

ONE MAN'S OPINIONS

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Politics and Banks.—Suppose it should turn out that more than one bank had split the interest on public funds—part going to the public and another part to some politician with pull enough to get public deposits for the banks.

Would the bankers who split the interest be any better than the politician who swiped part of the split?

Wouldn't everybody interested in the split be guilty of robbing the public?

That "L" Stub.—Have YOU noticed the fight being put up by the Hearst papers to have council force the "L" railways to tear down that "L" stub on Market street?

I don't know whether it's a good thing for the public or not, but I do know that if Hearst succeeds in getting rid of that stub it will make his property on the northeast corner of Madison and Market more valuable. Market street is unusually wide where that stub runs up to Madison street; and if the stub is torn down Hearst will have a bully street in front of the Market street side of his building.

Lawson has a lot in that vicinity and expects to put up a building for the Daily News. Just south of Madison street the Journal and Post are now located on Market.

May be council can fix up a nice newspaper row there for the papers. Anyhow, the others are keeping quiet while Hearst makes the fight. After it is all over we may find that to help the newspapers the city has crippled "L" service for the public.

What Ford Is Doing.—I have the following letter concerning Henry Ford and his activities in Detroit:

Dear Brother Cochran: I've noticed of late several big articles about Mr. Ford and his manner of treating his workmen. Is this an advertise-

ment to boost Mr. Ford for what he is doing for the people? I understand commercialism under the capitalist system and realize that the small portion the workers receive cannot be compared with that which is produced when we know that according to government statistics labor receives only one-fifth of that which they produce. Don't you think that Mr. Ford will adopt the Taylor efficiency system when he re-opens his shop? If so, how can it be possible for him to continue to run his shop steadily, when there is constantly an under consumption. I would be very pleased to read your answer in The Day Book.—G. Rogers, 129 S. Sangamon.

The articles in The Day Book about Ford were printed as interesting news. I don't know how the Ford experiment is going to pan out, but am very much interested in it. Capital and labor both are watching the experiment with unusual interest and wondering what the outcome will be. Whatever the outcome is, the experiment is educational and useful. It is making people think. Thinking will help.

I feel this way about it—if Ford wins out and proves that he can pay a minimum wage of \$5 a day, workers all over the country will wonder why other manufacturers can't do the same. And they won't be happy until they get it. Ford's success will create a wholesome discontent among the working class. It won't be so easy to satisfy them with a stone when they ask for bread. It won't be so easy to soft-soap them by telling them to be good and they will be happy. It won't be so easy to content them with slavery and misery on earth by promising them that they will be happy in heaven, after they're dead.

I want people to be happy while they're alive and here on earth, and don't want them to be contentedly unhappy and miserable. I don't want them to be contented with a bare ex-