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## SANE VIEW OF TRUST QUESTION.

### Republicans Preparing Facts and Arguments to Meet the Democratic Contention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1904.—

Some of the results of investigations by leading Republican statesmen during the past winter have the effect of bringing out before the people for the coming campaign many interesting and instructive facts bearing upon the relations of Protection to industry in the United States, and also the relations of the gigantic corporations and combinations of corporations, popularly known as trusts, to the labor and capital and to the producers and consumers of the country. No small part of these facts will be the outgrowth of legislation by Congress two years ago, the decision of the railway merger case in the United States Supreme Court, the investigations by the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce, and the pending cases against the beef combine and similar trust organizations throughout the country. Another field of inquiry is that prosecuted independently by representative Republicans, notable among who are Senator Dolliver of Iowa and Representative Hamilton of Michigan, who have independently and with care and sagacity pursued a course of investigation into the relations of combinations of capital to the general industries of the country.

The one fact of prime importance in connection with this subject and the general discussion of the trust question as related to industry is that Republicans and Protectionists are showing themselves fully prepared and wholly willing to meet the Democratic charge of the relation of trusts to the Tariff and to industry. It is not an issue from which any thoughtful Protectionist will flee, because it is demonstrable, from a study of the operations of the industrial system in the United States, that combinations of capital have no relation to the Tariff except as opportunities are created under the American Protective system through which all industry, all capital and all labor have the better advantages for prosperity. Out of this prosperity arises profitable investment for capital, higher wages for labor, lower prices for consumers and better markets for producers. Surely these are things eminently desired, and it is not calculated to frighten anybody except a Free-Trade into abandoning the system of Protection and fleeing to the gloom of despair of Free-Trade, to point out that while we have Protective laws we also have trusts of any kind of combinations, whether of capital or labor.

The county has not forgotten, nor will it be likely soon to forget the shibboleth of the Cleveland Free-Trade Democracy in 1888 and in 1892, when they were loudly calling upon foreign producers to come into the markets of the United States and save the country from the exactions of high prices imposed by trusts and combinations. The foreigners were invited in under the operations of the Wilson-Gorman Tariff, and the only result that really affected the people was the closing up of factories and the throwing of labor out of employment. Practically the only industries in the country that escaped total destruction were the great combinations which were sheltered behind aggregations of capital or were protected by patents. Everything else suffered the blighting and blasting touch of Free Trade and cheap foreign competition.

In the light of these facts it is not remarkable that Protectionists in and out of Congress are ready to meet the issue of combinations in industry, and to do it sanely. The contributions which Senator Dolliver and Representative Hamilton made to the discussion of these questions will be important and instructive factors in the campaign. For in the coming campaign the Tariff of the American people and the industry of the American people will be the paramount issue. There is a refreshing and interesting difference between the investigation which these Republican statesmen give to the questions underlying our industrial system, and the cheap generalities and claptrap of the Free-Traders. The American people will be edified by noting that comparison and studying what the Republican Protectionists will have to say on the subject.

It is impossible to study the Tariff system of the United States inductively, giving due heed to the influences of our system upon the industry of the country, without noting the important part played by Protection in making opportunities. Amidst all our prosperity, the rise and fall in prices, the betterment in the conditions of capital

and of labor, the rise of combinations in industry and the sudden decline and fall of many of these modern creations, the one striking fact which stands out in the forefront of it all is that the protective system has furnished the opportunities for capital and labor, has diversified our industries and made the United States the chief manufacturing and producing country of the world and the richest in individual and collective wealth of any country on the globe.

It is claimed by Senator Dolliver, who has made a special study of our economic development, that the trade and industrial policy of the United States, is, in the long run, destructive to gigantic combinations which attempt to control the markets and raise prices unduly to the prejudice of the consumer. The spirit of speculation, which is particularly active in prosperous times, has had much to do with the formation of the large combinations of capital, whose success as the careful analysis demonstrates, depends upon the sale at the least obtainable prices, of the entire product of these corporate enterprises. It is shown that in respect to oil and sugar, notable examples of the popularly known trusts, the success of these enterprises does not come from attempts at arbitrary putting up of prices, but from saving in the cost of production and distribution, and in getting onto the market at the best obtainable price the whole of the output of the corporation engaged in the enterprises. The oil business is constantly fighting against the competition of improved processes in gas and electricity; a failure of a fruit or berry crop, in the canning of which thousands of tons of sugar are employed, depresses the sugar market and prices, fall, for the sugar stock must be disposed of. An unsold stock brings no profits to the producers of the article.

