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THE TRUSTS.
The question of how to effectively make defense against the trusts which are getting nearer and nearer to us, and with remorseless greed fastening their tentacles into the vitals of the people, is giving many of our students of political economy much concern. It does not need a book-student to realize that there is something radically wrong, when a few men can combine their means, and by sheer strength, force out competition, that they might first, monopolize, they rule. We say there is something wrong when such a condition exists, now does it exist?

Prof. John Bates Clark, LL. D., the eminent political economist, of Columbia University, has contributed a paper to the Independent in which Dr. Clark asserts that:
"Whoever pays a coal bill at present prices will find included in the amount which he pays a sum that may be regarded as a large fee for tuition in the economics of combinations. It is a payment for instruction given compulsorily by the laboratory method and in the most enlightened way. Not all the schools and universities in the land could in ten years do as much toward making clear to the people what consolidated capital and consolidated labor can jointly accomplish as has been done in ten weeks by the strike of the coal miners."

We do not have to single out coal, for few of us in this section are directly affected, but we find nearly every article of human consumption and of human necessity controlled by a Trust. The cradle which rocks the infant to sleep is manufactured under a trust-controlled price, the book the boy carries to school is in a Trust, the tools with which he works are in a Trust, the fertilizer he stimulates the grain to give him bread, is in a Trust, the lumber and nails to build his home is in a Trust, the coffin in which he is buried is in a Trust, and about the only thing not in a Trust, is the grave the man is placed in. We are fast becoming enslaved by this combination of wealth, and the people are not yet aroused to their condition. We call this a free and independent government, when the fact is, there is no government on earth more shackled than ours. The Trusts have captured every department of the government from the United States senate down to our State legislature, and, every little municipality wherever it has interests the Trust always sees that its own is in control. The people feel the oppression like they feel a draft which gives them cold, but they do not always know where it comes from, hence it is easy for the Trust to mislead them and continue to control.

THE TROLLEY LINE.
The trolley project suggested by Dr. P. M. Salley of Pinewood has not fallen on closed eyes nor deaf ears. We had a conversation with a gentleman in whose business foresightedness we have every confidence, and who knows every foot of soil the projected trolley is to run, and he regards it a happy thought. This gentleman was born and raised in that vicinity and trudged day after day behind a plow until he came to this town to attend school, today he is a brilliant light in the business world, and regarded by all at home and abroad, one of the keenest business men this town has ever had. The party of whom we speak, when he read Dr. Salley's letter and our editorial endorsement told us, the scheme, also had his endorsement, both with his influence and his money, that he would willingly subscribe to the stock, believing it will bring back many returns, directly or indirectly, and that it will be the means of developing and bringing in touch with progress, the garden spot of the State. He says, the lands through which the proposed route is to go, if made accessible with quick transportation would increase in value many fold, and in a short time, people from the rigid north-west would settle here and make Clarendon the banner county of the State. A road traversing such a country would soon attract the attention of all sorts of promoters, because we not only have the fertility but we also have a climate which permits labor to be performed 12 months in the year, without the expensive preparations against the rigors of the north; in this day of minutes are dollars, every moment saved is so many dollars made, and the promoter finding a location where transportation and communication is of quick and easy access, the inducement to take advantage of it becomes great.

With such outlet from the county seat we have every reason to believe, our town would become a great beneficiary for that, with our progressive mer-

chants selling goods as cheap as they can be bought in any market, the people being able to come here and get back home quick would prefer coming here than to go elsewhere. We hope the scheme will not go lagging.

The State fair was a great success from the press accounts. This is the first fair we have missed, and regretted that business prevented our attending.

Carrie Nation, played the nation in Charleston last Saturday, by walking up to a cadet and striking him a blow in the face because he was smoking a cigarette. The police should have taken her in charge, and the Recorder should have found her heavily.

The election returns from all the United States this morning show that the Republicans have carried almost every thing before them. New York gives Odell for Governor a majority of about 20,000. Republicans gain congressmen in Maryland, Ohio and New Jersey. The vote in this State was very light, and in this county the apathy was painful. Something should be done by our party leaders to bring about a renewed interest in the general elections, lest some day we wake up to find the opposition giving us a surprise. It is the duty of every citizen to vote, and when people do not turn out to the election it is an indifference that should not be.

