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## DEPARTMENT STORES AND PACKERS.

The whole complaint against the packers so far seems to be that they are too efficient and the main kick is from the wholesale grocers who claim the packers enter their fields and undersell them.

This is a queer complaint in an investigation supposed to be for the purpose of reducing the cost of living. Commissioner Culver of the Federal Trade Commission in his testimony says:

"When the packers have found their customers buying something besides the meat they have to sell, or its by-products, they have gradually commenced to get into the business of supplying the other things.

"When they have themselves been large buyers of a given commodity they have gotten into the production of that article, and gone into competition with their former purveyors.

"When they have found a substance which has become to some extent a substitute for meat products, they have gone into the business of making and selling that substance.

"Suppose they put the wholesaler out of business," Senator Kenyon asked, "and sell products cheaper to the consumer and develop efficiency of supply, is that not a sound economic principle which is being worked out?"

"Their utilization of every possible animal product and byproduct," he said, "are economic and desirable activities."

It seems as if the packers by extending their business into different fields and underselling competitors have made a lot of enemies who are after their scalp on the ground they are too big.

The fact that there is such keen competition between packers and wholesalers would seem to give the lie to the statement that packers have eliminated competition.

The people of this country are interested in just two things relative to the big packers. First do they constitute a trust in restraint of trade? Second, are they food hoarders and profiteers? In either of these two cases we have laws to punish them and if they are guilty they should be punished.

But the idea of putting private industry on the rack and passing laws placing it under political dictation simply because it is big, is a dangerous precedent to establish in a free country.

No one has as yet suggested doing away with department stores and yet a large department store is an exactly similar institution to one of the large packers. In theory the modern department ought to run all other stores in the town out of business but it does not, it seems to make more business. The wholesaler dislike the department stores for the same reason they do the packers because the big stores and the big packers buy and sell direct and can undersell the wholesaler who is less and the people profit by it, the middleman. This is simply business.

If the packers are going to be regulated merely because they are big and sell too many commodities it will be only another step until the department stores are regulated on the same ground as they will be just as much public utilities as the packers. If being able to undersell competitors through enlargement and efficiency of a business, has become a crime, the chief end of proposed regulation would apparently be to do away with keen competition, thus forcing up prices.

## NORTH DAKOTA SOCIALISM EXPENSIVE.

Frank E. Packard, assistant attorney general of North Dakota, shows how the North Dakota farmers will pay for the Non-Partisan League socialistic schemes:

Average taxes paid on quarter section of North Dakota farm land, 1918...	35.07
Average taxes to be collected this year, 1919, on quarter section of farm land increased cost to farmers per 160 acres of farm land...	59.92
Total assessed valuation of North Dakota property for 1918...	24.85
400,000,000.00	
Raised by the Non-Partisan League of- cers for 1919 to...	1,600,000,000.00
Assessed valuation of farm lands, town and city lots under the Non-Partisan scheme...	1,100,000,000.00
Increase valuation placed on farm land, per cent...	100
Proportion of as- sessed value against farm lands, town and city lot, per cent...	67
Taxes levied for state purposes in 1918...	1,600,000.00
Taxes levied for state purposes in 1919...	4,600,000.00
Increase of, per cent...	250

## STAND FOR AMERICANISM.

It is time that all American citizens knew that ours is a government of law and order that is sought to be overthrown by advocates of what is termed Direct Action, Mass Action, Syndicalism, Sovietism, Bolshevism and Radicalism in all its various forms.

Many scoff at idea of Russian Bolshevism being transplanted to our country, but they overlook the fact that a national organization that is based on Direct Action and, with all its accessories of a political party is seeking with unlimited propoganda and dragnet methods to unite all forms of radical thought under one movement.

Industrially it is known as the One Big Union, and politically as the Socialist Labor party. Industrially it aims at the so-called democratization of industries, that is by mass action taking over the big industries and owning and operating them by the workers. Politically it seeks to unite every element of discontent.

The people must be educated to stand as a solid wall against the aggressions of the whole Bolshevistic movement, for if it gets strong enough in any state or even in any large city it is not going to stop at violence and revolutionary and red flag methods to accomplish its ends. Destructivism is inscribed on its banners.

The four million men who enlisted or were drafted into the service of the nation in the great European war were animated by principles of patriotism and can be counted to stand by American institutions and for law and order. But even their ranks are invaded by the apostles of discontent. The nation faces a crisis that we cannot ignore.

The police force of Boston going on a strike, were united and directed by union leaders, brings up a serious fact for consideration. The President called the police strike a crime. But the same movement to unionize the police, firemen, public school teachers, public officials and finally the army and navy itself, shows the bold design of Bolshevism.

To extend labor organizations to the public service to persons not laborers, to those who under law and oath are sworn servants of all the people, means that a rulership for selfish class interests is to be set up inside of government itself, a dictatorship to these outside the organization for the purpose of exploiting and robbing in the guise of government those who are not in the ranks of the unions.

It is our duty if we are Americans standing on the ideals and foundations of free institutions for all the people, hating special privileges and class rule with the inborn hatred of our revolutionary forefathers, to resist this program of the domination by the One Big Union of our government and institutions, and stand for Americanism.

Mrs. L. H. Donley and sister of Morgan were county seat shoppers today.

Mrs. Blanch Covert and little three-weeks-old daughter are here from Wichita, Kansas, this week on a visit to her parents B. R. Steadman and family. Mrs. Steadman who has been spending several weeks with her daughter and was with her upon arrival of the stork, returned also at the same time.

