The Land Shall Not Be Fold Forever. Says Jehovah.

LAND RIGHTS ARE INALIENABLE.

The New Teacher of God's Law Lays Hold of the Throne of Legalized Oppression and Discloses Its False Foundation.

Prof. Geo. D. Herron's Latest Lecture

I wish to begin my lecture by quoting a proposition laid down in Rothe's Theologische Ethik (vol. 2, p.123)

The land is the essential condition of the normal and moral development of the state, and therefore it is absolutely holy and inalienable. It is here that the real moral spirit of love of the fatherland rests; originally it is the love of one's native land and always retains this natural element, but in its completeness it is wholy interpenetrated with this consciousness of a moral relation. Therefore the true love of the fatherland exists only when a people has already attained to the life of a nation. The merely economic society has nothing of this.

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The land problem is at the base of most of the economic problems of today, and is itself the greatest of these problems. If we ever have a revolution in this country we may expect it not from the anarchists of the cities, but from the agrarian population. The farmers have it in their power to bring about a revolution, and the causes for complaint are not wanting. The Populist movement is one of the deepest significance and has in it the mort serious consequences for the future of the nation. Among the reasons which tend to bring the land question into promi-

nence are the following: 1. The ever increasing speculations in railroads, grain, livestock and other farm products, all of which are made possible by the present system of land ownership. Such speculations are a degradation of the fruits of the land and a robbery of the people. We may evade the truth by political sophistries advanced by a subsidized press, but it is none the less a fact, that the farmers of this country are being compelled to support a huge band of aristocratic thieves, the vilest thieves that ever cumbered the earth. The farmers know it, too, and are coming more and more to realize it. They can no longer be deceived, and our danger lies not in exposing the truth but in attempting to

suppress and conceal it. This vast class of men produce nothof the fruits of the soil by extortionate taxes levied on the nation. They are immeasurably more a menace to the nation than were the French nobility who oppressed the people in the time

time of Louis XVI. 2. Gambling in the land Itself, which is the worst of all forms of gambling. Land speculation is speculation on the life of God; land extortion is the most substantial form of high treason to society. In a certain city there is a man who has accumulated great wealth by the providence of the Lord, as he is fond of intimating to his fellow church members. He is the pa'ron saint of several towns and colleges, and is universally regarded as a man of great benevolence. In his own mind he is perfectly justified in the methods by which he has gained his great wealth, which are these. He is continually on the look out for indications as to the direction in which some city is growing; he notes particularly the establishment of some new factory around which the workmen are likely to build up homes. In such a neighborhood he buys up a greater or less section of land and simply holds it without the slightest improvement. The workingmen build up about him, his land steadily in-

creases in value, and finally he sells it

at an enormous profit. Society has

worked and earned this increase on the

valde of the land, and this man steals

the profits. I am not saying that he is

personally guilty of deliberate theft;

our land system allows this sort of

turned to his advantage. The land is a part of the bounty of God to the people; such a thing as the private ownership of land has not even the sanction of history, until the era of return the farmer may get for his labor modern individualism. Few of us and God's vengeance is sure to follow. modern individualism. Few of us realize how recent a thing our conception of private rights is. Philosophers have always seen that the freedom of a soil is the fundamental religious occunation depends on the inalienability of pation of the world; and we must secure the land from the people. You have heard a quotation from Rothe.

Elisha Mulford says: Etisha Mulford says:

As the land is in the possession of the people it cannot be held as the patrimeay of a prince or the monopoly of a class. The land belongs to the people constituted as a nation, and the right in it is in its moral order. The excusive possession and entail of the whole domain by a few may prevent this object and subvert the moral order, as it destroys for instance, the life of the family. In England there are those which are called great families, but as its homes are swept away the family life of the people to destroyed. One half of the land is owned by one hundred and lifty possession and the whole

number of proprietors is reduced to thirty thousand, while the majority of the people subsiston wages.

'The yeomanry,' says Mr. Disraeli, 'has vanished from the face of the land while the tendence of hydrost has been authority over it. It is in its integral character the domain of the people. Within its limits, therefore, the people can allow no persession exempt from its control, and no individual beyond its law. The Nation Chapter 5, pp. 67 and

Another phase of the land question concerns the natural monopolies; coal fields, mines, oil wells. &c., which should be the property of the whole nation. It is not by any ground in justice that three men control all the Northern Wisconsin iron ranger. There is no ples for such a state of affairs except that might makes right. The government has been false to the people in letting it pass from their hands into that of their oppressors. The method of reasoning which would cusning few would give the world to the devil.

4 Railroad subsidies. The nation has sold its birthright for a mess of for grain and grass cutting machinery? pottage in the shape of premature development of its its natural advantages. With a reckless prodigality it has built up the corporations which now so largely control it and so often defy it The Northern Pacific Railroad would have been enormously profitable had there never a train been run on it, simply on account of the government grants of land. This wasteful policy will be found in the long run rather to have hindered than to advance civiliza-

5. Though the government has given away so much of its land there still remains a vast domain in certain regions of the so-called "desert land" which under irrigation is proving the richest of our land. It is said that there are 450,000,000 acres of this land, and it could be made to support thousands of families. But if it falls into the hands lately, there will simply be a repetition of land." of the old robberies. Here is a chance for our government to keep some of its land for the good of the people. Is it going to miss it?

