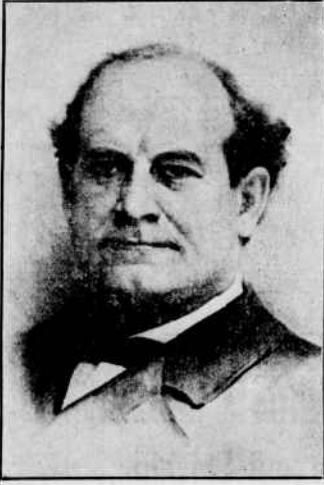
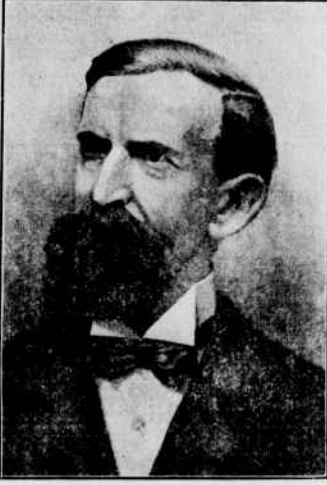


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### THE CARTER MACHINE.

Long before Montana became a state there were interesting political phases, for in those old days there were matters of Indian and military contracts mixed up in the elections, but these things never occasioned the strife which was to become a marked feature of this state's political history.

The first great battle, which began upon the eve of statehood and continued up to eight years ago, was a fight for political supremacy between two of Montana's most forceful citizens.

This warfare was bitter, but it did not affect the industrial welfare of the commonwealth, and it was strictly a personal conflict.

When this fight was ended, Montana suddenly found that it had become the battleground upon which was fought out a fight of an entirely different nature, for it was a struggle between rival corporations for the possession of mining properties.

In the strict sense of the word, there was no politics in this combat, but the prizes fought for were of an industrial character.

The entire state was drawn into the conflict in more or less degree, but no section suffered as much as Butte, where the mines fought for were located.

In the course of political evolution this conflict was terminated about three years ago by the withdrawal from the Butte field of one of the combatants after a treaty had been signed, sealed and delivered.

Everyone in Montana was heartily glad when these two wars were over, for it was felt that henceforth this state would denjoy straight politics along party lines without injection of other controlling features which do not belong in the political domain.

Unfortunately, the hopes of the people of this state have been rudely shattered, for they find that they are now called upon to face a political condition of an entirely different nature from anything which has confronted them in the past.

Today Montana is in the hands of a political machine which is enriching itself at the expense of the citizens of the commonwealth and the federal government.

The other battles in Montana never menaced the entire citizenship of the state in the manner which the action of this political ring does.

Fortified by federal patronage, this republican machine has at its command every Indian agent, every land officer and every forestry warden.

Already the Indian reservations have become steeped in politics.

Grazing privileges are now controlled by the ring on one side of the state, while timber cutting rights on the other side of the state are dealt in by this machine for its own profit and aggrandizement.

Certain members of the ring have in a few years become sheep kings through the favoritism of the machine in securing grazing privileges on the Crow Indian reservation, and another distinguished citizen on the west side of the state, who is already designated as a lumber king, is cutting timber upon the Flathead Indian reservation.

The machine is now endeavoring to extend its sphere of influence by capturing the two remaining state offices which, so far, have been denied it, the position of governor and lieutenant-governor.

It is also trying to put one of its own men in the state treasurer's office in order that it may handle the funds of the people of this state.

It has in course of organization at the present time a big bank at Billings, and a blind man can see the connection between the treasurership and this financial institution.

If it can get the governor and the other members of the state land board it will be so well fortified that it will be almost impossible to dislodge it, as it will be in a position to fight any effort of the people to do so with the people's own money and their wealth, of which it has obtained control.

This is the kind of politics which, during the lifetime of Senator Quay, made Pennsylvania a stench in the nostrils of the citizens of this country who believed in political decency. Senator Carter is fully as shrewd as Mr. Quay ever was, and a machine organized by the Montana gentleman is just as dangerous to the people of Montana as Senator Quay's ring ever was to the great state of Pennsylvania.