Mrs. Nora Quinn and daughter little Miss Genevieve, are here from Des Moines, New Mexico, on a visit to Mrs. Quinn's parents, J. R. Quinn and wife and other relatives. Expecting the return of her brother Orville from overseas service, she remained over to see him. He arrived Tuesday night.

## ENLIST IN THE MARINES

Men may now enlist in the United States Marine Corps for periods of two, three or four years.

This is the latest advice received by the Oklahoma Marine Corps Headquarters in Tulsa from Washington, D. C. It is the first time in the history of this branch of the service that enlistments have been for a shorter period than four years except during the war.

"The purpose of the two and three-year enlistments," says Lieutenant H. G. Hornboestel, officer in charge of Marine recruiting in Oklahoma, "is to induce men to enter the service who have a desire to see the world and get an education and yet who would hesitate to enlist for four years. It is also meant as an inducement to men who have seen service to return. Men who join the Marine Corps for these shorter periods will be accorded all the privileges of four-year men and will in no wise be restricted to any particular department or work of the Marine Corps unless they so desire. A man does not have to have had previous service in order to avail himself of this opportunity. He must simply be 18 years of age, able to read and write and must be in good physical condition. Where there are no Marine Corps recruiting stations any postmaster will have a man examined for enlistment or the man may write to The Officer in Charge, Marine Corps District Headquarters, Tulsa, Oklahoma, for further particulars concerning the men who serve on land, sky and sea--The United States Marines.

THE SQUARE ISSUE IS SOCIALISM.

There is general denial that the North Dakota Non-Partisan League is dragging the farmer into socialism. This denial is made by timid newspapers that for local support have gone over to the League--never by the leaders.

The Non-Partisan League has thrown down the gauntlet in Nebraska in the campaign for control of the forthcoming constitutional convention. The issue of its program is before Nebraska today.

The first request which the Non-Partisan League will make of the Nebraska constitutional convention will be power of the state to issue unlimited bonds, to incur unlimited indebtedness, in order that the state may engage in every sort of business which may be claimed to be a public utility, a phrase expanded to include elevators, four mills, banks, insurance and what not. This is particularly significant if coupled with the demand for a "single land tax," which would make the land bear the great part, if not all, the burdens of these greatly extended functions of government.

Do the property owners of Nebraska--and most of the people of the state are property owners in small if not large degree--favor this socialistic program? Will the people of the country approve it, under the guise of a national liberal party?

The issue, resolved into a general statement, is socialism. Its advocates dodge the trem. They talk about the specific first steps rather than the program as a whole. But the ultimate end is certain.

The program of the Non-Partisan League and of the new national party involves a rebirth of the socialist party discredited and shattered now with a new crop of misguided followers, who, in many instances, follow blindly, they know not where.

L. M. Long and wife of Balke were county seat visitors yesterday. While in town Mr. Long called at this office and squared his account for another year.

## ONE SOCIALISTIC EXPERIMENT.

Government control of railroads has failed from whatever viewpoint it is regarded.

It has lowered the standard of service to the public.

It has increased rates beyond even the demands of the railroad operators before the government took control.

It has destroyed the morale of the business organization of transportation lines.

It has failed to maintain the needed improvements in railroad operation, and is now asking 200 millions for the item of impaired rolling stock alone.

It has increased wages with a lavish hand, but it has failed to satisfy the railroad employes and now faces what promises to be the greatest strike in years.

Finally, and worse than all else, it has failed in business management. In addition to all that it has cost the public in loss of service, it has cost more than one and a quarter billion dollars in deficits in revenues, not counting the 272 millions of shortage during the first five months of the present year.

Against all this tremendous cost not one benefit has accrued to the people of the country from government operation.

The plan offered by the railroad brotherhoods offers no relief from present conditions. It only plunges the country deeper into an impossible condition. The constantly growing financial burden would still be saddled upon the public, while conflicting interests, bad politics and mismanagement continued to run riot in railroad control.

## Treated for Cancer at Age of 81.

Blackwell, Okla., Man Says He Was Cured of Cancer by Dr. O. A. Johnson.

Mr. James Jones, 322 West Padon Ave., Blackwell, Okla., is now 83 years old and enjoys excellent health. He was treated for cancer by Dr. O. A. Johnson two years ago. Mr. Jones now says:

"About three years ago a little sore appeared on the back of my right hand. By December, 1917, it was the size of a half dollar.

"By a friend who had been cured of cancer by Dr. Johnson, I was advised to take his treatment, so on December 3, 1917, I began his treatment, and in fine weeks went home cured, and there is no sign of its return.

"I have nothing but good words to say of Dr. Johnson and his able staff of helpers, and feel it a privilege to recommend him to all cancer sufferers.

"I am 83 years old and enjoying good health."

Dr. Johnson has become widely known as a specialist in treatment of cancer. He conducts a large Research Laboratory, devoted entirely to this cruel disease. The treatment is entirely medicinal--external applications are used to destroy the cancer and internal medication to purify the blood. Any sufferer should write at once to Dr. Johnson for his book, "Cancer Truths," which tells of his experiences and wonderful non-surgical treatment. Address, Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 540, 1324 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.

Quarter page ads will be found in this issue one advertising a public sale to be held at Madison, October 6th, by C. E. Still, the other an ad for the Probst Grain Company, of Beaver, who are advertising a Special grain buying proposition which they have to offer to the farmers. It will pay you to read these ads.



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