

Intermediate Course in American Economic and Social History

This is a course for a small group of advanced students (3rd or 4th year). A previous basic course in American History or in Political Economy is required. The course will be conducted in seminar-fashion with individual papers and larger individual projects.

The course will center on a few basic institutions of our society. Their history, development, functions will be used to show the history, the basic beliefs, the basic problems of American economic and social life.

I. The American Party

The Party in Action:

- Some reasonably good text book like those of Merriam or Hering
- The Party Platforms since 1892
- Memoirs of such political figures as La Follette, Farley, Ameringer, Josephus Daniels
- ✓ Bryce: The American Commonwealth: Chapters on Party System and on Tweed and Philadelphia Gas House Rings
- ✓ Agar: The People's Choice
- Studies of Party System in American Political Science Review

The History of the Party System:

- ✓ Claude Bowers: Jefferson and Hamilton
- Thomas Benton: Thirty Years View
- ✓ John Quincy Adams: Diary
- State papers of Jackson and of Van Buren
- ✓ Croly: Mark Hanna
- ✓ Josephson: Politicos
- Foraker: Notes of a Busy Life
- ✓ Steffens: Autobiography

See Campaign Documents & American History

The Meaning of the Party System

- ✓ Tocqueville: Democracy in America
- ✓ Ostrogorski: Democracy and the Organization of Political Parties
- ✓ Turner: Rise of the New West

II. The Corporation

Here the material will be largely Supreme Court decisions, monographs on individual businesses, etc.; there is no study of the corporation as a basic socio-political institution - not even a bad one.

III. Banking and Money as Political Issues in American History

- ✓ Hamilton: Reports on Public Credit and on a National Bank
- Gallatin: State papers
- Jackson: State papers on the Second Bank of the U. S.
- ✓ John Quincy Adams: Diary

Works 1, 3

- Capers: Life of Memminger
- ✓ A Life of Chase - if available (by a. B. Hart)
- Mitchell: History of the Greenbacks
- ✓ Adams: Chapter on Erie (on Gold Corner) in *High Finance*
- ✓ Hicks: The Populist Revolt
- Bryan: Speeches (See *Congressional Documents of Amer. Hist.*)
- ✓ Paxson: History of American Frontier
- U. S. Supreme Court: Decisions on Money and Banking
- Warburg: Federal Reserve System
- Weisman: The New Federal Reserve System
- TNEC Hearings on Insurance Company Investments

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