

## The Church and Rockefeller

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2.—At the Vine Street Congregational church, the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow, discussed the attitude of the church toward Standard Oil money. He said in part:

It is a significant sign of the times that a man so sober and even so conservative in his thought and utterance as Dr. Washington Gladden should be outspoken in his objection to Standard Oil money. He asserts that this money is the product of the most relentless rapacity known to modern commercial history, and that the church which accepts it invites "the contempt of millions of honest men."

A few years ago, I attended a meeting of clergymen where Henry D. Lloyd's book, *Wealth Versus Commonwealth*, was reviewed and discussed. The ministers, one and all, expressed complete sympathy with Mr. Lloyd's indictment of the Standard Oil company. But they were almost as unanimous in the opinion that a preacher ought not to jeopardize the peace of his congregation by treating such subjects in the pulpit.

Now consider the memorial of the New England preachers in objecting to taking this money on the ground that the methods of the Standard Oil company are "morally iniquitous and socially destructive," and in refusing to be put "in a relation implying honor toward the donor."

While this is gratifying as evidence of the increasing interest that good people are taking in social problems, it leaves much to be desired. This is not wholly an individual problem, and we do not reach the root of the matter by pointing a finger of scorn at particular individuals. Primarily it is a question of wise or unwise social arrangements. The remedy is to be found in social readjustments, not in personal denunciation.

All know that the inordinate power of the Standard Oil company has been built up, very largely by discrimination in railroad rates. It is not enough that the church should denounce as bad the men who have profited by such discrimination. It is more important to teach people the need of taking the railroads out of private hands, that passenger and freight rates may be as impartial as the price of postage stamps.

Mr. Rockefeller is not more a knave than the other fellows have been fools. If the rest of us had given more thought to public questions we would have owned our own railroads, and he could not then have done all this wickedness. Would it not be more Christian for us to repent of our neglect than to declare from the house-tops our scorn of him?

Surely the people who have done and doing nothing to correct these conditions can not escape their share of the guilt. Their indictment does not carry the weight it should, because they do not come into court with clean hands. Others have been guilty of sins of commission. We have sinned grievously by our political prejudices and our mental sloth and neglect of civic duties.

If the good people of this country had had the intelligence and the public spirit which a citizen of the great republic ought to have, a Rockefeller would be an impossibility. Therefore, repentance is more in order than censure.

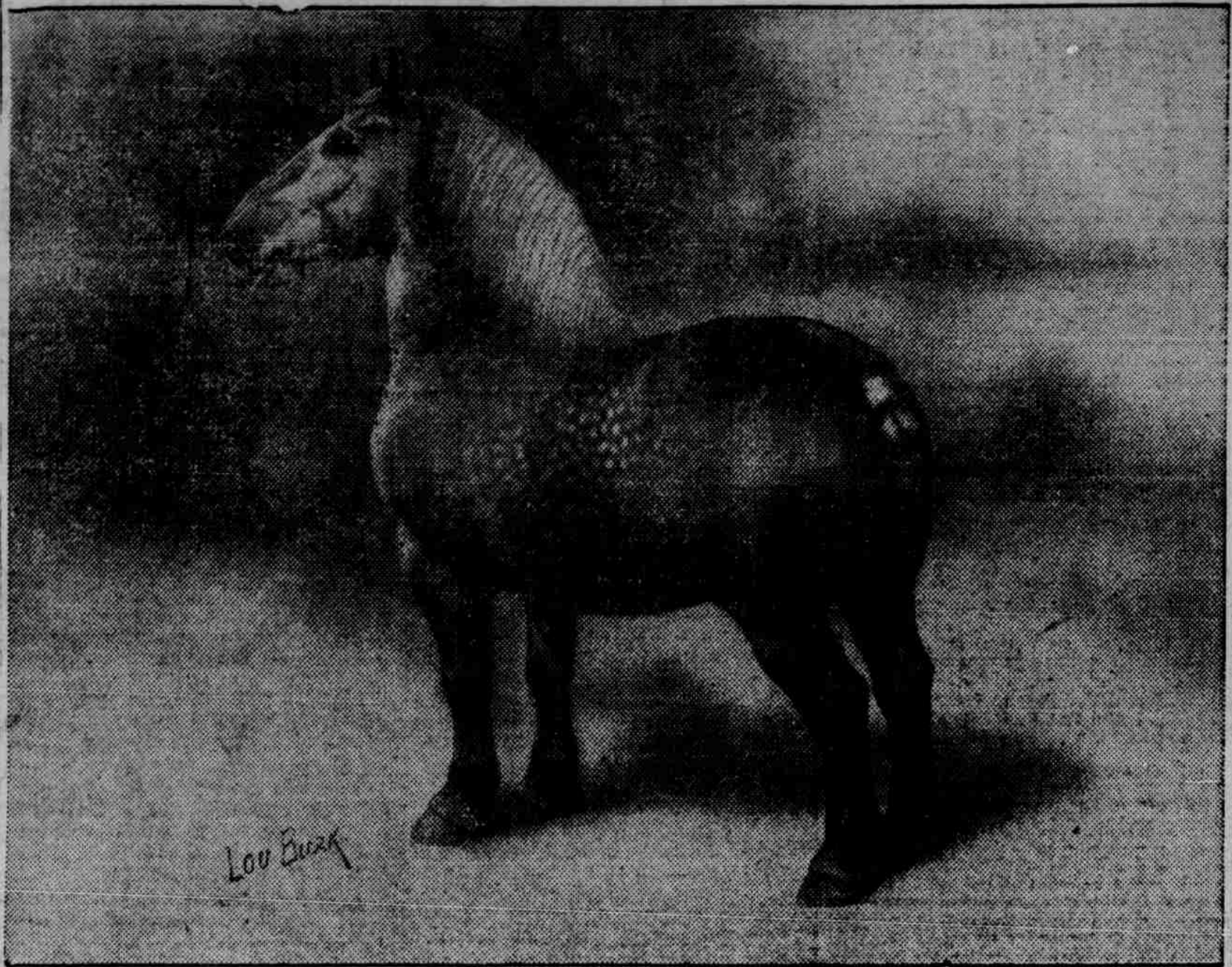
The church that faces these social problems intelligently and courageously will not need to reject Standard Oil money. It will not be offered any.

