The Leader.

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With all respect to Mr. Poffenberger we must say that he seems to be badly informed when he contends that it is not the practice of all governments to tax one man for the benefit of another. Taxes are supposed to be levied for the public good, and the man who has no children of his own is taxed to pay for the education of the children of others. Would Mr. Poffenberger repeal the law providing a tax for the support of public schools?

Some years ago the lawyers of Allegany county slyly obtained an act of legislature directing the County Commissioners to furnish a room in the court house for the use of the bar association. Lawyers not members of the association were excluded from the room, and the result was a kick. The County Commissioners decided that all members of the bar were entitled to the use of the room, and against this decision the bar association has appealed to the court. The County Commissioners assert that the bar association wants to oust the commissioners from all control of the court house, and it really looks that way.

Hon. John K. Cowen has just passed his fifty-fourth milestone on the pathway of life, but in appearance would easily pass for a man of forty. His career is a splendid illustration of the possibilities of natural genius and strong intellectual endowment coupled with tireless energy and matchless force of character. Mr. Cowen was not born to any social advantges. He is the son of a blacksmith who lived in humble circumstances all his days. There were no great influences behind him in either youth or manhood. His career was shaped by his own efforts, and he has reached a commanding position in the front rank of his profession by the sheer force of an indomitable will and the display of marked capacity. To-day he is probably one of the strongest men of affairs in the country, and has a larger personal following than any man in the State of Maryland. May he live to see many "returns of the day."

FROM THE STATE CAPITOL.

ANNAPOLIS, Oct. 31, '98.

I hope the readers of the Leader will make allowance for the errors and bad breaks which your compositor made in putting my letter of last week in type. I don't mind typographical mistakes, but when sentences are jumbled together incoherently by the omission of half a dozen words or a whole line, and by bad punctuation as well, I must be excused for becoming a little irate. I try to write plainly, and I hope to see more care taken with my matter in future.

A few more days, and a very listless and tiresome campaign will have ended. If the Democrats win the House, what then? The settlement of the currency question will be further postponed—that's all. The question of the management of the war will be settled and forgotten long before the House which is elected on Tuesday next comes into power; the question of national expansion, and the disposition of the territory captured from Spain will also be disposed of the coming winter, and the Democratic House (if it is Democratic) which meets in December, 1899, will have nothing to do with these matters, and could do nothing with them if it came into power in time. The Democratic speakers all know this, and yet they have nothing to talk about but Aiger and Algerism.

Barnum said it was astonishing how easily the people were humbugged, and he seemed to know. In 1890 the Democratic party elected a majority of the House through Republican apathy, and in 1892 they captured the House, Senate and President through Republican dissatisfaction. The result was a financial panic that caused as much financial distress and ruin as the war of 1861 did. In fact I regard the election of Cleveland, in 1892, as the greatest calamity that ever came upon the country, and if the folly should be repeated in 1898 and again in 1900, the distress that came upon the working classes in 1893, in consequence of the success of the party that stood pledged to "dig up the tariff by the roots," will be glorious prosperity compared to the state of affairs that will exist in 1901.

It was in 1892 that the Democratic party showed how utterly incapable it is to govern this country. It was the administration of Cleveland that finally convinced me that all the theories of Democracy are visionary and impracticable. It made a failure in 1884, and brought ruin and calamity in 1892. It has become nothing more than a combination of all the elements of discontent. The incongruous factions that it occasionally brings together constitute at the same time both its strength and its weakness. They make it powerful as an agency of destruction, but render it impotent as a force of civilized progress. Mr. Editor, these sentiments are mine only, and it is not to be supposed that you share in them, although I ask you to publish them.

I have reached these conclusions after years of the most sober and deliberate consideration, I was for a long time as blind and bitter a partisan as could be found anywhere. For many years I boasted that I never cut a Democratic ticket just as the youthful Mr. Poffenberger has recently so declared. I am ashamed of that boast now, just as Mr. Poffenberger will be when he gets older—that is if he has the good hard sense that I give him credit for having. Think of a man of mature age; of sound sense and judgement; of more than ordinary intelligence and education; and in the full possession of all his faculties, boasting that he had always voted just as other people told him, and that he had never cut a ticket that certain agents or delegates (call them what you will) had fixed up and placed in his hands to vote. Mr. Poffenberger will find in time that it is the pride in that kind of a boast that is at the bottom of all the evils of politics. It will not do to follow any party blindly, and men of intelligence are not doing it at this day to the same extent as they formerly did. They have become independent, and they have likewise become feared by both parties. They also hold the balance of power in this State, and if there is a species of the genus politicion whom they thoroughly distrust it is the man of intelligence who boasts that he "never cut his ticket." McC.

Uncle Sam's Financial Standing.

The treasury statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business October 31, 1898, the debt, less net cash in the treasury, amounted to $1,110,966,922, an increase for the month of $43,487,717. This increase is accounted for by the $36,680,000 of the new 3 per cent. bonds and a decrease of about $7,238,000 in the cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, $1,026,766,960; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,246,870; debt bearing no interest $383,191,367; total, $1,111,205,197. This amount does not include $553,631,933 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury held for their redemption. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows;

Gold, $275,224,071; silver, $505,929,775; paper, $55,525,238. bonds deposited in national banks, disbursing officers' balances, &c., $96,556,313. Total, $933,949,397, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to $633,011,122, leaving a net cash balance in the treasury of $300,238,275.

Mayor Jones is Right.

Mayor S. M. Jones, of Toledo, declared in an address at Chicago that only through the medium of public or municipal ownership would the dreams of our forefathers respecting the glory and perpetuity of the republic be realixed. He talked on "What Should the City Own?" and in answer said that the wealth of the people would come into the hands of those who produced it only by the municipalities getting possession of the street railways electric lighting and other corporative systems. He said:

"The great question that is rapidly forging to the front to-day in this country is: 'Shall the municipality own or be owned?' Shall the general government own the telegraph and railroads or shall those corporations own the general government? The danger that confronts us and threatens the perpetuity of our institutions is not from the classes popularly known as law-breakers, but is found in the lawlessness of capital and anarchy of corporations. The question to which the American people will before long give an emphatic affirmative answer in this: Can capital be made subject to law?"

Mayor Jones held that public ownership alone would solve the question of the right of every man to work and to be well and adequately paid for his work. "What we lack is ideals, not idols," he exclaimed. "Public ownership" he declared, "is a recognition of the fundamental fact that the humblest citizen is entitled to the greatest degree of comfort that associated effort can provide."

"I need not weary you with statistics or any jugglery of figures. They are abundant and easy of access to prove that hardly a city in America today but what has given away franchises for nothing that would, if now owned by that city, pay its entire debt and in many cases place the city beyond the need of levying taxation upon its citizens. We have been in the habit of condoning on the ground that the franchise manipulators "furnished the capital," but we have learned that the people are the capital and that what the franchise taker usually furnishes is not capital but cunning.

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