Facts will be brought out to show that safety lies in preserving the system under which our industries develop. The disposition among all people to defer purchase in time of high prices has an effect to depress prices, and all these workings of settled principles of economic law tend to preserve equitable balances. But it can only be done, and economic laws can only work out the betterment of industrial conditions, when there are opportunities for the employment of capital and labor. Mr. Hamilton demonstrates from the returns of the last census that only 12 per cent. of the manufactures of the country are produced by so-called trusts. With nearly 90 per cent. of the producers of the country engaged in independent production and competition, and holding the American market to the fullest extent known in recent years, that market, the best in the world, because it is made up of the best paid people in the world, should not be made the dumping ground for foreign producers to "save our people from the grasp of combinations in industry."

Thus it is that, viewed from every standpoint, and considering even the combinations which exist in Protection countries as in Free Trade countries, the safety of industry and labor in this prosperous country will come from maintaining our present system, not from being frightened into Free Trade schemes by the Democratic "warnings."

A. J. D.  
—American Economist.

## DEATH'S DOINGS.

### HOUSLER.

JOSEPH HOUSLER, aged 91 years, whose death had been expected for some time, died at his residence at Lock Haven, last Friday he having resided at that place with his second wife during the past ten years or more. His remains were brought to Emporium last Saturday and taken to the residence of his son, F. B. Housler, West Fifth street, the funeral being held on Sunday at Rich Valley Church. For very many years he had been a unique figure in the business and politics of this county.

### LANE

As we go to press we learn of the death of John Lane, aged 71 years, of Mason Hill, which occurred on Monday at his home. Mr. Lane had been sick for a long time suffering from dropsy. The funeral took place on Wednesday from the school house at the above named place. He is survived by a wife and three daughters.

### MCGEE.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGee, of Cameron, deeply sympathize with them in the death of their little daughter and only child, last Saturday.

## Edmond A. Bair, M. D.



EDMOND ANTHONY BAIR  
Dies in Buffalo Hospital After Enduring Three Operations—Remains Brought to Emporium for Burial—The Funeral.

Although many of our citizens were aware of the facts connected with the illness of EDMOND A. BAIR, a practicing physician of Buffalo, where he located and actively engaged in the practice of his profession immediately after graduating from Buffalo University in 1897, few supposed his illness, rupture of the bowels, was fatal. In Feb. 1902 he underwent the first operation, followed by another operation last year, more serious than the first. He continued to grow worse and although the best medical and surgical talent of Buffalo was called his condition baffled their skill. Last week, Tuesday, his disease assumed such a dangerous stage that, as a last resort, an operation was performed by Dr. Eugene Smith, assisted by Dr. Hade, but without avail, the suffering young man passing away Saturday morning, maintaining his faculties to the last moment and with outstretched hands passed over the river.

Miss Rosa Bair and Mrs. Weisman and Mr. Frank Bair were with their brother during his last illness. The sad news of his death was a hard blow to the devoted parents and sisters and brothers who hoped for a bright future for this energetic young man.

Undertaker E. Egan went to Buffalo on Saturday and accompanied the remains to Emporium, prepared them for burial and conveyed them to the home of the grief-stricken family, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bair, on East Fifth street, where scores of our citizens called to pay their respects to the dead and extend their sympathy to the family.

### HIS ENERGETIC CAREER.

DR. BAIR, born in Emporium 35 years ago last October, was an exemplary young man and one of the most industrious young men ever turned out from here. In common with his family he set his stake and aimed to reach the goal. Leaving our schools early he took up the occupation of carpenter, was industrious and saving, that he might reach his fond desire. While many young men were roaming the streets and squandering their earnings, he was laying them up, at the same time devoting every hour to study. In 1893 he entered College and graduated with honor in 1897 and full of hope and enthusiasm. Entering at once upon his profession he gradually gathered a good paying practice, which was daily increasing when the cruel hand of fate claimed him as a shining mark, for some good purpose no doubt. His true christian life, reverence and kindness for his parents and family were beautiful and touching.