If you are bilious and seeking advisers, Take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, Just before going to bed. You will find on the morrow, You are rid of your sorrow— That's all; just enough said.

The Commoner edited by W. J. Bryan never fails to hit Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill, whenever the opportunity presents itself, and as long as Bryan continues to be a factor in the Democratic organization, just so long will he keep out of the party those who did not give him the support in 1896, and thereby drove the party to defeat. It does strike us that in order to ever again hope for victory, we must have a united party, and the continuous pelting of those Democrats who refused to accept the silver standard will not have a tendency to bring about unity. The Republican party has many sins to answer for, and if our leaders will from now on, endeavor to forget past differences and bring about harmony in the Democratic ranks, we may capture the presidency in 1904.

Asleep Amid Flames.
Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption gives perfect protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near and avoid suffering, death and doctor bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

We understand that some are constructing an editorial we had in last week's TIMES, to mean that those who voted against us were of the "purchasable and floating" element. Such a construction should not be made. The intention was, in the face of the rumors of the use of money and whiskey, to assert that we used neither to procure votes for us. We would be foolish indeed to endeavor to convey the impression that those who voted against us were bought; every body knows that some of our good men voted against us as these did not vote against us because they believed all the stuff they were being circulated, but because they had a personal preference, which was their right and privilege. But when the county executive committee met to tabulate the vote, a member of that committee in a speech deplored the use of money and liquor in the election, and urged the condemnation of men resorting to such means; this is what we had in mind when we referred to the "purchasable" vote. We know we purchased no votes, and we have not heard of one being purchased for us. So if there are some who feel that we intended to reflect on all who voted against us, they should divest themselves of the idea, as we had no such thought and have never said so.

A Thanksgiving Dinner.
Heavy eating is usually the first cause of indigestion. Repeat at intervals the mucous membranes lining the stomach, exposing the nerves of the stomach, producing a swelling after eating, heartburn, headache, sour risings and finally catarrh of the stomach. Kodol relieves and cures the catarrh. Kodol cures indigestion, dyspepsia, all stomach troubles by cleansing and sweetening the glands of the stomach. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

President Baer, the representative of the Coal Barons who held out so long against the demands of the mine workers, and who was so insolent in his replies to the representatives of the laboring men, was at one time editor of a Democratic newspaper, and the Republican press of the North is making much capital of the incident. Baer, however, quit the Democratic party in 1896 because of the money issue and has remained out ever since. He is like some more of the political statesmen we have heard of, J. K. Jones for instance, now making visits to President Roosevelt seeking the favor of his smiles for the position of canal commissioner, and a few months ago this same Jones was fairly raving because he suspected another senator of trying to get a federal appointment. President Baer was an alright Democrat until it reached his personal environment, then he jumped over into the camp of the enemy and is more oppressive than life long Republicans. Jones was a simon-pure Democrat until his people discovered his hypocrisy and he lost his fat job, now a job he must have and he isn't at all bashful about asking President Roosevelt for it, even if he did criticize the President for lunching with Booker T. Washington. Oh yes, Jones the chairman of the National Democratic executive committee, did not want a man in the Democratic caucus who would not blindly follow his leadership, and any such was excommunicated, and discredited at home by the people who did not have an opportunity to hear argument. Jones and his coterie succeeded as far as South Carolina is concerned, but his own people caught his curve and as soon as he came before them they put him out, and he will stay out if the people of Arkansas are consulted. Jones the head of the Democratic party making war on trusts, and himself up to his neck in trusts. Baer a Democratic editor, putting the screws of Trusts oppression on thousands of working people, driving them out to starve, and creating distress all over the country, is enough for all true Democrats to hold up their hands, and ask to be spared from such in the future. Is it any wonder a Democratic victory is so distant?

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.
Conducted by Paxville W. C. T. U.
National Motto—"For God, Home and Land."
State Motto—"Be Strong and of Good Courage."
Our Watchword—"Abstinate, Educate, Organize."
Pledge—"God helping me, I promise not to buy, drink, sell or give intoxicating liquors while I live; From bad companions I'll refrain, And never take God's name in vain."
The social meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held next Friday evening, Nov. 7, at the home of Mrs. Jos. Mims. The ladies of the Paxville Union extend thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Appelt for readily consenting to give a column for the purpose of promoting the work of temperance.

