

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 destroyed. 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 signs of returning consciousness, Mr. Heinze assaulted him once more. He said that Montana was the haven of refuge to which all the other states in the union now looked. "I can say it modestly that I have had not a little to do with bringing about this nappy result," he added blushing.

Colorado and Idaho were other strings of his lute and woeful airs he drew from them. The men who were responsible for the outrages committed in those two states under the pretense of sustaining the laws were trying to force an entry into fair Montana. In Colorado, where men were deported without a shadow of right or law, the national administration sustained the men who were conducting things in such highhanded fashion.

"The muzzled press" began to breathe again and promptly Mr. Heinze tackled it once more and choked it into good behavior. A foot or hand being seen to move in the pile of mangled humanity that once was the Rockefeller, Harrimans, Rogers, etc., the battle ax was brought into play and again its blade dripped blood.

A Weak Apology.

Mr. Heinze spoke a few sentences about the reforms to be expected should the democrats elect their ticket and then began a weak apology for Governor Toole because he called the legislature to convene in extra session for the purpose of passing 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 its 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 besought Governor Toole to convene the legislature so that they might not miserably perish from the face of the earth.

"It takes a wonderful and an unusual man to withstand the blandishments and bribes of the Standard Oil

crowd and bid them defiance in their 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 legislature.

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 tuneless, but singing the most execrable campaign songs ever inflicted upon an audience, took the stage quickly and began to sing. This checked the stampede and J. M. Kennedy was introduced. That gentleman evidently was mixed as to his geography, for he began to talk about Senator Meyer. As this did not appear to touch the audience he turned loose the fuses of his fluency and took a fall or two out of the Amalgamated and Standard Oil companies. Then he told what a brave, heroic, chivalrous gentleman Mr. Heinze was and endorsed everything he had said. Next he went after the "muzzled press" and then slandered 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 second story of the Grandon came downstairs with a roll protruding from his pocket as big as a coal oil can."

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 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 Yellowstone 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 way.

After being told in all seriousness that all the business men in Billings, notwithstanding they had favored passage of the act, now were sorry that it 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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