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NOT FOR POLITICIANS

"High Cost of Living.—Riots In German Markets"

"Markets in Silesia scenes of violent combats between farmers and buyers.—Popular wrath vented on small farmers who, however, suffer as much as ordinary consumer from protection.—Meat famine precipitates clamor against high tariff.—People reduced to horses and cats for meat food."—Press Clipping.

Yes, if society is divided into 99 groups of workers and one of food producers, 100 in all. Say we call the food producers farmers. If the 99 groups agree to live in a certain spot and call it a city; they agree with themselves and each other to work so many hours per day at a certain speed, and for a certain amount of the medium of exchange per hour which each agree to use in making exchanges of their various products with each other and with the farmers for food. If they all agree that a certain percentage shall be added to all their labor products of each of these city groups for the specific purpose of building gilded palaces, music halls and theatres, ball grounds, gardens and parks, as well as to provide for the sick, orphans, unfortunate ones, the cripple and those whose health has been undermined for life; suppose at the same time they agree that all food products shall be secured at the lowest possible price and no special addition shall be allowed on food for such purposes; if the farmer must purchase a part of the labor product of these 99 groups, bearing the special added tax for the up-keep of the city; and the 99 groups in the city, pay nothing but bare cost for their food product, with no tax for the up-keep of the farm or the farmer, is it not plain that the farmer is being faked by these 99 groups the special tax for their maintenance, and may he not work till the crack of doom if he has to furnish luxury for 99 of a family? Is it not plain that the whole city is a tax on the land outside? Is not the city a servant that has become boss?

And now the farmers are saying: "Let us up and go into the city where sidewalks, water works, lighted and paved streets, theatres and picture shows abound, where music and flowers are free. What is the use of us working out here from four in the morning to nine at night, Sundays and holidays, producing beef, pork and butter, while city people are out to the shows and playing ball? Let's go to the city, get a corner lot and help inflate real estate. Start a retail store and charge the whole thing to the goods, and bring in foreigners to work the land outside the city walls and we will join in the cry for cheaper food stuffs." Is there not a necessity for the establishment of a relative equitable exchange?

F. W. G.

NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM

SYNOPSIS OF ADDRESS GIVEN BY M. PAYMENT AT RAVINE BANK PICNIC

Friends, Brothers and Sisters:—I meet in this soap box on which I stand a friend of bygone days, when I used to talk to a larger crowd than this, but with no better heart. After having heard the splendid remarks of Mr. Inkster on Co-operation and economies I need not tell you that to me he has been on familiar grounds. When I look around here this afternoon at this gathering of farmers, farmers' wives and their children, it gives me a thrill of joy and pleasure to be able to have the chance to speak to you on the occasion of your first picnic. Though the weather has been against us the committee has done its work full well and here we are. We came in wagons drawn by oxen, in buggies and on horseback, healthy, happy and merry. Our children play and we eat and talk

Saskatchewan

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Did I hear an automobile? Well, whether we come in autos or ox wagons let me tell you, my friends, I would sooner talk to you here today on our own little grass plot than address the biggest gathering on Jackson park in Chicago. You with your happy faces and good hearts are sweeter to me than all the brass bands and pomp that capitalist can hire.

Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and Brothers, it is on the system of politics I wish to speak. Now friends, in the first place, the farmers of this country—the makers of the country—must combine, yes, I say, must combine into one solid unit to have an effect on the other fellow. Here we are as divided as the fingers of the hand. I am not going into party politics but there is a point in politics that the farmer must cut out. He must forget that his father was a great Tory or a staunch Grit; politics of that kind in those days were alright, but not so today. We are up against the greatest combines and trusts in existence and in order to control them we, the farmers of the West, must join hands and forget

if he is not yet one, and you girls, when a young man comes to court you, ask him does he belong to the G.G.A. and if he says he does not give him the mitt. That young man would never make a good husband. I see some of the boys hitching up to go to the dance, but before I go I want to tell you something else. As you know, friends, the majority of farmers are educated by what they read and today the capitalist papers print only just what they want the working class to know, and the most of the working people would sooner read the continued story in a weekly paper than any other part of it. So you see how much education we receive by perusing such literature. Now my friends, let me tell you that the Grain Growers' association is a means of education, a means of enlightening the farmer on a great many points. The Grain Growers' Guide is the only paper that I see in the West for the farmers and whose sole aim is all for his benefit. Get it friends, read it and anything you cannot understand inquire about it. It will open your eyes to a great many