DR. BAIR, was the eldest of eleven sisters and brothers, viz: Albert Jersey Shore; Mrs. Mary Egan, Mrs. Katie Burke, Mrs. Minnie Wiesman, Olean, N. Y.; William G. Rosa, Mrs. Bertha Robert, Frank, J. M., Lena, Julia—all residing in Emporium, excepting Albert and Mrs. Weisman.

### THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

St. Mark's Catholic Church was crowded Tuesday morning, at nine o'clock, when the last sad rites were observed. Requiem High Mass was sung for the dead, Rev. Father Downey conducting the services.

C. M. B. A. Branch, 37, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. Thus closed the career of an excellent young man.

The floral tributes from relatives and friends were numerous and beautiful. RELATIVES AND FRIENDS FROM OUT OF TOWN IN ATTENDANCE.

The following relatives and friends from out of town were in attendance: Buffalo:—Miss Lillian Donohoe, Miss Alice Wright, Mrs. Alden, Miss Mary Mulroy, Miss Elizabeth Powers, Mrs. L. T. Hackett. Olean:—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weisman, sister.

Jersey Shore:—Mr. M. A. Bair, brother. Renovo:—Mr. George Bair, (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. John Catlin, Mrs. M. Youtz, who assisted the choir in singing the Mass.

Kane:—Miss Elizabeth Schriever, (cousin). St. Marys:—Mr. M. Dippold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dippold, Miss Kathryn Dippold, Mrs. Seth.

## Skeleton Found.

Last Sunday two men found the skeleton of one Jos. Stafonic, who disappeared from South Renovo, about one year ago. With his bones were found a knife, revolver and prayer book. The cause of his death, suicide or starvation, will remain a mystery.

## Interlocking Switch System.

The P. R. R. Co., have completed and are now operating the new interlocking switch system at the Junction, day and night. Five men are employed there. By this new device all signals are made by electricity. It is almost impossible to make an error.

## Fiftieth Anniversary.

From announcement cards printed at the PRESS job rooms we learn that our old and highly respected citizens, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ensign, of Sizerville, will celebrate their golden wedding next Monday. We hope to give our readers and account of the pleasant occasion.

## Press Office Graduate.

We received a copy of the Rainier, Oregon Gazette, flying the name of R. Burr White, as editor at the mast head. The young man is a graduate of the PRESS office, is competent and energetic. We wish him success, which undoubtedly he will have if he has half a show. The PRESS gang extends its best wishes.

## Baptist Church.

The pastor gives his second sermon under the general head, "The Dialogue, between Humanity and Divinity" and chooses for his theme Sunday evening, "The Lord's Answer to the Seekers of Saul or the Rubbish that covered the Royal Wreath."

Song service 7:30 to 7:45, when the Sunday school will sing another selection from their new song book.

## Locating in Harrisburg.

Daniel Downey and wife, leave today for Harrisburg, to reside with their son Frank and wife—possibly make their home there in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Downey have resided in Emporium for many years, being counted with our most respectable citizens. Mr. Downey came to Emporium in 1864 and worked on the P. & E. R. R., construction. Our citizens hope they may not decide to cut away from us. However, if they do, the best wishes of all go with them.

## Serious Accident.

Mrs. Ernest Hallowell, while cleaning a second story window in the home of Mr. Thos. Waddington, her brother, last Friday afternoon, lost her balance and fell to the ground, a distance of eighteen feet, fracturing her left arm in two places and breaking one rib on right side. A clothes line stretched under the window broke the force of the fall and prevented more serious consequences. The lady received a severe shaking up, but is getting along nicely. Dr. Heilman is attending her.