6. The problem of municipal franh ses which will come up for discussion later involves some phases of the county.

land question. Now a few words about the relations of the land to God and the people. It is co-operative store. Please send me my conviction that the old Hebrew con. the name of some corporations that are ception of the sacredness of the land is now in successful operation." C. A. The land legislation of Moses was the of Incorporation and by-laws of the Oak best ever enacted. The Hebrew nation never gave up its authority over the land, and in this it was quite right. Neb. There is another one that has Land is the gift of God for the develop- been in successful operation at Litchment of the people, and any nation does field, Sherman county, for about four an uncalculable wrong to posterity when years.—Ed.] it parts with its control of the land. The nation loses its life when it allows offer of binding twice that we believe land to centralize in the hands of the will prove a great benefit to our memfew; freedom cannot flourish among a bers. Sub-Alliance or county Alliance tenant class. The vesting of land owner- secretaries who are interested please ship in the nation is not, as some say, correspond with the state secretary the destruction of the perpetuity of the about it. home. The limitation of the laud

which an individual might control-and it should be limited to less than we think-would not prevent a man from sitting down in peace under his own vine and fig tree. On the other hand the fact is, that the individualistic conception of land ownership has rendered practically impossible for the many the private ownership of a home in England, and threatens to do the same in America.

Land-and we cannot get a greater conception than that which was the basis of all Hebrew and in some degree of the early Roman and Anglo-Saxon legislation-land is the manifest providence of God to the people, as truly as the sir and sunshine. The material universe is the body of the soul of God. There is none but holy ground. The cultivation of the soil is a holy task; it is the most immediate form of communion with God in the production and distribution of His gifts. However we may speculation; but even under the present system he cannot be entirely excused.

As a Christian man he had no business not to know that by such speculations he was robbing God; and that even as an honest man, to say nothing of his Christianity, it was his duty to remunerate society for its work which had turned to his advantage.

bution of His gifts. However we may underarte the farmer, however our cordic papers may make fun of him it is yet true that he is God's priest of the soil, and any slight cast upon his task is a biasphemy against God himself. You and I depend upon the farmers to give us the benefits of God's providence. They are the administrators of God's gifts of ilfe to men, and have the same right to the consideration of the nation that a mother has to that of her child. hat a mother has to that of her child. Consent to any system which makes them peasants or slaves to the soil, allow a few Chicago speculators and railway managers to absolutely dictate what The land question is above all a religlous question, and only incidentally an economic one. For the tilling of the to it the dignity of its position and its just recompense if we hope to establish our nation on the firm foundation of

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Perkins county. "Enclosed please find our answer for study for Feb. and March. We had a good crowd out and the questions were very interesting and cresiel quite a lively debate. Does question No. II mean a non-resident of the land? If so we would limit a citiof corporations, as it has been doing zen and non-resident to one half section C. F. K.

> Furnas county has a new Alliance, No. 2320. State Lecturer J. H. Powers had a good meeting at Blaine Center Adams county, and a large and enthuslastic audience at Nelson, Nuckois

> Nemaha county. "Please send plans and instructions for organizing Alliance Answer. I forward you the article

> Business Association, now in successful operation at Oak, Nuckolls county,

> Binding twine. We have received an

Polk county. "Have the executive committee prepared a new Manual, or will the old one be used the coming

The old Manual is still used and we nope to receive answer to each question from every sub-Alliance in the State. By keeping a file of the answers we can easily tell the position of the Alliance on each question.

Dawson county. Walnut Grove Ailiance No. 1131 is reorganized.

Attention Fifth D strict Populists.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 30, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

There will be a meeting of the People's Party Central Committee, of the Fifth Congressional district of Nebraska at Holdrege on Wednesday, June 6 h, at 8 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of naming a place and date for holding a congressional convention, and fixing a basis of sepresentation for the same.

It is earnestly desired that each county be represented by its committeeman. But if impossible for you to be present, please delegate your powers to some reliable Populist of your county; me of the same. that your county may be represented at the meeting.

FRANCIS PHILLIPS Ch'mn. Com. H. B. McGAW, Sec'y.

The State Executive Committee the Farmers' Alliance at its recent and Polk. Bro. Wardall being one of meeting wished attention called again to the resolution passed at Bastings in Raliway or what is called the North and January last, the resolutions commending all the farmers' mutual insurance companies of the state, but specially in-dorsing none. In the condensed report appoints ents made. My work is such we were compelled to give this action that I am obliged to follow up the work was accidentally overlooked and omitted .- MDITOR WEALTH MAKERS.

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John H. Powers' Appointments. State Lecturer J. H. Powers of the A. & I. U., will speak at the following places on the dates given:

Daykin, Jefferson Co., May Fairbury. \*\* Endloot Odell, Gage Wymore, 15. Crab Orchard, Johnson Co , Maj Tecumseh, Elk Creek, Burchard, Pawnee Pawaee City Table Rock Humboldt, Richardson Falls City, 26. 28. 29. 30. Johnson, Nemaha Auburn, 44. Breck. ×4: Dunbar, Otoe 31 June 1 Syracuse. Palmyra,

These will all be evening meetings 10th & Q Sts unless otherwise advertised in the local papers or bills. Occasionally two appointments in the day might be filled. Mr. Powers receives no pay except what is voluntarily contributed in the several counties.

Friends of the Alliance in these counties will please fill out the appointments giving the hour of the day in each case, and notify the state secre-tary, Mrs. J. T. Kellie, Hartwell, Neb. as soon as possible so she can inform

A liance Members Take Notice. I am compelled to recall all appointments for meetings appointed for Bro. Wardall in the following counties: Johnson, Gage, Saline, York, Hamilton the directors of the Gulf and Interstate South railroad was suddenly summoned to Galveston Texas, for important duty He left this (Monday) morning and was already begun as more can be accomplate work commenced than to full in t'is matter. It is hoped every mem-ber will see the necessities of the strustion and be reconciled to the condition. I shall make meetings in the above counties as soon asporable to reach them. W. F. WRIGHT. State Organizer.

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