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CAN THEY BE FOOLED AGAIN?

Is it possible to fool the people of the United States all of the time? A wise and patriotic statesman of former times said that it was possible to fool the people some of the time; a part of them all of the time; but not all of the people all of the time. It now looks as though the all of the time—all of the people—had arrived. They will no longer be fooled by the republican crowd who has successfully them for so long. The republican party is now hunting for a new issue with which to fool the people. Its best and most trusted leaders have been at work for months searching for an issue to detract the attention of the people from the live and pertinent issues of the day and begot their minds and brains in order that the party may again succeed at the polls and win the next election. They will do anything to bring about success—no matter how they do it, or what methods they used. They see the handwriting on the wall—the doom of their party and in desperation they are ready to take hold of any issue that even looks to them promising. They see their own party discredited and disgraced. They see Taft in a hard and fast alliance with Aldrich, Cannon and "The System" at Washington. They see preparations making to force down the people's throats, already rasped and inflamed by the Aldrich tariff, a central bank and federal charter for trusts. They see scandals of monumental proportions, fetid with the rank odor of putridity, rising to damn the republican party from east to west. They see the sugar trust scandal. They see the Ballinger scandal. They see the tariff scandal.

They see, in the great state of New York, a legislative scandal of such wide spread proportions that it threatens to engulf the party, having already caught in its meshes republican senators and representatives. Republican state chairman and republican bosses of the highest rank. They see, in the president's own state of Ohio, a state printing scandal of huge dimensions that has involved a secretary of their state committee. The see, in Chicago, a municipal scandal so vast that it is already over-towers the historic Tweed scandal, involving thefts, in the past three or four years, according to the republican Inter Ocean, of \$30,000,000.

They have seen the coup pulled by the Chicago Tribune, with the result that republican editors are shown overwhelmingly opposed to Taft himself, to his Taft-Aldrich tariff, Cannon, and to Aldrich. We summon attention to a Washington dispatch to that great republican newspaper, the Chicago Tribune. That dispatch quotes an insurgent leader in congress as saying:

Personally, I have given up all hope of the people of the west winning freedom from their oppressors through any act of the Taft administration. I believe the worst is yet to come. The dispatch then continues: This radical insurgent then went on to say that he meant the worst was yet to come only so far as the republican party was concerned. He thought the growing revolt, while it might damage the party, would result eventually in a political revolution, that would bring vast benefits to the people.

The situation in congress as a result of the whole row comes pretty close to being a crisis. Disorganization reigns in both houses. Legislation is not moving and the president's program is stalled. Senators and representatives appear to take little interest in the work of congress. The time of both chambers is being frittered away with consideration of trivial bills to a great extent. Legislators do not attend the committee meetings. The insurgents, both in the senate and house, not only are not placated, but with the wide revolt in the west spreading have become more belligerent. They are making charges that the president's program is liberally loaded with concessions to the big corporations. They see the hand of Aldrich in more than one of the president's measures. They freely predict that because of the alliance they say exists between Taft and Aldrich the whole Taft program is liable to fail.

It is a terrible storm that is raging and any old port will serve. There is no issue of its own on which the republican party dares go before the people this fall and even defend, much less propagate! There is no part of its record of which it is not at once ashamed and afraid! The government of the United States is being turned over bodily to "The System." The property and industrial and commercial liberty of the people are being fed, by an insensate republican administration, into the red and greedy maw of "The System." The people themselves see it, recognize it is true, and are in angry and open rebellion. If the people are allowed to pass on the momentous issue that confronts them—the most momentous since the war—they will, by a snow-storm of ballots on election day, rescue their government, assert their liberties—and trample under foot the besotted, false and corrupt party that is today selling them and their children into slavery!

There is but one salvation for the republican party. The people must have their attention distracted from the great issue of slavery or freedom—must be fooled again!—St. Joe Observer.

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SHAW DENOUNCES CENTRAL BANK

"I do not think there can be any doubt in the minds of anyone who studies the question in the light of admitted conditions, that if a central bank is established in this country it will be owned, or at least controlled by the Standard Oil company," said Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association in Philadelphia. His statement was "The Central Bank." He said in part:

"It was charged, and as vigorously denied, that the affiliated banks of New York during the panic of 1907 simply withdrew credit from the group of men who controlled the Tennessee Coal and Iron, called their loans and finally adjusted the matter by taking over the property at a fraction of its admitted value, and paid for it in United States steel securities, without the exchange of a dollar in money. Assuming the charge to be libelous, it still illustrates what could be done where a group of men possessing the requisite disposition to be in control of the central bank.