What are the people of Montana going to do?

Do they intend to permit this commonwealth to be looted without turning a hand to protect themselves?

No political condition which has confronted Montana either in terri-

torial days or in the years of its statehood has been half so threatening and sinister to the welfare of the citizens of this state as the bold encroachment of this machine upon the rights and property of the people.

If this republican ring is to be beaten, it must be done at this election, or it will be too late to save Montana from serious consequences.

The other political battles did not threaten the people as a whole, but this stealthy effort of the republican ring threatens every citizen throughout the length and breadth of the commonwealth.

Surely the men of Montana will arouse themselves and throw off the yoke that this republican machine has gradually and cunningly placed upon their necks.

The citizens of this state should stand shoulder to shoulder in this battle to prevent Montana being turned into a second Pennsylvania.

Will they do it?

The Miner has enough confidence in them to believe that they will.

### END OF THE CAMPAIGN.

With this issue, the campaign is over so far as the Democrat is concerned. Our next paper will be issued Wednesday morning in order to include as many of the election returns as possible. In this day of telegraphs, telephones and voting machines, the results, unless very close, pretty generally are known by six o'clock in the morning following election. When the result is overwhelming, it can be very accurately estimated by midnight.

Throughout the campaign, this paper has fought fairly and squarely, we believe, for the principles which we believe are for the best welfare of the people of Fergus county and the men, who, we believe, are most deserving and best fitted for the positions which they seek. This advocacy has at all times been made in all sincerity. We would never stultify our conscience merely for the sake of party regularity. In the present campaign, it has been our good fortune to have on our party ticket men of honesty and proven ability, men against whom not one word can be said. This has made the campaign a pleasant one for this paper.

Fortunately, the old days of bitter personal campaigning is passing rapidly. With it is going the day of intense partisanship. Today, the American people would rather take a man who embodied within himself the virtues of honesty, sincerity, intelligence and patriotism, it matters not how many flaws his platform may contain, than a man standing on a model platform but himself lacking in the qualities mentioned. The American people are thinking for themselves. They reach their own conclusions as to a man's fitness for office rather than accept the ready made conclusions of the "master minds," the party bosses. Political parties are necessary in our scheme of government but hide-bound partyism frequently becomes a menace to the institution which we would all perpetuate. It sweeps into office men utterly unfitted for official position and keeps them there to the detriment of the nation, state or county.

During the campaign now coming to a close, we have studiously refrained from uttering, through these columns, anything which would tend to smirch the reputation or standing of any opposing candidate. We have the most absolute confidence in the good judgment of the voters of this county. If there are any men aspiring for office whose past records do not entitle them to the support of the voters of this county, we believe that disapproval will be manifested in a decisive manner.

We believe the fight has been as fair as a political fight ever is. Now, may the best man win.

### THE GUM SHOE SPECIAL.

Like a meteor that has flashed across the sky, coming from nowhere and ending nowhere, flashily, smoothly gliding and sinister, the "Gum Shoe Special," being as its special passenger of doubtful honor, the republican nominee for governor, his staff of state candidates and "Oily Tom," the man behind, has disappeared from view. It came, it flashed; bit, it carried a sinister threat to the voters of Montana and now is gone. Only the memory of it, together with the bill of expenses, remain—the memory with those who saw it glide along, and the bill of expenses with one Thomas H. Carter and one Edward Donlan. Smoothly continuing

on its way; letting nothing interfere with its progress; laden with best viands procurable; affording to those who lolled in comfort in its interior a view through its broad windows of the farm lands where the willing workers toiled honestly, and who gained a momentary respite from their work by looking up as the train passed, the "Gum Shoe Special" was typical of its originators and chief passengers. They, too, are accustomed to continuing smoothly on their way, letting neither friendship nor consideration for others interfere with their progress; they, too, always have been laden with the goods to make the way easy, while they have been accustomed to political ease, giving the worker a momentary respite by enticing him with well sounding but empty promises when they wanted anything.