## Assaulted and Robbed.

Last Saturday night, between the hours of ten and eleven a young man named Earl Tuller, of Hector, Potter county, employed in Whiting & Thomas' lumber camp on Still House Run, started to walk from Cameron to the camp. When on the outskirts of the town he met three men whom he supposed to be woodsmen going to the camp and spoke to them, when they jumped upon him, knocked him down and kicked him. Realizing his utter helplessness he remained quiet, when the ruffians ceased pounding him, the scoundrels evidently believing he was unconscious rifled his pockets, taking his gold watch and what little money he had when they left for Cameron, thinking their man was "dead to the world." Young Tuller recognized the voice of one of the men, but being badly used he walked to the camp, where he received what treatment could be meted him. Both his eyes were blackened, face and head cut and left side of jaw fractured. The injured man came to Emporium on Monday and filed information with District Attorney McNarney, who caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Chas. Dinger, of DuBois, Harvey Hummel and Nolan, of Route 12. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Hemphill who deputized Constable Bunco of Lumber township to make the arrests.

The outlaws have ekipped out and are supposed to have gone to Austin. Mr. Tuller was a PRESS caller on Monday and from his description it is a wonder he escaped with his life. Lawlessness should not go unpunished and it is to be hoped the ruffians will be arrested.

## For Sale.

The undersigned has some second hand platform wagons, buggies and harness for sale. Cash or good paper. J. W. NORRIS.

Teachers Summer Normal. The Teachers Summer Normal will open in High School building, Monday, May 23, for a term of six weeks. Tuition \$5 00 10 3t. E. S. LING, Principal.

## Funeral of D. D. Webster



DANIEL D. WEBSTER.

In last week's PRESS we mentioned at some length the death of this excellent citizen, which cast a gloom over a large circle of friends. The numerous expressions of sorrow expressed and conveyed to the grief-stricken widow, daughter and brothers was an evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Kind, devoted father, and husband, good true friend and upright man, was Daniel D. Webster. We knew him intimately and valued his friendship beyond expression. He was everybody's friend and many times "a friend in need," as can be testified to by scores of our citizens. We shall always remember his unaltered name with reverence and respect. Farewell, dear friend; we shall miss your many pleasant visits and chats, yet rejoice to know that you are happy and beyond suffering.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral last Sunday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. B. E. Jones, Third street (where he and his good wife were assisting their family during their terrible affliction) was very largely attended by our Masonic fraternity who accompanied the family and remains to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, where the services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. O. S. Metzler. The church was crowded with all classes who vied one with the other to honor a good citizen—in fact the Sunday school room partition had to be removed to accommodate the great concourse of friends. Miss Byrde Taggart presided at the organ and appropriate music was rendered. Rev. O. S. Metzler, who is noted for eloquent and considerate remarks upon solemn occasions like these, certainly did deliver one of the most timely, eloquent and consoling sermons ever listened to by our citizens. His remarks as to the dead and living were grand and feelingly delivered.

After viewing the remains the silent city of the dead was soon reached and all that was mortal of Daniel D. Webster was lovingly laid to rest, amidst a bank of flowers, the tokens of respect from relatives and friends from far and near.

Emporium Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 382, of which deceased was a faithful member attended in a large number and conducted the services at the grave, according to their ritual.

### FRIENDS FROM ABROAD.

The very large number of relatives and friends from a distance we endeavored to secure but found it impossible to get all. The following were in attendance: H. J. Webster (brother) and wife, and two sons, Sherman and Pierce, Buffalo; Edward Webster, (brother), Rochester, N. Y.; William Webster, (brother), Holly, N. Y.; Mrs. Frank Webster, (sister) and daughter, Buffalo; Miss Kate Houston, Mr. James Bailey and wife, Mr. Geo. Hanson, Mr. James Sherwood, Mr. John Ludwig, Mr. M. Y. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mr. Frank Goodnough, Mr. Conley, Buffalo; Lloyd Jacobs and wife, Pittsburg; Harry Jacobs and wife, Galton; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Slagle, Sheffield; Mr. E. C. Davison, Johnsonburg.

### Charles Sibert Dead.

Mr. Charles A. Sibert an adopted son of Mr. James Sibert of Moore Hill, was instantly killed at or near Altoona last Sunday. No particulars of the sad affair are furnished. He is survived by a wife and daughter six months old. Funeral services were conducted on Monday last by the Rev. B. C. Conner, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of that city and interment was made near Butler, Pa.