"I thoroughly believe that the Standard Oil company and the United States Steel corporation could afford to pay the national debt for such a charter, and I say this independent of whether such a bank would be independently profitable or otherwise. The control of it would be valuable beyond the power of man to conceive to any group of men who had independent financial interests large enough to justify it and the ability necessary for its operation.

"We all remember that the control of a certain life insurance company with a capital of only \$200,000 sold a few years ago for \$9,000,000, when the maximum dividend was fixed in the charter at 7 per cent, or \$14,000. Certainly that vast sum was not invested expecting returns of only \$14,000 per annum, when the same amount in government bonds even would yield \$180,000. No; the company had assets approximating \$500,000,000, and the control of such a volume of trust funds, if honest and wise, is very profitable. It has recently changed hands, and presumably at a yet higher price.

"Taking the price paid for the control of that life insurance company as a measure of value. I do not think I overstate the fact when I say that the two largest corporations in the world, interested, as they are, directly or through their affiliations, in nearly every line of business and owning or controlling probably in excess of one hundred of our largest financial institutions, with, I suppose, \$2,000,000,000 in assets outside of their own capitalization, can afford to pay the national debt for a perpetual charter for a central bank."

THE DEMOCRATIC SUMMONS.

The oldest existing party in America is old because its history is one long record of struggles against the enthronement of special privilege in this republic.

Democracy has made as many mistakes as the average political party. But it has survived them all, as a fighting force, because, while leaders come and go, principles remain. The simple moral force of the democratic principles upon which the republic was founded and preserved is prominent in everyone of democratic campaigns.

Real issues come to democracy in spite of leaders who wage losing battles on false issues. The tariff is an instance. Republicans have repudiated their pledges to lift unnecessary tariff burdens from the people.

Democracy must fulfill those pledges. The election of a democratic house of representatives this fall is clearly foreshadowed in an overwhelming drift of expressed public opinion. The doubtful states are preparing to retire, by wholesale, republican congressmen who voted for the Aldrich-Taft tariff law.

The battle will not be confined to the so-called "doubtful" states. Normal party lines are fast disappearing in all states because the Aldrich-Taft law has proved its own treachery to the consumers.

Democracy's summons is becoming a trumpet call.—Chicago Journal.

WHEN TEDDY COMES MARCHING BACK.

When Teddy comes back from his African slaughter house the truly faithful will give him a grand reception. He will bring with him the 8,000 carcasses and skins of the animals he has slain and the bands will play "Hail to the chief who in triumph advances." Shades of poor old G. Washington, Tom Jefferson, Andy Jackson, Lincoln, Lee and McKinley, did any kind of a world ever hear of such a mighty nimrod? Did any one of the forefathers ever imagine such a great Pasha of 8,000 tails?—Platte County Landmark.

The republican newspapers of this district are industriously circulating a report that Congressman W. D. Jamieson will not be a candidate again and it looks strange if this was his determination that the republican would be made through the republican press. Congressman Jamieson has not intimated through the columns of his own paper, the Shenandoah World, that he would not be a candidate for re-election, and it looks as if the report was being circulated for political purposes.

The democratic state convention will be held at Ottumwa this year, and Hon. J. B. Sullivan, of Des Moines, will preside as temporary chairman. Des Moines, Sioux City and Council Bluffs all tried to land the convention but a bunch of boosters from Ottumwa captured the prize.

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STUART OUT FOR CONGRESS.

Chariton Man Will Ask for Democratic Nomination.

Frank Q. Stuart, of Chariton, has been brought out by the democrats of Lucas county as a candidate for congress in case it proves true, as rumored, that W. D. Jamieson will not again ask for the nomination.

Mr. Stuart was nominated of the party for congress in that district in 1894. For three years before that he had been the editor of the old Des Moines Leader, when it was owned and published by Harry Stivers, now publisher of the Osceola Democrat in the Eighth district, and when Horace Boise was governor of the state. In Colorado Mr. Stuart had been a member of the legislature and returning to Iowa in 1889 had been elected mayor of his old home at Chariton in 1890.

In 1896 he took an active part in the democratic campaign, in 1897 was in charge of the literary campaign for the democratic state central committee at Des Moines, in 1898 was temporary chairman of the democratic state convention and in 1900 was official editor to the executive committee of the national democratic committee at the national headquarters in Chicago. In 1901 he was acting chairman of the democratic state central committee with headquarters at Des Moines and since that time has been extensively engaged in writing for democratic and independent papers.

