WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.

William Allen White spoke in place of Mr. Bigelow at the People's Church here today on "Pedagogues." His audience numbered from 1,000 to 1,500 people. His address was read and listened to with such subdued enthusiasm as one seldom finds. Many felt as if Tom L. Johnson had come again. In voice and attitude, in genial good-fellowship, and in essential truth he did come again. William Allen White dared to tell Cincinnati that the saloon must be eliminated. Daniel Kiefer asked him if he wore any badge, and the only one White would acknowledge was "Kansas Progressive Republican." Someone asked him if the women suffragists of Kansas were going to carry their Amendment, and he switched ideas to politics by saying that the Amendment was going to get just the number of votes "Teddy-Bear" was going to get. Some of us do not want "Teddy-Bear" votes, but then we do not live in Kansas. But William Allen White is one of God's noblemen and we all want him to pass this way again. Mayor Baker of Cleveland speaks next Sunday at the People's Church.

MARGARET DOANE BIGELOW.

INCIDENTAL SUGGESTIONS

A BUSINESS VIEW OF COLD STORAGE.

Chicago.

Cold storage warehouses perform so important a function in modern food preserving that the time has come when the Federal government ought to regulate them just as it is now trying to regulate the railroads. So large a percentage of the people's food is stored in cold storage that the control of these warehouses and their contents means absolute control of the prices of such farm produce as butter, cheese, eggs, apples, poultry, fish, meats, dried fruits, etc.

One of the chief causes of the constantly increasing price of these products is the fact that they have become articles of speculation—just as wheat, corn, oats and hog products have—and the speculative trade is carried on in much the same way, to wit: by the circulation of "bullish" news of all kinds, such as crop failures, abnormal consumption, large export demand, and the like. There is little objection to the storing of food in these warehouses, when they have been properly constructed and sanitary conditions are maintained; in fact, they perform the important and desirable function of equalizing prices, which otherwise would at certain seasons of the year be abnormally low and at others correspondingly high.

If all the perishable food products now stored in coolers had to go into consumption at the time of maturity, the price would be so low that the producer would be bankrupted; and at other seasons of the year, by reason of the difficulty and expense of producing them out of season, the price would be so exorbitant that few people could buy. The cold storage warehouse has, therefore, become a necessity and should be regulated as all public utilities are being regulated. It should be encouraged to perform its legitimate function of storing food products, and stopped from becoming an agency in the hands of speculators for advancing prices.

Let Congress pass an act requiring the superintendent of every cold storage warehouse storing food products for inter-State commerce to make a sworn report on the first of every month either to the Bureau of Commerce and Labor or to the Agricultural Department of all the kinds and quantity of food under his charge. These reports when tabulated and published by the government would keep the consumer and dealer informed of the quantity of surplus food in storage at all times, and everyone interested would know how fast it was going into consumption, which would make the circulation of false reports impossible and thereby prevent illegitimate speculation. As a rule there is not much complaint from the consumer on account of a high price, if he can be satisfied that the price asked is warranted by conditions. After these reports had been published a year, comparisons could be made each month with the corresponding month of the previous year, and soon the country would know the quantity of each article of food required to maintain normal prices.

DAVID ROSENHEIM.

THE ALDRICH BILL.

Bonne Terre, Mo.

The whole, sole and only purpose concealed in the cumbersome machinery of the Aldrich bill is to perpetuate for all time the practice of the banks of sending the money belonging to the people to Wall Street, where the Captains of Industry may have access to it through their control of the Wall Street banks, thus enabling these Captains to have ready money to float those Trusts which are designed to rob the very people whose money is used to make the Trust possible.

National bank and State bank laws wisely provide that banks must at all times keep on hand a certain per cent of their deposits. Provision is made that these banks may redeposit this money supposed to be on hand with the banks in the larger cities, and the banks in the larger cities send it to the System banks in New York. This plan was authorized in the belief that the country and city banks could always get their funds from the System in a time of stress—a theory that was exploded by the John Smith panic.

We now need this machinery wiped off the statutes in nation and State and should compel the banks to retain in their several communities the funds deposited by the people of each community. This will enable the communities to develop along natural lines and will for all time put a stop to the domination of Wall Street and to the organization of Trusts.

IRWIN L. PAGE.

Entails are founded upon the most absurd of all propositions, the supposition that every successive generation of men have not an equal right to the earth and to all that it possesses.—Adam Smith.

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