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 Folette, Farley, Ameringer, Josephus Daniels X

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: Politicoes

- Foraker: Notes of a Busy Life

√ Steffens: Autobiography

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.

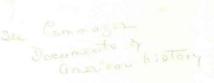
III. Banking and Money as Political Issues in American History

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



LA Life of Chase - if available (by a, B Hart)

Adams: Chapter on Erie (on Gold Corner)

Hicks: The Populist Revolt

Bryan: Speeches

V Parson: History of the Greenbacks

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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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