

The Trail Of Democracy's Ghost

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Foreword

Citizens of Pontotoc county, Oklahoma, having visited your county in times past and knowing something of the record of the county since statehood, under the rule of democracy, where the law of the survival of the fittest is in force, where if you are stronger than your neighbor you can kill or rob him with impunity and with immunity, where men are put in jail without any charge having been lawfully filed against them and then taken from the jail by a mob and murdered, where booze and blood and bodie have been fed to the democratic donkey until the donkey is metamorphosed into a lion and is a lie on the illustrious party of Thomas Jefferson, and Andrew Jackson.

Having seen some things and heard of many things we decided to visit the county as a missionary in the interest of humanity and do what we can do toward the revolution which the saner part of the people of Pontotoc county have inaugurated to free the county from democracy.

On our arrival in Ada we heard a rattle of voices and looking down the street we saw a mob of niggards incessantly yelling: "Nigger, nigger, nigger, nigger," and letting our reach of vision pass beyond the mob of niggards we saw the cause of the cry; for concealed in a woodpile was a niggard named Boodle and the mob was yelling nigger to attract attention and thus keep the niggard in the woodpile from being discovered. We started to cross the street and great gobs of the pavement stuck to our shoes, and we stopped to examine the pavement and found that while nature made vast deposits of asphalt around Ada, the niggards of Ada had imported from the province of privilege a paving material called injuncheon and put it on their streets; and on inquiry we learned that the niggard named Boodle had a hand in the deal.

We met a bunch of boasting boosters who called our attention to a fine building and said: "That is our state normal school, it was donated to us by the dear democratic party, the party which is the friend to labor and the father of learning." About one block farther on the same street we met three tired and dirty laborers whose appearance showed that they were much in need of a friend and we learned from them that they had been discharged by a contractor who was doing public work, because the workmen protested against being compelled to work ten hours a day in violation of the state law making eight hours a day's work on public works. Yet the friend of labor, the democratic Commissioner of Labor knowingly and willfully failed to enforce the law made in behalf of labor by the professed friend of labor, the democratic party. Great is democracy and the democratic donkey.

We mingled among a pair of Pontotoc county and Adams of Ada and listened to their talk and when any one of them ceased to yell nigger, nigger, nigger, he would catch his breath and then say: "Money is mighty tight here." We asked some of the democratic donkeys how can money get tight in a prohibition state? And they only gave an asinine stare which showed that the nigger scare has seared all other thoughts from their heads.

We saw many men who had so expanded their chests to yell nigger, nigger, that all the buttons were burst off of their shirts and by peering through the openings thus made in their buttoned suits we could see that they were black republicans going under disguise and calling themselves democrats, when every impulse, every emotion, every action of their's plainly showed them to be in favor of banks of issue, of protective tariff and special privilege just the same as is advocated by avowed republicans.

We hesitated to make this visit to Pontotoc county, for from rumor, we had formed an idea that the people are mostly dangerous democrats; but we are now really glad we made the visit for we have learned that the people of Pontotoc county are on an average with other people of Okla-

homa; for all the people are in the milling, which milling will force the black republicans to cast off the burton, put on the blue and get into the republican camp where they belong; and which milling will cause the true Jeffersonian democrats to fall into line with the Socialist party, which is today the only party which stands for true democracy.

Pontotoc County

Pontotoc county has an area of 720 square miles, a population of 24,000 people and an assessed valuation of \$9,800,000.

There was borrowed from state, \$35,000; taxes of 1908, \$37,000; Taxes of 1909, \$51,000; making a total of \$123,000, which has been raised and used for county purposes alone since statehood.

Was expended for roads and bridges, \$21,000; poor, \$4,000; court expenses, \$29,000; contingent fund, \$15,000; rents, \$3,500; supplies, \$7,500; salaries and fees, \$46,830, making a total of \$126,830.

