

Co operation vs. Competition.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Answering my own questions in the article on "Co-operation versus Competition," I will say work or production depends upon consumption, and consumption depends upon the incomes of the people. The wage workers form the overwhelming majority of the world's population, but their combined incomes representing only a small part of the selling price of their products, it is impossible for them to consume more than a very small amount of labor products, and this inability is responsible for the low prices received for all farm products, to a greater extent even than the contraction of the currency and demonetization of silver. For if all workmen received the full product of their labor the farmers would not be able to supply the demand for food and raw materials. The farmers being kept poor by the inability of the wage-earners to consume the products of the farm, are in their turn prevented from buying the products of mines and workshops. Farmers and all other kinds of workers, although forming nine-tenths of the population, cannot consume one-half of the products, because their combined incomes amount to less than half the selling price of their products. The non-producers, or wealthy, numbering less than one tenth of the population, cannot consume the other half of the products of labor, and if they could spend and consume as fast as received, they have not the least intention of doing so, for then they would never be able to increase their wealth. Thus, the ambition of getting wealthy and the fear of ultimate want for self or children, forces the people of some means into piling up wealth, thereby glutting the markets and throwing men out of employment, instead of consuming and spending as fast as received and employing men. On the one hand we have nine-tenths of the population, who together cannot consume half the labor products; and on the other hand we have one-tenth of the population, who are neither able, nor desiring to consume the other half of the worker's products. Consequently, it is utterly impossible under these circumstances for all workers to find steady employment; and millions must inevitably become idle, until all the savings of the common people for years have disappeared and the glut on the market is gone by forced sales at prices ruining most of the middle men and weaker manufacturing firms. Nothing but co-operation and the abolition of private property will permanently and for all time bring liberty and prosperity to all human beings and make the brotherhood of man a reality. We are told and with truth, that we want more money, government non-interest bearing money, and free coinage of silver. But I wish to warn those who seem to believe that a just reform in finances will cure all our evils. The financial reform recommended in the Omaha platform is absolutely necessary, to allow the nation to buy out the corporations as fast as the people call for it; and to relieve present hardships to some extent, until the nation gets ready to run its own industries. But to cure all our evils of private property without resorting to co-operation is as useless as to try to kill a healthy, giant tree by stripping it of some of its leaves. To destroy an evil tree you must destroy its roots. Stop interest taking by government loans, and the money lenders will buy up all the property in the country, and instead of drawing interest they will draw rent and net profits on their industrial and business plants, their investments in real estate property; and their calling in of loans will raise the price of property to such an extent that the poorer classes will even find it hard to own any property. Besides the competition between the farmer and the middle classes to get hold of real estate property would immensely help to raise prices, to the disadvantage of future buyers. It is labor and labor only that creates any and all wealth, but labor is forced to sell its product to employers, for such wages as steadily advancing improved machinery is forcing it to take in a more and more glutted labor market, a glut which will be appalling to behold in a few more years, when for instance, electricity will be generated for power as well as for heat and light, from every mountain stream and waterfall in the civilized world. When under the struggle for industrial supremacy, between the nations of the world, American improved machinery will be fully forced upon Europe, and throw three-quarters of its wage-workers out of employment, then will these honest but misled persons, who believe that a financial reform is all that is required, see that it does not do to try to kill a rattle by stepping on his tail. So long as labor is forced to give up its products for wages, will there be immense wealth for the few, and slavery and increasing idleness for the wealth producers, for so long as production is carried on by the wealthy they will get all wealth, as it is only production that creates wealth. Free coinage of silver would bring good times to the farmers owning land in all parts of the world for a few years, by doubling and trebling prices for foodstuffs. The natural resources of Europe, being fully developed, and the now rapidly advancing introduction of improved machinery in Europe, throwing millions of men

into the street, would put it out of the question for Europeans to raise wages; crowded as Europe already was before the day of improved machinery, prices of land and rent would raise at the same time, give all the benefits of free coinage to the landless part of Europe at the rate of millions a year to any and all of the new countries of the world. The European demand for food would be lost, and the emigrants would from food consumers mostly become food producers. The Americans would force the government to irrigate all its irrigable land, nearly every acre of tillable land in the rainfall would be put to farming, and the next crash caused by a real over production instead of the old over-production through under consumption, would be worse than any of its predecessors.

