

AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. Schweizer Complains That The Post-office Department Is Discriminating.

Hon. Ed. Sizer, Postmaster, Lincoln, Neb.—The coal strike is now settled and winter is over, therefore I think the government should now be able to buy coal for heating the post-office, instead of using newspapers for that purpose. I did not complain as long as it was cold and coal was scarce, because we all had to suffer and to freeze for the common good from that coal famine that our president and that strike commission may get a chance to demonstrate their Solomonic wisdom and justice in deciding that coal strike, so that our philanthropic coal barons may receive large interests and dividends from their sacred private property and who have now promised to be good boys and not to shut up their coal mines and again freeze thousands of people to death, as long as those people will pay without a murmur all what it pleases those philanthropic coal barons to charge them for their coal, so that they always can pay high interest and dividends on their very clear and well watered stock.

But now, as that question is so judiciously settled, I would like to get my newspapers regularly every week. If you have no fuel for your cooking stove, just say so, and I will see that some farmer who is shelling corn will fetch you a load of cobs; it makes a good deal cheaper and better fuel than newspapers. Respectfully,

F. SCHWEIZER.

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HARDY'S COLUMN

We can't help but think more and more of President Roosevelt from the lack of superstition he shows against people of dark-colored skins. The appointment of Dr. W. D. Crum government collector at Charleston, S. C. We can well remember when that city would not allow a colored man to show his head on a northern ship in that harbor.

It is very clear that the reason the three new states were not admitted was because it would increase the western senators six, congressmen three and presidential electors in 1904 nine. Western men are not controlled by eastern politicians as easy as in Delaware and other eastern states.

Five meat packers of Kansas City have been fined \$5,000 each for combining on prices of meat. It will not do to pitch into the big, vile trust. Meat is sold cheaper in the east than in Europe. Why not make Rockefeller sell his oil cheaper?

There are two reasons for the warm climate about Winnipeg. First, the surface of the country is only a few hundred feet above sea level; second, the sun shines two hours longer each day in summer time there than it does at Galveston, Tex. In the winter it is the other way.

If trusts and corporations are able to manufacture goods with less labor than individuals can and are willing to sell at a lower price no harm can come, but if they must have special laws and privileges to help them and are permitted to monopolize prices it is inhuman.

Teddy favors the Monroe doctrine for foreigners, but does not favor applying it to his own people.

As sure as two and two make four President Roosevelt is splitting the republican party as completely as Bryan is splitting the democrats. Reciprocity is nothing less than free trade. No free trader would allow foreigners to sell their goods free in this country unless they let us sell our goods free in their country. Reciprocity is mutual free trade.

Why should the farmers of Nebraska be compelled to pay 50 or 75 per cent above European prices for the goods they buy of New England and at the same time sell them bread and meat at less than European prices?

The president favored the labor commission and they have established the length of a day's work and the wages. Now why not appoint a trust commission to establish the price of trust goods? It is estimated that the advance price of oil, 2 cents a gallon, will increase the oil trust profits ten millions a year.

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court would count, with the leading governments pledged to abide the decision and would be much better than a large standing army and vast navy.

The ten million advance on oil will mostly come out of farmers and poor people, for the cities burn gas and electric lamps. Any method is popular that taxes the poor and lets the rich have the money and go free themselves.

The state of New York has now got a law for taxing all recorded mortgages which is no more than just. It so ought to be in every state. The money loaners of New York plead it would drive the money out of the state or else raise the rate of interest. The same argument will hold against other property. If we tax land it will induce land renters to sell out and invest in other states or else raise the rent of farms. If we tax railroads it will raise the cost of travel and transportation of freight. Tax hotels and more will be charged for eating and sleeping.

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