

articles besides book reviews. The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Victor Hugo. Walter Blackburn Harte has an illustrated article on The Back Bay. Helen E. Starrett writes on A Pioneer Poet. Benjamin Hathaway (the poet near poet) furnishes a poem entitled The Enchanted Wood. Hamlin Garland describes The Single Tax in Actual Operation, in New Zealand. Hon. Walter Clark, L. L. D. advocates the Election of Postmasters by the People. Rabbi Solomon Schlodler argues for the Nationalization of Electricity. Hon. John Davis, M. C., has a paper on Honest and Dishonest Money. Ella Wheeler Wilcox contributes a poem, High Noon. Editor Flower discusses The Social Ideas of Victor Hugo. James G. Clark furnishes a new poem, Fall of the New Babylon. Annie L. Diggs writes of A Captain of Industry. A Present-Day Tragedy is recorded from life by Mr. Flower. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Woodbridge furnish a symposium on Child Slavery in America. And there are other less valuable articles. The Arena is the most valuable magazine published.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Church Howe will not be a member of the next legislature. His defeat for congress will come too late to make the race, but still he may secure a proxy.

Bryan's effort at Arlington Heights on Decoration day must have been a very weak one, or contained some very bad sentiment; for it pleased both the President and Secretary Morton, and it generally takes a good deal of rot to satisfy either of them. We fear Bryan's star is waning when his enemies speak well of him.

Melkijohn don't look across the Allegheny to the Third Nebraska district these days with a great deal of pleasure. He reads upon the political wall, "mene, mene, tekel, ubarshin." Weighed and found wanting—tried and found guilty, George is exceedingly handsome and will make an exceedingly fine political corpse. He will undoubtedly be nominated, but what a happy wale the Third will have this fall over his political grave.

Hainer of the Fourth seems quite hopeful, and even confident, of his re-nomination and election. Poor soul, he is fast dying with political consumption. Nature has kindly provided the consumptive with a large supply of hope, even in the last hours. Hainer will die easy and will scarcely know when he is dead. His golden bowl will be broken, and the silver cord of his congressional record will be loosened in his district, and after the election the cry will go up, where is Hainer? And the answer will be, Stark dead.

The powerful of earth have always had secret sources of strength. Samson's was in his hair, and Dave Mercer's in his miscellaneous application of his lips to the under-weaklings of his constituents. But in an unguarded moment Samson was shorn of his locks, and we are it stated, that Dave has also met his D. Allah. Kisses will not be a legal tender for votes in the second district this fall. Dave is too good a republican and protectionist of home industry to allow the home market to suffer in order to build on its ruins a congressional boom. Dave is undoubtedly doomed, but this is an age of suicides.

It is very evident that this is not a prosperous year, and it is just as evident that it is going to be a Puppilist year. Not that our easy and failure of crops are necessary to our success; but men naturally do a good deal more hard thinking during hard times, and some people are so near-sighted that their noses have to be brought very close to the grindstone before they can fully realize it grinding effects. Things have gone from bad to worse for a long time, and the common people are restlessly inquiring the cause and are fast finding it out and are getting ready to apply the remedy. So-called Democracy and Suerman Republicanism are doomed, and let all the people say, amen.

Judge Field's law business became very "pleasant and profitable," it seems to us very suddenly. It has only been a few weeks since he gave it out, through the press, that he was ready to offer himself a willing sacrifice on the congressional altar. We wonder if Church Howe's and Sam Chauman's little rebuffs had anything to do with Judge Field's declaration to be a candidate. From the way the Judge scattered money over the district two years ago the people will be slow to believe that he has given the true reason for declining to make the race before the republican convention. The grapes were simply out of his reach, and were therefore sour, and while we cannot commend his candor we can commend his discretion.

The blue shirted statesman from Nebraska will probably be a little longer in the little political poker game now going on around the Republican table, but the hand he now holds will never be improved. Jack MacColl undoubtedly has the "ace" and will, in the end "raise him out." But is he holding pretty fairly, but he can't beat a "nut" with railroads at the top and Jack's at the bottom. As said as it is to content plate he won't even be touched this time the second place. But he will always be dubbed as Governor Major, and future generations will never know stop to enquire about the peddler that now holds or may hereafter attack his title; and for fear his political title may be entirely lost in the "shuff" he will say in parentheses, it will soon forever be, ex-Lieutenant Governor Tom Majors. Peace to his political ashes. Like Judge Field, we suggest that Tom write a letter and say that his profession (raising turnip cutters) "is both pleasant and profitable," and gracefully retire from the field.

