

WHO MADE THE TRAMPS?

Sherman and Cleveland Did It.

The following hot resolutions were passed by the American Economic Reform Society of Washington, D. C., at a recent meeting in protest against the arrest of a man who has been associated with Coxe's "Commonwealth."

"Charles T. McKee a member of the American Economic Reform Society of Washington having been arrested and imprisoned by the authorities of Maryland for adopting the example and teachings of Jesus Christ who consoled with the poor and lowly to help comfort them. It is hereby

"Resolved, That we hasten to express our respect for this modern disciple of the Savior of men, and to show our abhorrence for those scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites who, in the name of law, are now crucifying humanity, and are leading our country into anarchy and chaos.

Under the influence of a generally subsidized press whose mendacious outgivings have for twenty years been controlled by the Anglo-American gold trust, the people of the United States, who imagine themselves "intelligent" because they can read printed falsehoods, have been rendered as ignorant of the causes and effects of conditions around them as if they were coolies in China.

Not all the ills afflicting our day proceed entirely from any one source. But every body knows that when a requisite of human life is scarce it is dear. One thing, money represents and exchanges all the requisites of human life. When money, therefore, is scarce, everything else must be sacrificed, at any price, to get it. This is the chief cause, and almost the only immediate cause, of our hard times, prostrated industry, idleness, poverty and crime.

For these dispensations of the devil, three men in this country are officially responsible. In 1865, though at the end of a costly war, the north was prosperous, the people all had homes, food and clothing, and, as Hugh McCulloch, then Secretary of the Treasury, said, they were "individually out of debt."

But this man, Hugh McCulloch, as the tool of Wall Street and of European holders of American bonds, proceeded forthwith to contract the nation's currency and in a few years it was reduced more than half. Then came two million tramps. Hugh McCulloch made them. In 1873 the owners of silver had the legal right of presenting it at the mints for unlimited coinage. Fearing that silver money would take the place of the paper money destroyed by Hugh McCulloch, the anarchists of contraction procured the demonization of silver. This job was done for them by John Sherman. It was done by fraud, a fraud which has been repeatedly proclaimed and explained in both houses of congress and which Senator Stewart has proved under Sherman's nose. The people rebelled against "the crime of 1873," and laws were enacted partly restoring silver money. In 1893 Grover Cleveland became president. He has been merely an appendage to McCulloch and Sherman. The vampire "gold-bugs," using him again as their club precipitated our last "panic" to frighten the people into being further robbed. Hugh McCulloch is now merely a hideous memory. But John Sherman and Grover Cleveland have manufactured the tramps of 1894.

Charles T. McKee a native born American of superior intelligence and sympathetic nature—a natural philanthropist—has a broad comprehension of what Senator Voorhees and Secretary Carlisle used to call this terrible and fatal "conspiracy." A year ago Mr McKee started out as an economic missionary, selling and giving away literature to antidote the poison of the corrupted newspapers, meeting the people in their distress, sharing his small gains with them, and otherwise serving his Lord and Master, whom the Shermans and Cleverlands of old sent to the cross. In this way he came in contact with the men of the "Commonwealth," and for feeding the hungry and clothing the naked he has gone to the penitentiary. Be it

Resolved, That we, at least, the members of the American Economic Reform Society, have infinitely more respect for Charles T. McKee, in jail, than for the Governor of Maryland, or for a president of the nation who has consummated the impoverishment of the masses, and has virtually turned the United States of America into reconquered colonies of England—their whole property and prosperity being now measured against British gold.

Resolved, That we will do every thing in our power to aid all victims of illegal and unconstitutional arrest in this so-called "free country," and that we pledge ourselves anew to enlighten the people, and thus to save our Republic from despotism and anarchy."

Times That Try Men's Souls.

How often we hear the statement "These are times that try men's souls." And how much more there is in the statement than we ordinarily extract from it. Our prejudicial way of thinking spoils a good thought in however beautiful language it may be clothed, and so our former way of filling words with meaning prevents the larger, richer conception to occupy language which might otherwise carry mighty, moving, revolutionizing ideas to our dull consciousness. How we do need some awakening, a powerful earthquake shocking!

