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This paper will always fight for progress and reform. It will not knowingly tolerate injustice or corruption and will always fight against wrongs of all parties. It will oppose privileged classes and public plunderers. It will never lack sympathy with the poor. It will always remain devoted to the public welfare and will never be satisfied with merely printing news. It will always be drastically independent and will never be afraid to attack wrongs, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.



THE PROGRESSIVE TICKET

For President

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
of New York

For Vice-President

HIRAM JOHNSON
of California

TAKING CARE OF STATE FUNDS.

The Examiner has a nice story about the Governor taking care of the state funds. There is no objection to "taking care of the state funds." What the people object to is the "care" taken by the Governor's banks over the interest on a million and a half of state funds.

Think of a million and a half cash in the State Treasury! The banks get 8 per cent interest per year on it, or a total of \$120,000 per year, and the state receives not a cent.

The Governor admits that he is a stockholder and director in one bank, The Merchants Bank in Salt Lake City, which has over a half million dollars of the state funds.

HOW GOVERNOR SPRY HAS REDUCED THE TAXES.

In his speech, Governor Spry said that his administration had reduced the State taxes one-half a mill. Is that so? If one of the poor of Ogden will bring his tax notice to the Standard office, showing a decrease in taxes this fall, we will set up the soda water. That was a smooth trick Governor Spry tried to play on the people. It is true the tax levy was reduced from 8 mills to 7 and one-half mills on the dollar. At first the officials thought it would work alright, but it was the Salt Lake Tribune that discovered that while the tax levy was reduced the value of the property in the state was increased so that 7 and one-half mills would bring in more money than 8 mills would at the former low value.

Yes, Governor Spry reduced your taxes, but you can't find the reduction in your tax notices.

LOOK OUT FOR LAST-DAY FAKES.

It has been customary for the papers of the Examiner style to get up some big fake story just before election day, too late for the parties attacked to answer. It has been the policy of the Evening Standard to close its campaign on the Friday evening before the election. This will hold true this year. No new matter will be brought up after tonight. If anything more is said by us on campaign issues, it will be in answer to matters presented before tonight or in answer to arguments or statements made by others hereafter.

It is the custom of all fair newspapers to give the people all the information a number of days before the campaign, so that the opposition can fairly answer all charges. Papers that make new charges just a day or two before the close of the campaign are not only unfair but are not entitled to belief. A newspaper that is afraid to give its opponent a fair chance to answer its attacks, proves itself unworthy of belief.

Don't believe any last-day charges against anybody.

WHO GOT THAT \$798,000 INHERITANCE TAX?

Governor Spry is boasting about his administration getting \$798,000 inheritance tax from the Harriman estate; that through the great energy of the present Utah officials, this money was secured to Utah. That boast is positively misleading. We have it direct from a New York gentleman that the Hon. Parley L. Williams, general attorney for the Union Pacific, and W. H. Bancroft, first vice president and manager for the Oregon Short Line, alone are responsible for Utah getting the money. This man says that Mr. Bancroft notified the Harriman estate that the Union Pacific was incorporated under the laws of Utah and that he believed there was an inheritance tax in Utah. The matter was referred to Mr. Williams, as the general attorney for the Union Pacific railway, who reported that the Harriman estate would have to pay an inheritance tax either in New York or Utah and, as the tax was less in Utah than in New York, he recommended that the tax on all Union Pacific stock of the estate be paid in this state. The administrators discovered that it meant a big saving and fell over themselves in setting the tax in Utah. Another Spry fake exposed.

But it is true the money was paid by the Harriman estate two years ago and the money was placed in the Governor's bank, and most of it has been there ever since and the people are taxed just the same as if no three-quarters of a million had been paid by the Harriman estate. What suckers some people are. Yes, sir, some people swear when they pay their taxes, but vote to continue the imposition.

HOW THE EXAMINER INCREASES ITS CIRCULATION.

From Morgan comes the information that the Examiner is given away on the streets free to the people and that the fellow in charge has a hard time doing that. Nice subscription list that is. Uncle Sam's attention is invited to the use of the mails for free distribution.

In Ogden people still complain the Examiner is left against orders.

THE LAW IS QUOTED TO PROVE IT.

