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POLITICAL SITUATION.

To the friend of reform the signs of the times are certainly most encouraging. The educational campaign now going on is full of tremendous possibilities.

Ida Tarbell has thoroughly exposed the process by which the Standard Oil monopoly was built up. The great lesson taught in that series of articles was that the most dangerous weapon in the hands of the trust builders is the rebate system. Miss Tarbell has shown that the Standard Oil syndicate not only obtained a heavy rebate on its own shipments but also received the same rebate on ALL SHIPMENTS MADE BY ITS COMPETITORS. Thus the competitors were forced to pay tribute to the Standard company, the railroads acting as collectors. Against such a combination no competition was possible. The Standard is supreme in its field and can raise the price of its product whenever it sees fit to do so. It has just declared a quarterly dividend of fifteen per cent—indicating an annual profit of sixty per cent. When we recall the fact that the productions of the entire country equal less than four per cent of the capital invested in productive enterprises we can begin to realize the wholesale robbery perpetrated by this monopoly. Nothing very encouraging in this condition; but the fact that the American people are learning how they are being robbed and how the monopoly has been built up gives promise of a remedy being found and applied.

Thomas W. Lawson in his series of articles in Everybody's Magazine is showing up another phase of the system, its complete control of the financial system of the country and its ruthless robbing of the small investor. The chief value of his exposure of the "System" is that it will deprive the captains of finance of the confidence of that vast army of small investors, savings banks depositors and persons holding old line life insurance policies. Those people have hitherto been the bulwark of monopoly, for whenever any party or any measure threatened monopoly the captains of finance would raise the cry that it would hurt that army, and this cry has hitherto been successful in raising an opposition that the friends of reform could not overcome. Lawson may or may not be able to prescribe an effective remedy for stock manipulation, but he has surely deprived the "System" of its most potent weapon in politics.

In the same magazine that contains Lawson's articles Charles Edward Russell is giving an expose of the methods by which the beef trust has not only obtained absolute control of the meat business but has also levied tribute from the people on all articles that have to be shipped in refrigerator cars, such as fruits, vegetables, butter, eggs and fish. Here we are again forcibly reminded that railroad discrimination is the key to success for monopoly.

With the exception of some of Lawson's exposures of the inner workings of the "System" and its connection with the old line life insurance companies, there is very little in these arrangements of monopolies that has not been told in some manner before. But it is the first time it has been told in a manner and through a medium that insures a respectful hearing. It has been told on the stump and in newspapers by the populists for the last fourteen years. But they represented a political party antagonistic to the parties to which the great majority of the people belonged. Therefore they had to struggle against one of the strongest elements in human character—prejudice. Then the populists had definite remedies to propose for every evil attacked. While this ought to have been a source of strength it really proved to be the opposite. When driven to acknowledge that conditions were not exactly right the old partisans would turn about and attack the populist platform as being too radical and impracticable. There are no such obstacles in the way of those who are now laying bare the evils of monopoly. Their party politics are unknown, and they are telling their stories through magazines that need not be read by the people of the lowly and despised populists. With the cool precision of a surgeon they lay bare conditions, leaving the question of finding a cure to others.

When the American people have thoroughly digested these facts and come to a full realization of how completely the monopolists have become masters of our industries there will come an irresistible demand for reform. Even now the government is making some attempt to modify the evil, and the most encouraging sign about these attempts is that they are directed against the main source of monopoly, railroad discrimination. That any lasting results can be obtained by government regulation of railroads is extremely doubtful. As long as the railroads are in competition for business they will find means for granting special favors to large shippers. The

custom will not stop until the great railroad systems are controlled by one body—either a private monopoly or the government. The people have decided that they do not want the former; they have yet to learn the necessity of the latter. They must run through the course of palliatives before they will try the cure.

When the work of education is finished the reformers will have a chance. Under what party name they will rally it is impossible to say. The reforms may come through a unanimous demand that will sweep away party distinctions.

Meanwhile let every friend of reform do his best to spread the exposures of monopolistic methods, and cheer on every man who battles for popular rights, regardless of party names.

TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE.

Tom Watson has the style of the clear-cut reformer, who knows what he wants and will fight for it—no trimming, no dodging, no beating about the bush. He goes straight to the gist of the subject discussed and in short paragraphs lucidly illuminates a subject to the comprehension of a common mind what other brilliant writers might require pages to say. Eleven pages of the first number of his new magazine he discusses the late election, pays his respects to W. J. Bryan, Teddy Roosevelt, the ship subsidy, W. R. Hearst, the greenback question and the inauguration ceremonies, incidentally touching on a score of subjects of vital interest to one interested in the practical application of needed reforms in our government. Other prominent reformers discuss economic questions and a liberal portion of good fiction and whitticisms fill out the 128 pages of reading matter.