The official estimate of money needed to pay until June 20, 1911, is \$55,000; \$126,830 plus \$55,000 equals \$181,830, which divided by the population, 24,000, gives almost \$8.00 that it has cost each man, woman and child to be given county government since statehood. Government under rule of the donkey comes high or the Pontotoc county people are a costly lot of people to govern. Socialism, by doing away with the incentive to steal, to rob, to commit arson, to kill and do other things such as peddling booze, etc., which pile up court costs, will cut the expenses of county government down to less than half of the above amount. The figures were given us by the county clerk.

The Friends of Labor

The democratic party of Oklahoma has posed as the friend of labor and by and through the vigilance of organized labor some good laws in favor of labor have been put upon the pages of the statute book only to be ruthlessly violated and trampled into the dust by the democratic officials of the state.

As one of many proofs of this charge of ruthless violation of the laws we state: Upon some public work at Ada, Pontotoc county, Oklahoma, one A. B. Meyers secured the contract to build it; then, in violation of the eight-hour labor law made by the friend (?) of labor, the contractor forced his laboring men to work ten hours a day and when three men, named O. C. Walker, J. J. Hicks and Andrew Wilson, protested against being made to work ten hours they were discharged, then the democratic county attorney, Robt. Wimbish, was appealed to and he, failed to let his friends (?) the laborers get the facts before the grand jury; but, O. C. Walker went to the foreman of the jury and an indictment was found, "State of Oklahoma vs. A. B. Meyers, the name being wrongfully misspelled. The friend (?) of labor, the democratic county judge, and county attorney, dismissed the case without a hearing.

Then O. C. Walker complained to the friend (?) of labor, the democratic Commissioner of Labor, and received the following reply; we copy from the original letter:

"Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 8, 1910.
 "Mr. O. C. Walker,
 "Ada, Okla.

"Dear Sir:—
 "I have carefully noted the contents of yours of the 6th.

"It seems that your county attorney has been handled in some way and the indictment against the contractors in your town has been quashed.

"If the contractors are still violating this law, as you state, you should gather evidence and prepare same and send to this office, then I will take the matter up and personally attend to it.

"Let me hear from you soon.
 "Yours truly,
 "C. L. DAUGHERTY,
 "Commissioner of Labor."

O. C. Walker wrote reply to the above letter and received the following letter in reply:

"Guthrie, Okla., April 18, 1910.
 "Mr. O. C. Walker,
 "Ada, Okla.

"Dear Sir:—
 "Your letter of the 8th received to-day, and I have carefully noted its contents.

"The State Eight-Hour Law has been tested in the courts, and the Attorney General has given us various opinions on same, and it has been construed to regulate only contracts that the city, county or state has the letting of. In other words, contracts agreed upon by individuals do not come within the provisions of the eight-hour law unless the contract is a sub-contract, let by a contractor who has secured a contract from the city, county or state. Therefore, a contract to build sidewalks (where it is taken by a contractor from the person owning the property) is construed to be a private contract and does not come under the provisions of the eight-hour law of the state; but if the City of Ada should let contracts to build sidewalks, then the law would apply.

"Please inform me who has the letting of the sidewalks in your city and I will act accordingly.

"Very truly yours,
 "COMMISSIONER OF LABOR."

We are informed by O. C. Walker that the friend (?) of labor the democratic Commissioner of Labor, did later visit Ada and failed to see O. C. Walker or to help him enforce the law.

When we were at Ada we went with O. C. Walker to the county court offices and asked to see the files of the case and the files have disappeared or at least could not be then found. An entry on the judge's docket shows that the case was dismissed because of lack of negation to defendant's plea or words to that effect.

It was the sworn duty of the county attorney, Robt. Wimbish, to properly join issues in this state case; but this democratic friend of labor failed to befriend labor in labor's time of need of friendship, and now Robt. Wimbish is asking the laboring people of Pontotoc county to re-elect him and let him still be the friend (?) of labor. Will the laboring men of Pontotoc county vote for and re-elect Robt. Wimbish? Will the laboring men of Pontotoc county be brothers all year except on election day and then be scabs on that day? If they do they are untrue to their brothers and to themselves; and they ought to be and will be betrayed and robbed by the false friends of labor.

