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CASE OF MRS. FRANK

On another page will be found an editorial which appeared in the New York Evening Journal relative to the case of Mrs. Frank, who was virtually expelled from an Atlantic City hotel—Mrs. Frank is a sister of Senator Rayner and a woman of character, accomplishments and social standing—merely because she is a Jewess. She was refused room for her relatives on the ground that the hotel did not want Jews. It is astonishing that in any public house in this country discrimination should be made against anyone because of religious belief. This violation of the spirit of justice and fair play will be resented by the public at large, and the offending hotel keeper will learn that in this country such narrowness will not popularize his establishment. Mrs. Frank has been conspicuous not only for her public spirit, but for the non-sectarian character of her philanthropy, and this subjected humiliation is the more keenly felt by her and will be the more resented by those who know of her.



DEATH CLAIMS TWO FRIENDS

Two esteemed friends, Hon. Albert Williams, of Ionia, Mich., and Hon. William Alford, of San Francisco, have recently been called to their reward.

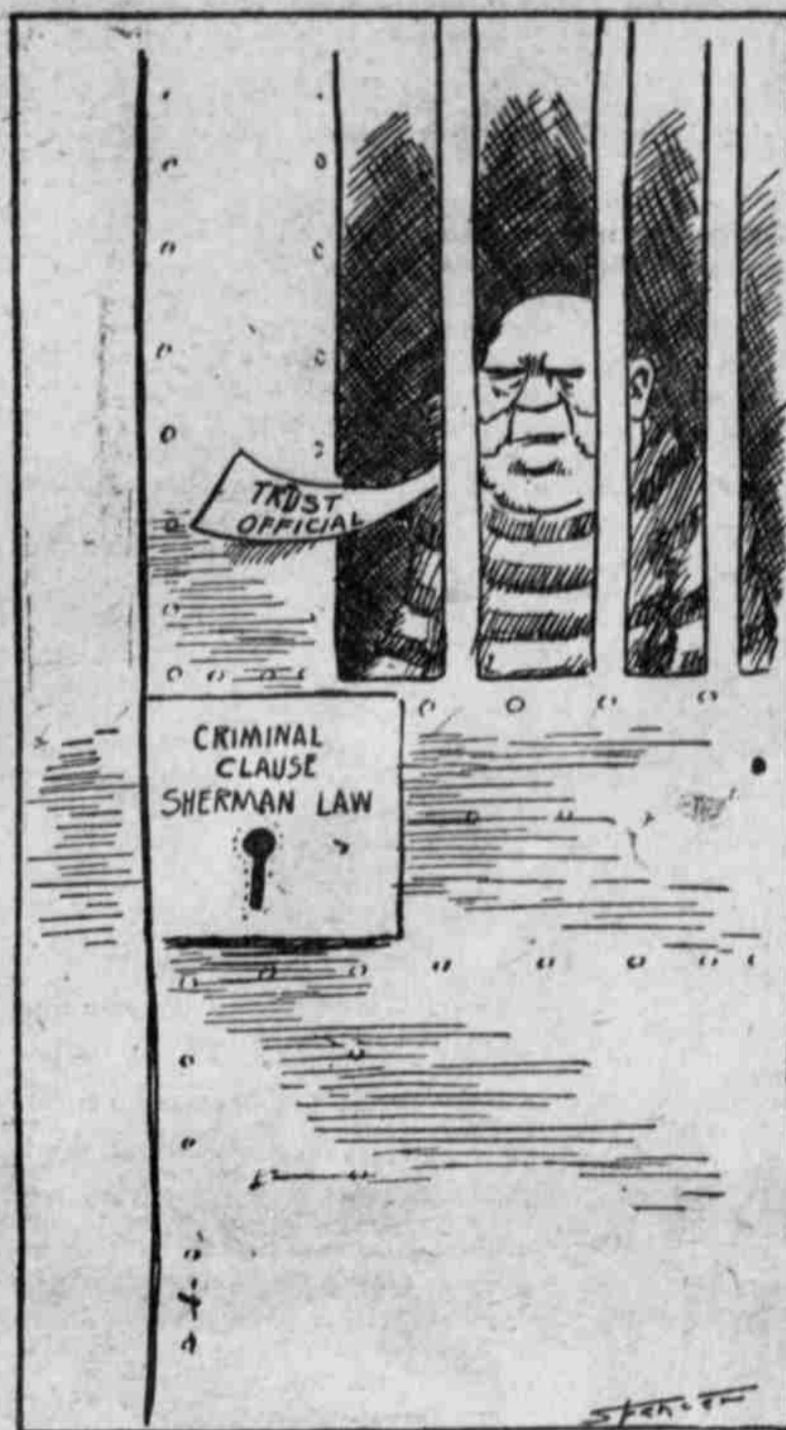
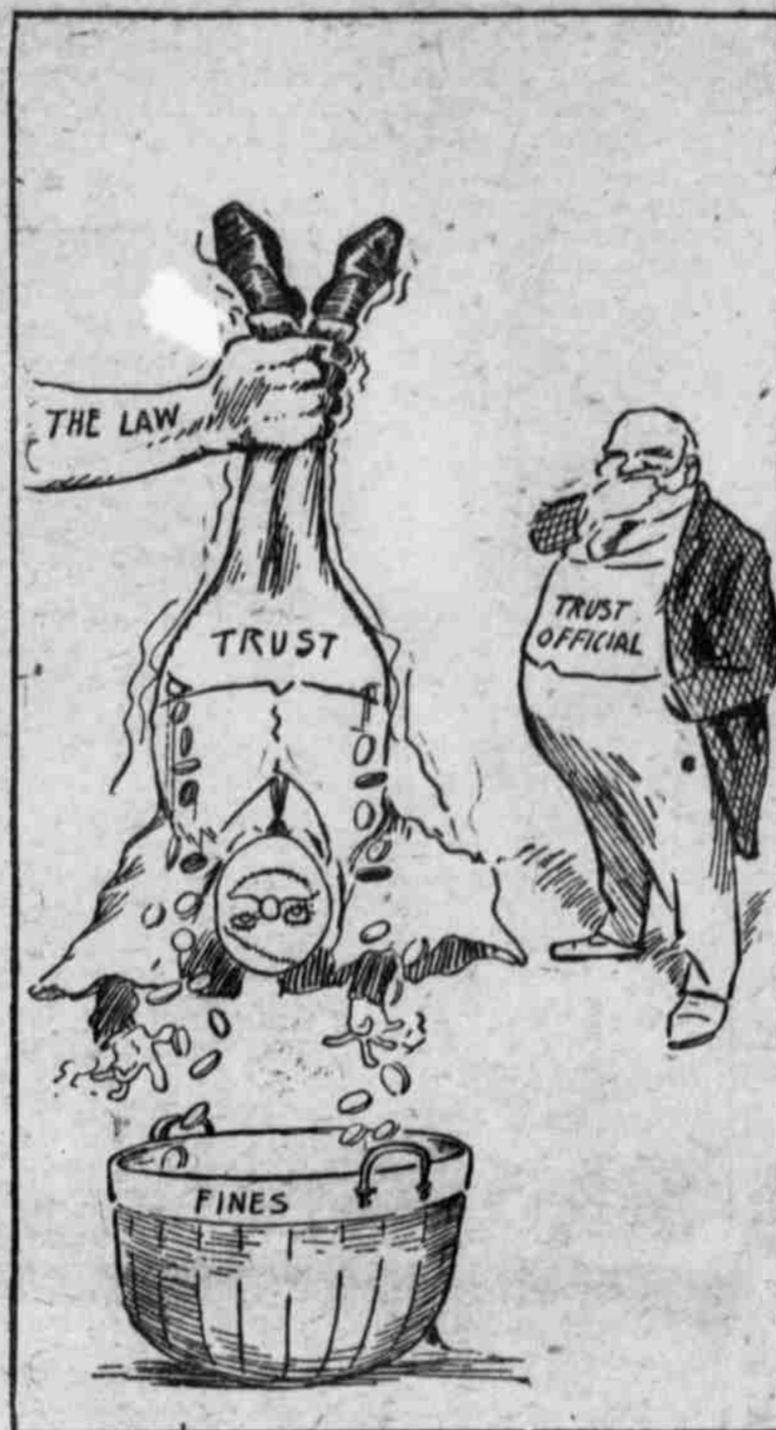
The former lived to a ripe old age; the latter was cut off in his prime when life was full of promise.

