

What Does Coxey Want?

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o where you may, talk to whom you will, this question fronts you: "What do these expect to accomplish after they get to Washington?"

What is it Coxey is demand- from Congress?"

o answer that question here the good roads bill:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States is here- authorized and instructed to have engraved and printed, immediately after the passage of this bill, five hundred millions of dollars of treasury notes, a legal tender for debts, public and private, said notes to be in denominations of one, two, five and ten dollars, and to be placed in a fund to be known as the "General County Road Fund of the United States," and to be expended solely for said purpose.

2. And be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to charge of the construction of the said General County Road System in the United States, and said construction to commence upon the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Secretary of War that the fund is available which shall not be less than \$2,000,000, when it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to inaugurate work and expend the sum of twenty millions of dollars per month, pro rata with the number of miles of roads in each State and territory in the United States.

3. Be it further enacted, that all or other than that of the Secretary of War, whose compensations are already fixed by law, shall be paid by the day, and that the rate not less than one dollar and fifty cents per day for common labor, and three dollars and fifty cents per day for team and horses, and that eight hours per day shall constitute a day's labor under the provisions of this bill.

By the terms of this measure the national government would issue five hundred millions of dollars of legal tender money, the same as it did when gold stole away in the early days of the year. This money not to be embarrassed nor crippled with any form of "exception," but to be fact what the United States Supreme Court says the government has the right to make it, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, of any nature whatsoever.

The government resorted to this means to put down the rebellion. Why not issue this amount of money to give employment to the millions of unemployed throughout the country?

But what will this money be redeemed with? you ask. Since the fetishism of a "redeemer" of money is still extant in the minds of such primary scholars as the leaders of the Chicago Tribune, it may be remarked that when a dollar of this full legal tender money is paid over the post office counter in exchange for postage stamps, it is "redeemed." When one of these roadworkers, by thrifty frugality, or stealing from his fellow workmen, accumulates sufficient that he deems it best for his health to take a trip to Europe, there is always enough gold to exchange to meet any European requirement. But the millions of bankrupt and idle men to-day are not contemplating a trip to Europe. America is good enough for them. They feel that they have a right here, and are just now engaged in bringing that question to an issue, as to who owns the earth, anyhow, and who has the right to say that the great majority shall not be granted the privilege of employing their natural endowments in line of providing a living for those dependent upon them.

The provisions of this bill would place Uncle Sam in position of standing competitor for labor. When a railroad issues an order that its section men shall work ten hours for \$1.49, there stands Uncle Sam ready to give them a job on his roads at \$1.50 for a day of eight hours. So with the iron mills, the dock companies, contractors, and in fact every form of employment would be forced to pay at least \$1.50 per day of 8 hours, or go without labor. With labor thus employed there would be no tramps; the excuse for them would be removed, and under such conditions the man who would not work would soon be ducked in the rivers or given such other admonition as to be preferable to him to work than beg.

When men are employed they spend what they make in buying

the product of other men's labor. The merchant would quickly dispose of his stock of goods, bad debts would be a thing of the past, for men would have money with which to pay cash for what they bought; and to prove this, is there a mail carrier or other employee of the government who cannot get better credit when needed than his fellow employees in other pursuits?

OBJECTIONS THAT ARISE.
The one and only objection that stands in the way of this measure is the fact that it opens an avenue for the great debtor class to pay off their interest bearing obligations, thus necessitating that large class whose income is derived from money invested in bonds, mortgages and pawnshop enterprises to invest their money in legitimate productive enterprises, employing labor instead of labor hiring money and paying ruinous interest.

COXEY'S SECOND BILL.
The question is raised, how this good roads bill is to help the city laborer, and for fear it would not, a second provision is made in the shape of his non-interest bearing bond bill which reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled: That whenever any state, territory, county, township, municipality, or incorporated town or village deems it necessary to make any public improvements, they shall deposit with the secretary of the treasury of the United States a non-interest bearing, twenty-five year bond, not to exceed one-half the assessed valuation of the property in said state, territory, county, township, municipality, or incorporated town or village, and said bond to be retired at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

Whenever the foregoing section of this act has been complied with, it shall be mandatory upon the secretary of the treasury of the United States to have engraved and printed treasury notes in the denominations of one, two, five, ten and twenty dollars each, which shall be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, to the face value of said bond; and deliver to said state, territory, county, township, municipality, or incorporated town or village, ninety-nine per cent. of said notes, and retain one per cent. for expense of engraving and printing same.

J. S. COXEY.

At present, five men in a community, who own valuable real estate, can convert that real estate on which they pay large taxes into money; with that money they can buy a government bond, drawing 4 per cent. interest payable in advance on which they pay no taxes. This bond is deposited with the government in exchange for 90 per cent. of its face value in shape of bank notes, which they are granted authority to issue and circulate as money to whoever is so hard up as has the necessary collateral and is willing to pay the rate of interest required.