The Examiner says that three-quarters of a million dollars cash was not set aside for a capitol fund. Here is the law: Page 29, Laws of Utah, 1911, chapter 24, says: "That the sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys or funds in the state treasury for the purpose of erecting a capitol building in Salt Lake City." Approved March 9th, 1911, by Governor Spry.

Why not tell the truth just once during the campaign?

STATE MONEY SHOULD REDUCE TAXES.

The morning paper wants to know what the "Bull Moosers" would "do with the money in the state treasury if they would not put it in a bank." That, we presume, is intended to be a smart question. No one objects to the state money being placed in a bank. The complaint is that the Governor has had over a half-million dollars in his own bank for several years without paying a single cent's interest to the state, yet this bank has loaned the money out at 8 per cent interest. That is the complaint.

The "Bull Moosers" state that the \$40,000 per year collected on state money by the Merchants' bank of Salt Lake City should go to the state and not to the bank. Further, they claim that when the state has millions in cash to put in banks, that the taxes should stop until that money is used up. See? Or don't you want to see?

STANDARD UNFAIR TO UTAH.

We have a protest from a man who knows. He says that in addition to the state of Nevada assessing the Central Pacific railway \$31,500 per mile from California to Utah, the state of Nevada also assesses said road \$6,000 for each mile of side track within the State of Nevada. He further says that the Standard should add that amount to the Nevada railway assessment.

That is absolutely right, but we wanted to be more than fair to the railroads and the Utah officials. We can tell of some other things Nevada assesses, but if we told it all the people would think we were "overdoing it." It is better to be more than fair than to be unfair.

Why, if this paper were to tell all it knows about the present incompetency and short comings of Utah officials, the people would be astounded, but we believe that we have said enough to convince every honest man that Utah ought to have a change of public officials.

Turn the rascals out.

AN OGDEN MAN'S DISGUST.

When a Standpatter of the well-known party loyalty of George J. Kelly of Ogden is forced to admit that the legislating on state funds has been outrageous, there must be some provocation three over.

Mr. Kelly repeatedly has said that every move he made for sane finance in state affairs was blocked by the powers that be. He attempted to get a measure through the last legislature providing for interest on state funds deposited in private banks, and he ignominiously failed because of the powerful forces arrayed against him.

Have a talk with George J. Kelly on this subject. He can open your eyes to a deplorable state of affairs.

We are using Mr. Kelly's name in this editorial without his knowledge, but, as Mr. Kelly is an outspoken man, we feel certain he will take no offense, as what we say is along the lines of his fight in the last legislature, when he warned the money hogs that a day of accounting would bring them heartaches.

MORE PROOF THAT RAILROADS ARE UTAH'S PETS.

"Utah railroads pay more per mile in taxes than any other state bounding on Utah," says Governor Spry. Here are the figures from page 123, Proceedings of the State Board of Assessors for the state of Nevada, year 1911, the last report printed; just read this, bearing in mind that this is for state taxes only:

Gross taxes paid by railroads to state of Nevada—	
Central Pacific railway, per mile.....	\$657.00
Nevada & California railway, per mile.....	442.14
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, per mile.....	271.39
Tonopah & Goldfield railway, per mile.....	313.61
Virginia & Truckee Railway, per mile.....	259.42
Remember, the foregoing is for state tax only.	

Here is the STATE TAX FOR UTAH:

Central Pacific railway state tax per mile.....	\$142.50
Denver & Rio Grande state tax per mile.....	97.50
San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway state tax per mile.....	82.50
Oregon Short Line railway state tax per mile.....	165.50
Western Pacific railway state tax per mile.....	77.25
Union Pacific railway state tax per mile.....	159.00

How do you, the people of Utah, like these figures? Of course, Governor Spry and his apologist will say the author of the official reports of Nevada is a "liar." But how about it? Are the common people going to take the word "liar" forever as an answer and keep on paying the taxes the big corporations should pay?

Better stand in with Dear Old Teddy. Pull the Moose emblem and let it go at that.

Citizens, vote for yourselves this year.

MORE PROOF THAT THE POOR ARE OVERTAXED.

The county treasurer of Winnemucca, Humboldt county, Nevada, writes and says that taxes collected this fall for city, county and state in his county equals 37 and 2-tenths mills on each dollar. How is that? Governor Spry and his Ogden paper said that the tax rate was very low. Oh, my; oh, my! The evidence shows that the railroads are pets in Utah and the merchants and widows pay the taxes.