### A Emporium Woman Asks

"have you a floor paint that will last two weeks? Yes we have Devoo's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. Sold by Murry & Coppersmith.

## WEATHER REPORT!

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)  
FRIDAY, Fair.  
SATURDAY, Rain.  
SUNDAY, Fair.

## Political Announcement.

Editor Press:—  
Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.  
HENRY LUDLAM.  
Emporium, Pa., April 26th, 1904.

## Pastor for Cameron Circuit.

The Rev. J. A. Sypher has been appointed pastor of the Cameron Circuit by the Rev. Thos. S. Wilcox, Presiding Elder and has entered upon his work. It is hoped his people will extend him a hearty welcome and earnestly second all his efforts for their good.

## Sorely Afflicted.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen left Saturday night for Port Richmond, N. Y., to attend the funeral of Mr. Allen's mother, who died suddenly last Friday. Mrs. Allen has been sorely afflicted. In addition to her own poor health, it is only three weeks since a sister was called away. Troubles never come single is true in her case.

## Pleasantly Remembered.

Our friend A. C. Blum had the pleasure, last week, of meeting his nephew, at Philadelphia upon his arrival from Germany, being enroute for St. Louis to arrange his exhibit for the big show. The gentleman expects to visit Emporium during the month of May. Mr. Blum was the recipient of two presents he highly prizes—one a beautiful gold watch and a Masonic scarf pin that his father had worn many years ago.

## Public Spirited Citizen.

Josiah Howard, a prominent lumberman at Emporium, and the Republican candidate for Assembly in Cameron county this year, was transacting business and shaking hands with his friends in Ridgway Friday. Mr. Howard is an enterprising and public spirited citizen, and the Republicans of Cameron county made a wise move when they put him on their ticket. He is very popular and will be an easy winner, we have no doubt.—Ridgway Advocate.

## League Entertainment.

The entertainment given in the First Methodist Church last Monday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League, attracted a large audience. The program was of a very pleasing character and the silver offering of liberal proportions. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, E. S. Ling; First Vice President, Mrs. S. L. Stoddard; Second Vice President, Miss Myrtle Shafer; Third Vice President, Miss Nettie Moore; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Ed. McSwan; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Johnston; Secretary, Miss Susie Wheaton; Organist, Miss Annie Welsh.

## Court Proceedings.

Com. vs Richard Lawson. Recognition continued to next term.  
Com. vs Ed. Skinner. Nolle pros on payment of costs by defendant.  
R. J. Lloyd vs W. H. Truesdale. Judgment for plaintiff \$150.  
John L. Johnson of Sweden, Frank Piraina, Angelo Ruberto and Antony Monaco of Italy, were naturalized.  
John W. Norris vs H. W. Martindale. Judgment for plaintiff, \$65.  
Com. vs John Kelly. Verdict, not guilty.  
Com. vs J. W. Poley. Verdict, not guilty.  
Leet and Co., vs J. C. Skillman. Order to sell personal property granted by the Court.  
Watson & Co., vs Thos. J. Riley. New trial refused.

## Successful Social.

The box social held at the Three Mile school house, last Saturday evening was a grand success both financially and socially.  
The proceeds \$41.50 will be used in the purchase of an organ for the school house. Some time in the near future when we have received the organ, a concert will be held to which everybody is invited.

MARGARET NICKLER.  
April 25, 1904.

## Piano Given Away.

For \$25, if taken at once. A good square piano in good condition; want it out of the way.  
GEO. METZGER, JR.

## Notice Alumni.

There will be an Alumni meeting Monday night, May 2nd, at 8 o'clock at the Reading room. All members are urged to be present.  
By order of the President,  
LORA McQUAY.

## A Cure for Headache.

Any man woman, or child suffering from headache, biliousness or a dull, drowsy feeling should take one or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers night and morning. These famous little pills are famous because they are a tonic as well as a pill. While they cleanse the system they strengthen and rebuild it by their tonic effect upon the liver and bowels. Sold by R. C. Dodson.