SELF PRAISE AND APOLOGY

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to merge the railroads of the west and southwest into one gigantic system, so that rates might be controlled and all semblance of competition de stroyed. But Mr. Hill's exalted manhood and soul compelling philanthropy had caused him to spurn the offer made and bid defiance to the tempter. Only for Hill's manly stand the country west of the Missouri would now be struggling in the grasp of an octopus so horrible as to be inconceivable to the human mind. Nothing was said of the Northern Securities company. Mr. Heinze took it for granted that that monopoly had never been heard of in this locality.

A Haven of Refuge.

Rockefeller showing singns of returning consciousness, Mr. Heinze as-Montana was the haven or refuge to added blushingly.

Colorado and Idaho were other drew from them. The men who were ted in those two states under the preing to force an entry into fair Montana. In Colorado, where men were or law, the national administration sustained the men who were conducting things in such highhanded

"The muzzled press" began to breath again and promptly Mr. Heinze mangled humanity that once was the can. Rockefellers, Harrimans, Rogers, etc., the battle ax was brought into play and again its blade dripped blood.

A Weak Applogy.

Mr. Heinze spoke a few sentences should the democrats elect their ticket and then began a weak apology for Governor Toole because he called the legislature to convene in extra the "fair trial" law. The governor, he said, had been coerced, bullied and driven into the act. He had been besieged by petitions and requests until to remain longer obdurate was impossible. To force the people to do wishes the Amalgamated had closed down its mines and thrown hundreds, yes, thousands out of employment. With starvation staring them in the face the masses had be sought Governor Toole to convene the legislature so that they might not miserably perish from the face of the

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power," modestly remarked Mr. Heinze, as he continued his apology for the governor and incidentally his own laudation.

Mr. Heinze closed by paying his respects to Thomas H. Carter and denouncing Representative Bever for his alleged treason to the people and his affiliation with the "Standard Oil crowd." He asked all to vote for the democratic nominee for the legisla-

Chair's Awkward Blunder.

As soon as "Leonidas" subsided the impatient crowd began to rush for the door. Mr. George began calling to it to wait. "Don't go yet," he said, "the best part is to come." This evoked shouts of laughter and the worthy chairman realizing his blunder, hastened to add "that is, some of the best."

The quartette, rather tuneful, but singing the most execrable campaign songs ever inflicted upon an audisaulted him once more. He said that ence, took the stage quickly and began to sing. This checked the stamwhich all the other states in the union pede and J. M. Kennedy was intronow looked. 'I can say it modestly duced. That gentleman evidently that I have had not a little to do with was mixed as to his geography, for bringing about this nappy result," he he began to talk about Senator Meyer. As this did not appear to touch the audience he turned loose the flues strings of his lute and weeful airs he of his fluency and took a fall or two out of the Amalgamated and Standard responsible for the outrages commit- Oil companies. Then he told what a brave, heroic, chivalrous gentleman tense of sustaining the laws were try- Mr. Heinze was and endorsed everything he had said. Next he went after "muzzled press" and then sian the deported without a shadow of right dered Mr. Bever by intimating that within an hour after his arrival at Helena to attend the session of the legislature to which he was elected he had sold out to the Amalgamated company, saying Mr. Bever "after an hour's conference in a room in the tackled it once more and choked it second story of the Grandon came into good behavior. A foot or hand downstairs with a roll protruding being seen to move in the pile of from his pocket as big as a coal oil

Colorado and Idaho were served up once more, steaming hot and sizzling, and another apology for Governor Toole was offered. The audience was told that Mr. Bever was responsible about the reforms to be expected for the passage of the "fair trial" law because he had voted for. This was something new, as many of those present had been laboring under the impression that others besides Yelsession for the purpose of passing lowstone county's representative had voted for the bill. They even had believed that some of the truly good democrats from Silver Bow, all Mr Heinze's friends, had voted the same

After being told in all seriousness that all the business men in Billings notwithstanding they had favored pas sage of the act, now were sorry that i had a place on the statutes of the state, the voters in the house were urged to vote for Mr. Johnston, as he alone could save them from the schemes, machinations and deviltries of the Standard Oil company.

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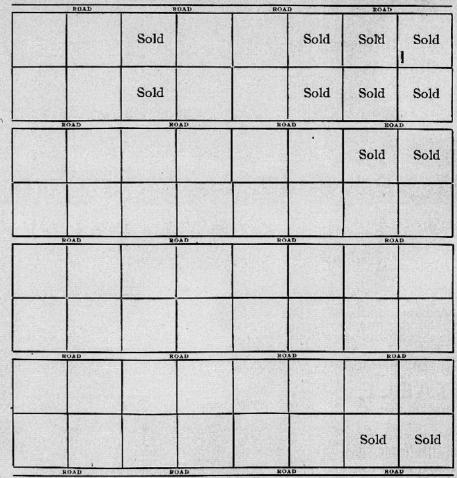


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