To them it was a triumphal progress—like conquerors of ancient Rome rolling along in state and condescending to view the meek populace. It was a tour of inspection to see if the machine was well oiled. Conferences in back parlors, whisperings in secluded places, gum-shoeing tactics were the methods of applying the grease to those places where the machine threatened to jar. And now, the oiling having been ended, the "Gum Shoe Special" has been discarded, permitting its erstwhile passengers to conduct private gum-shoeing expeditions.

The "Gum Shoe Special" was an insult to the voters of Montana from whom its sinister purposes could not be concealed. Revelling in fancied security, its originators proved their overconfidence, for, surfeited with imagined power, they could not resist the chance for one more display, and it was their undoing. They went one step too far in parading their affluence. They have abandoned the "Gum Shoe Special." It stands safely housed in its stall, but too late. Their hopes and overleaping ambitions are going on faster and faster to certain wreck and destruction.

### APPEALS TO WORKERS.

That was a salient and far-reaching remark which greeted Samuel Gompers during a mid day speech which he delivered recently at South Bend, Ind. After discussing for some time the issues of the campaign, as viewed from the standpoint of the laboring man, Mr. Gompers paused, glanced at his watch, and said: "I know that some of you want to return to your work." Before he could proceed a voice from the crowd interrupted him with the remark, "I have no work," to which Mr. Gompers replied, "There are others, and large armies of them, my brother, walking the streets of Chicago and other industrial centers and my heart bleeds for them."

"It is the people who suffer under just such conditions that I represent, and in whose interests I am here today—the working people. The republican party has, by its congress, refused reform legislation—it has made promises time and again but the reform when it was offered has been so meager that it is an insult—it is platform is an insult to the people of this country, and the condition of which I speak is the direct result of this meager legislation.

"Organized labor has been declared a trust by the republican party. Here on its platform you men see the trust magnates who have been made so by the republican party. The republican party has absolutely refused to take cognizance of the wrongs imposed upon labor, and Mr. Taft, its candidate for president, has declared himself along with his injunction law allied with his party. This candidate is the father of injunctions, even attempts to take away the rights of free speech. Jail or no jail, I propose to exercise my God-given right of speech and charge the people before me now to heed what I say. When the republican party was asked to protect this free speech which I claim is the right of every man in this country, it handed out at the Chicago convention only insult. "The democratic party on the other hand has heeded our cry for deliverance and its candidate has declared himself the standard bearer of human liberty. That man we propose to stand by, not as democrats, but as freemen of this great republic. "I hope and implore every working man to do all he can for his own interests in electing William Jennings Bryan president of the United States and tribune of people's rights."

The republicans have always claim-

ed that Fergus county is republican by a substantial majority, nevertheless, they have, for some cause or other, been uncommonly busy here throughout the present campaign. No county in the state, not even excepting Silver Bow, has received the attention from the state organization that has been showered on Fergus. Congressman Pray spent almost one-fourth of the campaign in this county. Mr. Donlan, republican candidate for governor, was also here for several days. Senator Carter came over for a couple of days and Ed Booth, of Butte, and other spell binders of state reputations have been here for as long as a week at a time. In the face of this very unusual activity on the part of the republicans, one is led to believe that they are fearful that their boasted majority is in danger of being obliterated.

Again we say it most emphatically, if you are not registered you cannot vote.

One week more and then the fireworks.

### THE DOLLAR BRYAN FUND

The Democrat is in receipt of a letter from J. Bruce Kremer, national committeeman for Montana, requesting that this paper assist in the collection of funds for the national campaign. It is pointed out and acknowledged as a fact that the rank and file of democrats of the nation must raise the money for the present campaign. Our party cannot levy tribute from the treasuries of great corporations as is the case with the republicans. We must go among the people for our money. The Democrat will publish the names of those who donate a dollar to the cause. If, for any reason, the donor does not wish his name given, we will announce the contribution as anonymous or in any other way he desires. At stated intervals, this money will be sent to Treasurer Haskell, of the national committee, and his receipts for the remittances will be on file at this office. Without any solicitation on our part, the following contributions have been made up to the present date:

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