would be no necessity whatever for dis-

tributing fostunes. as all narrow minded conservatives assert that reformers are in favor of doing.

Remove the injustice of rent and interest, and all wealth would rapidly cumulate in the hands of the toilers, while idlers would be branded with the pauper's stamp. No matter how shrewd and unscrupulous the avaricious money getter might be, without the help of interest and rent taking, he would be utterly powerless to oppress any one by the use of the wealth which he might

It is often said nowadays that if the wealth of the world were evenly divided it would again, after a short pertod, be found in the hands of the same favored few. This is probably true, but it proves nothing except that our laws are enjust. Leave the laws as they are, and the unscrupulous, avaricious schemer will usually get the fat of the land. Put in force equitable laws of distribution, and the difference in fortune will represent only ability to produce. Remove rent and interest, and those entitled to wealth would have it. All would work, and no one would have to toll excessively. All who were willing to toll could have leisure for recreation and improvement. Art, letters, science, might be cultivated as a pastime, and by all who were so inclined. We should not have one man with a brain abnormally developed working among ten thousand dunces who could and understand his expressed thoughts; all would be cultivated and intelligent

Instead of making fifteen million out of sixty million bear the whole burden of productive labor, there would be forty million workers, and the load would be light on each. Panics would he a thing of the past and business depressions would follow short crops only. The cause of the trouble would have been removed. The spectre of want and hunger once driven from our firesides, crime would slink away ashamed. Give the producer his full share of the wealth which he produces, and a giant stride will have been made toward making the earth what it was intended to be-a pleasant abiding place for man.

This is no fanciful picture. While we give such an immense advantage to the possessor of surplus wealth, all men will strive to amass a surplus by all results of the toil of hundreds. It is nonsense to say that fortunes worth millions can be amassed in any other way. A man might live ten lifetimes and not be able to save a million from the results of his own production. How to save what he earns is not now the study of the man of affairs, but how to legally obtain the earnings of others. Every business man's impulse under such a system is, necessarily, to take every advantage of his neighbor which may give himself the better of the bargain. Destroy the law by which man is enabled to appropriate the toil of his fellow men, and you remove not only his power but his motive for working injustice. Let him realize that he must depend on what he himself produces, and he would try to produce, not to filch from his neighbor. All speculative business is worse than useless to the community, and in a business world founded on sound principles it would have no place. Speculation produces nothing: its sole purpose is to give one individual advantage over another. Intorest taking is the foundation of specudative business.

It is a grim fact in the history of the world that unwarlike nations become peopled by races of slaves. The more rebust the war spirit, other things being equal, the more prosperous and free the nation. Instance a comparison between the nations of Europe and those of China and the East. The fact is inexplicable except on one hypothesis: War prevents the accumulation of property in the hands of a caste. It is malady.

Business failures dissipate fortunes purpose. It is the wealth which is clear the understanding of the effect that is most dangerous to the liberties have on industry and commerce; and to tion and serfdom always appear in in lished: verse ratio. This does not prove that And, take notice the currency canrevolution is in any way desirable, but not be kept drawing interest and accuthat it is more so than the desperate mulating gathering in itself and being disease which it is intended to palli- re-loaned, because of the fact that the ate. England is a country where revo- money, in chosesoever hands it may be, refution is silest and not very frequent, tains an inseparable relation to and power but its military spirit is over active. over the goods in the market. It requires The safeguard of English liberty is her conquering of continents and thus constantly opening to her people conditions which work for equality and the unsettling of a fixed order of things. Shut England within herself and let her society crystallize in peace, and she would be no exception to the rule. This is true more or less of all countries. The opening of new continents has The opening of new continents has condition of the market, loss of demand everywhere put off the plutocratic and falling prices, makes it no longer | Subscribe for THE WEALTH MAKERS | you do buy.

fortunes. Steam and electricity were or power to draw interest. the rank and file of the people, but or land forces) must pay a regular usury cial panies are but indications of what not buy back out of the market as much

are not made by interest taking but are make it unsafe to risk farther producamassed by speculation. It is exactly tion in manufactures and money cannot the same principle differently applied. be safely loaned on ordinarily safe Wealth does not create itself; what is securities, which is the condition we are gained in speculation is taken from the now suffering under.-EDITOR WEALTH people who produced it. The capital MAKERS | used in speculation exacts enormous returns in interest. When wealth is amassed by speculation it is likely to become an interest bearing charge for all time, and thus to force legitimate industry to a worse condition.