At 37 and 2-tenths mills on the dollar, the Southern Pacific railroad pays on its Nevada assessment of \$31,500 per mile just exactly \$1,171.80 on each mile, while the same railway into Utah pays only \$702 per mile on all its property in Utah.

But remember, the Spry sheet will say that this county treasurer, too, is a "liar." Everybody is a "liar," if he tells the truth, according to the morning paper.

This paper has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the proof that the Standard has misstated anything concerning the overtaxing of the poor and the mortgaging of Utah for over two million dollars by the federal bunch in power. The enemy cries "liar," but refuses our offer of \$1,000. Why?

Remember, dear reader, you can get up figures that lie, but get the truth for yourself. For instance, in figuring taxes, there are six to ten different tax rates. You can figure on one or all. There is in Utah a state tax of 7.5 mills, county tax 7.8 mills, Ogden City

school tax 8.3 mills, Ogden City tax 14 mills. There are special taxes in almost every district, and, unless all are included, no fair estimate can be made. Other states have the same numerous taxes.

It does not make any difference how our opponents want to figure, if they will take the same taxes for each state compared, the result will show that the Utah poor are outrageously taxed.

NO ANSWER HAS BEEN MADE.

Here it is five days before election and no answer worthy of consideration has been made to the repeated charges made by Democratic and Progressive speakers as to the mishandling of state funds by the governor and those at the head of state affairs.

Five days before election and no reply, other than the calling of liar, to the proof that the railroads in Utah are favored in the matter of taxation by Governor Spry and his people.

The voters cannot be hoodwinked any longer by the political bosses in Utah, and next Tuesday they will divorce themselves from old conditions by voting for themselves, their families and their homes; they will vote a rebuke for those who have played in the hands of the big corporations and have failed to protect the rights of the man with a little home.

RAILROAD MEN KNOW SUTHERLAND.

Senator George Sutherland, that cold and clammy Standpatter and representative of the corporations who misrepresents the people of Utah in the United States senate, in a speech in Salt Lake City, said the Republicans in the senate had passed an employers' liability bill, but the Democrats had killed the measure.

Our readers will recall that the Standard exposed the vicious features of that bill at the time it was introduced by Sutherland. It was a railroad measure, intended, under the guise of legislation friendly to railroad employes, to make damage suits for injuries or loss of life almost impossible, except on terms of settlement wholly disproportionate to the injuries sustained.

Had the Democrats, and Progressive Republicans who joined with the Democrats in killing the bill, allowed the measure to become a law, they would have been guilty of a base betrayal of the people.

That one bill introduced by Sutherland has confirmed in the minds of the railroad employes the truth of the charges, repeatedly made by the Standard, that Sutherland is a corporation tool and a misrepresenter of the citizens of this state.

There are so many men of his stripe who reach the United States Senate, under our present method of indirect voting, that the people are demanding a change to the direct system advocated by the Progressives.

"JOKER" DISCOVERED IN AN AMENDMENT.

The following is from Spry's morning organ:

"But because the olden system was open to objection, Governor Spry secured from the legislature an amendment to the state constitution, authorizing the state treasurer to lend the state money, collect interest on the same and turn the interest into the state treasury."

We challenge the Spry paper to produce its evidence in support of the foregoing. The present law does not prohibit the loaning of state funds to banks and the collecting of interest on the same for the state, and the proposed constitutional amendment does not require that state funds when placed in banks shall draw interest. The proposed constitutional amendment is as follows:

"A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 17, ARTICLE VII, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF UTAH, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR AND OF THE TREASURER."

"Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all of the members elected to each of the two houses concurring therein:

"Section 1. That it is proposed to amend Section 17, Article VII, of the constitution of the state of Utah, so that the same will read as follows:

"17. The auditor shall be auditor of public accounts. The public moneys shall be deposited by the treasurer, under the supervision of the board of examiners, and as provided by law."

"Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to submit this proposed amendment to the electors of the state at the next general election in the manner provided by law."

