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## CHARITON COURIER

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MR. TAFT went over to Oyster Bay to declare his declaration of independence on Teddy.

How much will Mr. Rockefeller give to the Republican campaign fund now that he has no fine to pay?

UNDER the Republican system of trust-busting it seems probable that the Standard Oil trust will escape entirely.

JOHN CLAFLIN, president of the H. P. Claflin Dry Goods Co., favors higher railroad rates, but then John does not pay the freight.

THE Republican managers appear to have received inside information that railroad rates will not be raised until "after election."

WE have all heard of the "handwriting on the wall," but it is the handwriting on the checks that publicity is demanded for.

IF Mr. Taft is elected president we must all pray he will live long and prosper for it makes patriots shiver to think of Jim Sherman being president.

CANDIDATE TAFT submitted his speech of acceptance to Mr. Roosevelt, then Taft journeyed to Manhattan and the Wall street interests added their O. K. Such is Republican policies now-a-days.

THE rock-ribbed stand-patter is pinning his faith on the election of a Republican majority of congress which will vote for a stand-pat speaker and no revising the tariff downward.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT does not appear to uphold the decision of the circuit court in the Standard Oil case, but regards it as a miscarriage of justice. Still that fine of about \$30,000,000 will have to be settled by the courts and not the president.

THE decision of the United States court reversing Judge Landis' decision imposing the famous \$29,240,000 fine against the Standard Oil trust will en-

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courage people to believe that the Republicans are real trust-busters.

ALL the leading Republican officials are away from Washington attending to politics or taking long holidays. Only Secretary of War Wright remains to sit on the lid, and he is a Democrat, who has accepted a Republican retainer, and will, therefore, bear watching.

ACCORDING to the report of the steel trust 56 per cent of the plants of that corporation are now in operation. The sunshine club must, therefore, explain its claim that "all the men are now employed," for 44 per cent still idle is a brand of prosperity that shuts out sunshine from many homes.

THE after effects of the Republican panic is reported in Bradstreet's trade review of the past week to be: "The disposal of surplus stocks of summer goods at concessions, but reduced public buying ability is reflected in reports from some centers of slow progress in clearing shelves of goods." That trade parlance in fact means that the many with reduced incomes or those without work are unable to buy goods, although offered at half price. What are the sunshine clubs doing that they allow Bradstreet to tell the truth instead of a tale of fine crops and prosperity everywhere, "if you will only think so."

Gov. J. W. FOLK has determined to re-adjust the lid in St. Louis county, and to that end called out the state national guards to see that the Sunday closing law was enforced last Sunday in that county. It ought not only to have been enjoined last Sunday, but every other

Sunday and if Gov. Folk will sit on the liquor lid and hold it in place during the remainder of his term as governor and retire from the senatorial race against Senator Wm. J. Stone we will agree to give him the COURIER'S support for United States senator to succeed Senator Wm. Warner, Republican, in 1910. This year, however, we are for Senator Stone as his own successor. As to the power of the COURIER'S tow line we respectfully refer Gov. Folk to the nomination of Wm. S. Cowherd for governor Tuesday, August 4,

WHAT does Mr. Kern mean by "honest trusts?" He says the Democratic party entertains no animosity against them. President Roosevelt has talked long and loud of "good trusts" and it would seem has persuaded himself that there are no bad trusts, for had there been, of course, he would have "busted" them. We have not heard of the good deeds of any trust, nor one that is noted as equitable. A trust or combination to control trade is designed for monopoly, and monopoly never deals honestly with the people for it aims at high prices and without some form of monopoly there can be no trust. Let us hear no more, therefore, of "honest trusts." As well talk of honorable grafters or straight-forward burglars or equitable embezzlers."

## FOOLING THE VOTERS.

THE Republican plan for the publicity of campaign contributions "after election" is evidently a political fake to fool those who believe that contributions from trusts and corporations are returned by reciprocal favors. Congressman Gaines of West Virginia has let the cat out of the bag, and as he was chairman of the committee which favorably reported the publicity bill, he undoubtedly knows all about such political schemes.

A dispatch from Hot Springs, where Mr. Gaines is visiting Mr. Taft, reports Mr. Gaines having said "that he was in sympathy with the efforts of both Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan to have publicity, but he feared that the local political managers, the men who have to get the "dough," would do just as they have done in years gone by and neither Mr. Taft nor Mr. Bryan would be told about it.

"I do not say," remarked the West Virginian, "that the publicity law puts a premium on perjury, but it puts veracity at a disadvantage. I am not in favor of any legislation that makes a conscientious man less available as a campaign manager than a man with an elastic conscience." Congressman Gaines is a shrewd Republican politician and a leader of his party and he plainly tells us that the Republican managers have to get "the

dough" and that political corruption will flourish as in other campaigns. So all this talk of not receiving contributions from trusts by the innocent Taft and the promise of publicity "after election" is but a new scheme to fool the voters. Well we expected as much.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence, Washington, D. C., August 6, 1908.

