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**Notes and Notelets**

The announcement of the policy to be adopted respecting the transcontinental railroad is a mixture of iron and clay. That seems to be the character of governmental methods, always some sort of compromise, never a consistent principle. So far as the Government intends to build and own the road that is in the right direction. So far as giving the use of that road to one company for a term of years free, that looks very much like discrimination. If the road is to be surrendered to the control of any one company why did not the Government state the conditions on which the control would be transferred to a company and then ask for bids from different companies. Perhaps that would turn out to be a fiasco, but the special favor to one company seems very queer. Perhaps their explanation will make matters more plain.

Then why does not the Government build and hold the whole line from ocean to ocean instead of only part of the way? How can they speak in justification of Government ownership half way across and then private ownership the rest of the way, does not seem to us very clear. We will await their arguments with some curiosity.

There is something very extraordinary in the fact that in some countries the people would not tolerate private ownership, while in other countries the public have a dread of public ownership. In the Australian colonies the roads are all, or nearly all, owned and operated by the Government. The same is true also of the South American republics. In Britain, Canada and the States private ownership prevails. Why different countries should thus develop systems so utterly different does not appear very clear on the face of things. On one point these nations are all agreed, namely, that there should be railroads and a great many of them. The most ultra protectionist, and the most out and out free trader are both agreed on the policy of building railroads. They only differ after the railroad is built. The one says, "Let the people have the fullest freedom in the use of the railroad. Don't put the slightest obstacle in the way to stop the importation or exportation of freight and the exchange of passengers. After voting for the building of the railroad would put up a big tariff to stop people using the railroad."

The second contrary is called forth a vast amount of oratory respecting the remarkable work of that man. Incidentally he taught theology, but his chief work was to give to religion itself and enthusiasm. He found the work of the church of his day formal, lifeless and indifferent. The masses of the people were steeped in the most debase poverty, ignorance and vice. Neither church nor state was doing anything for their uplifting. "On the public highway, on the hillside, or wherever he could get an audience, there he stood forth as a bright and burning flame, bringing a new joy to the life of

holly purpose to the heart and a new devotion to existence. That his work was a grand success everyone is now willing to admit. But that work to-day is threatened with a dry rot. The emphasis of its leaders for some time past been to secure money to extend the power of the organization. The effort has been to get the money and no questions would be asked. That wealth might be the outcome of the vilest swindler's methods, it might come from unholly stock gambling or equally unholly land speculation. It may have come through the insidious manipulation of political questions and villainous taxation. No questions were asked, but great jublations are uttered when the money is safely corralled and the work of the machinery is assured. But let any man go to any of the fashionable churches and ask questions as to the justice or injustice of the present social methods, why it is that one man may get a thousand dollars a day for doing nothing while men in sweatshops make overwork for eighteen months each and women are asked to make shirts at forty-five cents a dozen—let him have the audacity to ask these questions, and he will soon learn that he is in very unengaging surroundings.

The church is repeating the methods of slavery days. Be good and kind to your slaves, share the profits with them; but don't abolish slavery. Our laws today permit some people to live by the sweat of their neighbor's face, just as truly as the slavemaster could do; but when once a crime gains national proportions, then the church accepts the binders and the ermb-it; it maintains silence that it may gain the thirty pieces of silver to make the great organization a success. Its rule is the reverse of that of the Bible. It seeks not the kingdom of God and His righteousness, with full assurance that all needed wealth will be assured; but it seeks first the wealth, no matter how tainted by oppression of the "digners weary and sad," then issues a proclamation that a great revival of religion will doubtless follow.

Were its leaders and wealthy men to call together the hostile forces which are not striking and looking out and with the utmost honesty of purpose reason to gether on the question: How can we secure to everyone that justice which true religion demands, then there would be unquestionably a revival of religion.

We will have to revise the present version of the Bible. It used to be, "The poor ye have always with you;" but it may have to be, "The beggars ye have always with you." The iron and steel men are persistently trying to work the lobby to gain some additional duty or bonus so that they will be able to pay some dividend on their watered stock. A few years ago everything was lovely. The vast possessions of iron deposits, the built-up situation of their coal and lime were described in terms so glowing that a host of people were enticed into buying the stock with prospects of large dividends. But the dividends have not come, and now, instead of trying all the proper methods of working their mines and their machinery, they are trying to get the parliament to bleed the people for their benefit. Impudence and fraud have entered into unholly combination, and if they can manipulate the power of the government to sweat the few dollars of the workmen, they will rejoice and be glad that a kind providence has listened to their pining cry.