Taking a hurdle on the bridle-path, Mount Royal Park, Montreal. This gentleman is not a farmer taking a morning constitutional.

everything except that we are farmers and that we want the worth of our productions. We, the farmers, want to sound the death knell of the grafter, we want the Referendum and Recall, we want to have a word to say in the making of our laws. We want the freight rates lowered in the West as well as in the South. We, the farmers of the West, want to be able to have our representatives represent and get what we want, not what the other fellow wants. Farmers, I appeal to you as one of your own class, a class of which I am proud. Show me a gathering of farmers and I will point to you the cleanest gathering of people in the world. No grafter, no cheap politicians, only clear-eyed honest men and women. The farmer is a deep thinker, being so much with nature he is slow but sure and I see in him an awakening that some day soon will strike terror in the heart of the malefactor.

You mothers and daughters, we want your help in this great cause of ours, help make your father a Grain Grower

things you never dreamed of before. Education for the masses, not for the classes, is what we want.

Friends, there never was a capitalist that ever sent his boy to College but he wanted him to become a proficient boss of some sort, bear this in mind. We represent here today the makers of the West, no franchise grabbers, no profit seekers; we are just farmers. Let us join hands in politics. Always remember, there is no good man in politics if he does not represent your interest in legislature. Whatever party he belongs to, when his interest in you ceases, then he is no good to you whatever his other good qualities may be. Some of you may be afraid to lose your vote because you might not get what you voted for, but brother voters, is it not better to vote for a thing you want and don't get than vote for a thing you don't want and do get? Direct Legislation is what we want regardless of what party secures it for us, and I believe my friends, we can put a farmer or a farmer's son there yet if we all put

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our shoulders to the wheel and be Grain Growers and nothing else. Forget party politics. Keep in mind that you are farmers and you want laws for the farmer, represented by a farmer. It takes a brighter man to make a good farmer than any other occupation, in order to be a competent farmer. All the trades and professions must be at his command. Don't forget this, that if the farmers combine solidly in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, they can have Reciprocity if they want it and through the Referendum. If it does not work right they can do away with it. I see Mr. Inkster and Mr. Mitchell canvassing for The Guide and I hope everyone here will get them and also thank the ladies for the good cheer they have made and I hope to be able to say in years to come that I spoke at the first Grain Growers' picnic of Ravine Bank.

There are others who gave bright addresses at meetings and picnics. Send a copy of them to us.—F.W.G.

AN EAGLE AFTER HIS PREY

Our last regular meeting was well attended, the evening being chiefly devoted to the reading of two papers on threshing cost, and difficulties to contend with. One paper from H. Nelson, from a thresherman's standpoint and the other paper from a farmer's point of view by G. G. Frost. A lengthy discussion ensued in which lessons were learned on both sides.

During the evening Mr. Bridge spoke on the C.P.R. and their effort to water their stock. As a result the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Mr. Bridge, seconded by Mr. N. Larson "That we, the members of the West Eagle Hills G.G.A., petition the Dominion Government not to consider the request of the C.P.R. for permission to issue a further increase of stock until after the judgment of the Railway Commission re Western freight rates is given." Also that a copy of above resolution be sent to Hon. R. L. Borden and our representative, A. Champagne. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by G. Truscott, seconded by N. Larsen: "That we, the members of the West Eagle Hills G.G.A., hereby protest against the regrettable occurrence displayed at the recent Provincial election whereby a large number of citizens were disfranchised. Further, that the Legislative Assembly adjust matters to prevent a similar occurrence in the future. Also that Legislation be enacted whereby a voter may take the oath in the event of his name not being on the voters' list. And also that a copy be sent to Hon. Walter Scott and S. S. Simpson, our representative. Carried.

SEC. WEST EAGLE HILLS BRANCH.

G. Truscott Esq.,

Yours of the 23rd to hand containing resolutions passed at your meeting of September 4. We thank you for this. Glad to note you are taking up public questions and threshing them out. If only every local association would do likewise what a power we would generate. Think of the best men coming into the annual convention from associations where regular meetings had been held and questions thoroughly threshed out in this manner. Why, no organization in Canada could compare with it. Practical men dealing with practical questions. The men who live on the land making the adjustments. This is what we want, friend Truscott, because agriculture is the base of our country's well-being.

Keep working, thinking, agitating, organizing, educating, co-operating. Could you but speak with a voice that would put life into every farmer who exercises the franchise and cause him to think out all the questions on which he expresses his opinion when he casts his vote, what changes would be wrought.

Yours truly,

F. W. G.

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