## Watch Teddy Swing His Club

Editor Independent: I received an invitation several months ago to cast my ballot on the question of fusion, but did not consider it worth while. I've seen too much of it. There is only one kind I will vote and work for and that is whenever a call is issued for primaries and conventions to meet of all who are honestly opposed to corporation and trust rule and are in favor of taking from corporations and trusts already in existence their power to tax and rob the people of this country and compel all corporations and trusts to obey the laws of the several states and the United States and as punishment for wilful violation be made to forfeit all property owned and controlled by them to the state or United States, whose laws are so violated, to be used for the benefit of the people whom they have been robbing or cheating. Nothing short of forfeiture of their property will make them stop, they have got so accustomed to the practice.

There is also another class who should be made to obey the laws. They are our officers and lawmakers from pound master to president. There should be a graduated penalty law to compel them to be honest or take the consequence, the higher the office the greater should be the penalty. Favors are graduated all the way from a pass

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to a special train and every thing furnished free for a trip across the continent. Officers should be the first to be made to obey the laws or to be made to get out and let some one else have the job who will, while they serve time in Kansas oil refineries.

I have watched the fusion deal ever since the greenback party fused and died, but its principles still live. I've watched the democratic party ever since and never saw the time when they were not ready to fuse with anything, or any body, if they could see any chance of getting just one more office by so doing even to fusing with the republicans to steal the governorship of Nebraska from the populists when elected without the aid or consent of any other party on earth. That was the only fusion I ever saw that suited me until both old parties fused in the last campaign and now I am suited again. If it's true as reported that Bryan and Teddy have agreed to a fight (sham, of course), on revision of the tariff in the next campaign and try to fool the people some more and especially to keep them divided and divide the spoils as they have been doing ever since the old democratic party died its natural death at the end of James Buchanan's term.

But the people wont be fooled all the time. It's only a short time since Uncle Mark of revered memory, said, "There are no trusts," and every mullet head in these United States echoed: "Yep, that's so." But that did not make it so. Several states and even a republican president have recognized them at last and are going to bust them when Gabriel blows his horn. Even the subsidized press is howling about them or at least about some of the smaller ones like the Beef, Steel and Standard Oil trusts, but not a mother son of them is saying a word about the mother of them all. They are just creating a diversion to raise a cloud of dust and smoke to blind the people while they pass over the reins of the government into its hands, then if it don't take care of its brood, it will be because too many of the people take the things seriously.

