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HOW WE MAY SEE.

The iniquities of the Esch-Cummins act passed by congress last spring are now being seen more clearly. When they are fully understood by the public this infamous piece of railroad legislation will be known as the crime of 1920. Never was a more outrageous law forced upon the American people.

When the measure was being criticized at the time of its passage those who voted for it in Congress held themselves out as defenders of the public against the aggregations of organized railroad employees. They made a labor issue out of it, representing themselves as standing between the public and selfish railroad workers who were seeking to manipulate the railroads for their own advantage.

Railroad officials, with whose practices section 10 of the anti-trust act would interfere, have never had any intent to comply with that law. They have always purposed to postpone its operation from time to time and finally to escape by changing the law. This is yet their ploy. They dared not at this time present a measure which would relieve them permanently from competing with others in the contracts for railroad work and materials which they make with themselves.

This is what the President has done by his veto of Senate bill 4526: He has prevented the further postponement of the effective date of section 10 of the anti-trust act. He has prevented dishonest railroad officials from continuing to make contracts with themselves for work and materials without competition from outsiders.

It was obvious to those who understood the Esch-Cummins act that the United States treasury would be rifled under the provisions by which earnings were guaranteed for a limited time. Under that provision \$650,000,000 has already been taken out of the treasury by the railroad owners, and it is now stated that another \$650,000,000 will be required to discharge the obligation which was assumed by that act.

The railroad financiers, at whose behest the transportation act became a law, and it has been so charged on the floor of the House and has never been denied, have been quick to avail themselves of the jokers concealed in the law. The act did not bind them to economical management. No matter what they spend they are guaranteed six and a half per cent on the investments, and which increases the possibility for profit on the outside, as the railroad managers are all interested in outside projects which make their profits from railroad patronage.

It was charged a few days ago by Representative Huddleston on the floor of the House that practically all of the great railroads of the country are letting their repair work, or a large portion of it, to outside shops in which the directorate holds stock, paying exorbitant costs. Mr. Huddleston produced the evidence, and showed that the Erie railroad had actually leased its shops and was paying enormous sums for its repairs over the costs formerly entailed.

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As the practice of contracting with outside concerns in which they were interested developed and the railroad financiers saw what a splendid opportunity for looting they had, it became obvious to them that section 10 of the anti-trust act would be inconvenient if their operations were to continue. They dreaded competitive bidding. They were unwilling even to go through the form of taking competi-

tive bids. And then it dawned upon them that unless the effective date of section 10 was further postponed they would find the situation more difficult with the beginning of 1921. But Congress was in vacation during the summer; the subject must be publicly mentioned for fear it would arouse opposition. There were secret conferences among powerful executives and consultations with lobbyists and "legal advisors." "There was running and racing on Canobie Lee" for the gathering of the clans in Washington with the beginning of the new session. A program of haste and stealth was agreed to.

Drawn with exceeding craft, twin bills were offered in House and Senate on the second day of the session. Again lobbyists pranced before somnolent or docile committees. Favorable reports were made promptly in the House report being filed on December 15. Three days later, the Senate bill having already been passed, it was called up in the House without notice. Very little informing discussion occurred. Few realized the importance of the measure. Less than a quorum of Members were present. The bill was perfunctorily passed. The House did not even divide. Scarcely more than a dozen Members voted on the measure.

The purpose of the bill was to postpone for another year the effective date of section 10 of the anti-trust act—to give railroad officials another year in which to buy, sell, and contract with themselves at the public expense and without let or hindrance. Section 10 is at most a poor safeguard of the public interest under the Esch-Cummins Act. Without it the public is stripped, undone, and the rapacity of dishonest managers unrestricted.

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POMONA NEWS.

Mrs. W J Keown of DeLand and Miss Nell Keown of Chicago, Ill. were recent visitors at the Knowlton home.

Rev. R C Drisko has been quite sick but is now improving. Rev. and Mrs. David P Hatch were overnight visitors in Palatka last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L P Jenne of Titusville have been spending some time with Rev. and Mrs. Drisko at Margaret Place.

Miss Jessie Tinsley departed Saturday for Tallahassee to resume her studies at the College for Women.