The office of governor is more sought after, and generally considered more desirable than that of lieutenant governor, but under present conditions in Nebraska, the greater interest should cluster around the latter. The skillful general throws up his breastworks at a distance from the object of his defense, and plants his battle-cannon on top thereof. The presiding officer of the senate, who is the lieutenant governor, is the breastwork, and his parliament-

ary tactics is the cannon, and it takes a bold and powerful enemy to storm the one and capture the other. Hence, the railroads would prefer their man in the latter position. They are perfectly willing to accept Jack MacColl instead of Tom Majors for governor (although Tom would suit them better), but as they cannot expect them both they will feel safely entrenched with State Senator R. E. Moore, a four years' pupil of Majors, wielding the senatorial gavel, for what Bob don't know of political "sculduggery" he is willing, and anxious to learn. If Moore is not the republican nominee for lieutenant governor the railroads have lost their grip.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

The fact that a general strike among coal miners may at any time completely block the wheels of commerce is proof of the necessity of government ownership of the mines.

It is laughable to note that the very men who denounce "paternalism" are bribing senators in order to secure more protection for themselves. Socialists do not ask the government to "protect" them, and give them special legislation and special privileges. They only demand an equal chance with all others.

The time has forever gone when producers will be content with "living" wages. They have come to see that the workman is entitled to the full product of his toil with no deduction for rent, interest or profit. The demand of the workmen now is for comfort and plenty. Who will say they are not entitled to it?

Mr. Bryan believes that "unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation." Does he not know that every penny taken from the people for rent, usury and profit is taxation? Does he not know that such taxation is unnecessary? Socialism would do away with these unnecessary and unjust taxes and save to the people more than half their earnings. The taxes that are assessed upon the people through rent, usury and profit go into the hands of private citizens, instead of going to the government and are by these citizens used to lord it over their fellow-men and corrupt our public servants.

Our plutocratic friends say, "Why all this talk about starvation?" Show us the person who has been allowed to starve to death." They should know that physical starvation and physical death is not the greatest evil that can befall a human being! Not so great as to be forced to drudge through life deprived of the agreeable surroundings our nature so craves and without which contentment and happiness cannot exist. A pleasant home with music, flowers, sunshine and light-hearted, well groomed children is the natural right of every man, and under a socialist government all might enjoy these blessings. To see one's family denied the comforts and conveniences and refinements to which they are justly entitled is worse than death to a truly noble man.

EDWIN LE FEVRE.

Letter from Chairman Deaver, OMAHA, Neb., June 4, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

The scheme of the brilliant Republican orators this year will be to try to make the people believe that these hard times just commenced with Cleveland's administration, and it behooves us as members of our party, wishing its and the country's success, to consider a little farther back than since the advent of the "cuckoo" Congress. Already the brilliant Republican speakers have commenced to tell the people that up to the election of 1892 "every American workman was experiencing no trouble in getting work," and they are also advocating the placing of an American flag upon every school house as a cure for all the social and industrial evils. This of course is mere hypocrisy, for if they loved the school children as well as all that, they would never have allowed the school fund in this state to have been systematically plundered as it has been for years. What we want to do and what all of our speakers should do is to show up from the census reports the true condition up to 1890, and in this way we can prove by official figures that the condition of the present day was gradually coming for several years back. I have now before me census bulletin No. 63, dealing with farms and city homes in 22 states, and on the first page it says, "Among 100 farm families 32 hire their farms, 21 own them with incumbrance and 47 without incumbrance." On the same page in regard to 9 cities in the same states with a population of over 100,000 each, it says: "Among 100 families on the average 74 hire, 10 own with incumbrance and 16 without incumbrance." Now these questions I have just copied word for word from census bulletin No. 63 which lie before me, and remember that these figures were taken before the "cuckoo" Congress was elected, which has played into the republican hands along with Cleveland. The Republicans now condemn the Democrats for not doing what they claim to have not wanted them to do, reduce the tariff. The fact is they both join together against the people and in favor of the money power, and now as the Democrats are not in it in Nebraska the Republicans hope to keep us from sinning by making it appear that everything was all right up to the election of 1892. In this way they hope to win by working upon the prejudice and ignorance of the people. Instead of trying to conduct a campaign of education they are trying to conduct a campaign of ignorance. Now our speakers and newspapers must meet them on these grounds. We have plenty of material in the census reports, and by the way, Mr. S. S. King of Kansas City, Kansas, has published a little book called