Thus the banker escapes the taxes he was paying on his property; he gets interest on his bonds and then regulates the community, or compels it to pay him interest according to their necessities for the use of his credit, in shape of bank notes secured by the government.

Coxey's bill provides that any municipality, upon a showing of its assessable tax role, may issue bonds up to 50 per cent. of that valuation. These bonds to draw no interest, but to be deposited with the government in return for legal tender notes up to 99 per cent. of face of that bond. With this money the municipality can erect its own electric light plants, construct, equip and operate its own street car lines, water and gas plants; pay for them with money that pays interest to no corporation of idlers or blood-suckers, but enters directly into legitimate channels of trade, employing labor, improving the cities and ministering to the comforts of the human family, rather than preying upon its misfortunes.

SUCH IS THE MISSION OF THE COMMONWEAL.
In the past every corporation that craved a few states of vacant land, a bridge franchise, a special tax to kill off opposition, an issue of bonds, demonetizing of silver in interest of the few who own the gold; whenever any of these interests have desired

of their holdings, they have employed their lobbies to camp right with the congressmen till they got them. They have done this from time immemorial, while labor, patient and forbearing, has paid all the bills, fought all the battles, put down all the insurrections, furnished all the big political majorities, nor ever made an appearance, either by person or by proxy, at the national capital demanding a hand in special legislation. These measures are in the interest of the whole people, the merchant, manufacturer, railroader, operator, ship owner and every form of legitimate commerce, except the Chicago Tribune's typical standard of American civilization, the usurer, the blood-sucker who is too lazy to work himself, too cowardly to fight in defense of his country, and too selfish to live in enjoyment unless all the balance of mankind are paying him tribute in the shape of interest on money loaned.

Coxey's army represents the classes who through operation of class laws have been thrown out of employment, deprived of the opportunities to employ their labor and their genius in remunerative enterprise. They have been driven from their rightful holdings by enactments that now empowers corporations to summon the state troops to drive men from trains on roadbeds given by the public and that should belong to the public. They are going to Washington to personally appear before their law-makers and petition for passage of these bills, and they will stay right there until they are passed or congress adjourns and Grover goes fishing, in which event it may befall him the necessity to ask permission ere he returns.

These men are law-abiding, peaceable, honest citizens. They know their rights, and when the great conservative and business community understand the justice of their demands, they will vigorously resent the imputation hurled against them by the Tribune, that they are a mob of bums, thieves, ex-convicts, and tatterdemalions in general.

List of Patents.

Granted to Indiana inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

I Adams and J. H. Doswell, Fort Wayne, lawn mower sharpener; J. H. Cooper, Milford, base for fence-posts; A. J. Forsythe, Kokomo, wire-fence machine; A. R. Heath, Covington, car-coupling; J. I. Hoke, South Bend, straddle-row wheel cultivator; J. Miller, Huntingburg, well or cistern cleaner; J. F. Miltonberger, J. S. Wynant and C. Schott, Warsaw, sashfastener; J. W. Fethery, Indianapolis, straw-stacker; G. T. Schlutze, Evansville, apparatus for drying lumber; C. D. Schrader, New Albany, attachment for coffins, J. W. Trainer, Fort Wayne, Reed organ, R. L. Turner, Indianapolis, tail-piece for musical instruments.

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PROGRAMME

For the State Convention of the People's Party May 23 and 24.

The State Central committee and chairmen of the county committees will meet at the headquarters, Hotel English, at 2 p. m., May 23, in room 35.

The delegates of congressional districts will meet at their respective rooms at 8 p. m. on the evening of the 23d, to select one member each on the following committees:

First—On permanent organization and rules of order.

Second—On credentials.

Third—On platform and resolutions.

Fourth—Select member for state central committee.

District delegates will meet in the state house as follows:

First district—Room 11, first floor.

Second district—Room 54, second floor.

Third district—Room 79, second floor.

Fourth district—Room 12, first floor.

Fifth district—Room 15, first floor.

Sixth district—Room 91, third floor.

Seventh district—Room 2, superior court room.

Eight district—Room 93, third floor.

Ninth district—Room 120, third floor.

Tenth district—Room 122, third floor.

Eleventh district—Room 67, second floor.

Twelfth district—Room 56, second floor.

Thirteenth district—Room 81, second floor.

Members of the several committees report at headquarters, room 35, Hotel English at 9 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

The convention will be called to order in Tomlinson Hall at 10 a. m., May 24, for the purpose of making nominations and transacting such other business as may regularly come before it.

After the regular order of business, the convention will be addressed by Paul Van Dervoort and others.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Persons desiring rooms apply at headquarters at Hotel English room 35, for instructions. Reduced rates have been secured.

Chairmen of each county committee will please forward delegate credentials to headquarters at the earliest date possible. All persons interested in bettering the conditions of the people are urged to attend this convention.

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