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If any man must fall for me to rise, Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prize To tempt my busy hand to do a wrong.



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PEOPLE'S PARTY STATE CONVENTION.

The People's Independent electors of the state of Nebraska are hereby requested to elect and send delegates from their respective counties to meet in convention at the city of Grand Island, Neb., on Wednesday, August 16, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following state officers, viz: Governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands and buildings and superintendent of public instruction.

Table listing delegates by county: Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burr, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garden, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, McPherson, Merrick, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Turner, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York, Total.

We would recommend that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote to which their respective counties are entitled.

SEEK the call for our State Convention August 15.

WYOMING Populists fused last year and were beaten, as they deserved to be. This year they with one voice declare for "no fusion."

BROTHER WRIGHT has handed in an article on the four horse wagon overlaid to the convention caravans which will be printed, and routes mapped out next week.

SENATOR CHANDLER of New Hampshire in a recent Senate speech has welcomed the Democratic party into the Republican fold. Amen. So mote it be, so far as the twin Wall Street machine is concerned.

If Congressman Hland made the remark that the Associated Press reported, viz., that the Missouri Populists would vote the Democratic ticket because of its free coinage plank (and change of ratio proviso), he is either a political idiot or they are. But we opine that the Missouri brethren cannot be caught with such a platform. They stand on an incomparably better one.

The politicians favor fusion, the people don't quarantine the politicians," says The Living Issues of Georgia. Heaven save us from the politicians say we. Their way of running reform movements is the same as the devil's way of running the church. They think every one who opposes their fusion schemes has no political sense, and having no moral sense themselves they cannot see that they, the politicians, are the chumps and fools.

DRIVEN TO THROAT-CUTTING.

It was discovered last night that in a little box of a bedroom on the second floor of the rear tenement house, No. 641 East Twelfth street, a son had cut his old mother's throat with a razor and then ended his own life by the same means. The woman, who was more than ninety years old and tottering on the brink of the grave, was Mrs. Lena Samsmuller, and her son Charles, the murderer and suicide, was a man of fifty years.—New York Tribune, May 17.

From the following report of this tragedy, the first paragraph of which is above quoted, we gather the following facts:

Charles Samsmuller and his mother were living in two rooms of a four story brick tenement, the rooms being a kitchen 16 feet square, with two windows looking on an enclosed court, and a 12 x 12 dark bedroom—that is a bedroom with no windows, a room with only a door to ventilate it. The bedroom contained a double and single cot. The aged mother, with both jugular veins and windpipe severed, lay upon one cot, and the son, with throat cut in similar manner and the razor clenched in his dead hand, was found upon the other, his blood having flowed in a great pool upon the floor between. Whether the mother calmly consented to her death awake, or was killed in her sleep, cannot be known, but there was no indication of a struggle.

The kitchen bore evidence of dire poverty. It contained seven chairs, an old rocker, a small secretary, a table, a small stand, a No. 4 tiny cook stove, a few pots and pans, a small cupboard and a few dishes, but no food, a small box that contained a catechism (they were religious, it seems) and a few old letters.

A bank book was also found which showed that Mr. Samsmuller had had \$56.71 on deposit in the Bowers Savings Bank, but all except \$16 had been drawn out. The last sum drawn (\$5.00) was taken from the bank May 7. Mr. Samsmuller had been out of work two months or more and absolute destitution was staring them in the face. His landlord states that he was not a drinking man, and that he was fond of his mother. The neighbors also say that the mother and son never quarrelled. A neighbor left them feeling or at least appearing as usual at 11 o'clock of the night that the dreadful deed was decided on and done.

We have given all these details as we found them reported in the Tribune, one of the great dailies which has no sympathy nor fair words for the men who refuse to either beg or suicide, but walk to Washington to petition Congress for work that they may independently and honorably live. We have given the particulars that our subscribers may know, and that a few of our religious exchanges that have only miserably inadequate charity to propose for the poor, and not even charitable words for the Commonwealers, may see that those who save from their scanty wages, those who waste nothing in drink, those who have received the present (merely printed) gospel, those whose hearts are tender and loving, are starving, are dying, are driven to suicide and the murder of their loved ones, to escape from the present hell of an unjust, uncharitable, self-seeking world.

