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RAILROADS MUST CONTROL President Roosevelt's action in appointing Joseph L. Bristow a special commissioner to conduct searching investigations into the freight rate equalities and extortions in the United States, coming right on the heels of the president's declaration that the question of railroad regulation is the paramount issue, indicates, in a measure, the great importance which Mr. Roosevelt attaches to the fight to bring the allied railroads of the United States to terms.

The president knows, as every reasonable and well informed man knows, says the Omaha World Herald, that this great contest will be neither mild nor easy to win. The railroads are in the hands and under the control of that group of frenzied financiers that control also, in very large measure, the great trusts of the country, the big banking interests and trust companies, the life insurance companies and the backbone of American plutocracy.

If the president wages the fight as he has promised to wage it, it will be, in very truth, a war on behalf of the masses to wrest from the favored few those unjust privileges behind which, through negligence and class legislation, they have been enabled to buttress themselves while systematically plundering the American people. It will be the greatest warfare for democracy that has been waged on American soil since Andrew Jackson attacked the shattered power of Nicholas Biddle and the little gang that, with him, essayed to dictate and control the finances of the country.

And now, as then, the stronghold of the entrenched plunderers will be found in the senate of the United States. It is to the senate that the railroads, the trusts and the great financial interests have for decades been sending those men on whom they can most safely rely for protection when the storm breaks about their heads. It is in the senate that all the representatives of the unjustly favored interests realize that the welfare of one is the welfare of all, and that the curtailing of the power of one interest to plunder threatens the power of all the others.

It is in the senate, therefore, that President Roosevelt will find his stumbling block, if he finds it anywhere. It is in the senate, under the leadership of Aldrich and Platt and Elkins, that the cohorts of plunder will rally to repel the attempt to win back to the people a portion of their own. It is in the senate that the first determined stand will be made on this very question of railroad regulation on which Mr. Bristow is to be sent through the country in search of evidence. And if Mr. Roosevelt fails it will be because the senate bars the way.

The action of the New Mexico legislature in passing a joint resolution in opposition to the joint statehood bill was most pleasing to the people of Arizona and no doubt will have a strong influence in defeating the iniquitous measure. With the representatives of both territories protesting against the merger bill the chances are that it will be put to sleep.

Within a few days the E. P. & S. W. will install a night train to and from El Paso. Travel through this country must be growing.

"REMEMBER THE ALAMO"

An organization of Texas ladies, called the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas," have revived the old battle cry of 1836. Desiring to preserve objects of historic interest in their state, they have bought the Alamo at San Antonio for \$75,000, and are to pay \$10,000 on it on the 10th of February of each year. They have sent out an appeal of contributions to enable them to meet these payments. Alamo, in Spanish, means a poplar tree, and doubtless received its name from some natural feature of its site. It was built nearly two hundred years ago under the auspices of Spanish priests as a mission. It embraced a church and a convent, and was strongly fortified to protect it from the Indians. It later times it was frequently used as a fortification. In 1836 a body of Texans took possession of it and were besieged by the Mexicans. On March 6, 1836, it was taken by storm, and all of the garrison that survived were put to death. At the battle of San Jacinto, in the following month, when Santa Ana was defeated and captured, "Remember the Alamo," was the battle cry with which the Texans went to victory.

Among the fighters for Texas independence was Gen. de Zavala, who was the first vice president of the republic. His granddaughter, Adina de Zavala, is president of the San Antonio chapter of the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas," and active in the work of preserving the Alamo. The whole structure is to be turned into a museum and hall of fame. The effort to save this historic structure ought to succeed, and doubtless it will.

That there will be some legislation enacted by the present legislature affecting the status of gambling in Arizona is almost certain. There is a growing sentiment against public gambling and that sentiment is well known to the men now sitting in the legislature. The bill now proposed would prohibit the licensing of any gambling game in the territory, but it is doubtful if such a measure could be passed without an accompanying local option feature which would give to every community the privilege of deciding whether there should be any gambling permitted in the community or not. The strongest sentiment is behind the proposition to prevent the running of any gambling game in any building in the territory where liquor of any kind is sold or given away or drunk.

Sam Garrett, Mike Hanlon and Chas. Flynn, of Bisbee, were all given comfortable positions in the legislature in the distribution of patronage. R. S. Macley and Miss Eva Goodale, of Douglas, both got the positions in Phoenix which they had applied for—Mr. Macley chief clerk of the council and Miss Goodale first committee clerk in the house. From Benson two ladies were taken care of by the gallantry of Roemer. Surely Cochise county will have no reason for complaining on account of patronage distribution in the legislature.

Hon. Charles Strong struck an economical chord when he introduced a bill putting the district clerks of Arizona on a salary. The clerks of the territory have had a feast of fees during recent years and it is time that they were provided a decent salary and required to turn all fees earned into the county treasury. The passage of such a law would save to some of the counties in the territory a good round sum every year and not do any injustice to the clerks.

There seems to be nothing doing in the matter of the incorporation of the city of Douglas. This is one of the important steps which should be taken for the welfare of Douglas. The discussion of this important proposition should be kept alive.

If Niedringhaus is the best Missouri republican can do, under the peculiar circumstances, it will not take Missouri long to return to her political senses.

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