Political Traps

Ada has a big plant to make cement; but cement is not the only thing manufactured in Ada, for a factory there has just begun making traps, traps to catch men so that when caught in one of these traps the men can be more easily skinned.

One of these traps was displayed on the front page of the Ada Weekly Democrat, issue of August 11, 1910, and we will reproduce it here:

Cement Company's Profit-Sharing Plan.

Below is the full text of the circular letter recently mailed to each employe of the Oklahoma Portland Cement Company:

"Oklahoma Portland Cement Co.
 "To the Employe of the Oklahoma Portland Cement Company:

"Greeting: Realizing that a closer relationship between employer and employe should exist, and that the best possible friendly relations should be established and maintained the management of the Oklahoma Portland Cement Company has voluntarily inaugurated, and will pay, when warranted by the company's earnings so to do, an employe's monthly profit sharing dividend, based upon the average monthly cost of production, and the net average monthly mill selling price per barrel. As the profits of the Oklahoma Portland Cement Company may increase or decrease, so also shall such employe's monthly profit sharing dividend increase or decrease in like proportions.

Such profit sharing dividends as

shall be declared and paid will be upon the percentage basis, and be entirely voluntary upon the part of the company, and may, in the creation of the company, be discontinued.

However, the management will assure the employe of this plan that such dividend will not be discontinued until such time as net selling price shall be so low that such cost of production shall be high that the company would be warranted or justified in ceasing and paying such dividend.

"The payment of such dividends makes each employe personally interested in the operation and success of the mill by keeping down the cost of production and carefully guarding and protecting the property of the company against neglect and wastefulness and destruction in various departments.

"The success of this venture is great extent in the hands of the employe of this company, and a co-operation on their part showing disposition to protect the property of this company against loss will result in an increased dividend to them.

"ADAM L. BECK, President
 "WM. L. WHITAKER, Gen. Mgr.

It is most election time and and of the slaves who work in this cement plant have heard of Socialism, we proposes to these slaves not a s of what they make by their labor ALL that they make; and we heard the story some of them begun to understand how and whom they have been skinned in past and through Socialism they see an open door through which they can escape a life of slavery. those skimmers who have in the profited from pelts taken from lers made the above displayed and set it in the way of the sl to catch them and skin them v caught. Notice the bait in the

"* * * (the management of Oklahoma Portland Cement Company) will pay, when warranted by the company's earnings, so to do, an employe's monthly profit sharing dividend." The bait is put before employes, the books are kept by the officials of the company and the employe traps at the bait he caught in the trap and never gets chance to see the books and learn what "profit sharing dividend" he should share.

Then again after the employe caught in the trap there is a singly contrived spur which the makers put there to spur the employe until they lunge forward he spurred bronco, and exert every energy to increase the profits plant.

It is a great invention, the traps at the bait and votes the t straight and by his own good w does make to operate the spurs w perforate his hide from heels to

MR. CEMENT SLAVE will you caught in this trap or will you voting the Socialist ticket, de ALL the product of your labor?

The Ada Debate

Saturday night, August 13, there was a debate at Ada between preacher-politician named Ciceo Comrade J. B. Vandiver on the left: "Resolved, That No Man Be a True Christian Without I a Socialist."

The question would by right fine the debaters to the new g or new dispensation as given Jesus Christ, for the Christian gion is founded upon the teaching Christ and not upon the myth Moses; yet this man Ciceo means through the myths of Moses an lected passages therefrom to justify the position of the Democratic party that the taking of usur right, that the monopolizing of and other gifts of God is right, war is right, that competition right, that God and not the v preordained and appoints all rulers of the people of the earth Comrade Vandiver ably cont that Christ taught a fatherhood God and a brotherhood of man, that to be a true follower of C

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one must be in favor of brotherly co- operation and against competition, for competition puts every man against his brother, competition makes man to be his brother's killer.