Whereas, all wealth is created by labor and labor only, therefore the wealth of the non-producers is labor that never was paid for. You cannot eat your cake and still have it. Notwithstanding a wealthy family spends more in a day than a poor one in a year, the rich have still three-quarters of all the property in the country. Therefore it is undeniable that their accumulation of wealth represents labor products which they have not consumed, but turned into money, by means of which they buy up all the natural resources of the people, its raw materials, machinery and public franchises, bribe the press, legislators, courts and preachers in order to rob the producers under the protection of the law, to keep them in ignorance about the wrongs perpetrated upon them and to preach them eternal happiness in heaven in reward for patiently suffering poverty in this short life. By enacting laws establishing private property in land, means of production and distribution, the struggle for life, of every one against all, has been forced upon every human being; a premium put upon dishonesty, the land and valuable franchises donated to a favored by kings and legislators, the equal rights and equal duties of all men destroyed and a class created which is enabled to get all wealth without producing any and the producers forced to starvation and slavery through laws legalizing robbery for the few. The power of centralized wealth has become so great that now even a partial or an all-around increase in wages will fall to increase general prosperity or employment, because production and distribution being controlled by combinations, trusts and monopolies, which have destroyed competition, every increase in labor expenses is immediately followed by a corresponding increase in the prices of commodities, plus interest on the higher wages paid without decreasing the net profits of capitalists. Even legislation cutting down profits to a large extent, would fall to work as expected, for in all enterprises there is a certain risk involved, and if there is no great inducement, there would be very few new undertakings started, the development of the country greatly retarded and millions permanently idle.

The only thing left for people to help themselves is to use common sense and study the ever-recurring panics in the light of the above statements or get off the earth. Keeping off the grass only, will not do much longer, as the wealthy will soon have no possible use for the great majority of workers, being able to supply all their wants and increase their wealth by means of improved machinery, driven by electricity, by employing a small part of the population. Therefore quit talking about robbers, for you breed them by voting for a system under which they had to be either robbers or slaves. Quit preferring part of your labor products above the whole—to worshipping money above commodity; but establish the brotherhood of man, or national co-operation, under which the goods will be consumed as fast as produced, and every person will receive the full product of his labor, minus support of the old, the young, the sick and the disabled. Then all will be engaged in productive labor, and thereby the hours of labor shortened at least one-half by means of still better machinery, which it is only possible to introduce under national co-operation. To conclude, I say, work every one for all and all for everyone, or get off the earth, on which you will soon be a burden to the wealthy few, on whose charity you will depend and therefore be looked upon as a trespasser.

AUGUST STORME

A Fearless Preacher.

No one denies the seriousness of existing conditions. There are thousands, however, who have no conception of the real cause of these conditions, and thousands who are fortified against all true conceptions of the difficulty either by mercenary motives or positions of honor, especially are many ministers fortified against the truth of industrial slavery, by the positions they hold. To preach against the evil of monopolistic and corporate greed dominating our social and legislative system is too unpopular not to balk the courage of most men in high places. So when we do find ministers who fearlessly cry out against the iniquitous oppression of the industrial world we should applaud them heartily. It is like finding a diamond in the dusty street, a rippling brook in a barren desert. The Rev. J. A. Chapin, of Surprise, preached two sermons, on the "Labor Question," Sunday, Aug.

5th, one at Surprise and one at Greenleaf church. Of course it is quite popular now-a-days to preach sermons on that question, but very unpopular to say much of benefit to any body in the sermon. In most cases it is expected of the preacher that he shift the responsibilities of industrial disorder from the oppressors to the oppressed. Such, however, was not Rev. Chapin's course. He took for his text this passage: "He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker; and he that honoreth him hath mercy on the poor." Among other things he said in substance: "If I should say before a congregation of nabobs what I propose saying this afternoon I would be called an anarchist. The poor is the heritage of God. Nowhere in the Bible does he take sides with the rich and against the poor. But there are hundreds of passages that take up the case of the poor. There is not enough divinity in the country's dealings with the oppressed. What our country needs is a divine element that will enable men to do as they would be done by.

