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If Roosevelt is in earnest about his attack upon the railroads and will make an equal demand for legislation upon the trust question and will continue faithful in his work to serve the American people instead of the corporations we may look for those corporations to start something upon the president to turn the minds of the people against him.

The U. P. and the B. & M. railroad attorneys are still fighting the taxes levied against their roads by the state board, though they haven't a ghost of a show of winning, but just to keep the state board from raising their assessment to a fair and equitable basis, they can afford to keep up this bluff. Mind you, it will work too. This is their missionary work.

The republican party is yet in the primer of their study on the trusts and the railroad question, but they are advancing. Just wait until some of the rascals are exposed who represent their party in congress. Wait until Roosevelt sounds the bugle blast and the party will awaken to find that many of the liberties of the American people are already gone.

The republican party is camping now on the ground that the populists and democrats camped on 10 to 15 years ago. It is the republican party that now realizes that the populist party was right; that the democratic party was correct in attacking the trusts and corporations whose power is now being learned of by the boys in the republican ranks for the first time.

Give us men with enough originality in them to suggest improvement in financial and political economy and when they go abroad in the land they will teach the people correctly on sound and unbiased principles. There are too many people in our country today who allow others to do their thinking for them. Financially we allow the bankers to suggest the financial policy of the country and to maintain the policy harmonious to their selfish interests; the politicians to suggest action directly at variance with our interests, and we too often accept their theories for improved conditions; the minister directs religiously, the 400 direct our custom of dress and address.

The Kansas legislature is contemplating building an oil refinery at the expense of \$400,000. The Standard Oil trust threatens to reduce the price of oil so low that no independent refinery can exist but it will be a saving to Kansas people and their money will be well spent in a refinery. Already the Rockefeller interests have shut down operations and their tank lines are doing nothing, awaiting the result of the deliberations of the legislature. Some papers are lauding Kansas for always being willing to take the initiative, but say she is in a losing fight this time if she is in earnest. It is probably a sentence inspired by the Rockefeller oil interests but will not keep Kansas from building a refinery if her legislators have the backbone to pass the bill.

Let Kansas take the lead against a fear not the Rockefeller millions nor give up her intended purpose. The money will not be squandered if used in building a refinery even at a greater cost.

The republican party is camping where we camped years ago, but no matter, if they will follow up, we'll rejoice with them when they overtake us. What's in a name? They increased the circulation of our money metal by coining more money than had ever been coined before in that length of time and increased the amount per capita of money in circulation. They had to do something of that kind to prove that Bryan didn't know what he was talking about. They declared for the gold standard and for a higher priced dollar—one hard to get because of the scarcity of them—but for fear the country should have a panic they proceeded to coin silver to put into circulation at every scare given them by the country's need, for fear that their doctrine would be construed as unsound. What became of the seigniorage of all the silver coined? It helped to make up the deficiencies of the republican administration.

It's wonderful the amount of gall some of the eastern journals and magazines appear to have in asking country papers to run free notices of great length, advertising their publications or some "special feature" as they term it, in an effort to catch a sucker to subscribe. Then there are others who seem to think you are a benevolent institution for the purpose of helping eastern papers to circulate in your territory. Some of these publications claim to be benefactors of the human race and seem to think it the duty of every country weekly to acquaint their readers, free of charge with "we thank you in advance for the courtesy" or "thanking you, for your free work in the past in our behalf" or "for past favors we rely upon you," and etc. Then there is another class that keep up a continual harass of the country weekly to club with them, and starting out with, "Dear Brother Rice, etc.," having a grand proposition for you in which they will send sample copies to your whole list of subscribers if you will but enclose the list. The editor of this paper has just answered one of the above propositions, wasting a two-cent stamp to tell the projector of his scheme that we admired his gall and that we were not running a benevolent institution for the benefit of any other paper than our own.

It is stated that Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania has been receiving bushels of letters from all parts of the country asking him to commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment of Kate Edwards who was convicted of poisoning her husband and who afterward confessed the crime. These people all over the country give various reasons why the governor should not have Kate Edwards executed. They say it is a relic of barbarism to execute a woman and it is claimed that hundreds are asking to have Kate Edwards' sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Nine days after this woman, Kate Edwards, was cast into prison a mulatto child was born to her, and this child's being deprived of a mother seems to awaken some of the people. Because she is a woman, others are aroused to appeal for leniency and the millions of law-abiding citizens who are the backbone of our country and who are quietly awaiting and expecting the officers to do their duty in this case and who do not wish to take the law into their own hands by demanding the execution of this woman according to law and who do not care to assume the responsibility of saying that she shall be hanged or executed for her crime but are misrepresented by the numerous letters claimed to be sent to Gov. Pennypacker and

others in her behalf. Some quote that "he who is without sin, let him cast the first stone," and anything that will win sympathy they use to further their purpose. They even claim that the laws will be changed in Pennsylvania after this so that a woman may murder without the fear of being hanged, and many other privileges will be given a woman who is murderously inclined to induce her to become degenerate and the committer of crimes that man dare not do for fear of punishment. Let the law be observed by women as well as men and as the same work brings the same compensation, let the same offense entitle one to the same punishment. Kate Edwards is a degenerate, supposed to have been intimate, criminally, with Samuel Greason, the man who was arrested and convicted as her accomplice in killing her husband, and the mulatto child "Alma" is the reputed child of this Samuel Greason. Let the law take its course.