Socialists cheered Comrade Vandiver, and Democrats cheered Circe. There were no judges chosen and everyone decided the matter to suit himself; yet there was one most im- portant decision rendered, and that is the Democrats by cheering Circe as they did, gave decision that the Demo(n)cratic party stands for com- petition, stands for usury, stands for commercialism, stands for war, stands for land monopoly, stands for slavery, stands for Divine appoint- ment of rulers, and for all the sin and suffering resulting from the doctrin of Ishmael which puts every man into a murderous competition with his brother.

If the Reverend Circe and the demo(n)cratic party stand on the field and follies of Moses and take from the myths of Moses the passages of scripture as taken by Circe, if they take and endorse part of the myths of Moses they are bound by all, and therefore Circe and the demo(n)- cratic party favor a plurality of wives with Solomon, David and other men who were foreordained and appointed by God to rule the people;

M. L. BECK, President. WHITAKER, Gen. Man." at election time and some who work in this cement heard of Socialism, which these slaves not a share y make by their labor, but they make; and having story some of them have understand how and by have been skinned in the rough Socialism they have en door through which scape a life of slavery. And ers who have in the past m pelts taken from labor- the above displayed trap in the way of the slaves em and skin them when vice the bait in the trap, "the management of the Portland Cement Company will pay, when warranted pany's earnings, so to do, 's monthly profit sharing The bait is put before the books are kept before of the company and when e grab at the bait he is the trap and never gets a see the books and thus "profit sharing dividend" here.

must stand for the seduction of an- other man's wife as did David, and the murdering of the wife's lawful husband as did David; must stand for virgins going in the night time and crawling into bed with men as did Ruth; must stand for wholesale trial and seduction of virgins by the foreordained and appointed by God rulers as did Ahasuerus; must stand for the doctrine of revenge which taught an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; must stand for the wholesale slaughtering of mothers and babes to possess the lands and chattels as did Joshua.

We stand ready to show that during the historic period of the United States the Democratic party has stood for and has been accessory be- fore and after the fact to all of those horrible deeds that today in the Southern states the competitive pol- icy of the demo(n)cratic party is murdering in cotton mills thousands of mothers and babes that the fore- ordained and appointed by God rulers who rule over the industrial lives of the people may possess much prop- erty.

It is murder just the same whether you crush out the life of a child with a club, as did Joshua, or with the wheels of a machine, as do these mod- ern Joshuas who call themselves dem- ocrats.

Who is this man Circe? We heard him say that he is the nominee on the democratic ticket for representa- tive of Coal county, Oklahoma, and this man Circe in the debate had much to say about one man whose name sounds like Night Gown, whom, according to Circe, is foreordained by God to be a judge in Pontotoc county.

How does Circe know? Has God told Circe in advance that he, God, will appoint Night Gown to be judge in Pontotoc county?

Probably Circe knows all about God's business without even consult- ing with God. We suspect that Circe does know, for we read in Homer's works of another Circe who had been foreordained and appointed by God to rule upon an island in the Medi- terranean sea, and this Circe of whom Homer wrote was a great magician, she could change men into hogs. And this modern Circe must be a descen- dant of the ancient Circe, for this modern Circe advocates a doctrine which has been and is changing the whole human race into hogs.

Surely this modern Circe is a magi- cian also, for in the debate he changed the scriptures so to make a parable spoken by Jesus Christ for the pur- pose of giving a likeness of the King- dom of Heaven to read so to make it say that Christ taught that the taking of usury is right. It would be fitting for the demo(n)cratic party to elect this modern magician Circe to our Oklahoma legislature, there to help the Wall Street magicians to fuddle with the money of the nation until you farmers "see it, now you don't see it."

