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CAMPAIGN SOPHISTRIES
 WON'T APPEASE WORKERS

There is one class of voters in Minnesota who are not being blinded by the sophistries which are being handed out broadcast by the Eberhart campaign managers.
 These are the organized workers of the state who refuse to be cajoled by any eleventh-hour professions of loyalty of the candidate of the big interests. Their memories carry them back to the switchmen's strike of last spring when the chance was open to those who were really-true, 'cross-your-heart friends of unionism to come out and show by their acts that they were all wool and a yard wide.

The records prove that when the test came Governor Eberhart was found wanting. When George B. Howley, president of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, with tears in his eyes, pleaded with the accidental chief executive to give the striking switchmen a square deal, to exercise his authority as governor by ordering the railroads to move the traffic which was congesting in the yards of the Twin Cities and at the head of the lakes, Governor Eberhart turned a deaf ear to the plea. Howley came from the presence of the governor branding him as an avowed enemy of the union cause and calling down upon him the political enmity of the organized workers of the state.

Since then Eberhart has by no act known to Minnesota workers evinced in the slightest degree a change of heart. He stands, by affiliation with the railroad and brewery interests, more bitterly opposed to a fair day's wage for a fair day's work than ever before and in this position invites the opposition of the working masses at the polls.

A word from Governor Eberhart last spring in the ear of the railroad managers would have changed the whole aspect of the switchmen's strike. It would have gained for the striking railroad employes a modicum of their temperate demands. The word was not uttered out of fear of the wrath of the corporations involved in the strike.

The workers of Minnesota will not forget this action at the polls next November and can pay the governor back in his own coin by marking their ballot for James Gray, one of themselves, a man of the common people, who goes in to the fight neither pledged to the service of the big interests nor owned by the railroad-brewery combine which seeks to dominate the state by paying the gubernatorial freight.

RAILROADS PAID FREIGHT
 FOR "TRUST BUSTER" T. R.

Theodore Roosevelt is now being handled without gloves. The railroad companies that have granted special trains to Teddy are now exposing the fakir who prates about honesty. Why did the various railroad corporations shower such special favors on the dum colonel? They recognized the fact that Theodore, as president of the United States, had a veto power in his hands that required

a two-thirds vote of congress to nullify. The railroad companies wanted favorable legislation, and if they failed to yield obedience to the favors asked by Teddy the veto power could be used to re-impose the railroad companies that a president of the United States could block legislation that was in the interest of the transportation industry.

Teddy got several thousands of dollars worth of transportation from the railroad companies, and that accounts for Teddy being hailed as a "trust buster," and likewise accounts for the bill being lobbied through congress by the representatives of the railroad companies appropriating \$25,000 annually for railroad fare for the president of the United States.

By many, Roosevelt has been hailed as a man of the people, but when the fact is taken into consideration that Roosevelt was the political boss of the Republican convention of New York, the thought should come to the deluded dupes who have placed their trust and confidence in Roosevelt that he must have been backed by some powerful influences when he was able to select himself as the temporary chairman of the convention, name the committees, draft the platform and name the ticket for which the Republican part of the Empire state is expected to vote.

Roosevelt is paving the way to reach the White House in 1912, and if his political ambition is satiated, the proud, sovereign citizenship of America will hear the hoof-beats of "the man on horseback" as he proclaims himself, the Czar of Young Columbia.

POLITICIANS, COCKSURE,
 SCORN WORKERS OF MASS.

Massachusetts is a great industrial state, and the larger proportion of its inhabitants are wage workers. Its shoe factories, cotton and woolen mills, loom works, wire mills, tanneries, paper mills and arms factories are among the most important in the nation. In the cotton and woolen mills especially times have been bad, almost desperately bad, during the past year. Consequently the state has a great labor problem to struggle with.

Eben S. Draper, Republican, has been governor during the past two years. He is on record as bitterly opposed to the working class and he has shown it by his attitude on all labor measures. He cannot be elected without the votes of the workingmen.