"Seedtime and Harvest," which is the best book I know of to get at the census reports, and I think every speaker in our party should send and get one to post up on. The price is 25 cents. He has secured the census figures up to date, and it shows that 4,047 families own \$12,000,000,000 of the country's wealth, or an average of \$3,000,000 per family; 1,692,318 families own \$30,500,000,000, or an average of \$28,735 per family; 4,994,091 families own \$14,560,939,353, or an average of \$2,915 per family; 6,599,796 families own \$2,795,898,000, or an average of \$418 per family. These figures show a deplorable condition that must be set right. I know a great many families in this city (am real well acquainted with one of them) that has not got the \$418, and it is probably because of this that the Republicans are kicking up such a fuss about the "great prosperity just before Cleveland was elected."

Let us meet them with facts like these and set them to rout. We must win if the country is saved. Respectfully, D. CLEM DEAVER.

DIVES AND LAZARUS.

A Poem for the First Sunday after Trinity. Did you ever hear of Dives, who lived in Palestine?

A marvelous rich man was he, well clothed in supertine. His table groaned with wealth of food, his wines by gallons ran— No wonder he grew sleek and stout, just like an alderman! Another man named Lazarus, homeless and sick and poor, In hopes to beg the rich man's crumbs, lay at the rich man's door; He heard the sounds of mirth within, but not a friend had he, Except the dogs who licked his sores in silent sympathy. You'll think it strange that such a thing could happen here below, But this was in a far-off land, a long while ago.

Now Dives daily feasted, and was gorgeously arrayed, Not at all because he liked it, but because 'twas good for trade; That the people might have called he clothed himself in silk, And surfeited himself on cream that they might get the milk; He fed five hundred servants that the poor might not lack bread, And had his vessels made of gold that they might get more lead. And even to show his sympathy with the de-serv-ing poor, He did no useful work himself that they might do the more. You'll think this very, very strange, but then, of course, you know, 'Twas in a far-off country, and a long while ago.

Poor Lazarus at length became too weak with Death to strive— He evidently was not one of the fittest to survive— So on one frosty night, about a quarter past eleven, He looked up at the silent stars, and died, and went to heaven. Now Dives, too, was waxing old, and presently fell ill. Whoreen a lawyer was called in to make a mighty will; And when Dives' sons and daughters came to hear his last far-well, He bade them follow in his steps, then died and went to hell! I don't think God would venture now to treat a rich man so, But this was such a long way off—and so very long ago!

ERNEST BILSON in The Dawn.

Lecturer Powers at Endicott.

ENDICOTT, Neb., May 20, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Brother J. H. Powers entertained a mixed audience here the evening of the 11th ult. His speech was grand from start to finish, and well received by all with sufficient brain capacity to grasp the truths presented. That grand old brother is doing a noble work for humanity. May his shadow never grow less. He has a faculty of getting to the bottom of and explaining all the complex questions of the day, showing him to be a student of no mean ability. I am stronger in the faith, if possible, from having come in personal contact with him.

Outside of a few prospective pie eaters the cause is steadily gaining supporters here. J. P. BATTEN.

Swigart's Answer.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

In your last issue J. M. Sanford makes an attempt to correct what he calls misrepresentations in a former letter of mine, in which I stated that "There is no law in which a mutual hall company could be incorporated." He says: "All anyone has to do to prove he is not correct is to look at section 40 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1889. He meant Sec. 40, Ch. 43 of 1889. You

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Weaver at Rushville July Fourth. RUSHVILLE, Neb., May 17, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS: The People's party of northwest Nebraska will hold a Fourth of July celebration at Rushville, Neb., and have secured Gen. James B. Weaver of Iowa to deliver the oration. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come and celebrate with us. Yours truly, H. J. SPANCHFIELD.

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ARMAGEDDON.

Prospectus of the New Song Book for the People.

The editor of THE WEALTH MAKERS has devoted his spare time during the last two years to the preparation of a book of songs such as is needed to educate, unite, arouse and inspire the wealth makers of the world in their impending conflict with the wealth takers. The battle before us is the battle of the ages, the Armageddon of prophecy, the last great conflict between greed and goodness. It is the organized brotherhood of right, against the legalized despotism of might. Truth has been spreading, love has been growing, fraternal organization has been extending; and the increasing oppression of monopoly power in these closing years of the 19th century precipitating the final struggle. That it may be a peaceful political conflict we agitate and pray; but whether peaceful or otherwise it cannot be averted, it cannot be longer delayed.