The candidacy of Mr. Stuart is contingent on the decision of Congressman Jamieson. If the latter decides to run Mr. Stuart will not. With this understanding the democrats of Lucas county have sent an open letter to the democrats of the Eighth district, in the following form:

Chariton, Ia., Feb. 25, 1910.—To the democrats of the Eighth district: We respectfully present Hon. Frank Q. Stuart as candidate for congress in the Eighth district, subject to your decision, and ask your support for him in case Hon. W. D. Jamieson is not a candidate for re-election.

We wish you to know that this honor is not of Mr. Stuart's seeking. Nothing has been further from his mind than the idea of running for congress. When the matter was suggested to him, he said he could not think of being a candidate against Mr. Jamieson. And when advised of a recent press dispatch from Washington stating that Mr. Jamieson would probably not be a candidate, and being urged by his friends to allow the presentation of his name, Mr. Stuart said:

"Only on condition that my name shall be immediately withdrawn in case Mr. Jamieson shall finally decide to run. And, furthermore, I should like to hear from the 'old guard' and some of the splendid new fighters throughout the district, as to whether or not they want me to make the race."

Mr. Stuart is recognized as one of the ablest campaigners in Iowa; and his record for consistent and courageous opposition to special privilege and all form of encroachment on the people's rights, extending over a period of years, is equalled by few and surpassed by none.

Mr. Stuart has never been a candidate but once in this district. That was in the great "landslide year" of 1904, when there was no chance for a democrat anywhere; and yet, against the greatest odds, he made one of the most vigorous and effective campaigns that has ever been known in the state.

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James J. Hill, the railroad high-muck-a-muck, says ament the difficulty of ordinary people making both ends meet in these days of high prices:

"If the people would only return to former modes of living and not be so luxurious in their tastes there would be no trouble. Everyone now wants only the best. A man can today buy for forty cents enough substantial food to nourish his body twenty-four hours. There have been no material advances in the cost of necessities."

It is to be taken for granted that Mr. Hill means a return to the modes of a comparatively few years ago—and there may be some virtue in his suggestion, though such a return on the people's part would not do away with the trusts and combines that have come into existence to the oppression of the people in the way of prices. But why not go still further back and let the people eat corn bread and salt pork and wear jeans and linsey-woolsey—or still further and let them eat nuts and fruits and wear fig leaves? Starting them back, why not let 'em go some?

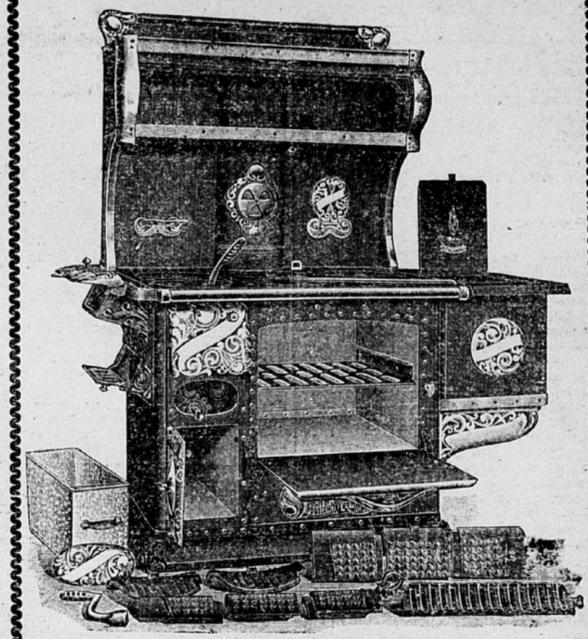
Mr. Hill did not speak himself a very wise man when he uttered the quoted paragraph.—Ft. Madison Democrat.

This is a queer world, especially that part of it comprising the United States. In 1896 the people were told that if only gold could be made the money standard all would be well and the value of money would never fluctuate, the basis (gold) having an "intrinsic" value of \$20 an ounce. Comes now Prof. Joseph French Johnson, of the University of New York, (and President Taft has argued similarly) and asserts solemnly: "A pound of porterhouse steak cost twenty cents in 1900. Today it costs twenty-five cents. The increase in the cost of meat is only twenty-five per cent, whereas if it kept up pro ratio to the value of a dollar, which is forty cents cheaper than ten years ago, that increase would also be forty per cent."

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