But what does all this lead to? Just this: we must recognize the obvious fact that wealth has within it an essential quality of decay, not growth, and we must build our industrial system on this truth if we have it stable. We must realize that the producers of wealth must not be called upon to stand between its possessors and the natural among their number representatives of principle of decay. We must recognize every honorable profession of labor, despairing of relief through the aggrathe truth that if the producer does consent to make good the natural decay of wealth which he uses, he more than compensates the owner for its use. We must remodel our laws on this principle. Let us do justice between man and man and we can afford to be careless of consequences.

Interest is but the creature of manmade law, just as were the tithes of priests and tyrants. We must draw from it the sanction of civil law and thus abolish it. Make it uncollectable.

Treat an attempt to take interest just genius of the Commonweal movement. as we would treat an attempt to steal. Make the return of the exact amount which is lent religiously secure, but place the heavy hand of public disapproval on all attempts at interest takmeans, however dishonest. Men have ing. Have acurrency that will deterio- quired ing. Have a currency that will deterioted a fing since learned that in the present order of things no one ever becomes very wealthy by his own efforts in production; the secret of wealth is known to be the appropriation by one man of the principle of interest, and the caste of the secret of hundreds. He accurrency that will deterioted the fortitude of J. S. Coxey, and that the fortitude of J. S. Coxey, an vealth has a more secure and permanent foundation than the priestly caste of India or Egypt. The fight of years but adds to the strength of their posipower. Control a man's means of liveli- position of servile governors. hood, and he is tool all intents and purposes your slave. Under the present kindly extended aid to the encourage system, the man who owns the dollar is the power that rules the world. It is a mathematical certainty that with Governor Jackson of Lowe, as weak and private property in land, and the rethis government will become a fixed plutocracy which nothing but a bloody men. at the ballot box can overthrow.

The caste of wealth will have half the population to serve as its paid retainers, and this horde of masters and lackeys will be maistained by a class of ish London money power, and we sugcitizen serfs as irrevocably bound to gest that they hold their next sham their condition as the serts of any eastern monarchy. The rest of the world, recognize their real chairman, Baron under the same laws, must reach the De Rothschilds. same condition. Nothing but war and revolution can prevent such an event. unless the industry of the world is placed on a different basis. These and the opening of new continents have done so in the past. Invention has also his entire action to be but the following done so in the past. Invention has also done its part, but that is now working in the interest of the wealthy, and land is pretty well preempted.

In the instructions received during his recent sojourn in their capital.

Resolved. That we condemn the idea of an international conference for is pretty well preempted.

Revolutions and business failures, then, are the only prospects of the future unless we abandon interest taking. any entangling foreign alliances.

Resolved. That we condemn the re

To obtain the remainder of Mr. Ben-nett's article we must ask our readers Judge Jenkins of the U. S. Court, but the greatest of levelers and equalizers. to send for the March Arena. Every Judge Caldwell, trying to bring about it is a herole remedy for a terrible man should have it to preserve this "Cause of Financial Panies" in permanentform. In just one respect Mr. Benand thus, in a measure, serve the same nett's paper can be added to make more absolutely secure in the same hands which rent and interest accumulations of the people of a country. Show me a make this relation more clear we here nation where revolution is not known, add two or three paragraphs from an and I will show you a country of serfs. argument which we made in February I can go further and show that revolu- before Mr. Bennett's article was pub-

crisis. In new countries class making safe to either borrow or lend; and so must begin anew, and the spirit of the money is hoarded, credit collapses, equality which is thus inspired by the commercial wreckage results, and millvesction of the new upon the older na- lone are thrown out of work and suffer. tions, puts off the day of reckoning. This periodic expansion and contrac-The vast triumphs of man over na- tion of the currency, and liquidation ture has done much to neutralize the and distress, are a necessary result of workings of the law and to reconstruct giving to money the monopoly function FINE SINGLE COMB BROWN

powerful equalizers while they served The men who borrow money (or land, once set working in the interest of the sum which they did not borrow; and moneyed power, they are carrying us this they obtain each year by selling to the plutocratic goal with frightful goods in the market, what they need to rapidity. Periodical crises and finan-live on and this sum besides. They canwe are coming to. Unable to pay the as they sell, because the interest money interest demanded of them, active bust- obtained in selling has been taken from ness men fail by the wholesale, less them. The interest drawn from the entire Address interest is collected for the nonce, and producing class and not spent by the usurapparent prosperity ensues, only to be ers leaves an equal percentage of unbought destroyed again by the demands of goods in the market, and each succeeding interest payment helps to glut the market. But it will be said that large fortunes See? This goes on until falling prices

WHERE FARMERS STAND.