Andrew D. White, formerly president of Cornell University and lately ambassador of the United States to one of the courts of Europe, has been giving his opinion as to the best use that a millionaire could make of his means to enlighten the world. He would have chairs established in the largest universities to teach history, social, political and international law. From what we know of experiments of that kind, the universities so supported would give a kind of teaching which would be worse than ignorance. The lesson most

A LABOR PARTY NEEDED.

Editor Toller: Now that organized labor has decided to appeal at the ballot box, the platform decided upon should be so broad that the benefits derived will be so far-reaching that every wage earner can see clearly that it is his duty to vote for it. When every worker quits voting for the old parties and votes as a wage receiver in our municipal, provincial and Dominion elections, then labor will have such a majority that it can secure the laws that are required to benefit all those who have to toil for their "daily bread."

Paul Lincoln.

Thoroughly ingrained in the minds of the students would be the divine right of idleness to despoil industry. Does any one ever imagine that Carnegie would give a dollar to teach the villainy of the methods whereby he extorted the millions from the people of the United States? Or that a Rockefeller would allow the professors in the Chicago University to discuss the methods of the Standard Oil Company? Would he allow the book of Henry D. Lloyd, "Wealth Versus Commonwealth," to be placed among the text books? Let no one ever be deluded by such a hope. Some years ago the writer of this event to some trouble to urge that more attention be given to the subject of economics in the Provincial University with the hope that it would lead to enlightenment of the students on the great subject of human rights. His experience deters him from ever repeating the process.

**BUTCHER'S PIC-NIC WEDNESDAY NEXT**

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Besides the games, there will be a concert both afternoon and evening by Baby Bonnie Dee, the clever little singer; Irene and Lionel Bletsoe, the dancers, and Lily Bletsoe, the cornetist. Fifteen hundred pounds of the choicest beef will be roasted on the grounds.

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"The Sale of Justice"

Herbert S. Bigelow's Interesting Sermon of Last Sunday.

Cincinnati, July 12.—"The Sale of Justice," Herbert S. Bigelow, in speaking on this subject to-day in the Vine Street Congregational Church, chose for a text, Isaiah 59: 14, 15: "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street; and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth hath been forsaken, and hath departed from evil maketh himself a prey."

"We may not know how accurately these words of Isaiah described political conditions in Jerusalem. They are a severe indictment of an evil world. Yet I think few will-day that we have in our American cities to-day precisely that condition of affairs which these words describe. Illustrations are always at hand, and one does not need to go beyond the borders of his own municipality to find examples of tyranny which are submitted to with amazing indifference.

In Ontario there has recently come to light an example of judicial weakness which would cause an uprising if the public conscience were not seared.

"Franchises had been granted for an indefinite period. The street railway companies possessing these franchises claimed that they were perpetual. The people claimed that they were revocable at will. A certain judge in Columbus decided in favor of the companies. It is not necessarily proof of corruption that judges should so often render decisions in favor of the monopolists. Perhaps the law is more often on their side. It ought to be, since they make the laws for the most part.

"But this particular judge was a candidate for the Republican nomination to the Supreme Court of the state. Mayor Johnson charges against him that this decision in favor of perpetual franchises was written three months before it was announced; that it was shown in advance to the companies, that it was a railroad influence that this judge secured his coveted nomination. Having written a decision favorable to monopoly, having kept the public in the dark until the convention had been held, had no objection on the indifference of the people and the political handicap in his favor to win the race.

I heard recently a story of a dishonest judge. It was no worse than the things that are commonly believed of judges, but it was somewhat shocking to hear the story from a source that could not be suspected of malice. The judge was here to suspect our judges of corruption, but here is a judge that I know was corrupt.

"A decision had been written which was certain to depreciate the stock of one of the public service corporations of the city. Three weeks before that decision was made public it was clandestinely revealed to the attorney of this corporation so that the favored one could have its stock bought ahead of time at a low price.

"It is not difficult to understand why judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off, when we reflect upon the kind of men who constitute the nomination of these judges.

"One of the ward bosses in Cincinnati recently gave his annual picnic to the people of his ward. It was estimated that from twelve to fifteen thousand people accepted his hospitality. One paper in fulsome praise of his liberality, gave this list of articles provided by the host: 225 gallons of ice cream, 400 gallons of milk, 3,750 pounds of bread, 120 barrels of oak flavored with 25 gallons of claret, 17,000 free tickets to Coney Island, 25,000 tickets to amusements, 7 silver and 1 gold medal and some money in cash prizes.