They may make too much smoke and a blaze get started which they can't control as was the case in 1893 when they started in just to give the people "an object lesson." It's an object lesson to watch Teddy swing his club at the trusts, while his Apostle Paul awards contracts for steel to the highest bidder, so we can have some more free libraries which we are taxed to pay for. Should it be spelled "steel" or "steal"? I wonder if Paul gets any rebate on the deal? That's the way they are going to steal the populist platform, but don't worry, they won't come any nearer to getting any of the essential principles than Bryan did to getting our financial plank in 1896. Yours for fusion with all in favor of honest reform on all the essential principles of the greenback, union labor and populist platforms, and some other necessary reforms, without regard to past affiliations.

GEO. N. MULERTZ.

Ashland, Neb.

GEORGE W. BERGE, Attorney  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

NOTICE.

Lucia A. Hale, Amos H. Hale, Edgar E. Hale, Claude Hale, Edith Decamp, and Stuart G. Hale and Sims L. Hale, minors, by their next friend and mother, Lucia A. Hale,

PLAINTIFFS,

vs.

Susan J. Hale Seaverns and William Seaverns, her husband, Laura Buel and Friend Buel, her husband, Mary Borg and Charles Borg, her husband, Union Central Life Insurance Company, and John Doe,

DEFENDANTS.

To Susan J. Hale Seaverns and William Seaverns, her husband, and Mary Borg and Charles Borg, her husband:

You will take notice that on the 10th day of March, 1905, the plaintiffs above named filed their petition in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, against the defendants, the object and prayer of which is to partition the South half (S. 1/2) of the North-west quarter (N. W. 1/4) of section twenty-nine (29), township eight (8), range seven (7) East in Lancaster County, Nebraska; also lots seven and eight in block two in the village of Roca, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Plaintiffs allege that Lucia A. Hale is the widow of James B. Hale, deceased, and that the other named plaintiffs are the only children of Lucia A. Hale and James B. Hale, deceased.

Plaintiffs allege in their petition that during the month of March, 1901, Mary J. Hale died intestate, seized of the above described real estate; that said Mary J. Hale, deceased, left sur-

viving her six children, as follows: James B. Hale, Eliza Dunton, Susan S. Hale Seaverns, Laura Buel, Mary Borg and Emma E. Hale Rouse, and that each of said six above named children are entitled to an undivided one-sixth interest of the above described real estate; that one of said children, named James B. Hale, was the husband of Lucia A. Hale, and father of the other above named plaintiffs, and that Lucia A. Hale, widow, and her children, above named, are entitled to an undivided one-sixth interest in and to all of the above described real estate; that James B. Hale died intestate on the 4th day of January, 1902, leaving Lucia A. Hale and said named children as his only heirs at law; that each of said children are entitled to an undivided one-sixth interest of the share of said James B. Hale, their father, in and to said real estate, subject only to the life estate and homestead rights of said Lucia A. Hale, mother of said children, and widow of said James B. Hale, deceased; that both the estates of Mary J. Hale and James B. Hale have been administered upon, and that all debts and claims against said estates have been paid, and the administrators discharged in both of said estates.

Plaintiffs further allege in their petition that Eliza Dunton and Emma M. Hale Rouse, who were each entitled to an undivided one-sixth interest in the estate of Mary J. Hale, deceased, have sold, assigned and transferred all of their respective interests to Susan J. Hale Seaverns.

Plaintiffs pray for judgment confirming the share of the parties hereto, and for a partition of said real property according to the respective interest of the parties, and that plaintiffs be decreed to have a one-sixth interest in all of the above described real estate, or if said real estate cannot be divided in kind that the premises be sold and the proceeds divided in the proportion above indicated; that they be allowed all expense in connection with said partition, and for general equitable relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 8th day of May 1905.

Lucia A. Hale,  
Amos H. Hale,  
Edgar E. Hale,  
Claude Hale,  
Edith Decamp,  
Stuart G. Hale,  
Sims L. Hale,  
Plaintiffs

By GEORGE W. BERGE,  
Their Attorney.

## SHERIFF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Nebraska within and for Lancaster County, in an action wherein Charles W. Oakes is plaintiff, and Frances Cadman, et al., defendants, I will at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1905, at the east door of the Court House in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described Lands and Tenements to-wit: Lots twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) in block three (3) and lots thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) in block six (6) in Lincoln Driving Park Company's first subdivision, an addition to the City of Lincoln Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 9th day of March A. D. 1905. NICHOLAS RESS, Sheriff.