Men's souls are being tried, not as we have generally interpreted the words of this oft quoted saying, but oft times the men in the other crowd are being put to the test. I mean simply this: Instead of the poverty-stricken times trying the mettle of the soul of the poverty-bearer the opportunities of these pauper-producing times are revealing the sort of manhood we have in the class that controls the wealth of world. An illustration may serve a

good purpose: Three boys of a neighborhood go a swimming and one boy beyond his depth gets cramped and signals for help. One of his fellows remains inactive, perhaps indifferent, to the humane demand to fly to the rescue of his comrade in danger; the other boy, hero-like, dashes off to the aid of his companion, disregardful of the danger that may be involved. Perhaps at the risk of his life the rescuer dives to save his sinking companion. Indeed the manly boy doesn't "count the cost." The other fellow, whose cowardly, unmanly attitude is revealed in the case has been put to the test, his soul has been on trial, and in the weighing this opportunity gives him he is found wanting. So these times that call loudly, sometimes in the utterance of actual cries of want, for the open-hearted, altruistic spirit to come to the rescue of brother men prove testing times for the souls of the money-hardened, rancorously selfish souls of the class who have "ground the face of the poor" and put human brotherhood, and, as well, the God-fatherhood to an open shame.

The grinding, heartless railway magnate whose idea of justice and brotherhood is expressed in the utterance used in connection with the darning to water the Union Pacific stock, it's the corporation's and not the people's business how much the railroad shall be capitalized; the corporation tool who as an attorney-at-law sells his manhood to defend the greedy capitalized corporation against justice and the rights of the over-taxed classes; the legislator who dares to misrepresent his constituency in state or national legislative body; the sin-covered bench occupant who hides his shame beneath a robe of judicial ermine while weighing justice in a false balance; the preacher who steers clear of all texts in the Holy Bible which if rightly handled would instruct his hearers in the ways of economic righteousness and brotherly love without reference to classes,—all these men's souls are being tried in God's balance for testing the chemicals of which manhood is made, and the suffering world is beginning to notice the indicators and pray for the kingdom to be fully established socially, politically and economically; and while agonizing out their prayers in the common statement the utterance "How long, oh Lord," is a token that the time draws near when the Almighty will come to the rescue of the oppressed, inasmuch as the well-nigh universal cry ("How long, oh, Lord") is but a prophesy of the world-consciousness that the time is speedily coming.

This is God's world for the development of the family of man and whatever hinders God's work for His children must speedily give place as the Conqueror comes to the rescue, whatever hinders, we say, whether Satan in person, or the sons of men whose "hearts are fully set in them to do evil" and whose manipulation of God's wealth produces pauperism and crime, destroying men's powers, enslaving God's children.

These are times when brotherhood and justice should proceed to co-operate with God's purpose to fully redeem the earth and make it as the garden of the Lord. These are times when we must cry out against evil, and cease to proclaim peace where there must be everlasting war; as Dr. Herron has said, "They who cry 'peace' between principles as unlike as the justice of God and the injustice of materialistic society, they betray the kingdom of God. They who cry 'peace' between love and selfishness, between truth and hypocrisy are the prophets of the Devil, however sweet their words, and not speakers for God."

When dollars are accredited to have rights above the life of a man, the man not having forfeited his right to life, when a millionaire home is given protection not accorded to the "sad cabin on the plain," when men in kid gloves get a helping hand not proffered the horny-handed, needy brother, then men are worshippers of self and gold and dress, and not lovers of men, and are therefore haters of God and justice.

When college presidents and professors utter the "Sibboleths" of oil companies, gas producers, railway kings, and coal barons instead of speaking the truth in righteousness in their classes in history and political economy, the times are bad and try the souls of such teachers whose bribes will sink them where bribes will not help them in judgment. These will wake to realize that as they have been "tools to destroy the truth," and not lovers of brother men, they can not bribe God to endorse their life through any amount of church or college benevolence in their "last will and testament." These are times that try manhood and we can get the consciousness of gold-cranked men stirred to realize their danger we may hope to offer them the privilege of repentance and restitution; but the chief concern should be to purify the social and political state that fewer developments of this class of unbrotherhoods may be the fruit of civilization's growth in the days to come.

"God, give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands."

We must call loudly for sterling manhood, arouse any slumbering elements of worth in human hearts and by true and wise counsel show men how foolish it is to be found fighting against God's order. "We are his offspring," and it

is foolishness under our common fatherhood to try to establish any other order than that of the solidarity of the race. We are one. "We are brethren." We must obey duty's call and be nobly, helpfully altruistic. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Go and do thou likewise." X.

"Crucify Him."

An editorial in the Minneapolis Journal, July 23, headed, "Is the Church obsolete?" While it contains some truths, contains also several errors, and in one or two places such a palpable misrepresentation of facts, that to one at all conversant with the real facts in the case they need no refutation whatever.

The writer of the article states briefly the attitude toward the church of certain individuals from the different classes of society, in which he shows that many people do not consider that the church, as an organization, is accomplishing much good. He then mentions by name Dr. Herron, Prof. Gates, and Rev. Myron Reed, and implies that all three are anarchists, and enemies of the church; after which he concludes by a defence of the church, which, taken altogether, is very good. The article has an apparent strength due to its positive tone; but in reality it is sadly lacking in justice and in truth, in that it implies that the reformers of today "would abolish all faith and religion."