Not a word as to interest appears in this constitutional amendment, in fact the law is left as silent on this point as it is today. The only difference is that Spry and Dave Mattson, with A. R. Barnes, as a majority of the board of examiners, shall say where the money shall be deposited, and Spry, Mattson and Barnes are now promoting a new bank in Salt Lake which, taken in connection with this "joker" in the proposed constitutional amendment, is a most significant fact. Where, Mr. Examiner, is your interest on state funds?

LABOR NEWS OF ALL COUNTRIES

According to records of the Interstate Commerce commission, practically every railroad employe in the United States has had his pay increased within the past five years, and the great volume of the increases have come within the past three years.

Three of the largest labor organizations in Canada have now formed provincial federations in Ontario. The Bricklayers, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Printers, The Musicians of

the province are also discussing the matter.

After thirty-seven years, the United Mine Workers of America, with its Socialist declarations, numbering in its organization men from every nation that Europe knows, has unionized the Union Pacific coal mines and compelled for the Oriental worker the same standard of living as the other workers enjoy.

The United Mine Workers of America continue to grow, and in September, 1912, reached the largest

membership ever recorded in the history of the organization. The high water mark of the coal diggers is 338,980 members.

France has probably the most comprehensive co-operative societies of any country in the world. There are co-operative stores and organizations of every kind for the aid of the toilers, its members.

Picketing is legal, according to Judge Homer D. Dibell, of the Minnesota District court, who delivered his decision in the case of the Duluth Street Railway company, which tried to stop alleged interference with its strike breaking employes by the use of a court injunction.

SLATE CUB STARS FOR THE BLOCK

Chicago, Nov. 1.—At a secret meeting held recently by C. W. Murphy, owner, and Johnny Evers, the new manager of the Cubs, there was discussed a general cleaning up of the old Cub machine, which landed four pennants and two world's titles. No announcement of the names of the players to be discarded will be made until after next spring's training trip, which will be made to new grounds in Florida, whose purchase is planned.

From those who are in a close position to know, it is believed the following men will not appear on the west side diamond next year: Frank Chance, deposed manager; Jimmy Sheppard, left fielder; Tommy Leach, center fielder; Joe Tinker, shortstop.

Frank Schulte, it is said, will be among the first players to sign his contract under the new agreement. Evers has a five-year contract, but his salary is kept secret.

"We have plenty of time to announce who the ball players are who will be released, traded or sent to minor clubs," said President Murphy. "Of course there will be changes. But who the men are that will compose the lineup for 1913 I or Mr. Evers do not know at this time. We are going to send all our young players to the training camp two weeks in advance of the older players, and if the youngsters, under the tutelage of Evers, show speed and class, why then, some of the older players may be replaced."

Every effort will be made by Manager Evers to secure Mike Doolan of the Philadelphia Nationals to replace Joe Tinker, who is to manage the Cincinnati Reds.

ROUGH TACTICS TO BE STOPPED

Stanford University, Cal., Nov. 1.—Normal warnings to the University of California that "unsportsmanlike tactics" will not be tolerated in the annual intercollegiate Rugby game on November 9 was forwarded today by Stanford university officials. President David Starr Jordan also gave out a statement on the subject.

"The Stanford athletic committee has been instructed to suspend all football relations with the University of California if any rough or unsportsmanlike tactics are used," Dr. Jordan said. "And in that event relations will not be resumed until the game can be played without reproach."

The Stanford authorities, since the intercollegiate game last year, have been dissatisfied with California's Rugby methods, and today's warning, which was mailed to Dr. Frank Ansell, athletic head of the state university, is said to have followed close observation of this year's games with the Waratahs of Australia and local teams.

HARVARD READY FOR PRINCETON

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 1.—Harvard completed arrangements today for the first reception of the Princeton football team in 16 years, while 37,000 enthusiastic followers of the most popular of autumn sports awaited eagerly the clash between the Crimson and the Orange and Black in the stadium tomorrow afternoon. Betting on the game was unusually lively and Harvard was a slight favorite, at 10 to 9, with many bets made at even money.

CHURCH RAZED BY HALLOWE'EN FIRE

Colton, Cal., Nov. 1.—The Jewell Methodist church of this city was destroyed by fire early today. It is believed that the fire started from jack-o'-lanterns used in a Halloween party held in the building last night. The loss was estimated at \$15,000.

If a newly wedded man had no secrets from his wife it is rather hard on the other women he might have married, but didn't.