Capt. Potter has arrived from Maine to spend the season at the Middleton House.

Miss Mary Williams is recovering from her serious illness which is good news to her many friends. Miss Williams expected to leave early in the week to resume her teaching at Fort Mead, but was unable to go, and will probably have to remain at home through this week.

Sylvester Middleton and Causy Green returned Monday to the University at Gainesville after spending the holidays at home.

Warren Clark, guest at the Middleton House for several weeks has gone to Jacksonville.

School began Monday after the two week's vacation. Miss Bayless having returned Saturday, and Mrs. Mayo on Sunday.

Miss Natha Mew returned to Jacksonville early in the week to resume her studies at the Business College.

Mrs. E H Byrons, Miss Edna and little Dora have returned to Sanford after being with Mr. Byrons for two weeks.

Miss Edna Knowlton is again in DeLand where she is attending High School, after having spent an enjoyable vacation with her parents.

LAKE COMO NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. C C Sullivan and Mrs. J P Haymart were visitors at Palatka.

Miss Alice Kenwood entertained a few friends at a delightful party. Music and dancing whiled away the evening after which delicious refreshments of fried chicken, salads, bread and butter doughnuts and coffee were served to which all did full justice. A most delightful evening was spent.

C C Sullivan left for Orlando where he spent the past week.

Mrs. Austin of Jacksonville is the guest of Mr and Mrs J E Sullivan.

Miss Mary Manchester who has been the guest of the Highland House for several weeks has returned to her school duties in New Hampshire. She made many friends while here who regret her short stay.

John Woolsey is on the sick list suffering from a heavy cold. His many friends hope to soon see him around again.

There will be a Silver Tea at the residence of Mr and Mrs W L Gable Wednesday afternoon January 5th from 3 to 5 o'clock.

There will be a business meeting of the Ladies Aid society Thursday afternoon January 6th at the residence of Mrs. Gable.

The man who doesn't get there always nurses a suspicion that the successful man hit upon some crooked method.

An admirer advises Harding to select six-cylinder men for the Cabinet. Does the gentleman think it is to be a taxicab?

Rabbits are unusually plentiful this year, and we may expect a corresponding reduction in the price of genuine fox furs.

A physical director says Americans are becoming round-shouldered. This is the inevitable result of the present tax system.

Ponzi will doubtless spend the next few years regretting that he didn't devote his energies to selling something to the shipping board.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of Stockholders of the Palatka Automobile & Supply Co., will be held at the office of the Company on the Second Thursday in January 1921 the same being the thirteenth day of the month, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving reports, electing Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

HOWELL A. DAVIS, President.

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Services were held at the M E Church Sunday morning. Mrs O B Robinson led a very interesting C E meeting in the evening. Mr Wilbur Manchester of Winsted Conn. gave an interesting talk during the evening.

Some of our residents ushered in the New Year by cheering and blowing horns and firing guns etc. Some of the residents made calls wishing their neighbors a happy New Year.

Best wishes to the Editor and staff for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Bake Sale Saturday. The ladies of the West End Circle of the Presbyterian church will hold a bake sale Saturday afternoon at Ackerman-Stewarts. Orders will be taken for hot rolls at ten cents for half dozen. Jan. 6-21.

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GOOD HEALTH HINTS

Oklahoma Farmer Gives Sound Advice on Avoiding Sickness.—Used Black-Draught 30 Years.

Cameron, Okla.—"I have used Theford's Black-Draught for about thirty years, and certainly ought to know by this time what a good medicine it is," says Mr. T. L. Bostler, a well-known farmer of this place. Mr. Bostler has passed his three-score-and-tenth year, but declares his health still is good, "and I can say Black-Draught did its part."

"Where there is a lot of malaria, a liver medicine is a necessity, and I have never found one better than Black-Draught," continues the Oklahoman. "It is one that I know to be reliable. I sure use it for the liver, stomach, constipation, indigestion, and it has done me a world of good. We use it for the family, and it gives satisfaction."

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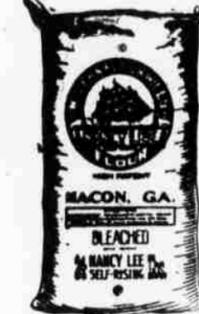
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