The question that is harrowing the souls of the politicians is, how many votes can the Hearst party draw from the Democrats in the doubtful states, and how many Republican votes will the Prohibition ticket get in the same states?

It is quite a debatable question and will take the result of the election to answer correctly. In the well organized states, where both parties take a careful poll of the voters, the managers of the voters of each precinct unless done by competent men who know the voters is practically worthless and to do it will cost a great deal of money. It has been found by experience that volunteer work is very unsatisfactory, for while some men do the work well most volunteers do it in a careless and slipshod manner. It is easy enough to get the outspoken Democrats and Republicans and Prohibitionists and Socialists checked off on the poll list correctly, but to find out how the independent voter stands requires diplomacy and considerable assiduity. She secret of the success of Samuel J. Tilden was his ability for organization and his willingness to spend a large part of his fortune to create it. He knew just how every state stood and what voters it was necessary to reach in the doubtful states and how to reach them. He employed able men to do the work and the result shows that his political prescience, founded on the facts they obtained for him, was accurate.

That he was counted out does not show that he was mistaken, for who would have believed that the Republican returning boards of Louisiana and Florida would be backed by bayonets to defeat the ballots of the sovereign people?

Our present leaders have been selected as possessing the wisdom and the ability to cope with present conditions, so let us give them every assistance to grapple with the Republican rascalies, that will far exceed, because they will be more universal, what the negro hirelings and carpet-baggers of the Tilden era accomplished.

It takes money to organize, and the leaders of to-day have not a Tilden barrel to draw from. The expense of a thorough organization and poll of the voters of the doubtful states is a perfectly legitimate use of money and the voters themselves and their descendants, who have seen

the Republican party enjoy the usufruct that should have been theirs since Tilden's time, must themselves furnish the means to enjoy the estate they were defrauded of.

Therefore, the primary duty of Democrats is to contribute what they can afford to the party campaign funds. The real work of the campaign can not move without money, so do not delay in sending your contribution, large or small, to Hon. C. N. Haskell, treasurer, national Democratic committee, Auditorium Annex, Chicago, Ill.

Congressman Lloyd, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, whose headquarters are in this city, is quite confident that the Democrats will elect a majority of the next congress. To do this 29 or more districts now represented by Republicans must elect the Democratic candidate, and Mr. Lloyd confidently expects to make these gains in central and western states. Mr. Lloyd says:

"We will make gains in the house of representatives from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and California; we will carry Montana. There will be gains of probably four in Ohio, where some of the districts are in fearfully bad shape for the Republicans, and are rapidly getting no better. Iowa has four districts in which we stand an even chance or better to win. There are four in Kansas that we expect to gain, and three in California, from which state the reports we receive are simply startling, indicating the turn toward Democracy on the oriental issue."

The general opinion on the Taft speech of acceptance seems to be that it was of the "one too" variety, with a happy omission of the personal pronoun with which Mr. Roosevelt so permeated his extensive remarks on "my policies." His fulsome praise of the president, however, stops short of approving new experimental legislation, but insists that "the chief function of the next administration is to clinch what has been done." Mr. Taft puts off the income tax issue to a convenient season when the government needs more revenue; he apologizes for Republican extravagance and what is of most importance to Democrats he surrenders to the stand-patters on the tariff issue and refuses to make extreme concessions to the labor unions. The speech is evidently intended to propitiate the business interests if not Wall street.

Another and more radical utterance that this week has produced is the platform of the Independence party, which promises everything, more than the Populist platform does on many issues, even a "central government bank, through which the money so issued shall be put in

to general circulation," public ownership of public utilities including railroads and immediate purchase and operation of telegraphs.

The Hearst plan evidently is to absorb the Populists and the more radical part of the labor vote, and if Mr. Hearst himself had been the candidate, there is no doubt that he would have received the support of a reasonable percentage of such voters. But the candidates selected by the Independence party are entirely unknown outside of their own states and it may be considered that the Hearst danger has passed. Voters, as a rule, are not given to throwing away their votes on unknown candidates of third parties. That is especially the case with the labor vote, which is seeking relief through immediate legislation and can only get it through the success of the Democratic party, which has always been the friend of the wage-earner, the farmer and producers, and opposed to monopoly in every form.

The first of the political frauds that may be expected of the Republican politicians in this campaign has already been reported, and the evidence of it comes from Mr. Bryan's own state. Campaign documents are being distributed through the "mails in government envelopes without payment of postage, franked as follows:

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