The writer may conscientiously believe that he has manifested a spirit of fairness in defining the position of the gentlemen of Grinnell, Ia, (Prof. Gates and Dr. Herron), but if he will read carefully Dr. Herron's address before the students of Nebraska University, he will be obliged to admit that he either had not taken the trouble to inform himself thoroughly as to Dr. Herron's views, or else that for some reason best known to himself, he has wilfully misrepresented him.

It is true the Rev. Myron Reed of Denver, declared that Christ was an anarchist, but to say that Dr. Herron believes such an absurdity, is to say that which is not true. And when the writer attempts to convey such an idea, he unwittingly weakens his own position, and takes his stand among those who in Christ's time cried "crucify him." Of the conduct of such, nothing can be said in extenuation but—"They know not what they do."

The article does not appear to have been written for thoughtful and unprejudiced persons, for the writer descends to sarcasm in saying—"The Christian socialism or social state which these illuminati propose to substitute for what they claim an obsolete organization, is to be founded according to their own admission, on social antagonism, which can never be a result of Christianity."

I ask for information, where do they admit that the proposed Christian state is to be founded on social antagonism? And again let me ask—Is Christianity worth anything if it does not cause social antagonism as long as there is a wrong to be righted? Christ said: "I come not to send peace but a sword;" also, "Suppose ye that I am come to send peace on earth? I tell you, nay, but rather division. For from henceforth there shall be five in one household divided, three against two, and two against three." If Prof. Gates and Dr. Herron advocate social antagonism of any other nature than that arising, naturally, from the attempt of sincere Christians to bring humanity into a clearer comprehension of, and into harmony with, the divine mind, I would like to know when and where they have advocated such ideas.

The following extracts from one of Dr. Herron's addresses, disproves entirely the statements made in the article spoken of:

"There is no likeness between the Christian ideal, and that of the anarchist, as Christians sometimes foolishly and unthinkingly admit. The method and ideal of the philosophical anarchist and the method and ideal of the Christian political philosophy are the exact antagonism of each other. The Christian organization of the state would be its perfection; the anarchist philosophy would be its destruction. The Christian ideal would lead the people in a political progress that would leave restrictive restrictions with nothing to do, so that they would fall into the greater freedom thus achieved and die, as the acorn dies in the earth when the tree comes forth; the anarchist ideal would lead the people in a descent to the lowest political hell, where individual self-will would establish the throne of perfect despotism, and the order of perfect misery. The difference between the achievements of the Christian ideal and the anarchist ideal would be the difference between the coming of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of hell on earth."

In another place he says: "The race is learning that it is not an aggregation of individuals, but one body, one humanity, of which all individuals are members; that it is not natural but violent, that these members should strive for place and life in the body."

"The civilization that now builds on the assumption that men are antagonists and not members of one social body is fundamentally anarchical."

Wherein a doctrine of social antagonism is to be found in the above, it would be difficult for a sane man to see.

It is true that Dr. Herron arraigns the churches. He says: "These institutions stand for religion, but not for Christ's kind of righteousness; they stand for respectability and property, but not for sacrifice and association; they stand for benevolence, but not for

the justice of the kingdom of God." To say this is not to say that the church is not a divine institution; it is to say that the church has lost in a large measure the spirit of Christ, it is to say that men have been self-seeking rather than willing to sacrifice life for Christ; it is to say that men have been puffed up in their own wisdom and have refused to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

There is no better evidence of the spirit which animates men at the present time, than is shown in the aforesaid article, where the writer to carry his point, classes honest men with anarchists, and substitutes high-sounding phrases for wholesome truths. It is this spirit which is the greatest foe of all progress. It is to be regretted that false impressions are created by writers who take such a superficial view of things, and carelessly and sometimes designedly make statements that are essentially untrue. "BEN BARTON."

Kind Criticism.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS.