"Commenting on this picnic, a newspaper stated editorially that it would be a good thing for the city if more ward bosses would follow the example of generosity, and then quoted as applying to this boss the saying of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

"We remember that before boss Tweed was sent to prison some of the New York papers were speaking of him as 'our noble manufacturer.' Newspaper editors should be a little more discriminating in their praise.

"An man be generous who spends only other people's money? I wonder if the editor ever heard the story of the huge debts growing about him. Well, there is such a house in a certain ward in this city, the history of which throws some light upon the source of the money which is spent so freely.

"This was a four-story stone-front house. It was for sale. An individual called on the agent and offered a sum so ridiculously small in the opinion of the agent that it was promptly rejected. The agent received notice from the building inspector that one wall of the house had a bulge in it and would have to be torn down, since it was dangerous. The agent hesitated, but in vain. Counting the cost of removing the wall, he determined to accept the offer which he had received. In the course of a few weeks it became apparent who had been the real purchaser of the house. The ward boss took possession. He lives there to-day in this stone front. The wall has not yet been replaced. It stands as one of many monuments of the tyranny that has grown so common among us. It might not be inappropriate to carve on this monument the words of Isaiah: 'Truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter.'"

"It is men who are gorged with that kind of plunder who have more to do with the nomination of judges than all the preachers and all the lawyers and all the school teachers combined. What then can be expected of the courts? From justice down to jailer the machinery of justice is responsive to the will of these men, who boast that they are in politics for the money they can get out of it."

"Recently in Cincinnati it was necessary to go out into one of the townships to find a justice of the peace who would issue warrants for the arrest of men charged with false registration. And when those men were brought to jail the

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**FREE SPEECH IN DANGER.**

High-Handed—Proceedings—P.M. Denison Does Not Like Single Tax—Wants to Stop Street Speaking.

A few weeks ago the Single Tax association commenced a series of weekly meetings upon the corner of Spadina Avenue and Queen Street, and a goodly number of citizens stayed to listen to the exposition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as expounded by the ardent disciples of Henry George. These discourses followed their logical conclusions, naturally involve the equal right of all to the use of the bounties of the Creator, and deny the right of any man or body of men to appropriate to themselves all the value attaching to the possession of land in the heart of a great city, when that value is produced by the growth of the community and is not the result of individual effort.

The idea that men should work for what they get, and conversely get what they work for is very obvious to some of our apprentices, whose fortune mainly consists in land which they hope the labor of others will make yet more valuable. This perhaps may account for the instructions of the Police Commissioners (in the absence of the Mayor) to the police, to stop the Single Tax meetings.

In consequence of this Noble's order for last Saturday night was threatened with arrest if he continued speaking. It was alleged by the constable he was stopping traffic. It was then after 10 o'clock, and the street was the foot wide where was taken that the sidewalk was two-thirds of the street clear, and there was no traffic to stop. The animus of the police was clearly shown by the fact that the Salvation Army had been speaking at the same place for about two hours just before the Single Taxers took the field, and they were not interfered with in the slightest degree. This high-handed proceeding was in direct violation of the law, and is not the first time that the police, acting no doubt on instructions, have become law-breakers. The meetings, however, will be continued, and the right of free speech fought out in the courts, if necessary. Perhaps the support which the speakers have given to the proposition of Mr. Noble to exempt houses from taxation to the extent of \$700 of the assessed value and thereby increase the tax on vacant land, may be the immediate cause of this violation of civil rights on the part of the speaker. The question of lower house rents and the better housing of our citizens not being of military value or of imperial concern, are far too practical a nature to concern our worthy police magistrate, who appears to be chiefly responsible for this invasion of free speech.

Alan C. Thompson.

The coal strike has been a blessing in disguise by waking the people up to a realization of their own helplessness and the nationalization of all necessities. Think of a few coal dealers in Winnipeg taking advantage of the present situation to make a fortune for themselves. How long will the people tolerate such a system?

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Alan C. Thompson.

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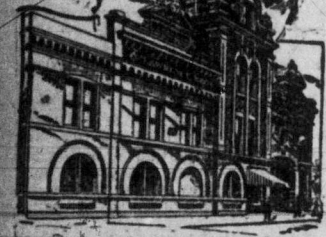
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