Resolutions That Speak the Statiments of all Alliances.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the J. B. Weaver Alliance, No. 2318, of Hitchcock county, Neb. May 4th, 1894.

Whereas. The condition of the country and of the laboring class is so appalling, and the dilatory action of Congress in enacting measures looking to the relief of the unusual distress of the people, is so contemptible that thou-sands of American citizens, embracing vating slowness and exasperating adverseness of usual legislation, have resolved to carry their grievances, and those of their millions of co-laborers, in person to the seat of government, there o ask a hearing and demand redress

Therefore, be it Resolved. That we the members of the J. B. Weaver Alliance, No. 2318. 100 strong, believe the Commonweal movement to be peaceful in intent, practical in purpose and constitutions by inalienable right: And, be it

Resolved. That we think it the duty

Resolved. That we commend bravery of Gen. Kelly and his men. their unswerveing determination to personally present their grievances to Congress in spite of unconstitutional tion and increases the plenitude of their militia calls and the pusillaminous op-

Resolved, That we commend the citizens of Omaha, and all others who have Governor Jackson of Iowa, as weak and cowardly, and we denounce them as cognition of interest taking as a right, the fawning servants of Plutocracy for the oppression of peaceful unarmed

Reselved. That we condemn the po revolution or a most radical awakening litical marriage of Harrison-Cleveland, at the ballot box can overthrow. Foster-Carlisle, Saerman-Voorhees and we declare that it is inappropriate for them to hold their nominating conventions on American soil, and name for American offices, tools of the Jeweational convention at their headquar-ters in London, and that they publicly

Resolved. That we condemn the action of Senator Wolcott of Colorado. in his denunciation of the honest labor ers of his own state, and we denounce him as a servile tool of English capital-ists, and we declare that we believe that

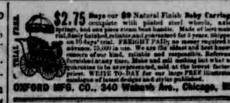
the establishment of the free coinage of silver, but we demand the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without

Resolved, That we endorse the en-Allen of Nebrasks, and we, as voters in the 5th congressional district of Nebraska endorse the entire action of our worthy representative. Hon. W. A. McKeighan, and we recommend that he be renominated at the coming congressional convention. And be it further Resolved. That these resolutions be

spread on the records of our Alliance. and a copy be furnished the press for publication, and that a copy be sent to W. A. McKeighan.

Signed by committee J. P. PRICE. W. C. BRIGGS, F. E. DODSON, E. H. JONES. Reform press please copy.

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At the time I took charge of the organization of the Industrial Legion in this state a little over two months ago, there were twenty-nine in existence. At the present time there are fortyfour. The first month was spent in preparing for active work. The second that work was started and fifteen Legons were placed in the field, as follows: Table Rook, North Platte, Hastings, Holdredge, Clay Center, Fairfield, Albion, Wahoo, Lincoln, Seward, York,

two hundred Legions between now and election day. A state Legion will be organized probably at the time of the state convention. If we can get every town in Nebraska

organized during the coming summer, we can carry the state. We have always been weak in the towns. There is where we must put our heavy work. Give us a strong organization of the Legions in the towns and of the Alliance in the country and we will be in-

Let us put aside personalities and all work for the principles in which we believe. Get rid of local jealousles and push things. Let every one who is interested in the cause, put his shoulders to the wheel.

The world is moving in our direction. Let us take advantage of our opportunities, organize and carry the state.

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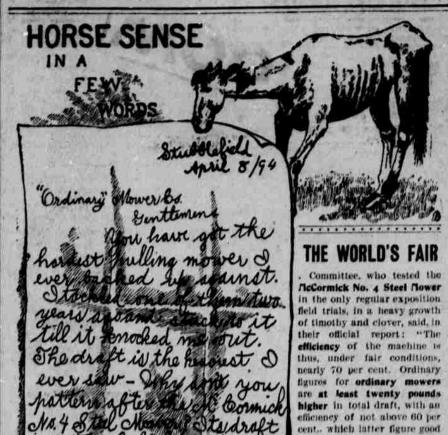
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