

Ballergerism

UNCLE SAM as a home builder for working people has been a dismal failure. This conviction is spreading rapidly among western pioneers...

In nearly every case where laws have been passed for the alleged purpose of improving the living opportunities for working class settlers, experience proved that such laws contained little jokers...

The forest policy of the capitalist government considered by many as a bad joke and a tangle of red tape to prevent settlement in districts in which a poor man might still make a living with little interference from corporation law.

Practically all the saw timber has been turned over to private corporations. Nearly all of the so-called forest reserves consist of scrub timber that has no value for commercial purposes.

National irrigation is only another name for national exploitation of the settler. Practically all the government works, by which vast stretches of arid land are to be irrigated, have been turned over to private corporations for management...

Indeed, a fine home builder is Uncle Sam—for the corporations and their hangers-on. But in the eyes of the settler, who awakens to class consciousness, U. S. stands for U. Sucker.

Under these circumstances, the frontier (what there is left of it) becomes permeated with revolutionary sentiment. More and more clearly does the mass of settlers realize that there is only one way out of their servitude—the overthrow of the whole monstrous system...

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And so the pioneer turns his eyes toward the Social Revolution and Socialism.—Ernest Untermann, in Chicago Daily Socialist.

In cases where new public lands are not allotted by lottery, the settler is expected to make a run for his life and to defend his selection by main force against gangs of cut-throats chartered in advance by corporations and politicians...

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and the survivor in this natural selection is the tough and the cut-throat. The honest settler, who has some clean manhood left in him, gets what's left. But even if he succeeds in such cases and secures a homestead by main force, he is never certain that he will not be juggled out of it by politicians, or run from it by claim jumpers hired for that purpose by corporations or otherwise "respectable" business men.

All the revenue derived from public lands wanders directly or indirectly into the pockets of politicians or of the great corporations. The money for grazing permits is now sent directly from the hands of the stock raiser to various branches of the Standard Oil banking system.

No sooner has the bona fide settler cleared and opened wild lands than a gang of vultures in the shape of bankers, speculators and corporation attorneys settles down on his trail, ties him hand and foot and delivers him over to the system, which by means of transportation charges, exorbitant prices for machines, jobbery of produce and cattle prices, keeps the agricultural worker grinding away at the bare level of subsistence.

In the end the so-called homestead turns into a millstone around the neck of the settler, keeps him tied to the land by mortgages, taxes, road duties, like the feudal serf in the middle ages, and compels him to hire himself out for wages in order to earn under the direct supervision of some boss who he cannot earn as an independent producer on his homestead.

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Union and Party

New York Daily Call: The Wisconsin Federation of Labor has unanimously adopted resolutions approving of the entire activity of the Socialist members in the legislature of the state, as well as in other legislative bodies.

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How a Railroad Corrupted a Court

A Follette's: M. J. Gordon was formerly a judge on the superior bench of Washington. In 1896 he was promoted to the supreme bench of that state, becoming the author, in his judicial capacity, of numerous decisions favorable to railroad interests. Among these were two decisions by a divided court, one requiring any person suing for personal injuries to submit to a physical examination at the behest of the railroad, and the other denying to any one except the wife or child of any man killed through the negligence of another the right to sue for damages for his death.

From associate justice, Judge Gordon succeeded to the chief justiceship of the supreme court. He resigned that office in 1901 to become chief counsel of the Great Northern Railway at Spokane. He was suave and cordial in his manner, and speedily widened his circle of friends in his new home. For a long time, however, before the summer of 1908, when he resigned his railroad attorneyship, his extravagant personal habits had been a matter of general comment among his acquaintances. He was alleged to have been short in his accounts with the railroad company.

Judge Resigns Under Fire

Frequently during the political campaign of last year rumor in Washington associated the name of Judge Milo A. Root of the supreme court with judicial corruption on the part of the Great Northern Railway company. Root had, likewise, through his written court opinions become popularly known as a corporation judge.

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mittee was appointed, and shortly afterwards, and before the bar committee had held more than one session, Judge Root resigned.

In making its report, the bar committee dignified by mention the current rumor that Gordon had in his possession documents or letters showing that he had bribed Root, that the Great Northern officials were accessory to the crime, and that Gordon was making use of his possession of such documents to escape prosecution for his shortage.

Dear Judge: Am sick, and have been for two weeks, part of the time very serious. I am anxious about our friends. Am exceedingly embarrassed by promises made on assurances received. I hate to bother you, as I know your position, but if they can be helped up a little, it would wonderfully help the situation.

This letter was dated August 1, 1908. The committee found that it was suggestive of some financial transaction.

Five weeks before the date of this letter there was a final decision handed down by the supreme court of Washington in the case known as W. H. Harris against the Great Northern Railway company. Gordon appeared for the railroad company. The case was brought to recover damages for the loss of some fourteen hundred dollars' worth of freight in transit. The plaintiff won in the lower court, and the railroad company had appealed to the supreme court.

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and satisfied. Gordon went back to Spokane and prepared the opinion. He sent it in a letter to W. R. Begg, the general solicitor of the Great Northern, at St. Paul.

Referring to case mentioned in printed opinion enclosed herewith, we state the law, and will be OF FUTURE VALUE TO US IN FUTURE CASES of like import. I had hoped to submit it to you personally before requesting action, but it has been impossible for me to get away during the past two months.

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putting every possible obstacle in the way of the law officers of Spokane county, and avoiding transportation over his own railroad on his way to the coast, in order, it is alleged, that he might evade legal process.

Grand Jury Called

On the suggestion of the investigating committee of the bar association, a grand jury was called in Spokane in March last. It is still in session. Day by day, an array of attorneys, admittedly representing Gordon, and affirmed by many reputable members of the Spokane bar to be actually in the employ of the Great Northern Railway company, appeared in court to participate in the selection and empaneling of the grand jury.

The Capitalist Press Suppresses the News

There is one significant fact connected with the whole proceeding. The public press despatches regarding the affair, outside of Washington, have been meager and uninforming, although the entire state of Washington has been turmoiled as a result of the many sensational developments of the case.

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