Mr. Williams was one of the founders of the republican party but became a democrat in 1896 and has since that time been conspicuous at all of the gatherings of our party in his state. Wise in council and trusted by all who knew him, he was a tower of strength to any cause which his conscience bade him espouse. He will be sorely missed by the democracy of Michigan and by the citizens of the entire state.

On another page will be found a brief eulogy delivered at his grave by Mayor Bible, of Ionia.

Mr. Alford was but forty-one years of age. Splendidly endowed by nature, he had carefully prepared himself for the large service which his generous heart prompted him to undertake. He had a genius for public affairs, and his sympathies led him in the very morning of his manhood to lay his great abilities at the feet of the common people. He thought clearly, spoke eloquently and acted courageously. In his death a popular tribune has fallen, and his increasing circle of friends bow in sorrow to receive the blow.

In another column is reproduced a tribute paid to Mr. Alford by the San Francisco Examiner.



THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY--AND--THE EFFECTIVE POLICY

THE RAILROAD IN POLITICS

The Commoner takes pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to one of the most amusing instances of the railroad in politics that it has been its good fortune to discover. The following is a copy of the agreement which the Bangor & Aroostook railroad has made with the state of Maine:

An agreement made and entered into between the state of Maine, hereinafter called state of the first part, and the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad company, hereinafter called railroad company, of the second part: Witnesseth: Whereas, Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 122 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine of 1891, are in words and figures as follows: (Section 4 and Section 5 quoted.)

And Whereas, Railroad company has acquired by lease for 999 years from April 1, 1892, the Bangor and Piscataquis railroad and its appurtenances extending from a point of connection with the Maine Central railroad in Old Town in Penobscot county to the foot of Moosehead Lake at West Cove in Greenville in Piscataquis county:

And Whereas, Railroad company has also acquired for a period of 999 years from July 1, 1887, the Bangor and Katahdin Iron Works railway and its appurtenances extending from a point of connection with said Bangor and Piscataquis railroad in Milo to the Katahdin Iron Works, both in said Piscataquis county:

And Whereas, Railroad company has built and equipped a line of railroad from a point of connection with the Bangor and Katahdin Iron Works railway in Brownville in said Piscataquis county through the towns of Houlton and Presque Isle to Caribou village to a branch line in the village of Fort Fairfield:

And Whereas, at a stockholders' meeting

of said Railroad company, duly called for that purpose by a majority vote of said stockholders, this contract has been approved:

Now, Railroad company agrees to transport over its aforesaid lines of railroad, leased and built, troops and munitions of war, in times of war, insurrection or civil commotion, free of charge other than as herein and in said act provided, for a term of twenty years from February 27, 1891, and State on its part in consideration thereof promises annually during said twenty years to pay to Railroad company an amount equal to ninety-five per cent of the taxes collected in the corresponding year by State from Railroad company upon its said lines of railroad built and leased, and other real and personal property including its stock and franchise, also including that leased and in which it has acquired entire interest as aforesaid:

This contract being presented to the treasurer of the state of Maine, he, in pursuance of said section 4, executes this contract in behalf of the state; and Railroad company has caused this contract to be executed in its behalf by Alfred A. Burleigh, its president, in duplicate this 9th day of February, A. D., 1895.

The Bangor and Aroostook Company,
 By Albert A. Burleigh, President.
 Seal of the Bangor and Aroostook Company.

F. M. Simpson, Treasurer,
 In behalf of the State of Maine.
 Seal of the Treasurer of the State of Maine.

Similar contracts have been made with the Washington County Railroad company, now a part of the Maine Central system, and the Somerset Railroad company. These three companies are getting a rebate on their state taxes of about \$56,000 per year, and this is about one-twelfth of the entire direct tax of the state.