The shadow of the pigskin is over the horsehide.

The Panama canal has cost thus far $185,000,000. And that is "cut" rates too.

The highway to happiness is traversed by the trolley as well as by the auto.

The Big Dipper, says a scientist, is to vanish in 200,000 years. We should sit up and wait.

"Laugh at misfortune," says an Oxford professor. Yet it is said a Briton has no sense of humor.

A Scottish scientist says the world is headed for starvation. What a revenge on the beef trust.

Perhaps the apprehended decline of cricket in England is due to the lack of a baseball vocabulary.

Since the governments of the world invested in aeroplanes it hasn't been so hard to rise in the army.

"Lying," says a theosophical expert, "causes stuttering." Not if you think up your story well in advance.

Peary's arctic records have been found and returned to him, but Dr. Cook's records still remain a mystery.

A London specialist says frequent haircutting causes baldness, but it's our guess it only makes it look like it.

Good milk must contain only 200,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter. Consumers are warned to accept no more.

Still, when you come to think of it in the light of the well known law of gravitation, the leaves can do nothing but fall.

They say that the navy needs more drydocks. Of course. No matter how handsome a navy may be it is never so safe as in drydock.

Tales are coming in from different points of immense meteorites. Can it be that Mars from its superior height is throwing stones at us?

Now that Manuel has married and settled down, perhaps the Portuguese will look more tolerantly on his standing application for a job.

There is a report that another comet is headed for the earth, which seems unnecessary in view of all the different kinds of excitement we are now enjoying.

It is said that but 234 millionaires have been enumerated in Chicago. But who wants to be tagged as a millionaire in these parlous income tax times?

The landlords have got their nine foot sheets just in time. A Philadelphia doctor has discovered a process by which he can greatly increase a man's stature.

Many persons will be surprised to learn that the government of Santo Domingo has any gunboats. But it has; also a president who was alive at the last writing.

An English police station provided its prisoners with a billiard room and a shooting gallery. And so proceeds the laudable effort to make useful citizens out of convicts.

The discussion as to whether women dress to please the men or to excite the envy of each other looks like a waste of time. Nobody knows but the women, and they won't tell.

Lord Chancellor Haldane says that in fifty years the United States will be the leading nation. He may be a bright light in his own line, but he is a trifle behind the times in his reckoning.

Now that a man has succeeded in flying upside down and women have decided to add X ray shoes to their attire, this jaded world will be hard put to it for a new thrill in the way of sensations.

Recently collected statistics show that the proportion of bachelors to married men is steadily increasing in England. That's probably because more American girls are marrying at home nowadays.

A new folding bed is attached to the closet door and disappears when the door is closed, but the old kind that closes with you in the middle of the night and gently slips into the bureau drawer will remain in public favor.

A youth, dumb ten years, became so excited over a cricket match that his speech was restored. A person who could get excited over cricket would be a raving maniac over the game of throwing a cord of hardwood into the basement.

The equestrian statue of George Washington in Union square, New York, is to be turned around so that the first president will look down Broadway. This is calculated to hide from his reproving gaze the wickedest section of the bad old town.

Dr. McDougall of Oxford says that it is right and proper to laugh at others' mishaps, thus turning into a stimulant which promotes well being a mass of minor ills. Which is quite true, no doubt. Any one can try it for himself, beginning with his own mishaps.

REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises:

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A NATION OF SLAVES

LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF POPULATION OWNS SEVENTY PER CENT OF WEALTH.

Public Ownership and Asset Currency Necessary to Break Strangle Hold of Money Power, Says Congressman.

A. W. Lafferty.

The wealth of the United States is estimated at $120,000,000,000. That is $1200 for every man, woman and child. No other country in the world has so much wealth. But how is it divided? Seventy per cent of this wealth is owned by 200,000 men, leaving only 30 per cent for the remaining 99,800,000 people. In other words, two-tenths of 1 per cent of the population owns 70 per cent of the wealth. The plain arithmetic of the situation is that we are a nation of slaves. Our necessities make us such. Two things make slaves, necessity and fear.

"The empty dinner bucket" is now pointed out as a reason why we should withdraw further resistance to the money power. The agents of plutocracy told me before I left Washington that my fellow citizens would this year yield to the "bread-and-butter argument," and return them to full control of the legislative machinery of the government. I did not believe them then. I do not believe them yet.

There are 436 congressional districts in this Union. The members from the other districts are watching the contest in this district. If we win here this year it will be a tremendous victory. It will be a demonstration that a congressman can serve the public, defy the money power, and still retain the authority of the people to vote and speak for them in the national legislature. It will mean the beginning of the end. It will mean that complete victory for the people is in sight. It will mean that the government that our fathers suffered for at Valley Forge and fought for at Brandywine, is going to be put back into the hands of their descendants.