There is no doubt that Tom Watson's Magazine is destined to be a great educating agency in the great struggle to come. Tom Watson, C. E. Russell and kindred writers in popular magazines that sell by the million each month are supplying the evidence that is opening the eyes of the American people to the enormities of special and class legislation. Tom Watson diagnoses the causes and points to the remedy in his own inimitable, racy style—sound in logic and clear as a bell.

The reports are that yearly subscriptions to the magazine are coming in at a rapid rate. The American News Company placed an order for 93,000 copies of the first issue to be sold on the news stands. If the supply at other cities were as quickly taken as the small number sent to Willmar news dealers the news companies will double this amount in their next order. This is certainly a grand result in the establishment of a publication that preaches simple pure politics, democracy or republicanism—we don't care what you call it, just so it has the right quality.

Young Garfield, by virtue of his parentage raised to a position on the interstate commerce commission, has been investigating the beef trust. He evidently interviewed some of the philanthropists at the head of that benevolent institution, and they loaded him up properly. He then went home and wrote up a report in which he denied each and every allegation in the complaint, and proved that the kindhearted gentlemen who manage the trust are doing business on such a narrow margin that it is only by having hash for breakfast and smoking "Battle Axe" tobacco instead of Perfecto cigars that they can keep out of the bankruptcy court. Of course it makes no particular difference what that commission says, as it has no power to do anything but talk, but some people have taken umbrage at this ridiculous attempt to whitewash one of the most notorious monopolies in the country. The Kansas senate last Monday adopted the following scathing resolution regarding this matter:

"We request the president to reject this report and appoint some man with experience, with independence and nerve that shall qualify him for the commercial highwaymen known as the beef trust, to the end that the public may be fully informed as to the sources of their enormous profits and foundations of their colossal fortunes, and the means, instruments and agreements by which they have robbed purchaser and consumer.

Takes Seat on Water Wagon.
The following communication presented to the citizens of Grove City thru the Times of that village will no doubt be read with interest:
Rosendale, Minn., March 2, 1905.
Editor Times:

Encouraged by the splendid work of the Kandiyohi county farmers south of Atwater in demanding the saloons closed in that town, the farmers and citizens of Danielson and Acton have inaugurated a movement with the same purpose in view for Grove City. We will concede that the village is an accommodation to the farmer, but the farmer is an absolute necessity to a town like Grove City. Our state laws deprive the farmer of any voice in its government while he is expected to furnish the trade as well as a large per cent of the victims of the drink traffic. It is more than right that we ask the voters of Grove City to remove this stumbling block from weak brother, and give the farmers a clean moral place of doing business. The subject was taken up after services in the Arsdale church last Sunday. Considerable interest was manifested, and people seemed quite ready to sign the petition. A mass meeting has been called for the purpose of drafting resolutions etc., to be held in Dist. 50 Rosendale school house Saturday, March 4, at 2 p. m., also in Dist. 38 the Larsen school house,

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- LOT 4 Real Torchons, Valenciennes and Clunys, worth to 20c, only 10c
- LOT 5 Cluny, Guipure and Oriental Laces and Bands, worth to 30c, only 15c
- LOT 6 Wide Oriental, Cluny and Guipure Laces, Bands and Medallions, worth 40c, only 20c

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for Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Ladies as well as gentlemen are welcome to these meetings. Respectfully CHAS. NELSON.

Real Estate Transfers. TOWN OF EAST LAKE LILLIAN. Feb. 27—Ferdinand Riedel to William Hartman, et al, sec. 24, 80 a., \$250.

TOWN OF ROSELAND. Feb. 27—Geo. Cernohlavik to William Kepple, et al, sec. 5, 40 a., \$1200.

TOWN OF PENNSCOCK. Feb. 27—Margaret Ferguson to Matthew Ferguson, et al, lot 4, sec. 2, \$1000.

TOWN OF IRVING. March 2—M. E. Nash to J. L. Brown and F. H. Harris, et al, sec. 28, 2 1/2 of a 1/2 of sec. 28, et al, sec. 28; 2 1/2 of sec. 28, 200 a., \$3,250.

TOWN OF NORWAY LAKE. Feb. 27—P. der A. Munnson to A. O. Torokelson, et al, sec. 5, 40 a., \$300.

VILLAGE OF KANDIYOHI. March 3—Mathew Cody to W. J. McDermott, part of lot 22 and lot 23, bl. 14, \$200.

VILLAGE OF PENNSCOCK. Feb. 18—Charles J. Berglund to Lewis Johnson, lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, bl. 5, \$1000.

Feb. 21—Carolina Olson to Gustaf Lundgren, et al, lot 23, bl. 4, \$1000. Carolina Olson to Gustaf Lundgren, lot 23, bl. 4, \$1000.