Pontotoc Socialist Ticket

- County judge, W. M. Coggins, Ada.
- District clerk, Charley Overly, Francis.
- County clerk, W. W. Williams, Ada.
- County superintendent, Miss Ivey Kearsy, Ada.
- Surveyor, Chas. Morper, Ada.
- Sheriff, John Binion, Ada.
- County commissioners, J. A. Lan- dreth, Ada; W. L. Standridge, Center; J. H. Scott, Roff.
- Weigher, W. W. Rader, Ada.
- Representative, N. T. Tucker, Ada.
- Senator, J. B. Vandiver, Ahlosso.

Socialism Grows

The voters of Pontotoc county in 1907 gave Frantz 855, Haskell 2328 and Ross 244 votes, and in 1908 the Presidential Electoral vote was: Republican 1841, Democratic 869, So- cialist 579. So under Haskellism the democrats lost almost two-thirds and the Socialists more than doubled their vote in one year. Comrades of Pontotoc county you can skin the donkey this year by a proper slash and pull.

THE GOVERNOR'S READING MATTER.

On July 2, 1909, a state warrant was drawn in favor of Dowd, Jones & Co. for the Wall Street Journal from Jan. 8, 1909, to July 8, 1909, the money be- ing taken from the governor's "ap- propriation for deficiency expenses already incurred and unpaid in the governor's office;" again on Decem- ber 10, 1909, another state warrant for \$6 for subscription for the Wall Street Journal, from July 8, 1909, to Jan. 8, 1910, was drawn.

And to show still further how the tax payers' money is being squan- dered, a warrant was drawn on June 15, 1909, for the subscription for the Arkansas Weekly Gazette from Feb. 7, 1907, to Feb. 7, 1910, for \$3. This warrant paid the governor's back subscription to the Arkansas Gazette for a period of nine months before he was governor.

A state warrant was drawn on April 28, 1909, in favor of J. L. Pen- rod for \$12.50 for subscription for eight magazines, the same being paid by the governor out of his "\$5,000 ap- propriation for contingent expense, extra help, etc., for the governor's office."

And still the governor maintains he has not misappropriated and wasted the tax payers' money.

THAT BILLION DOLLAR CON- GRESS.

Democracy has howled itself hoarse over the fact that it costs over a million dollars to grease the wheels of Uncle Sam's governmental machinery; but the demo(n)crats of Oklahoma appropriated \$10,810,- 452 to grease the wheels of Oklahoma since statehood, and by the regular and extraordinary sessions of our second legislature \$7,901,092 were ap- propriated. Say you democratic donkey, who kicks at the extrava- gance of republican congressmen, bring your heels into play and kick in your own barn lot.

Murray publicly charged that Has- kell and his bellhops were preparing to steal the primary election. He made the charge before the election, and facts now coming to light do prove that Haskell and his bellhops did steal the election; yet this same Bill Murray at the demo(n)cratic ratifi- cation of the steel held in Oklahoma City Aug. 11, 1910, also led the charge of charging shouters for Leo Cruce, the beneficiary of the steel. Great God! What will one of these counterfeit democrats not do? When men will steal their way into office, won't they steal their way through the office?

The State Federation of Labor, at their Chickasha meeting last week, went on record as favoring woman suffrage. This is the right step, and a progressive one, yet it is pathetic to observe their inconsistency when they line up at the polls for "forty per cent" Cruce a man opposed to woman suffrage as well as organized labor

Ada Debate

last night, August 12, 1910, a debate at Ada between a politician named Circe and B. Vandiver on the sub- ject, That No Man Can be a Christian Without Being a Slave. The resolution would by right con- sideration to the new gospel dispensation as given by Christ, for the Christian re- lied upon the teaching of not upon the myths of this man Circe meandered the myths of Moses and se- ages therefrom to justify in of the Demo(n)cratic the taking of usury is the monopolizing of land gifts of God is right, that is, that competition is God and not the voters elect and appoints all the people of the earth. Vandiver ably contended that a fatherhood of brotherhood of man, and a true follower of Christ