Yet the Republican convention, dominated by Henry Cabot Lodge, unanimously gives him a third nomination. They hold the working class in utter contempt. They have flouted labor so long that they believe they still can get

IN BARBAROUS AMERICA

The doctrine of fellow servant is very important. It means that when any man enters the employ of a great corporation he becomes responsible for all the stupidity, carelessness or recklessness of all his fellow servants.

He doesn't choose his fellow servants. They are chosen for him, but he assumes all the personal risk which comes from working with them.

There is still another doctrine which the law advances to do the injured out of justice. And this doctrine is called the doctrine of contributory negligence and "it is dramatized once for all," says William Hard, "in the case of Smith of Sellman."

"Smith, an engineer for the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe, started off to get some sleep. He was called back by the master mechanic. "There was a train of oranges that had to be hauled to Pinto. Smith objected. He said he felt unable to handle an engine. The master mechanic insisted. It was an urgent case. Smith climbed back on his engine.

"Smith reached Pinto at 3 o'clock that afternoon. At half past eight in the evening he was on his way back to Winslow. "It was then that he committed his act of contributory negligence. He got into a collision. "He had been on duty 30 hours and 30 minutes. He fell into a dose. He forgot just where he was. He ought to have run his train at that point off the main track on to a side track. He forgot about it. And in the midst of his contributory negligence another train ran into him. "Smith's right hand was badly crushed, and its subsequent use for the purpose of his trade was rendered impossible. He had made the mistake of dropping off to sleep after more than 30 hours of continuous work.

Fooled Once, Are You
 Willing To Be Again?

The nomination for congress in the Duluth district of Minnesota, of Congressman Miller (insurgent in word and standpatter in deed), opens the way for the election of a Democrat in the person of Alfred Jaques, the Democratic nominee. This is another opportunity for citizens no longer party bound to ignore old party lines in their voting and strengthen the progressive movement.

As we have already pointed out in reference to Walter MacArthur (democratic Democrat) in one California district and William Kent (insurgent Republican) in another, the present opportunity for progressives of both parties to get together sometimes invites democratic Democrats to vote for Republican progressives, and at others invites Republican progressives to vote for democratic Democrats. It is in the latter category that the Duluth candidacy falls.

Republicans up there who are truly progressive will be best represented in congress not by the man who has fooled them once, but by Judge Jaques, with whom they are at variance only over party labels.—Chicago Public.

away with it. So they can, as long as the workers continue to vote the Republican ticket.

SOMETHING WRONG WITH
 A SYSTEM LIKE THIS

It is estimated that labor produces twenty-four billion dollars of wealth annually in this country, but labor receives but six billion of dollars for its toil. The difference between the wealth produced by labor and the portion received by labor in the form of wages, amounts to eighteen billion dollars, which go into the coffers of capitalism.

These statistics show the cause, which breed panics. The eighteen million dollars of wealth is the surplus which ultimately glut the market and which labor can not buy back, owing to the fact that labor receives in wages not more than 25 per cent, of the value which labor produces. How long will labor uphold a system that enriches the few and impoverishes the many!

EAGERLY AWAIT ISSUE
 OF "MOTHER'S" HISTORY

"Mother" Jones has been in Pennsylvania for some time gathering data for a book which she intends having published in the near future.

A history of the labor movement penned by "Mother" Jones will be a volume that will be treasured by countless thousands of men and women in America who know of the heroic service which this dauntless woman has rendered to the working class. Though she has passed the three-score-and-ten mile-post in life, though her hair is whitened by the snows of age, though her eye is losing its luster and her step the elasticity of youth, yet she is still in the conflict to wrest from greed the priceless heritage of liberty which the conspiracy of the ages has stolen from humanity.

The coming book from the pen of "Mother" Jones will be welcomed by the union men and women of this continent. Roosevelt declares that he is "for corporations when they are right." It is presumed that the beef trust was right when it gave a check to insure a Republican victory. The insurance trust was right when it handed over a "yellow dog" fund to maintain that supremacy of Republican rule in New York, and the departed Harriman, the wizard of railway corporations, was right when he scanned Teddy's message to congress and raised a quarter million of dollars to boost Republicanism nationally in 1904.