Just a few words to the preachers and editors of religious papers and theological professors (the writer is a church member, too):

What sort of a law is this that you are preaching and teaching, which discloses no social cause, no legal cause for such a hell as this man fled from? I say his blood and the blood of his aged mother is on you. And not theirs alone. The system of selfish business strife, monopoly and usury oppression which you are quietly or openly sanctioning and profiting by, bears with crushing weight upon the bodies and spirits of millions of poor innocents, the blood of whose souls is upon your garments. You are drunk with the enforced sacrifices of Mammon worship. You are allowing God's law to be bid and God's living sons and daughters to be trampled, tortured and slain.

God says to each and all, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the ground." You dare to say and sanction the opposite, i. e., "Collect rent and interest and profits and live by the sweat of others."

God says He has given the earth equally to all the children of men. You allow that the present titles to it were justly obtained, and that the millions who have no title but God's word to show have no right in the earth, no place to live unless they pay rent for it, or opportunity to work except as they are able to make (always inequitable) terms with monopolists.

In another column we quote from a religious paper, which, with a few really Christian exceptions, is as good as any. In the face of the universal knowledge that willing workers to the number of not less than 4,000,000 have for months been unemployed and destitute. It lays the blame on the wage earners and virtually insists that they now have justice and should be forced to accept lower wages and be taught greater economy by suffering.

Yes, put on the screws still harder and let thousands more cut their throats and swallow poison alone and by mutual consent as families. A father and mother in the prime of life, with three bright, beautiful little girls, recently

were driven to take poison and lie down in death together at Dolgeville, N. Y.) Throw hundreds of thousands more up on the street because they cannot pay rent for the windowless holes and poisonous tenements they now live in. Multiply sweating dens for profit. Force a great army of poor unemployed or half-paid famishing girls into the ranks of prostitution. Make the country tremble with the tread of tramping millions who have no friends in Washington. And soon with your religious ceremonies. Go on—and listen!

The above is not addressed to the Dr. Herron kind of Christians whom the church thinks dangerous and is getting ready to crucify because they preach the rejected gospel of socialism and condemn selfism.

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STUPID IGNORANCE OR WICKEDNESS

Whatever may be thought of Coxe's army now in the vicinity of Washington, or of the movements of Kelly and Hogan at the west, they are certainly to be looked upon as a sign of the times, as much so as the whiskey rebellion in Pennsylvania and Shay's rebellion in Massachusetts, in the later years of the last century. They indicate a will to shift the responsibility for their present condition from their own shoulders to those of their employer, and a purpose to render the least possible return in actual service for the largest possible amount of pay. Hence the demand that the government issue half a thousand millions of greenbacks and other public improvements upon which all idle men shall find work. To say nothing of the financial policy proposed, or of the burden such a course would place upon the thrift of the country, the demand to be supported in times of business depression at the expense of the taxpayers indicates a painful lack of self-dependence.—Boston Congressionalist.

It is not easy to be charitable to the uncharitable. It is hard to believe that there is any excuse for the malevolence or stupidity and ignorance wrapped up in the last three sentences quoted above, because they are the words of a professed disciple of Christ whose gospel was to the poor, and of a man who ought to know that the 4,000,000 workers in this country who for from six to twelve months past have been unable to find either a free place to work or an employer, are not responsible for their idleness and consequent need.

We should like to ask this reverend editor whether the millions who have been thrown out of a place and employment have any right to life and liberty. If they have a right to live they must have a right to labor. If they have a right to labor, and the factories, workshops and vacant land are closed and fenced against them, the local government, the state or the nation must employ them, or they cannot live by their own labor. But this Boston man calls this "paternalism," and asks, "Is it not time that this pernicious idea be driven from our minds?" He virtually says to each one of the vast army of unemployed, to Christ's brethren in need, "Root—or die," and this, knowing full well that he will not be allowed to labor on either private or public ground. Die or beg, perish or lose your independence, is what the laws at present compel.

Note the second sentence of the paragraph above quoted. Have the unemployed made any charge against their former employers and did they demand of them that they be kept employed? No such charge or demand has been made. But if private parties cannot employ them profitably, it does not follow that they must live in unproductive idleness or starve. "The purpose to render the least possible return in actual service for the largest possible amount of pay," is what all are practicing in the business world, and it is this selfish universal rule and struggle which has given us the landlords and landless, the capitalists and the proletariat, the class who demand that another class shall forever pay them rent or usury, and get off the earth (the usurer's earth) when no one will hire them. But why blame the over-mastered, the defrauded and dependent and suffering, for getting as good terms as possible from the ruling class?