The new song book is to be called "ARMAGEDDON." The book will contain about 70 songs for the times, over half of them new, and half of the rest are nearly new and famous, and the remainder are most carefully selected. Fifteen of the numbers are a series of songs sent out by the writer two years ago in sheet music form, under the general title of "Songs of the People." The titles of the songs which Armageddon will contain are in part as follows.

- GET OFF THE EARTH. ARMAGEDDON. THE RALLYING SONG. TRUTH'S APPROACHING TRIUMPH IF I WERE A VOICE, No. 1. IF I WERE A VOICE, No. 2. HAYSEED IN HIS HAIR. SONS OF AMERICA. THAT HONEST DOLLAR. THE NINETY AND NINE (New). THE WEAKEST MUST GO TO THE WALL. GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE. WE HAVE THE TARIFF YET. THE TAXPAYERS SETTLE THE BILLS. A POLITICIAN HERE YOU SEE. THE MILLENNIUM ARMY. THE FLAG OF LIBERTY. THE ALARM BEAT. THE ASTOR PRINCE. THE WORKERS' BATTLE HYMN OF FREEDOM. THE COAL BARON'S SONG. SONG OF THE MINERS. RIGHT SHALL REIGN. THE ONLY ROAD TO FREEDOM. BECAUSE HE LOVES. JEANS PANTS A-COMIN'. THE KINGDOM OF THE BEAST.

- THE TIME OF DEUTERONOMY. LOSSES AND LIES. THE PAUPER'S LAST SMOKE. TIMOTHY HAYSEED. BILLY GRIMES (THE DROVER). SUNRISE ON THE HILLS. THE COMING KINGDOM. PLENTY OF ROOM. THE TRULY GREAT. CALLING THE COWS. VOICE OF THE MOONLIGHT. RAIN UPON THE ROOF. TOIL SHALL SOVEREIGN BE. A DROWNING CRY. DREAM AND REALITY. THE HOME OF LIBERTY. AMER CAN NATIONAL HYMN (new SOUND 'HE TOCSIN ENGINE OF REFORM. ONLY A PENNY A LOAF. USE UP THE LAST DOLLAR. OUR LINE OF DEFENSE. IT STUCK IN HIS CROP. HARK THE BATTLE CRY IS RINGING. THE HOPE OF THE AGES. THE MARCH OF THE WORKERS. BATTLE HYMN OF THE WRONGED MOLLY AND THE BABY. ON TO WASHINGTON.

The above named songs have most of them been set to new music for the author and compiler by a half dozen very excellent composers in Lincoln and Chicago. But a dozen or so of the songs have been written by the editor of THE WEALTH MAKERS to be joined to world celebrated tunes—French, German, Austrian, English and Scotch—such tunes as The Marechal's, Die Wacht Am Rhein, Austrian National A. P., German Fatherland, Robin Adair, &c.

The above songs are solos and quartettes with piano preludes and accompaniments, also many for mixed voices. The music of most of the songs is easy, and the more difficult can be handled by good voices with thrilling, wonderful effect. Gen. C. H. Howard of Chicago, editor of the Farm, Field and Fireside, expressed himself in the following words of praise and appreciation in reviewing the fifteen songs which have formed the nucleus of Armageddon:

"It has been left to Mr. George Howard Gibson to introduce a new tone into the songs of the party, and to write a series of patriotic songs which are hardly surpassed by any in our literature for loftiness of motive and real merit from a literary point of view, while at the same time they are not at all lacking in the musical quality which must necessarily be present before any song touches the chord of popularity. They are remarkable for their fervid patriotism and broad humanity. In fact, if the People's party rises to the patriotic level of these songs, we have little doubt of its ultimate success as a party. The songs strike the whole octave of human sympathy. Sparkling humor, keen wit and biting sarcasm, as well as the loftier patriotic themes, are touched in turn by the talented author."

No higher praise could be given the 15 songs, and certainly as much can be said regarding the 70 songs of Armageddon, which include the 15 and furnish a much wider range and fuller treatment of the question of human needs and rights. They are full of pathos, patriotism and power, and are not lacking in humor, wit and sarcasm. The book will be ready in a few weeks and will be sold by the

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