Some day he'll wake up! We hear and read of the organized workmen every day, but seldom of the fellow who does not belong to a union. Why? Be-

WHEN THE BROGAN IS
 ON THE OTHER FOOT

The same people who have been doing their utmost to send Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail because the members of organized labor boycotted the Bucks Stove and Range company are now doing all within their power to have their followers and sympathizers boycott the Bucks Stove and company because it has decided to employ union workmen.

Apparently it is not the thing itself that they want to be declared unlawful; it is the party that uses it. In other words they would make the boycott unlawful when used by organized labor, but lawful when used by others. They believe that a man should have the right to conduct his business as he sees fit without any interference from others, providing he does not conduct it with union workmen.

"The court of appeals of Texas did not condone Smith's offense." The court admitted that in Arizona, where the accident happened, there was a law forbidding railway companies to work their employes more than 16 hours at a stretch. Under that law, when a man had worked 16 hours, he was entitled to enjoy nine hours' rest.

"The Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe had kept Smith at work for almost twice the legal length of time. The Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe was a law breaker. "But Smith was a contributory negligent and hopelessly careless person. His real character was exposed by the court. "The allegation," said the court, "that the laws of Arizona prohibit railway companies from working their employes for more than 16 consecutive hours does not excuse the contributory negligence of the appellant (Smith) which arose from his working such a length of time that he was unfit for business. He knew his physical condition far better than the railroad company could have known it, and he cannot excuse his carelessness in falling asleep on his engine. The petition presents a clear case of appellant (Smith) having been hurt through his own negligence in stopping his engine on the main line instead of taking a siding as he should have done." Now that's the whole story. It's the law. It's the doctrine of contributory negligence. Smith ought to have known better. Think of a man running an engine along the main line when he was asleep! But the courts know their business. Smith got no sympathy from them. It was contributory negligence that Smith committed and it was his own fault. And anyway it's the law at present.

POTSHOTS INTO THE
 POLITICAL FLOCK

Chas. Jesmore, one of Eveleth's first citizens and the man to whom all signs point as the next sheriff of St. Louis county, spent several days in Duluth this week and reports great encouragement in his campaign. He has received assurances of support from some of the life-long Republicans in the Zenith city, men whose names carry weight with the great mass of voters and who have tendered their assistance to Mr. Jesmore on the belief that, politics aside, he is the best man for the position.

One prominent business man said to him Wednesday "Jesmore, you know I have always been a Republican but this time I am going to give you my vote and have secured the same assurances from several of my friends? The time has come to turn the gang out of the county offices and we're going to drop politics long enough to do it."

Judging by the promises made by the Republican campaign managers in St. Louis county there must be about five hundred jobs on the sheriff's staff to be given out by the incoming sheriff. In their frantic desperation to gain votes for their candidate at all costs they have promised at least this number of positions as deputy sheriffs, etc., as bait to the voters.

For the benefit of the victims of this false pretense game it can be said that there are just fourteen jobs to be given out under the sheriff, including jail and court officers under his orders. So about 486 of those promised will have to go shy should the day of reckoning by any mischance come about. But, judging by the expressions of those to whom the lure has been held out, there is little chance of any one being deceived by these specious promises. A campaign promise is an empty thing but the most hollow mockery of all is a Republican campaign promise—as many dupes of the past can testify to.

Mr. Jesmore is making no promises to win the plum. He is relying on past record of unimpeachable public service, such service as the organized workers of the county would be glad to see again repeated. Mr. Jesmore does not need to assert his friendship for organized labor in this campaign. He has proven it in the past and every union man should and undoubtedly will repay him in the same coin of the realm.

Union men, look up Jesmore's record and he will not have to ask you to vote for him. You'll be proud to campaign for him when you realize what he has done for union labor.

Harry W. Cheadle is not carrying any brass bands around the country with him in his endeavor to get elected state senator from the Fifty-first district. He is hustling nearly 24 hours a day and to such good purpose as to make his sedate and dignified opponent squirm around in his shell.