God is the God of the rich man, as well as the poor. The rich have many more dangers to encounter than the poor. The strongest danger is to oppress, and he who oppresseth the hireling in his wages is the worst of sinners. We are living in a land of Democracy. Democracy means government by the people. But our Democracy has not enough of God in it. It is in the hands of corporate monopolists. They oppress men because they have the power to do so. In all probability we would do the same thing with the same power. This disposition of man is to take advantage of his fellow men, and he will do it if the law permits. But "he that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker." I do not blame men for having money. But we measure men too much by their money. We foil God's purpose by not honoring and helping the oppressed more than any other class.

Here the speaker referred to the attitude of so many of our magazine writers upon this question, showing that their only aim was to crush the rights of labor with military force. He compared the attempt of the authorities to subdue rather than remedy the labor problem with the cutting out of a cancer. When a cancer is removed with a knife the cancerous blood is circulated throughout the entire system and from one to one hundred cancers takes its place. The modern method is to first treat the blood and then remove the cancer. The recent strike is a fair sample of the old method. The press is now reporting a world-wide labor organization.

It speaks of it not with delight, but with sadness. There is danger ahead. It is impossible to restrain the man who is starving. He will not see his family starve without a struggle. If properly treated the disease may be cured. If the blood is treated first the cancer can be cured. For thirty years this great cancer has been growing on our body politic.

A great deal is said about loyalty. What is loyalty? Is following in the wake of party, or leaders in a church, loyalty? Give us a loyal government and we will be a loyal people. Our government needs more of God's influence in it. Is it disloyal to refuse to follow designing politicians who stomp around over the country and unfurl our grand old flag in the name of patriotism, while underneath they are as rotten as a cess pool of devils?

Let us go to Congress and see if it is loyal to good government. Ask the men there why they are not loyal. They will tell you they are loyal. Ask them to whom they are loyal. They will say to their constituents. Who are their constituents? The corporations. Yes they are loyal to their constituents.

We do not elect our legislators. We profess to, but the corporations do it. Two men are nominated in the two old parties by the corporations, and it makes no difference which is elected. We are asked in our manhood and in the name of Christianity to be loyal to men, who, when differences arise between employe and employer as a result of the latter's oppression, urge that labor organization must be checked by law. They do not hint that organization of capital must be checked. When Pullman founded the city of Pullman, he insisted that none of his employes should join a labor union. It would be against his interest and therefore against theirs. But he has kept reducing their wages until they could stand it no longer. They said they might just as well not work and starve as to work and starve. Then when other laborers join them in bonds of sympathy the cry comes that the sympathizers have taken up a fight that isn't theirs. Not so. All men are interested in this fight. It is the cause of humanity. I am sorry to say it, but the church is keeping its mouth closed upon the great question of the poor man's rights and is therefore reproaching God. He has put it in our hands to place man at his best, and we should do it. The old politicians claim the foreigners are responsible for the labor trouble. Admitting they are, who is responsible for the foreigners? The old parties, of course. They have been shipped in by the hundred to serve corporations and politicians, and now they have them

on their hands. I do not believe in strikes, they cannot accomplish anything directly, but they are a natural consequence of existing conditions. It is preposterous when our courts say they can do nothing with corporations that are brought before them because the inter state commerce act is a failure, but still use the same law to imprison members of labor organizations.

The laboring people should organize, not to shed blood, but to make laws. We have it in our hands to be law makers, and we should not let politicians come around and pat us on the back for our vote. Let us do our duty and honor God.

In the course of his sermon Mr. Chapin criticised the editor of the Central Christian Advocate, for taking the side of the capitalist and condemning the oppressed. He said that the editor had freely advised enforcing martial law to quell the laborers, but had not hinted at the subjection of capital.

God speed the work of such fearless, wide-awake ministers as Rev. Chapin. FRANK L. LEMON.

