means of reaching 480,000 who in turn will reach thousands of others and thus will the propagation of economic and social truth make us free. In towns and cities subscribers could form groups of five and ten and choose one of their number as treasurer to whom they would pay their contribution and he would forward it to The Commoner office. Of course there will be no limit to what anyone should contribute. But I wish to show what can be done by the small sum of ten cents from each subscriber.

G. C. Spencer, Lincoln, Nebraska—The love of liberty is so inherent in the human being, that anything like coercion, oppression, or tyranny, is sure to develop the worst qualities of human nature; namely, slyness and deceit (the offsprings of fear) or recklessness and desperation (engendered in bolder spirits which know no fear.) We call it coercion in families; oppression in commercial circles; tyranny in nations. Of course families must have their rules; cities and counties their ordinances and stat-

utes; nations their laws. Obedience of such rules, ordinances, statutes and laws, is the best safeguard for happiness in the family, prosperity in the commercial circles and peace in the nations. But increasing intelligence demands increasing liberties. Are our laws, or those of any other nation modified to suit the altered circumstances of the times? Do we sufficiently recognize the importance in the social scale of the toiling masses, who contribute to the health and prosperity of the whole community?

U. G. Hunter, Hallsville, Ill.—I believe The Commoner is the best paper published for the people. I wish it success. I like The Commoner for its name—that humble name reaches me, as I am one of the common people. When I receive it at the postoffice I feel as though I had a warm friend by the hand. I like it for its moral teachings. I like it because I like its editor; I like its editor because he loves righteousness—and it is natural for a righteous man to love righteousness. As a doctor from Illinois wrote that he was sixty-seven years old and had been praying that he might live to see a democrat in the president's chair, I want to shake hands with that doctor through the columns of The Commoner, as I am a twin brother in age and sentiment.

W. R. Bierly, Pittsburg, Pa.—You quote Mr. Castle as saying that in 1904 Uncle Sam paid the railroad companies \$46,000,000 for carrying the mails. If you will turn to the report of

the interstate commerce commission you will see that the gross earnings of the railroads in 1904-05 were \$2,073,177,325, of which \$572,109,366 came from passenger service; \$1,449,182,702 from freight and \$51,885,256 from miscellaneous services.

It also showed that the railroads paid last year in dividends to the owners \$196,080,237, a gain of nearly \$12,000,000 over the preceding year. Now, if the government, under its power of eminent domain, took the railroads at a fair valuation, and issued 3 per cent bonds for the money necessary, you see that what Uncle Sam pays annually to the railroads for carrying the mails would pay the interest on an investment of \$1,533,333,333. The annual dividends, which represent profits on all the business would pay the interest on an investment of seven billions of dollars.

If the government owned all the railroads, a rate of two cents a mile would bring from the passenger service still larger returns than now, because there would be no free list and everybody would pay the same as everybody else. Besides the service would be improved vastly in all its departments.

The startling statement is credited to an officer of the Pennsylvania railroad that during 1905 the lines of that company east of Pittsburg alone carried 250,000 persons free, many of whom were, of course, politicians and "their sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts." All this debasing system would be wiped out by government ownership.

The subjects of rebates and pooling would be solved, in a statesman-like manner, and not by favor, or for the private profit of the officers of the railroad companies, as is now the case.

All the fuss in and out of congress about "controlling" and "regulating" railroads is intended to postpone and forestall government ownership, which is the only final solution—defer it as long as you will.

What is true of land transportation is also true of water on ocean transportation.

Instead of spending millions of our money annually to build great iron battleships, let the government build and own its ocean greyhounds to carry mail and passengers and express. Put the officers and seamen of the navy to work at something useful to our country and if they are ever needed to defend it in war, they will have some training that is worth while. When the midshipmen at Annapolis who, according to Dewey, are guilty of brutal practices, are put on ships that work, they will not have time for hazing and boxing, but will become practical masters of the waves. Uncle Sam is big enough and strong enough to run his own business now. Let him do it.

Hiram A. Pettey, Stewartville, Minn.—I have always tried to believe in President Roosevelt's sincerity but confess my utter inability to do so.

His snubbing and giving the lie direct to Whitney only serves to strengthen my convictions along these lines. It is in keeping with other methods Rooseveltian.

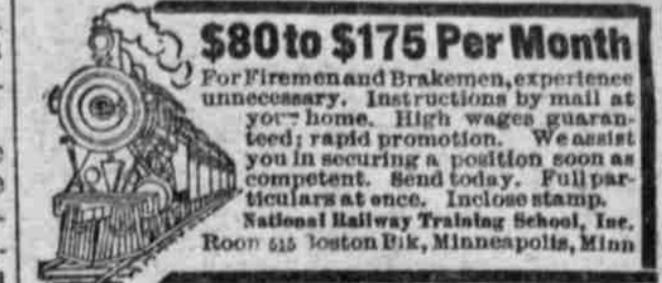
Did he not in a speech at Detroit, in the 1900 campaign say that "all democrats were cowards?" Did he not in his life of Thomas Benton characterize Thomas Jefferson as one of the "little presidents?"

He seeks to embarrass the democrats by stealing their thunder. If he believe in railway rate regulation and other reforms democratic, why did he not insist on something being inserted in the last national republican platform to that effect? But the bread he promises us is a stone, the weight of which is breaking our backs, while he tours the country in especially equipped trains provided by the railway companies. A clear case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

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