The last sentence of the Boston editor is the plainest example of perverseness or mental density on the part of one of the so-called educated class that we are likely to meet with. The unemployed are now a burden. If set at useful work they will cease to be a burden upon the community. They will pay their way. They do not demand that the taxpayers support them. They demand a chance to work so that they can support themselves. Their demand indicates a strong feeling of revulsion against being dependent. It indicates manhood and self-respect. The clue to the mystery of the incoherency, mental opacity and injustice of this ordained teacher of morals, righteousness, equity, is probably found in his acceptance of these ideas, viz: that the land may be sold forever (though God condemns it); that usury may be practiced (though Jehovah prohibits and curses it); that men may demand profit from and live by the sweat of others (though they thus trample on their fellows and violate the original, unchanging, eternal law of justice); that some men may inherit many times

more of the earth than they can use, and that in consequence a much more numerous class can inherit none of it and must pay tribute for a place to live and work, and get off the earth when not wanted (though the word of God says, "Call no man master; for one is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren").

The reverent editor at "the hub" seems to have an idea that money supports people, that those who have the money support those who do the work and produce the actual wealth. That is why he objects to these millions being set at work. He thinks the taxpayers and the thrifty would have to pay them. And he believes non-interest bearing bonds or greenbacks would have to be paid in gold, and the taxpayers would have a hard time getting it. Well, they would, that's a fact. So if it is true that exchanges can only be made with gold or an obligation to pay gold, there is no hope for the landless and moneyless.

But this preacher and teacher must have a way to save his conscience and justify the ways of usurers. And here it is in his own language:

Suppose the men are responsible for their idleness, that they have done their part in producing these times of depression, in rendering it impossible for capital to engage in business, that they have wasted their wages, or that they refuse the kind of employment now offered them, and the wages which can now be paid?

Is it not time to insist anew on the responsibility of every American citizen to provide for himself, and on the certainty that if he refuses to work when work is offered him, or to be prudent, he himself must suffer from it—that neither the government of the state nor the nation will care for him?

Note the unreasonableness of the supposition that the unemployed have helped depress business by expending their wages, that is, buying goods out of the market and so making a demand for more goods. It is those who have hoarded their rent, interest and dividend tribute who have left an exactly corresponding percentage of goods in the markets and reducing the demand below the supply made it necessary to stop production and throw the millions out of work. Monopoly, greed, accumulation, these are the causes of business depression, not over-buying on the part of the poor. Buying more, not buying less, higher wages, not lower, are the remedies for lack of employment. Low wages lead regularly to no wages.

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A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE.

There seems to be a conspiracy of silence on the part of the Associated Press now to give no news hardly of the Commonweal movement, to report that it is going to pieces, &c. Judge Bradley of the court of the national capitol district refused to grant the writ asked for for Coxe, Brown and Jones to secure an appeal, and they were to receive their sentences of fines and imprisonment last Thursday. We have not even been able to find that reported, but may have overlooked it. It is believed by the Congress-owning plutocracy that if they can by foul and unconstitutional means get these men jailed the Commonweal will disband, and the armies and navies on the way will be deterred from coming to plead with Congress. But force repression, the jailing as felons of men whose only crime is an attempt to plead peaceably for the poor, is fools' madness on the part of the class in power. There is now an added reason for marching to Washington.

Commodore Kelly and his Industrial navy, with numbers increasing, are now on the "Father of Waters" fast floating on toward the mouth of the Ohio, and a steam tug will in a few days land them at Pittsburg. With this wise, resourceful and noble leader in Washington the armies of the unemployed will continue to gather. In the mountain states west and northwest the unsuccessful efforts of several of the bands to secure paid for or free rides have landed a hundred or more of their leaders in prison, and prison camps have been formed by U. S. troops and marshal's for arrested bodies of Industrialists. The poor fellows are even willing to be made prisoners, for it means food and shelter for them. But what a state of things!

General Sanders and his 400 are still waiting trial in Kansas. The federal judge before whom they were to be tried is sick, and another judge will have to hear the case. Sanders was so keen and had such knowledge of the law that it is doubtful if he and his men can be convicted on the counts brought against him.

The eastern plutocratic press and the State Journal business of the west are rejoicing over the supposed victories over these new disturbers of their peace. But the faint hands of want are still outstretched and demanding not charity but justice. The end is not yet. Liberty is lost to millions, and it must be regained. The grass must not be, by policemen's clubs an, plutocratic courts and an indifferent and defiant Congress, guarded, and the people forever trampled on.