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Delivered From Party Bondage. TOBIAS, Neb., July 13, 1894.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS: As I have not seen anything from this part of the country if you will allow me space in your valuable paper I will tell you readers a few things I have observed. You see I was brought up a Republican, that great and all wise. Well, I voted as the postmaster told me to, as all good Republicans should, you know. And goldbugs instructed the postmasters how to instruct us, but we did not know it. I attended my first caucus in '89, a Republican caucus. There was considerable excitement and the farmers turned out and several of them tried to pass their opinions on different subjects. They were all called down, and there I had my eyes opened. Then I commenced looking around. Well, you see I caught them at their tricks. As long as the farmers stayed at home it was all right.

I have been asking some of the old party followers why they stood by their respective parties. Some would say, because I am in favor of free trade, some, I am in favor of protection, some, in favor of free silver. One said that the Republican party was the best party we ever had or ever would have. Now you see neither of the old parties live up to their platform nor enforce any law unless it is in favor of the money kings and combines. If you please let us look at their record. They destroyed the value of the greenbacks, told the people it was cheap stuff and was no good; then demonetized silver, destroyed its value and told the people it was too cheap to be used as money; they gave the B. & M. R. Co. enough land to build every mile of road in this state; then loaned the U. P. R. Co. more money than their rolling stock is worth today; then there is the banking system that is a most ugly system, for the rule is based upon usage and custom and goes no farther, and, sir, can a banker be doing the will of God under the present system.

And now, Mr. Reader, if you are a believer in the Bible there are nine books in the old testament treating on usury: Ex. 22; Lev. 25; Dent. 23; 19-20; Neh. 5; 7; 10; Ps. 15; 5; Prov. 28; 8; Isa. 24; 2; Jer. 15; 10; Ezek. 18; 8-10; also 22: 12. Can any man be a Christian and vote with any party that makes laws in favor of a few and against the many? G. E. INGHAM.



Tired, Weak, Nervous, Could Not Sleep.

Prof. L. D. Edwards, of Preston, Idaho, says: "I was all run down, weak, nervous and irritable through overwork. I suffered from brain fatigue, mental depression, etc. I became so weak and nervous that I could not sleep. I would arise tired, discouraged and blue. I began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine and now everything is changed. I sleep soundly, I feel bright, active and ambitious. I can do more in one day now than I used to do in a week. For this great good I give Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine the sole credit. It Cures."

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 is 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. OIL SHALL SOVEREIGN BE. A DROWNING CRY. DREAM AND REALITY. THE HOME OF LIBERTY. AMERICAN NATIONAL HYMN (new). SOUND THE TOCSIN. ENGINE OF REFORM. ONLY A PENNY A LOAF. USE UP THE LAST DOLLAR. OUR LINE OF DEFENSE. 'T 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 Marseillaise, Die Wacht Am Rhein, Austrian National Air, 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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Collect Campaign Funds at the Primaries.

OMAHA, July 14, 1894. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

I have just completed a trip through the south part of the state and I find several of the members of the party do not know that they are expected to raise money at the primaries for the state committee. In order to win the coming campaign the committee must have money to carry on the campaign; and it is much better that the money be collected early than just before the campaign closes. Now I hope to see at least one dollar collected in each voting precinct at the time of the primaries are held, and the one dollar or more that is collected sent to the county conventions and there all be put together and sent by the delegates to the state convention. In this way the committee will have something to open the campaign immediately after the convention. Now every precinct can raise one dollar, and no precinct should fail to send that much to the state convention. Respectfully, D. CLEM DEEVER.

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Convention of the First Congressional District.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27, 1894. The People's Independent electors of the First Congressional District of Nebraska, are hereby requested to elect delegates to meet in convention at the city of Tecumseh, Neb., on Thursday, August 30, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating one candidate for congress and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The basis of representation will be one delegate-at-large for each county in the district and one additional delegate for each one hundred votes, or majority fraction thereof, cast in 1893 for Silas A. Holcomb for judge of the

supreme court, which gives the following vote by counties:

Table with 2 columns: County and Votes. Includes Cass, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe.

We would recommend that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote to which their respective counties are entitled. D. N. JOHNSON, Chairman. DUNCAN YOUNG, Secretary.

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