Gustaf Lundgren to Edward Olson, et al, lot 22 and lot 23, bl. 4, \$2,000. CITY OF WILLMAR. March 2—Sadie J. Knight to Charles E. Krause, lots 11 and 12, bl. 7, Ferring's add., \$250.

Olof A. Ferring to August Anderson, lots 5 and 6, bl. 7, Ferring's add., \$250. Olof A. Ferring to Andrew N. Anderson, lots 15 and 16, bl. 8, Ferring's add., \$250.

Public Auction. Having rented my farm, I will sell at public auction on my farm in Sec. 25, town of St. Johns, on Thursday, March 9, 1905, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp in the forenoon, the following described property:

One team of bay mares, 8 and 9 years old, weighing 3000 lbs; 1 gray horse, 8 years old, weight 1400 lbs; 1 gray horse, 9 years old, weight 1300 lbs; 1 gray mare, 13 years old, weight 1300 lbs; 1 black mare, 5 years old, 1300 lbs; 1 black mare, 3 years old, 1300 lbs; 8 good milch cows, 8 P land China brood sows, 1 Champion binder, 1 7 foot cut binder, 6 foot cut; 2 gang plows, 1 sulky plow, 2 Acme pulverizing harrows, 1 Deering corn binder, 1 Dowagale 16-shoe drill, 1 set new heavy working harness, 2 sets light working harness, 1 wide-tired wagon, 1 8 ft hay rake, 2 hay racks, 1 2 horse tread power, 1 wood saw, household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms: All sales of \$5.00 and under, cash; over that amount time will be given on good bankable notes, till Nov. 1, 1905, at 7 per cent interest. Free lunch at noon. GUSTAF PETERSON. A. C. CRAWFORD, Auctioneer. 13p

Public Auction. As I have rented my farm, I will sell at public auction in Section 30, township of Willmar, four miles southwest of Willmar, on Monday, March 20, 1905, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property:

Four working horses, 1 team driving horses, 5 years old; 2 pair working harness, 1 pair driving harness, 1 single buggy harness, 18 milch cows, 6 heifers 2 years old, 6 yearlings and some young calves, 1 bull 3 years old, 1 bull 1 year old, some hogs, 150 bu barley, 30 bu oats, 1 McCormick 7-ft cut binder, 1 6-ft cut Deering binder, 1

McCormick 5 ft cut mower, 1 5-ft cut Standard mower, 1 4-ft Deering mower, 1 2-horse force drop corn planter, 1 seeder, 1 10-ft hay rake, 1 8 ft hay rake, 1 pair bob sleighs, 1 cutter, 1 XX Ray gang plow, 2 sets shares, 1 sulky plow, 1 disk pulverizer, 1 4-horse drag, 1 2 horse drag, 1 2 horse corn cultivator, one 1 horse corn cultivator, 1 U. S. cream separator nearly new, one-third share in corn binder, one-third share in fanning mill, 1 narrow tired wagon, 1 double-seated platform buggy, 4 creamery cans, 1 1000-lb scale, 1 sewing machine, 1 heating and 1 cooking stove, a lot of household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

Free lunch at noon. Terms: All sums of \$5.00 or less, cash; above that amount time will be given until Nov. 1, 1905, on bankable notes bearing six per cent interest. A. E. ABRAHAMSON. A. C. CRAWFORD, Auctioneer. 3-2

Ringville. Everybody is enjoying the fine spring weather we are having. G. Griffith came here from Iowa Friday. He has rented the John O. Johnson farm for the coming year. Henry Halvorson took charge of the Georgeville creamery Wednesday. The former incumbent, O. Tor, is now counting his fruit at the store. Farmers are busy hauling hay before the roads get too soft. Geo. Olson is doing carpenter work at J. Stenbakken's. The Ringville Telephone Co. has a meeting Saturday at Georgeville. A stereoscopic entertainment was given at the Georgeville school house Sunday night by Prof. Sandvig. Quite a few of the neighbors helped Mr. Griffith haul his household goods and machinery Saturday from Georgeville. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Thorpe of Willmar visited over Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. T. O. Tolo. Mrs. Geo. Johnson is reported very sick.

Statement of County Funds. Statement of balances from the general Ledger of County Auditor and Treasurer of Kandiyohi county, Minn., showing the condition at close of business on the 28th day of February, 1905.

For Sale. The residence property of Christen Aronson is for sale. The same is situated south of the First Ward school house. For terms and price call at office of Otterness & Downs, 511 J. E. ANDERSON Executor. FOR SALE—Summer cottage and grounds at Eagle Lake. Call on ANDERSON LAND CO. 4114

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