

PRISON FOR HARRIMAN

Intense regret will be felt all over the country if Senator Culloms' fear that Harriman has had an immunity bath at the hands of the interstate

commerce commission, like the one Garfield gave the beef trust conspirators, turns out to be well founded. The administration's vigorous program of exposure for the misdeeds of Harriman has been applauded everywhere,

but the senator from Illinois voices a deep and widespread popular conviction when he says that the penitentiary is where Harriman ought to go. As a wrecker of railroads Jay Gould's position in the hall of shame was secure until Harriman came along. Then Jay Gould looked like a cheap ruffian in finance by comparison with the first class bandit who capitalized the very debt of the Chicago & Alton after he had stripped that railroad. Daniel Drew, who simply got a printing press and printed enough Erie stock to save himself when Commodore Vanderbilt cornered the market, was a piker to the imaginative counterfeiter who printed stock just as fast as he wanted it to get all the railroads of the country into his own hands.

It's little he knows, it's little he cares, 'Bout the shortage of cars on the railway, Feels little concern how his fellow-man fares, So long as his life is a hey-day.

The movement of freight is at pace of a snail, Oft taking a month for a day's run, Contented the manager puffs like a gale, Just figuring profits per mile-ton.

The factories close because of no coal, Or no cars that can take out their product, It never can harrow the manager's soul, Nor change in the least his own conduct.

The corn and the wheat lay and rot on the ground He is deaf to the pleas of the shippers, Whose arguments all are invariably frowned, As the manager puts on the nippers.

The general manager manageth not, Else things wouldn't be so chaotic; Railroading is more of a chance drawing lot 'That rules with a hand most despotie.

The high "muck-a-mucks" of the railroads today, Too busy with watering stock, Exploiting high finance for personal pay, Have no time to relieve traffic's block.

The people are weary, and soon will rebel, With patience exhausted at last, And vampires who throttle our commerce expel From luxurious ease to a fast.

The people have suffered, fond mother and child, The father, the husband, and son; Because of injustice of railroads are wild, Deprived of the fruits they have won.

Deprived by these magnates of what they have earned By labor of brain and of hand, Compelled to behold with their hearts torn and spurned, The needs of beloved ones, unmanned.

It were well that the railroad officials behold The writing that's now on the wall, Or the people made desperate, frantic and bold, Will accomplish their terrible fall. —F. S. Rutherford, in Grain Dealers' Journal.

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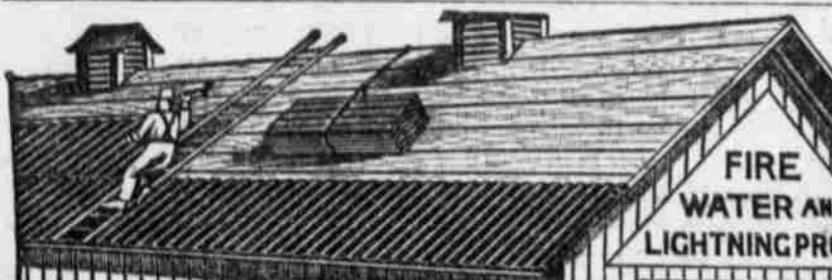
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The American people want Harriman punished, and they will be bitterly disappointed if he does not go to prison. If he escapes there is something so rotten with the law and the administrators of the law that they want the demonstration made so that they will know where the rottenness is.

Harriman ought to be prosecuted, and if more Garfields have not been giving him immunity baths he will be convicted. Public opinion will continue to demand his prosecution in spite of the opinion of Senator Cullom that the prosecution would fail, or, indeed, in spite of such a pessimistic view by any other authority, however high, than the United States courts.

The prosecution of Harriman would be worth while if it did nothing more than to prove that crimes of such enormity and infamy can be committed in this country without incurring the consequences that attend the paltry peculations of a clerk or the pilferings of a shoplifter.—New York Press, (Republican.)

ROOSEVELT AND TARIFF

It is extremely unfortunate for the country, and it should be said to the republican party as well, that the president is so unconcerned about the tariff. It is a public evil which overshadows all the others—with all respect to the opinion of the president. It is the great question of the day and it will almost certainly be the predominant issue in the approaching presidential campaign, in spite of the efforts of the standpatters and the tariff-fed trusts to keep it in the background. It is clear that to the great mass of the people the moral, the ethical side of the tariff as well as the financial side, does appeal, and there can be no question as to the response they will make when the opportunity to express their conviction comes to them.—Milwaukee Journal.

THE CAR SHORTAGE

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It's nothing to him, no bother of his, If the country should go to the Dickens, The people can suffer, can worry and "sizz." If he only can gather his "pickins."