When you get right down to brass tacks there is not much of a choice in this contest. If you want a man owned body and soul and breeches by the big interests, a man whose very job is dependent on the say-so of one of the most rapacious corporations that ever fattened up on the Amer-



HARRY W. CHEADLE

ican people, a man who dare not vote on the most trifling measures without calling up headquarters for orders, a man who will vote against a measure of benefit to working men on sight, go vote for Mr. Cheadle's opponent. But if you want a man who will take his seat in the state legislature absolutely unshackled, except as he is pledged to the interests of the people of his district and who will fight to the last for those interests, go vote for Harry Cheadle.

They are telling this one on Gov. Eberhart at the capitol now, says the St. Paul News with a titter. It seems that he spoke at a Hibernian banquet in Minneapolis the other evening and deprecating the fact that there was no Irish blood in his veins shyly admitted that in the heyday of youth he had come near—how near he did not say—marrying a girl named Murphy.

"Well," put in a quick-witted Irishman in the crowd. "That's probably as close as we'll ever come to having a governor named Murphy."

The News Tribune, lacking better copy, is venting its spleen in criticizing Frank Day and W. E. McEwen because of their allegiance to their party. The Old Lady of the Piffel Wall should stick to her knitting teaching the pioneers of Northern Minnesota how to raise rutabagas. She gets out of her depth when she essays politics.

These words, spoken by Gifford Pinchot at Nashville, are full of meaning right in Minnesota, and everybody knows where to apply them: "Already there are signs in plenty that reactionaries the trying to dominate the progressive movement. Already the conversions without conviction have begun. Political death-bed conversions performed in public by politicians, whose leadership is dwindling, may fairly be regarded with suspicion. Like certain flowers these gentlemen turn their faces to the rising sun, but their roots are held fast by the same soil as before." Somebody must have tipped Gifford

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off about our near-governor's "progressiveness." His sunflower smile just fits our ambitious Adolph.

The Red Wing Free Press is on to Mr. Eberhart's curves as witness the following from a recent issue: Governor Eberhart, in his "key-note" speech, pleading for a succession in office of himself, said that the Democratic party stands for negotiation and boss rule. What does he call it when he as Republican governor bosses the state, while the Great Northern railroad bosses him as governor. That looks a good deal like boss rule, too, doesn't it?

On every side it is conceded even in Republican ranks, that T. J. McKeon bids fair to give Superintendent of Schools Gilpin the race of his life for the probate judgeship and then win by more than a nose. Mr. McKeon has more than made good in his addresses at local and range meetings and has won over to his standard many who had hitherto taken little interest in the present campaign.

His extensive acquaintance and sterling business reputation are standing him in good stead and many have pledged themselves to his cause, feeling assured that in his hands the office will be administered as public offices in this county should be—for the interests of the common people as a whole and not for the benefit of a class.

As the campaign waxes warmer the Democratic committee rooms on the ground floor of the Manhattan building daily become more crowded by representative Duluth and range citizens who call to offer their assistance in the fight to put the county in the people's column.

Some of the big surprises of the campaign have come to those in charge from men who, hitherto regarded as hide-bound Republicans, have come forward and announced themselves in favor of a new regime in county affairs in which the interests of the people and not of the party machine may receive attention.

There is a feeling on all sides that the hour has come to take the management of county affairs out of the hands of those who have for so long made it a matter of personal profit or party benefit. The sentiment is abroad that it is high time to run county affairs and finances on a business basis. The only way to do it is to vote for the Democratic nominees at the polls in November.

A gentleman and his wife who were both nearsighted went to Atlantic City not long since. When they came down to breakfast the wife picked up the menu card, but after a moment's effort pushed it over to her husband, exclaiming as she did so, "You'll have to choose for both of us. I left my glasses upstairs." He took the card and began to fumble in his pockets—vainly it proved, for he had forgotten his also. Turning to the impassive and irreproachable darky behind his chair, he said: "Water. We have both forgotten our water. We have both forgotten our glasses."

"Deed, Ah'd lak to 'blige you, suh, but Ah ain't got no educashun neither!"

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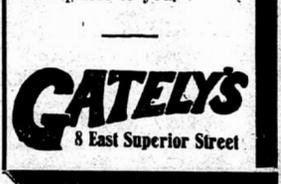
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