WHY TOTAL ABSTINENCE IS BEST.
In morals it is never best to begin what is wrong to continue. Night has pre-empted the ages. Vice that has no beginning will have no consummation. Death is the finishing touch of sin. Better not touch that whose touch is death. Who tampers with sin has already sinned. It is wrong to concede that sin has any rights. Wrong has no claim to a hearing.
Why is it best to totally abstain from the use of intoxicants? That is the question that calls for an answer. Viewed from any standpoint of human interest, total abstinence is the best.
1. It is best from the sanitary standpoint.
(a) A few years ago the following statement was made in the Michigan Christian Advocate by Rev. Dr. James H. Potts:
"The history of Asiatic cholera, in all lands, and in all of the past visitations, proves that the temperate and its first victims. The temperate and what are called moderate drinkers make up nine tenths of its victims."
(b) Intoxicating liquor interferes with the normal action of all the organs. "Unnaturalness on the part of any vital organ is itself a species of disease."
(c) Explorers and military officers have found that drinking men can not endure hardships as well as those who are temperate.
2. Total abstinence is best from the standpoint of science.
(a) Science teaches that as the spur is to the horse, so is alcohol to the man. It excites energy, but it imparts none. It stimulates, but does not strengthen. It hastens the consumption of the fuel on hand, but it supplies no fresh fuel.
(b) Dr. N. S. Davis, an eminent authority on this subject, said in a few years ago as chairman of the International Medical Congress held on Staten Island:
"By all chemists and other scientific men, alcohol is classed as an active poison; it destroys the vitality of tissues with which it comes in contact as readily as creosote or pure carbolic acid."
3. Total abstinence is best from the social standpoint.
(a) The majority of domestic difficulties which lead to divorces are traceable directly or indirectly to drunken dissipation.
(b) The saloon is the poison pool in which anarchists and assassins are spawned like fish. It is the mother of murder and the school of criminals. It is the nation's chief den of thieves. We have set free the saloon and shut up the drunkard. Now let us set free the drunkard by shutting up the saloon.
Total abstinence is best from the monetary standpoint.
(a) Dr. Louis Albert Banks tells of a prominent railroad official in the east who, in a fit of mania, imbecility, and a business secret which cost him millions of dollars.
(b) In recent times the liquor traffic paid New York City an indulgence fee for a single year of \$1,729,100. That same year the traffic cost the city \$247,000,000. That is fairly representative of the profits and loss all over the country. Here, as everywhere, the saloon is a destroyer.
5. Total abstinence is best from a mental standpoint.
(a) Alcohol intoxicates. According to standard dictionaries that means "a disordering of the senses." Alcohol confuses. Clear thinking can never be done by a confused brain.
(b) The records of the asylums for imbeciles and the insane show that intoxicants are directly or indirectly responsible for an alarmingly large percentage of the imbecility and insanity of the country.
6. Total abstinence is best from a moral standpoint.
The saloon is the chief demoralizer of society.
(a) A few years ago the largest city in the United States paid in one year \$3,000,000 on account of the crimes committed by the saloons in its precincts. That same year the saloons paid that city \$1,729,100 for license to commit those crimes.
(b) Joseph Cook declared that the saloon is responsible for about nine tenths of all the crimes committed in this country. Whatever has no regard for right morals in a community can have no moral rights in that community.—Northwestern Advocate.

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Pine Grove Graded School.
The names given below were on the honor roll of the Pine Grove school for October. To get on this roll it takes an average of ninety per cent on recitations and examinations.
Third Grade—Edith Cole, Mary Jane Dennis, Ella Green.
Fifth Grade—Ellie Green, Bertie Young.
Sixth Grade—Linda Turbeville.
Seventh Grade—George Green, Fannie Green, Itasca Turbeville.
At the end of next month we hope to have a much larger roll. Our school is moving on nicely, and we hope to be able to give a public entertainment in the near future. A. T. HELMS.

Why They No Longer Speak.
She (romantically)—What would you do if we should meet in the hereafter?
He (earnestly)—I'd go through fire for you.—Pittsburg Press.

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