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TAXPAYERS IN POLITICS

TONOPAH will have a new and welcome factor to reckon with in the election. This is the presence of the taxpayer as an active campaigner. He has been fooled so long that he has arisen in revolt and is going to the polls with the full determination of uprooting the noxious system of perpetuating officeholders through the dictates of a political machine that has made its influence odious throughout the county. The people are in arms against the demands of certain individuals that they or their henchmen be returned to the courthouse for another term of two years. They have stood for promises that have not been fulfilled and pledges that were made only to be broken, and they want something more tangible than anything they have had heretofore. They are not satisfied to accept the crumbs of comfort that fall from the tables of the officials who have waxed fat on the hard earned money of the householders, and they are insistent on a change that will bring them solid comfort. This is the reason why the Nye County Taxpayers' Association has been organized. The platform and by-laws of this organization sound good. They hold out promise of reforms that mean reform and economy that will reduce the cost of living in Tonopah. The men at the head of the association represent the heaviest taxpayers in the county and others are invited to join in the movement that has for its sole object retrenchment in public costs. The system has grown to such outrageous proportions that the man with the small home fears to surround himself with anything save the absolute necessities of life. He must not indulge in the luxury of a piano for his daughter since he realizes that the tax on the instrument will amount to a virtual confiscation. The father or mother who has ambitions and wishes to see these ambitions gratified in the advancement of sons and daughters finds it cheaper to send the growing members of their families to outside institutions than to incur the expense of keeping them at home. There is no home expansion in Tonopah, for the tax rate is so high that anyone who is able to afford the purchase of a home is compelled to restrict his wants to the smallest kind of a house. Where one would prefer a four or five room house he perforce is restricted to two or three rooms. The boys and girls can be accommodated elsewhere cheaper than they can be housed in Tonopah and therefore the breadwinner remains here while his children are sent elsewhere for the embellishments of education or to earn a pittance to enable the family to defray the expenses of living in Tonopah.

Extravagance has undermined the social life of the camp. Where in former years the miner could save money and look forward confidently to a respite from his labors he now finds he faces famine if he thinks of stopping in his treadmill existence. He must grind and dig that the men in the courthouse may fatten on his earnings and he is also confronted by the knowledge that the cost of living in Tonopah has grown out of all parity to the earning capacity of the small taxpayer. One day's pay for every hundred dollars' worth of property is the basis of taxation here, and the man with a modest home must give up from one to two weeks' pay each year for the sake of being permitted to live, under the present administration.

It is high time that the taxpayers of Nye county did organize and it is the sincere wish of the Bonanza that the new organization will be made permanent to the end that the householder and taxpayer will have something to say about who is elected and how the county shall be conducted.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

THERE is no longer serious doubt that President Wilson begins to feel somewhat uncertain about the outcome of the election, for he is on the stump, contrary to all precedents and his own declaration that it would not be dignified to make speeches in defence of his administration. The effort yesterday was redolent of the first person, with the big I sticking out all over his brief talk, with an offensiveness that could not be concealed. Mr. Wilson is not disposed to share with his party any credit for what has been done during the past four years. He wants the glory for his sole use. Nevertheless it is better to have it that way, as it is a confession of incompetency and egotism that will not be lost on the voters. Mr. Wilson's defense of his labor policy brands him as a demagogue who mistakes the applause of his clique for the admiration of the multitude. The president is so obsessed with his own importance that he does not realize what he has done to impair the friendly relations existing between capital and labor for, in speaking at Long Branch Saturday, he said:

The chief cloud that is on the domestic horizon is the unsatisfactory relations between capital and labor. So long as capital and labor stand antagonistic, the interests of both are injured and the prosperity of America is held back from the triumphs which are legitimately its own.

President Wilson alone is to blame for the dislocation of social and commercial life that menaces New York today. It is to his moral support of a demand and slavish submission to coercion that is responsible for fomenting the disorder that almost envelops the chief city of the United States. It was the action of President Wilson in declaring for an advance of wages to one class of overpaid labor that sowed the seed of unrest in the minds of the large percentage of those who were taught to regard themselves as overworked. They are excusable for taking this view of the case, since the president himself has said that men drawing between \$200 and \$300 a month are entitled to more money. Despite his order to Congress to submit to the dictation of the railroad chiefs, at heart Mr. Wilson is not pleased with the outcome of his special legislation, for he added to the foregoing remarks:

It will be intolerable, if at any time, any group of men by any process should be suffered to cut society off from the necessary supplies which sustain life. * * * These men were dealing one with the other as though the only thing to settle was between themselves, whereas the real thing to settle was what rights had the hundred million people of the United States.

No attempt is made to condone the paltering policy of the administration, for the very next paragraph of the speech concedes the fact that at best the settlement was a temporizing measure for the purpose of tiding over the settlement "for a few months," which in this case implies the seventh day of November. Every charge and allegation of the Republican newspapers is sustained by the president himself, who continued in the same speech to justify his conduct with the following remarkable and ingenuous confession:

The business of government is to see that no other organization is as strong as itself, to see that nobody or group of men, no matter what their private interest is, may come into competition with the authority of society; and the problems which Congress, BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THE SESSION, HAS FOR A FEW MONTHS POSTPONED is this problem.

That is all. Condemned by the words out of his own mouth, the president stands convicted as a cheap trafficker in expedients, who would delude the railroad men into the belief that he was sincere in forcing Congress to grant their demands.

There must be something to that story of the cattle interests and the seven million acre land bill, since it appears Senator Pittman is close enough to the insiders to be included in the "wealthy syndicate" that is reported to have bought an island in the Hawaiian group for the purpose of stocking it with cattle from Nevada.

There is one satisfaction in knowing that the baseball contests will not interfere with the presidential election. The fans will have cooled off before the ideo of November.

UMATILLA TONOPAH MINING COMPANY

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