SENATOR MILLS of Texas has made a bitter speech denouncing the Democrats for the McKinley bill, but says he will vote for it even if it reduces the taxation of the

people not more than five cents. It is uncertain that it will do that even. We must have more revenue instead of less! The amended bill if passed will add forty per cent to the sugar bill of every family in the country, and the Louisiana sugar planters are trying to make the tax forty-five per cent. Since the tariff bill left the House and the agreement in the committee to place this tariff on sugar, Sugar Trust certificates have advanced thirty per cent. Gorman and the other senators who have to be paid in sugar for their support of the bill will of course get a big rake off. But putting the tax on sugar will take it off of something else. About so much revenue is bound to be raised, and there is no actual difference worth mentioning between a Republican "robber tariff" and a Democratic "robber tariff." The fight between the parties and the tons of tariff talk which fill the Congressional Record is all part of a bamboozling game to fool the people, while moneylords, landlords and capitalists are robbing and enslaving them.

A MORALLY DEAD MACHINE.

The Democratic what-is-it machine seems to be sticking in the mire of corruption. Most of its eloquent party arraignment of a robber tariff was talk to catch suckers, apparently. At any rate the honest tariff reformers in it are powerless to perform the party pledges. Hence the party is of no earthly use.

Congressman Harter of Ohio is doing some plain talking about his party and the tariff bill, which we quote below:

"I shall not vote for the Senate tariff bill unless it is greatly changed and rates are largely reduced before it reaches the House. It neither tastes, smells nor feels like a Democratic measure. The average duties in the Wilson bill as it passed the House were higher than the Republican national platform of 1892 demanded, and about three times as high as a Democratic bill should have carried; but as it put iron ore, coal, wool and agricultural implements on the free list, and at least squinted toward decent taxation, I voted for it. If, however, we pass the Senate bill, and it becomes a law and is known as a Democratic measure, we will be the laughing stock of all creation. There is a distinction between it and the McKinley bill, but practically no real difference. I greatly prefer to let the McKinley bill, with its enormous taxes and its startling treasury deficiency, work out its own damnation. If we pass this wretched abortion of a Senate bill the protected interests will have practically all the plunder they get under the McKinley measure, and we as a party will get the ridicule of our Republican opponents and in the end curses of a deceived public. If passed and branded a Democratic measure it will stamp us as a lot of imbeciles, and our managers in both houses as drivelling idiots."

THE BASIS OF OUR PRESENT PROSPERITY

The basis of our present prosperity the firm foundation of all confidence and credit and honesty is again leaving us at an alarming rate. The gold we lately borrowed with bonds has gone, but the bonds—ah! yes—the bonds remain. In January we lost \$1,000,000 from the single pillar of our national support. In February \$3,000,000. In March \$9,400,000. In the first half of May about \$15,000,000 of the only material to pay bonds and mortgages and contracts for "honest" dollars, was drawn to Europe. And \$30,000,000 worth of excess of our exports over imports went along with our gold. And if the foundation falls away what can the righteous do? If all our gold goes, all our prosperity goes and all our property; for the value of the gold is equal to the value of all wealth that must be exchanged for it, and we can't live, move and have a being without gold. Don't talk to us about fat rags and coining "vacuum" and "fifty cent dollars." We must have intrinsic value in our commercial yardstick, a yardstick worth as much always as the goods it measures. And there is nothing which has intrinsic, undepreciating value except the stuff which we and God Almighty deced in 1873 should measure every thing else. See?

THE GEORGIA POPULIST STATE CONVENTION

last week was a rouser. Fully 800 delegates and visitors from every part of the state attended it and the proceedings were marked by perfect unanimity and great enthusiasm. Hon. Tom Watson was chairman. An average of about \$100 was pledged by each county to convert Mr. Watson's People's Party Paper into a daily, which will be immediately done. The platform preamble is remarkably wise and strong, the national platform of the People's party is again unqualifiedly endorsed, and the state issues are made clear. Is the state the Populists call for the abolition of the present convict lease system; they favor the state furnishing primary school books; the enactment of an unperverted Australian ballot law; condemn the practice of public officers, legislative, executive and judicial, riding on free railroad passes, and call upon all good citizens irrespective of party to unite with them in a determined and organized struggle against the corrupt despotism and centralized wealth.