My desire for a harmonious and pleasant meeting at Grand Island, and my greater desire for the success of the ticket there to be nominated, is my only excuse for asking at this time, a little space in your columns. "Words fitly spoken" are said to be "like apples of gold in pictures of silver," and I would that I, and all of us, could fully realize the force, as well as the beauty, of the figure. I have no word of censure, and but little of criticism to utter upon the tone of our press, or of our people, bearing upon the campaign upon which we are just entering. It is generally healthy and all its meant well, but apparently small things sometimes have a wonderful effect, much more than, at the time, is thought of or intended. I know, and admire, the deep earnestness everywhere visible, of all our people, in the work in which we are engaged, that of the emancipation of the industrial classes, of this state and country, from the bondage of industrial slavery. But at all times, and in all our utterances, let us not forget that, as a party, we are still young, and comparatively weak, and that if we are ever to come into power, where, and when, alone we shall be able to accomplish our high purposes we will have to do it by missionary means. Let us therefore, at all times, and under all circumstances, be ready and willing to exercise, toward others, who are not of us, but who are inclined to us, a missionary spirit. But I am no hand to speak in parables and, while I may often be wrong, I never want to be misunderstood. I see occasionally, in your most excellent, and ably edited paper, as well as elsewhere, words that, however honestly expressed, had, in my judgment, better have been left unsaid. I know they are honest utterances, and intended for the best, but this alone does not prevent them from doing much mischief, and from hindering the cause which they are intended to help. We need, and I for one am willing to accept the help of all honest men of both the old parties. The free silver element of both the Republican and Democratic parties, is fast drifting to us. The leaders see and realize this, and, in order to prevent it, they are stealing our platform upon this question. W. J. Bryan has stood with us upon this, and many of our demands all the time, and he, and thousands of his Democratic free silver friends, will, in my opinion, work for, and vote with us this fall, unless rudely driven away by our own acts. And the same may be said of many free silver Republicans. Can we afford to say, or do anything that will prevent them, is the question for us to consider. I don't think we can. We want them all, and the Populist who thinks we won't need them in Nebraska this fall, overestimates our strength. But, says some one, I thought you were a "middle of the road man." So I am, but I can see a vast difference between a man walking erect in the middle of the road, with an olive branch in each hand, extending them, arms length, on either side, and, with, kind words and winning smiles greeting the waysider, and the man who wobbles from side to side, with a club in each hand, and says, in both words and actions, to both Democrats and Republicans who are almost ready to tumble off the bank, and walk the road with us, stand back, don't trespass on our right of way, this road, and all its approaches belong exclusively to us. No organization is built up in this way. Recruits are what we want. They are what we need, and they are what we must have if we ever succeed. I have but one further political ambition to gratify. It is to see our party successful, and our principles crystallized into law. Give me these, and others may have all the honors, and emoluments of the offices. I have never favored, nor do I fear any fusion at Grand Island. Mr. Bryan, nor his friends, for him, as far as I know, is not asking any indorsement, or for any nomination by our convention. We are in no danger from without. Parties are seldom wrecked from outside influences. The seeds of dissolution are sown, and grow up, inside the parties themselves. If we would live and grow let us shun the corrupt practices, and methods, in our conventions, of both the old parties. We meet to nominate a state ticket, and to adopt a state platform. Let every man nominated be selected with reference to his honesty, and his fitness for the especial duties of

the office, and let him be the choice of a majority, at least, of the individual delegates. To prevent intimidation, and undue influence, we have adopted, for the general election, the Australian ballot. I am not sure but for the same reasons, it will become a necessity for nominating conventions to adopt the same. Each delegate could then fairly express his preference. I hope and trust, however, that each will do so without; and I have no fears but that we will act wisely in all matters at our state convention. Much is at stake, and let us meet and discharge our duties like unselfish men. J. V. WOLFE.

Sherman a Fetch.

Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Word has been received in this county that a party of explorers in Africa discovered a tribe worshipping and offering sacrifices to quite a large idol. Upon close examination it proved to be a facsimile of John Sherman. By the aid of an interpreter they undertook to solve the mystery. The chief was found and asked about his idol.

That is our god, he replied. "Where do your subjects go when they die? To Ohio, was the reply. The mystery was getting deeper. Then he was asked where he got his god. A bundle was brought forth and with a great deal of ceremony unwrapped. It proved to be a copy of an Ohio Republican newspaper with a picture of John Sherman and a history of his political career, colored as one but an Ohio Republican newspaper editor could write, and a very vivid description of Sherman's million dollar palace on his farm in Ohio. So great was the desire of the editor to impress on the minds of his readers that Sherman was all-wise and powerful and the savior of his people that these simple minded people took him to be some supreme being and his million dollar palace a paradise that he had prepared for them in Ohio. The paper had been read to them by some of the tribe that had been taught to read by the missionaries. It was sent to them with some missionary supplies.

It is said to think that the tribe has not reached that high stage of civilization that a prohibitive tariff could not be placed on old Republican newspapers and prevent the natives from getting United States politics and religion mixed when there is such a vast difference between the two subjects. R. S. M.

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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 and send delegates from their respective counties 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 Name and Number of Votes. Includes Cass, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Pawnee, and 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.

D. N. JOHNSON, Chairman. DUNCAN YOUNG, Secretary.



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