We have been made a nation of serfs and paupers in two ways: First, by over capitalization of public utility corporations and the collection of millions annually from the people to pay dividends on this inflated capitalization. Second, by a system of duplicating deposits, and the loaning of billions of dollars that did not exist to farmers and business men, and by the collection of millions of interest annually upon the "credit" so loaned. These are the methods by which the money changers have robbed those who toil and gotten all the wealth into the hands of a few.

What is the remedy? It is simple enough, if the facts can but once be placed before the people and they will put men in congress who will serve the public. Let the government and the municipalities take over the public utilities at their physical value, and thereafter furnish the service to the country at cost, and let the government issue agricultural asset currency and loan it to the farmers at a very small rate of interest on first mortgages upon their farms not exceeding 50 per cent of the unimproved value thereof, and the "money power" will no longer be able to rob our people.

The total amount of money in the United States today is $3,500,000,000, or $35 per capita. Yet, the farmers alone have borrowed $8,000,000,000. In other words, the farmers alone have borrowed nearly three times as much money as there is in existence in the United States. How is it possible? The money power is simply loaning the farmers "credit," loaning them money that is not in existence and collecting 6 per cent interest on it. The farmers are paying interest annually amounting to $500,000,000, or more than the cost of the Panama canal.

Give the country an honest congress and one that is not afraid, and every man who works will be able to make a good living, take a vacation each year, and lay by something for his old age besides. The idea of an able bodied man, in a country like this, being compelled to work for his board and clothes all his life, as nine-tenths of us are doing, is ridiculous and absurd. It is an outrage. The voters are idiots if they stand for it in this district.

I have a bill pending for agricultural asset currency. I also have a bill pending for public ownership in the District of Columbia, the only city that congress has jurisdiction over. My bill was the first ever introduced for public ownership of the street railways in Washington. Since it was first introduced a similar bill, introduced by Robert Crosser of Cleveland, Ohio, has been favorably reported to the house and will be voted on this winter.

The city of Cleveland has a sort of half-way city ownership of her street railways now, and the plan has proved an immense success. It proves that complete city ownership, the acquisition of title being made at actual physical value of the property, would be even more profitable than the Cleveland experiment has been, for the city of Cleveland has undertaken to run the streetcar system upon the basis of the full value claimed by the streetcar company.

When the franchise of the Cleveland Railway company expired in 1909—five years ago—the city council granted a new franchise for 24 years, but only upon the condition that all profits above expenses, taxes, interest on bonded indebtedness, and a 6 per cent profit to the stockholders, should go to the reduction of fares and the betterment of the service. That plan has been in operation five years. The city had the right to prescribe the fares and the service, and to keep an auditor in the office of the company, with a corps of assistants, to check receipts and expenditures.

The result has been as follows: First, a fare of 3 cents was required, and 1 cent for transfer, to see if it would produce the required revenue. It not only produced all the money required, but in one year put a surplus in the treasury of $700,000. Then the fare was reduced to 2 cents and 1 cent for transfer to be rebated when transfer was taken up. And now two tickets are furnished for 5 cents. Let any one doubting this statement cut out this article and send it to the mayor of Cleveland for verification.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company last year took in $6,723,742. Its total expenses and taxes were only $3,293,319, so that over 50 per cent of its revenues were profits. If the city would take this utility over at its physical value, as it ought to do, fares would not be over 2 cents in Portland.

The Pacific Power & Light company of Portland and the Portland Gas & Coke company are both owned by the American Power & Light company of Maine. These two Portland utilities last year took in over $1,250,000 each, while their operating expenses and taxes were less than half that amount each. Telephone service, under city ownership, would be less than half what it is today.

Government and municipal ownership of public utilities would reduce the cost of living to each person at least $50, and to each family of five at least $250.

Government ownership and operation of ocean ships, such as I have proposed, would keep in the United States the $250,000,000 which now goes annually to the ocean steamship trust, would further reduce the cost of living at least $1 per capita per year, would give us the greatest auxiliary navy and greatest force of trained sailors in the world, and would enable Americans to travel around the world in safety and comfort under their own flag, and at less than one half the present cost. Senator Lewis of Illinois has introduced a bill providing for 100 government owned and operated ships since I first advocated the idea in the house a year ago.

Government ownership and agricultural asset currency combined would eliminate the dishonest profits of the money power and give to every citizen an equal opportunity. That, and nothing short of that, is what the people of this country are entitled to. Such will they receive if they stand by their guns when the forthcoming battle rages. Respectfully,

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