TWO CHILDREN OF A POOR WIDOW

in Viena, aged 3 and 11 years respectively, drowned themselves May 13th to relieve their mother of their support. They went together to a span of the Danube bridge, hastily embraced, kissed each other and clasping hands jumped into the river. Before assistance could reach them their bodies

were swept out of sight. The mother returning from her work found her lodgings deserted, and after looking for the children in the neighborhood found a note at home in which her girl and boy told her as they were too young to help her and only a burden they had determined to relieve her of their support by committing suicide. The mother was frantic over the loss of her children and is likely to become incurably insane.

THE Tuesday dailies say that Coxe, Browne and Jones have had their plutocracy sentence passed on them, from which, of course, there is no appeal. It is 20 days imprisonment and a five dollar fine for being crowded on the grass, as 5,000 others not arrested were, and for having about them a 2 x 6 inch dangerous, anarchistic motto, which read, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men, but death to Interest on Bonds." The Commonweal leaders, whose real crime was an effort to plead for the poor were handcuffed with a dozen white and colored workhouse prisoners as companions and taken to the "black maria." The powers that be will hear from the people next November. They are being weighed in the balances, as Belshazzar was.

ENGLAND is getting much alarmed over the restiveness of the oppressed classes in India. It is manifesting itself in the form of incendiarism and sudden riots. "The industrial condition is precarious and involves such widespread suffering that popular discontent could hardly have been avoided under the most favorable circumstances," says The Outlook. England is anxious, because it endangers the vast oppressive tribute which she and her wealthy citizens now squeeze out of the famishing heathen.

SENATOR GORDON in his recent speech on the Allen resolution declared that the reason there were no Coxe army in the south was because "the south also has Negro labor, happy, contented, with few wants." How ideal and desirable that sounds to the rich rulers who wish to pile up profits out of the workers' toil! Workers with few wants and content to produce surplus wealth for their masters, are what are needed, and the present workers must be educated down to a Negro slaves and Chinese coolie level of life. That is the plutocratic plan.

MR. LEFEVRE in this issue expresses his opinions and further reasons why Mayor Weir should not be our candidate for governor. We desire to call attention to the fact that we shall be glad to hear, and offer space to, the other side. This paper is not working for favorite candidates. We simply wish to gather up the views of our people and we are treating all alike, with absolute fairness.

BRYAN'S LETTER AND COMMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Hon. J. H. Bradley, Chairman of Congressional Committee, Lincoln, Neb. My Dear Sir: As the time is approaching when it will be necessary to take some action in regard to the congressional campaign I deem it my duty to announce through you to my constituents that I shall not be a candidate for re-election this fall. While I have been assured of the continued support of friends in the Democratic party, and of many who have other party affiliations, I am unwilling to enter a contest which, if waged successfully, would confine me to the district during the campaign.

I do not expect to be a candidate for any office, but shall return to private life with far more interest in public affairs than I had when I entered Congress. My observation here convinces me that the necessity for reform in our financial system, in our system of taxation, and in many other directions, grows more imperative every day. The old democratic principle laid down by Thomas Jefferson, that all men are created equal, is constantly disregarded, and legislation is being more and more the means by which the strong and powerful oppress the weak and the helpless, while it becomes more and more difficult to apply necessary and wholesome restraints to corporate power. Congress is continually assailed by those who desire to collect tribute from the masses by the creation of law and who, under the pretense of securing a sound currency, are making debts harder to pay and property less valuable to the great benefit of those who have contracts payable in dollars.

The Republican party is powerless to resist the entreaties of aggregated wealth, even if it still retains the desire to resist, and we may expect it to defend a high tariff, by which the many are plundered for the benefit of the few and to assist in the consummation of the conspiracy to make the gold standard permanent.

It may be counted upon to oppress an income tax, the election of senators by the people, and in fact every other necessary reform. I do not mean to apply this criticism to all Republicans, for a host of Republicans devoted to their country's good retain the party name in the hope that the party may yet return to the plank of the platform in 1890 which was based upon the declaration of independence, but I refer to that portion of the party which is in undisputed control of the organization and the offices.

The Democratic party contains a very large majority in favor of tariff reform, a less but still decided majority in favor of an income tax, a majority in favor of the restoration of the gold and silver coinage of the constitution, and I believe a majority in favor of the election of senators by the people and in favor of the strict regulation of corporations. We have, however, a few who lean toward the republican doctrine on the tariff question and income tax, and a large minority, and with the aid of the president, insufficient minority, to pre-