Only Too True.

The writer of the following article which appeared in Sunday's State Journal, hit the nail squarely on the head when he said:

"If the business men of the country towns stood up for their local editor as faithfully as the editors stand up for them, the dealers in automobiles and other unnecessary things that none but the wealthy can afford to indulge in, would do a largely increased business. In every issue of the paper the average editor tells his readers how much better it is to buy their goods of the local dealers than to send to Chicago or elsewhere. When a traveling salesman comes along and sells the people something they don't want at twice what the local dealer would charge for the same thing, the editor takes his pen in hand and makes the event a text for solemn warning. He runs "exposures" of the mail order business as continued stories. But maybe the local dealers buy his advertising space, and maybe they don't. The editor is now and then heard to complain that the groceryman whose battle he fights even uses letter heads furnished him at a reduction by an axle grease manufacturer, with whom he shares the printed space at the top."

Kansas and the Trust.

Kansas has tackled the oil trust and that estimable octopus has shown its teeth savagely in the 1st round. With the oil fields in the Sunflower state the scene of sudden idleness, the trust awaits the fate of the oil refinery bill and the development of the threat to drive the trust out of Kansas. Says the superintendent of the oil trust's Kansas branch: "We are in the position of a tenant in a certain building who may be intending to make great improvements, but is deterred by the danger that the landlord may rent an adjoining room to some undesirable person. We do not know what sort of legislation Kansas may enact and until we know we cannot afford to continue to extend our lines."

The action of the Standard Oil company in practically blacklisting Kansas oil is one of the characteristic performances of that powerful monopoly. It remains to be seen what success the lawmakers of that state will have in clipping the power of the monopoly. Kansas has been the battlefield of many contending forces. Great victories have been won there and great principles have been upheld in trying times. But the greatest of all since slavery days would be the one which would give the biggest and most unscrupulous monopoly in the world a good sized jolt. It is a hard fight, with the octopus controlling the world's output of oil and having the producers thoroughly under its big thumb. If anything could rouse sufficient enterprise in opposition to the monopoly to win a

local victory it certainly would be this "bluff game" with which the trust is supposed to be terrifying the legislature and the people of Kansas. The Standard furnishes the oil to the consumer and is in a position to drive any independents out of business and its career is clouded with the wrecks of a host of enterprises which it has ruthlessly swept to ruin. The knockout blow will come some time and concerted action of a few oil states like Kansas in favor of an independent concern might bring results that would count.—World-Herald.

Favors From Railways.

A hot hint is that which President Stickney, of the Chicago Great Western railway, has given to President Roosevelt regarding his alleged free use of special trains.

Stickney bluntly states that "the law which makes it a misdemeanor for any individual, not an officer or employee of a railroad company, to use a pass was enacted by congress and approved by the president fifteen years ago, and as an individual rule of action it was ignored by the congressmen who passed it and by the president who approved it, and subsequent congressmen and presidents, with rare exceptions, have ignored its provisions."

President Roosevelt himself has given utterance to some sound doctrine to the effect that "you cannot build the superstructure of public virtue save on private virtues."

But where should we so confidently expect private virtues and strict observance of the laws as in the men elevated to the head of the nation?

If President Roosevelt, who, because of his character, has been chosen to exalt and maintain the laws of the land, fails even in his own individual conduct, what example or inspiration is there for others?

Who is to respect and enforce law, if not the men raised to positions of power and responsibility?

Threats of terrible things to be done to the railway companies are not new. For years they have been uttered with great vigor, but heard with extreme complacency. Mere words do not hurt.

The railway magnates are not worrying so long as congressmen have their pockets full of annual passes and the president himself accepts special trains.

There are people so optimistic as to believe that public officials cannot be bribed by so small a thing as a railway pass. But evidently the railway companies, who are in position to know more about it, take a different view. They are not giving free passes and special trains for love.

It would at least be reassuring to the public if the president and congressmen would decline to accept further favors from the railways.

There would be good example and inspiration for the common people to respect and observe the law if the high officials of the government would themselves respect and observe it.—Omaha Daily News.

Catholic Church Announcement

On Sunday next, mass will be said here at 10:30 a. m. Catechism class at 3 p. m.

On Sunday, 26th inst., Catholic service will be held in the Prairie Belle school house near Crookston at 10 a. m.

The U. S. weather bureau report for the week ending Feb. 15, shows the highest and lowest temperature to have been 42° on the 15th and -35° on the 12, a range of 77° and a mean of 15.5° for the week. The snowfall gave .41 of an inch and the highest velocity of wind was 44 miles from northwest. Taking the months of January and February to date will by comparison prove it to be the coldest winter in 10 years.

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